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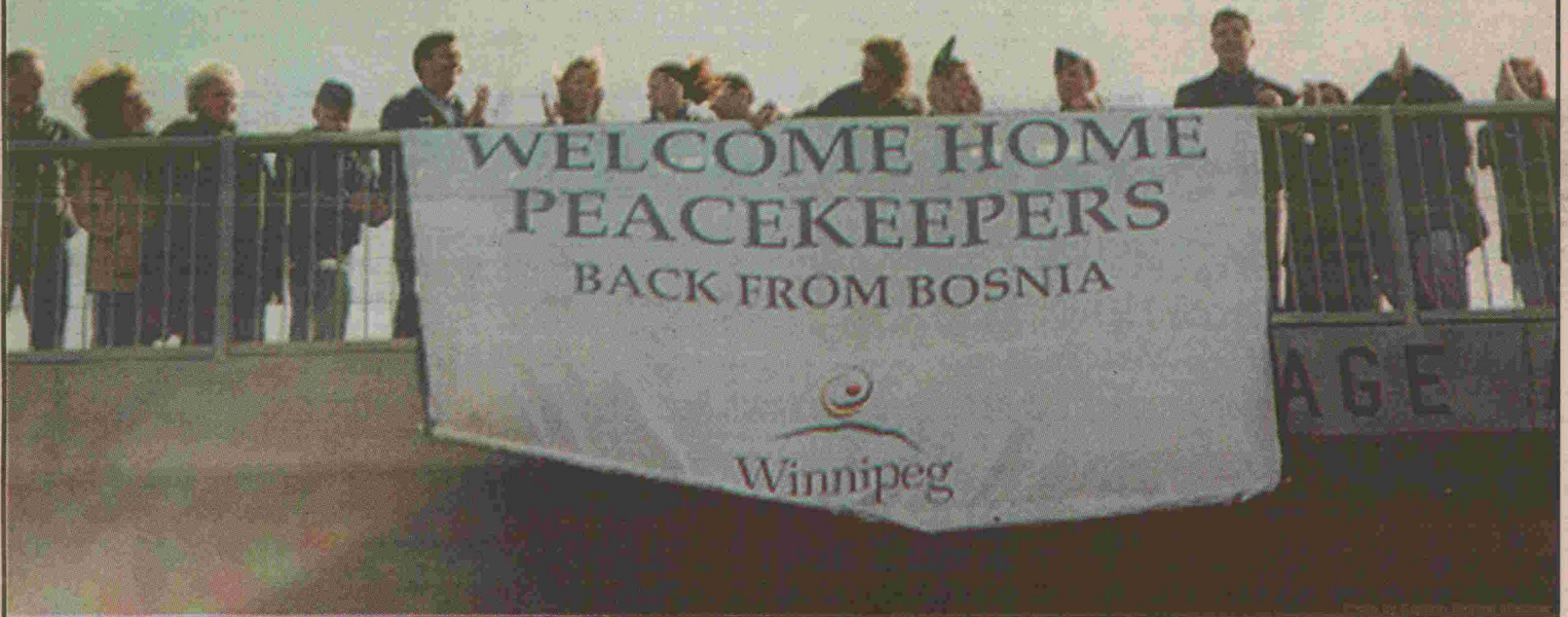
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Welcome Home!



Premier Doer, Mayor Murray, Colonel McLennan and family members of 2 PPCLI soldiers stationed in Bosnia unfurl a banner from the Portage Avenue overpass at Route 90 in Winnipeg prior to the start of the return of the unit.

By Captain Shawna Bruce
38 CBG - Public Affairs

The Hometown Café was the place to be on Saturday, March 17th when the families of 2PPCLI got together to decorate for the Homecoming of the 2PPCLI Battle Group

who began returning on 20 March.

Banners and balloons, welcome home signs and ribbons turned the Drill Hall at Kapyong Barracks into a homey location for the families to be reunited with their significant others after a

long seven month tour. Blue and white ribbons in the SFOR (Sustainment Force) colours along the boulevards of Kenaston and Tuxedo and at the front gates of Kapyong Barracks set a festive tone.

The City of Winnipeg

donated a "Welcome Home" banner that was hung with the assistance of Premier Gary Doer, Mayor Glenn Murray, 17 Wing Commander Colonel McLennan, and Wing Chief Emond on the St. James Street Bridge over Route 90.

"It's important for the soldiers to know that we as Canadians are proud of their peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia", commented Mayor Murray. "Seven months is a long time to be away from your family. The City of Winnipeg just wants to

welcome them home", he added.

All of the soldiers will be back in Canada and reunited with families by 6 April. The battalion will then start a three-week block leave period before going on Exercise during the month of May.

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SAR Mountain Training: A Loadmaster's Point of View

By MCpl Gabe Tuba

What is SAR? Besides being an acronym for Search and Rescue, what is it really all about? Many people at 17 Wing often see the SAR bird (CC-130) sitting on the ramp or being launched. The personnel who frequent the flight line, from flight crew, to duty driver and kitchen staff, know it only too well. For the rest of you, here is some idea of what SAR training is like, particularly in the mountains, from a loadmaster's point of view...

Becoming a qualified SAR crewmember is a lengthy and rewarding experience from a loadmaster's perspective. Months of on-the-job training (OJT) are

involved, which culminate with an 8-day SAR course at 424 Sqn, 8 Wing Trenton. SAR training days theoretically expose the loadmaster in training to most, if not all, of the responsibilities of a SAR qualified loadmaster: from SAR specific pre-flight duties to throwing flares from the gaping maw of the open ramp or door at altitudes as low as a 1000 ft in the blanket of night... all of this, in order to deliver the SAR technicians to a site "so that others may live".

In spite or because of its intensity, the most exhilarating experience in SAR training is probably mountain training. The purpose of this training is to exercise the skills of every crewmember involved in

high terrain areas. For the pilots, it is to maneuver through mountainous valleys at eyebrow raising low altitudes. For the SAR technicians, it is to sharpen their spotting and jumping skills. For loadmasters, it is an opportunity to participate in many aspects of SAR operations that are not always available. Under the supervision of a SAR qualified loadmaster, the "loadie" in training dispatches jumpers from the ramp or the right paratroop door, dispatches training aids - such as a toboggan (to simulate a live load, with winter survival gear), streamers (to help the SAR technicians approximate the winds in order to plan their jump) - as well as other supplies and equipment. Almost

all of the aforementioned equipment is, of course, rigged with parachutes, which is another part of a loadmaster's training... The SAR technicians also rely on the loadmaster as their safety-man with respect to their chute inspection and for retrieval, if they become hung up. They count on him to dispatch accurately the equipment they need to carry out the mission. One can imagine the importance of such aerial delivery in mountainous areas!

If you have never done it, standing on the edge of a ramp in a Herc flying anywhere between 150 - 2000ft AGL can be quite unnerving. Your only comfort is knowing that the safety harness you wear is secured to a ring

on the aircraft floor by a strap that has been inspected by a fellow qualified crewmember. In order to throw out all the equipment mentioned above, the loadmaster must perch himself very close to the edge of the ramp. The ultimate test of nerves is opening a para door in flight. You have to maneuver yourself to whichever para door that is required and when you open it there is nothing between you and the ground but air, wind, and a long scream (depending what altitude you're at, of course). Again, wearing a safety harness decreases the likelihood of that happening. As you can see, conducting low-level SAR operations over

mountainous areas can be an adrenaline producing experience. Flying along a 10,000ft (or more) mountain range in the Rockies sure makes you feel small! The Herc's skin seems to be at the mercy of the unforgiving jagged peaks of a rock monster...

At last, the loadmaster's place in the SAR world is proving to be, whether in the mountains or flat areas, a position of great demands and responsibilities. Until now, I had no idea of how much other crewmembers and, most of all, the casualties on the ground rely on a loadmaster to be proficient with respect to his/her duties. That alone puts it all into perspective for me.

KEEPING OUR ROADS CLEAN

Mr. Roy Molberg

Spring season is upon us, meaning lots of water and very soft ground. In the

very near future, Heavy Equipment Flight will be starting their ANNUAL STREET SWEEPING. To enable Heavy Equipment

to perform this task successfully, it would be appreciated if all drivers would remain on the paved roads and not travel over

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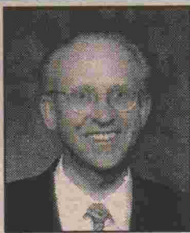
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A letter from the CO of 2PPCLI

5 April 2001


All Members of 2 PPCLI and their families,

I would prefer being able to speak to all members of the second Battalion and their families face to face, but I hesitate to pull everyone off of their well-deserved disembarkation leave, so I will try to pass these words in writing to as many as possible during the leave block.

As many of you have probably seen from today's newspaper front pages, unconfirmed sources have been reported to have stated that the decision to move our Battalion has not received any official word as of yet. If it does come to pass, it should be remembered that this would be a long-term project that would not see any major moves until 2003/2004.

However in an effort to keep everyone informed, we at the Battalion will endeavor to pass on as much detail as we can. Obviously with an issue like this, there will be many rumors around. Additionally details are likely to change rapidly. To get information out as quickly as possible, the Battalion Duty Centre, which is manned 24/7, will have a daily update on the situation that you can either call into at 204-833-2500 ext 2727 or drop by and pick up a copy of the daily report. Additionally, we will be keeping open the Mission Information Line with daily updates at 1-800-866-4546; with the menu selections of: Language of choice; 2 PPCLI CO's Message.

Regimentally yours,



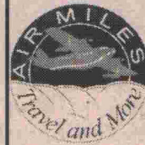
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17 Wing Food Services Squadron

In the weeks to come, 17 Wing Food Services Squadron will be implementing a Point of Sale (POS) system in order to automate ration accounting and cost recovery activities in our dining rooms.

The tentative date for implementation is set for 09 Apr 01. Automating food services delivery programs will not result in the degradation of dining services; rather its purpose is to enhance existing programs. It is our goal to provide affordable customer-focused services and to become *the* choice for food service delivery here at 17 Wing.

In the near future you can expect to see:

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- Competitively-priced meal options;
- Individually-priced items, i.e. "a la carte" items; and
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If you haven't been to your Dining Hall lately, you're missing out on the new menu! This gives you the choice between regularly featured entrées and new, tantalizing A La Carte items. Now available is a Pasta and Pizza Bar prepared fresh every day; if you're looking for a light lunch you can try our new Soup Bar with two selections daily or the Sandwich Bar, stocked with a

variety of fresh breads and fillings - or perhaps the Salad Bar would be more to your taste, prepared with the finest and freshest produce.

On a family outing, but can't decide where to eat? Bring the clan to the Mess for a delicious meal at reasonable prices - or take advantage of the new Take-Out Service and bring it home with you after work!

Those of you on ration strength will

continue to enjoy the fine food and professional service you've become accustomed to, with no added cost or restriction to the amount of food you currently consume. All you'll need do is obtain your new POS card from the W Food Svcs Fin/Admin section, which is located on the top floor, east wing of Building 61. This card, personalized with your photo, must be presented to the POS Clerk for

each meal. Individual letters will be sent to all our personnel on ration strength providing further details.

Many other individuals make occasional use of our services; military members and their families, Public Service and PSP employees, contractors hired by DND and the general public. These clients will be given the choice of paying by cash or by setting up a debit card through our Wing



Foods account section. Debit cards will be embedded with a predetermined dollar value as negotiated with the client, inclusive of applicable taxes. When a purchase is made with the card at one of our dining facilities, the appropriate account is updated automatically. Balances remaining at the end of each month will be forwarded from month to month. The flexibility this approach provides should be of

particular interest to those living-in members who have chosen to de-link rations and quarters. Debit cards will be made available at Wing Food Services Fin/Admin section in Building 61, commencing 02 Apr 01.

If you have any questions or concerns on this new 17 Wing Food Services initiative, please contact our POS System Administrator (Sgt Stew Cairns, loc 2231) for assistance.

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402 Sqn News and Views

Fat Boyz Hockey

MCpl BA Ripley

Looking back at the start of the 2000-01 17 Wing Intersection hockey season, most of the players were looking forward to another season of Fat Boyz hockey. The team was retaining a solid core of players from the previous season and had picked up a few new players who wanted to play for the Fat Boyz after hearing about the team's commitment to non-competitiveness.

So it came as a complete and utter shock when we found ourselves starting the season in the A Division. We had a pretty good team but we did lose in the finals of the C division last year (to the Hounds, no less). We figured some one was putting us on. We checked to make sure, and found out it was no joke... unlike our first 10 games. We got creamed.

At the start of the second round, we carried our 0-9-1 record to the C division where we remained for the rest of

the season. Despite injuries to a number of players, the Fat Boyz finished the regular season in first place, barely. That didn't do us much good, however, as we rather unceremoniously exited the playoffs after losses to CFANS and WSAMP.

All in all, it was another enjoyable season of Fat Boyz hockey. The team would like to thank the sponsor for another season of support and our fans that showed up for the games and cheered us on.

End of an Era



2 Apr 01 marked the end of another era at 402 Sqn as the last of the CT 114 Tutor jets departed for storage at Mountainview. 402 Sqn had provided 1st and limited 2nd line maintenance of CT 114 Tutor aircraft for the Central Flying School (CFS).

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17 Wing Critical Incident Stress (CIS) Management Program

By Capt J. Hyatt

There will be a meeting of the 17 Wing Critical Incident Stress Management Team on 19 April 2001 at 1315 hrs in the North-Side Chapel

Annex.

"A Critical Incident is defined as an event outside the normal range of experience which is unexpected, disrupts our sense of control and

often involves a threat to life (real or perceived)."

Anyone who has received training on the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Course (Basic and

Advanced) or the Critical Incident Stress Peer Course is encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the meeting will be to update our Team here at 17

Wing and provide current information.

In addition, anyone who has received no formal training but would be interested in becoming involved, is also invited

to attend. Questions may be directed to the 17 Wg CISM Team Leader, Capt Denison at loc 5086 or the CISM Program Administrator, Capt Hyatt at loc 5621.

Farewell from WTIS



The OC, SCWO and all ranks of WTIS Winnipeg bid "Farewell" to two of its members, Cpl Patty Morrell and Mr. Cecil Chase. On Friday, 12 January 2001, the Assiniboine Gordon Inn on the Park was the setting for their retirement luncheon. Rave reviews were given for the delicious "Roast Beef Buffet" enjoyed by all.



Mr. Cecil Chase is a former member of the Communications and Electronics Branch who served 20 years in the CF. In 1986 he decided to return to WTIS, then known as 733 Communications Squadron, and served 14 years as a civil servant. Cec and his wife Pauline, who recently retired from Jostens, will be enjoying their retirement in Beausejour.



Cpl Morrell began her career with Reserve Communications Squadron Nanaimo in 1974, and then transferred to the Regular Force as a Tel Op in 1980. She recently commenced Information Technology training as a Webmaster and will be settling in Winnipeg with her husband Rick.

Winnipeg Philatelic Society Annual Show



by Alf Brooks

Stamp collectors can immerse themselves in their hobby in the privacy of their homes, as it is a hobby that lends itself to quiet study and introspection. However, they also enjoy meeting at shows.

The annual show of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society takes place May 4-6 at the Ramada Marlborough, 331 Smith Street, on the mezzanine floor. The Show opens at 1:00 PM on Friday and closes at 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The feature of any show is the display of collectors' exhibits, where individuals tell us stories centered around parts of their collections, and teach us about stamp collecting and the many related pieces of information they chose to incorporate into their exhibits. An important part of this aspect are the youth exhibits, where beginning collectors show what they have learned in the past year and vie for the medals awarded to the best in the show. Young collectors always enjoy visiting a table that is

designed for them, where they can pick through thousands of stamps and buy those they like at nominal cost. There will also be a number of dealers attending, displaying and selling stamps, covers and other philatelic items to collectors. Canada Post will also be present, with a booth where current Canadian issues are for sale.

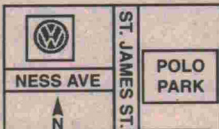
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by Cpl Rod Jackson

Crime, like the Stock Market, occurs in cycles. Sometimes it's up and sometimes it's down. The most difficult part of investing, though, is trying to predict when the market will be up or down. So how do smart investors protect themselves against the "down times"? They buy their preferred stock on a regular basis and take advantage of something called dollar cost averaging. Well, this same principle applies in fighting property crime. Buy into good security often to protect your investments instead of trying to predict when crime may hit. Why? Because property crime is one of the most common offences committed and no one can predict where or when a break-in or a theft will occur. Most property crimes are relatively unsophisticated and many are "crimes of opportunity." Thieves will usually seek out the easiest targets with the least threat of detection. So here are some ways of protecting yourself from property crime:

- A. Install sensor lights not only on your residence but also on your garage;
- B. Lock up attractive items in your yard or place them inside the garage or house when not in use (two items stolen the most from backyards are bicycles and expensive toys like Tonka trucks because they are not locked up or put away);
- C. Use an anti-theft device on your car like the Club or an alarm;
- D. Don't leave attractive items in open view within your car;
- E. Turn on your porch lights at night;
- F. Trim back shrubs and trees which block your neighbour's view of your windows and doors;
- G. Keep your property neat and tidy. Criminology studies of career thieves have shown they prefer to hit targets which look unkept, believing that if maintenance is neglected, security will be neglected also;
- H. Consider having a quality deadbolt lock installed on your entrance doors;
- I. Ensure that your garage door and all of its components are well maintained. This means checking that the door and rollers are securely and tightly fitted on its tracks and that the sliding locking bar fits securely in its slot. One of the most common methods for breaking into a garage is for the thief to "throw himself" or bounce off the garage door to dislodge the door or locking mechanism out of its track or slot or to break off the sliding bar; and
- J. LOCK ALL DOORS, on your house, garage and car! As simple as this last step may seem, the fact is that many people do not lock their doors.

The failure of people to take steps to protect their property at times does result in their property being stolen. In fact a recent study of cars in Winnipeg revealed that out of 16,000 cars surveyed, 82% of them did not employ any form of anti-theft device and between 1999 and 2000 car thefts rose by over 700 from the previous year. I believe that a strong case could be made to show that these two figures are related. Also, out of the hundreds of property crimes against automobiles, many were from smashed windows to steal such items as change, sunglasses and CDs. These, of course, are items which could have easily been hidden.

It's an unfortunate state that we sometimes find ourselves in but the reality is that criminals will steal almost anything if it's not locked down. So remember, good security is like a good insurance policy, it's there to protect you. As far as the costs of buying a sensor light or Club are concerned, just remember it's not a question of whether you can afford to, but rather, whether you can afford not to. Also remember that the 17 Wing Security and Military Police Section is dedicated to helping our members protect their assets whether at work or at home in the PMQ sites. If you have any questions about how you can improve your home security, please do not hesitate to call the 17 Wing Military Police Security Section at 833-2500, local 6814.



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Wing TIS Connects

By Capt Kilmeny Jones

Greetings from Wing TIS. We survived the fiscal year end relatively intact, but will be some time digging out from under the massive influx of new equipment - coming soon to a desktop near you!

Late last year, we realized that we would

be receiving several hundred - if not more - PC's and assorted related equipment at the end of March. The WTIS receiving area at Building 25 is simply not big enough to handle this volume of material, so a little bit of reorganization seemed in order. Furthermore, in order

to smooth out the supply end of distributing the new gear, it seemed appropriate to recreate a Customer Support Unit (CSU), complete with storeman, on the North side of the Wing. The question was, where? The answer was Building 52, the old Clothing Stores loca-

tion, near the current Wing TIS Information Systems Security Flight. (For those who haven't yet had to go looking for it, Clothing Stores is now located in P2 on the South side of the Wing.)

Over the past couple of months, the WTIS NCC staff have expanded workspaces

and storage space into the warehouse area on the North end of Building 52. A half dozen people, those dedicated to supporting the Wing (as opposed to 1 CAD) IS resources, plus three CSU staff members, have relocated to the new area, which puts them in a much better

location to respond to trouble calls. A supply cage has been installed in the back warehouse area to provide protection for the influx of equipment, which arrived in a number of tractor-trailers the last week of March. Building 52 is once more a beehive of activity.



On 29 Mar 2001, Cpl Kevin McKinnon, who will retire from the CF after 20 years of service on 10 Apr 2001, was presented with his CPSM by the WTISO, Maj Gary Banks.



Over the past few months, Wing TIS has had occasion to take a number of pictures. On 6 Mar 2001, MCpl Kelly Orr was gleefully ambushed by the WTISO, Maj Gary Banks, and the TMO, MWO Frank Arsenault, and presented with his appointment to that rank.

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Wing Transportation Presentations



Cpl A.R. Leyte was selected Tradesperson of the Quarter for W Tn. Congratulations, Tony!



Col McLennan was pleased to present MWO L.A. Sparkes with his promotion to CWO. With the promotion, CWO Sparkes is posted to 1 CAD/CANR HQ. Congratulations Chief and best of luck at 1 CAD!



The WComd presented Lt C.N. Pratt with his commissioning scroll.



Col D.C. McLennan presented the following medals (left to right centre and rear rank): Cpl J.P.C. Bertrand (CD), Sgt W.C. Southern (CD1), Cpl P.J. Lafortune (CD), Cpl S.G. Piccolo (CD), Sgt D.J. Jordan (CD1), Cpl S.C. Lapensee (CD1), Cpl M.D. Lagace (CD1), Sgt B.J. Young (CD2). Congratulations!



The following general presentations were made (left to right): Cpl J.L.D. Issa - certificate for the Manager's Guide Protection Course (MGPC), Cpl J. P.C. Bertrand - certificate for completing his Airfield Special Purpose Vehicle Operations program, Sgt W.C. Southern - MGPC certificate, Mr. R. Young - General Safety Program, MCpl K.L. Smith and Cpl S.G. Piccolo both received a Habitat for Humanity Certificate of Appreciation.



The following Safe Driving Pins (accident free years) were awarded to (left to right): Cpl D.J. Fraser (15 years), Cpl J.D.G. Vaillancourt (15 years), Cpl J.L.D. Issa (5 years), Mr. R.C. Ferguson (15 years), Cpl J.P.N.P. Fortin (5 years), Mr. R. Thiessen (15 years) and MCpl K.L. Smith (10 years).

What's Happening

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 Cost: \$25 per member couple, \$40 per guest couple
 Dress: Jacket and Tie
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In June, 2001 the RCAF Airwomen will hold their Reunion in Halifax. Since this will also be the 50th Anniversary of the first Airwomen in the peacetime RCAF, a book will be published to mark the occasion. Were you an Airwoman? If so, you must have treasured memories. Were you a "first", or do you know someone who was? Were you on a winning sport's team? Do you have any experiences, anecdotes, or other stories to share?

Please let us know so we can include them in our "history" book.

We can be reached at:

Airwomen's Reunion Committee
 Box # 216
 Kingston, NS B0P 1R0

Fax: 1-902-765-5747 (Greenwood Museum / Attention: Airwomen)
 E-Mail: millie.oneil@ns.sympatico.ca

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To register, contact the 17 Wing Chaplain's Office at 833-2500 ext 5087 or talk to your Chaplain.

Together in Church



CATHOLIC

CHAPLAIN: Father Paul Gaudet 833-2500 ext. 5272
 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Padre Tess Drabick 833-2500 ext. 5349
 SECRETARY: Carol Cochrane 833-2500 ext. 5087
 MASSES: Sat 4:30 PM, North Chapel
 Sun 9 AM, North Chapel & Sun 11 AM South Chapel

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education classes are available to all students from Preschool to Grade 6. Please call the office for information on registration.

CONFESSIONS: The sacrament of reconciliation is offered by appointment. Contact the Chaplain's office.

BAPTISMS: We recommend that you contact the Chaplain's office for an appointment prior to the birth of your child.

WEDDINGS-MARRIAGES: Contact the Chaplain at least six months in advance. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1900 hrs alternating between the North and South Chapel Annexes.

PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS

Padre Doug Ohs (ACC) - Office 833-2500 ext. 5417
 Padre Brad Busch (Evangelical Luth) - Office 833-2500 ext. 5785
 Padre Kevin Klein (Luth) - Office 833-2500 ext. 6022
 Padre Bob Sparks (Presbyterian) - Office 833-2500 ext. 2267

SECRETARY: Carol Cochrane - Office 833-2500 ext. 5087
 SUNDAY SERVICES: 0900 hrs South Chapel & 1100 hrs North Chapel
 ACC Eucharist is sometimes offered at 1015 at the North Chapel. Check the weekly bulletin for dates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is held during the service for children ages 3 to 12. Childcare is provided on an as required basis for children under 3 years of age.

MARRIAGES: Six months notice is required for marriages as counselling is necessary to prepare couples for Christian marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is also required.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is available by contacting a chaplain. Time is required to give sufficient instruction about the meaning of baptism.

PROTESTANT LADIES GUILD: The Guild meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the North Chapel Annex. All women are welcome.

FOOD BANK: The Food Bank is a joint under-taking by both Catholic and Protestant congregations. Please help by giving any food you can spare. The donation box is located at the rear of the chapel.

EMERGENCY CHAPLAIN: After normal working hours, the Emergency Chaplain can be reached through Wing Ops at ext 2700 or 2 PPCLI Duty Centre ext 2727.

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS: For your convenience, a phone number has been set up to provide callers with information on service times and contact with the Chaplain of your choice. Phone 833-2500 ext. 6800 and follow the prompts.

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MFRC
489-7003

The MFRC Volunteer Program

Volunteers at the MFRC are an integral part of services and programs that are offered at the Centre. **We need your help!** Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of our Team.

Volunteer Opportunities at the MFRC

Outreach- This energetic team of volunteers helps welcome all new families to Winnipeg. Volunteers provide welcome visits, information and help organize our special newcomer event in the fall.

Warm Line- This telephone support program is for families who are experiencing deployment or a lengthy TD. Trained volunteers are matched with clients and provide scheduled calls from their own home. All volunteers completing training are given a certificate in peer counselling.

Office Help- Volunteers are needed for occasional help answering phones and providing administration support. This opportunity is an excellent way to build your administration skills.

Children's Programs- The MFRC Nursery School and Day Care are available for persons interested in gaining experience in working with children. A volunteer is also required to help with the Toy Lending Library.

Youth Centre- This opportunity is for anyone who likes to have fun! Volunteers are needed to help supervise youth during programming and special events. Youth Volunteers are also welcome!

Thrift Shop- The Community Council Thrift Shop requires volunteers to help with shop duties.

Board of Directors- The MFRC is looking for skilled and energetic community members to be a part of the Board. This opportunity lets you have a voice in the community.

Special Events- Volunteers help out with various special events throughout the year. Family Day, Women's Conference, Theme Luncheons and Fundraising Events are just a few of the fun ways to get involved.

The Volunteer Program at the MFRC provides screening, reference / record checks, and orientation training for all new volunteers. Volunteers are also entitled to a small monthly child care and mileage expense reimbursement. If you would like more information on the becoming part of the Team, please contact Celine at 489-7003.

Children's Programs

The Military Family Resource Centre offers children's programs at three locations. Lipsett Hall Nursery School is located at 505 Kenaston Blvd. on the south site and Westwin Children's Centre is in the Westwin Community Centre located at 684 Whytefold Road on the north site. Both are licensed nursery schools. The MFRC Childcare Centre is located at 630 Whytefold Road. This is a licensed full time child care centre. Here we provide full time care for children from 6 months to 12 years. All three centres are licensed through the provincial government. Our centres are subject to regular fire and health inspections. The staff is trained in early childhood education and certified in first aid and CPR. Please remember that our centres are peanut free when you provide snacks for any of our programs. For information about any children's programs, please call Wendy Richardson at 833-2500 ext. 2491 or 6846. For information about our fulltime childcare centre, call Lois Johnson at 837-3626.

Nursery School Programs

Our nursery schools offer the preschool child the opportunity to develop emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually in a happy stimulating environment where children can develop and learn through play. Children are free to choose from various activities including learning centres, stories, music and movement, arts and crafts, games, drama and free play. Children must be three by the end of December to start nursery school in the fall.

Cost: \$72.00 per month

Annual registration fee: \$15.00 (non-refundable)

Lipsett Hall - English
Mon, Tues and Thurs
9:00a.m. to 11:15a.m.

Westwin - English
Mon, Wed and Fri
9:00a.m. to 11:15a.m.

Westwin - francais
Lundi, Mardi et Jeudi
13h00 a 15h15



NOMINATIONS FOR THE MFRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2001/2002

The Board of Directors is currently seeking nominations. The Board provides governance for the MFRC by supporting, assisting and guiding the staff in order to ensure that programs and services meet the unique needs of OUR military community.

In order to apply, you must be a military spouse and be willing to provide input and leadership to the Board. You must be able to attend the monthly Board meetings as well as serve on one of the Board Committees (Fundraising, Evaluation, Children's Programs). The Board will provide you with orientation sessions, training and development opportunities for the skills necessary to be an effective Board member.

For more information about becoming a Board member, please contact the MFRC Coordinator of Volunteers at 489-7003.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS' NETWORK

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1st Wednesday of each month

1:00-3:00 pm

Conference Room, Westwin Community Centre,
North Site

February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6

The Special Needs Coordinator is pleased to announce that monthly meetings will resume. We will have a slight change in that we will meet in the afternoon rather than the evening. If you've come out to our meetings before, welcome back! If you are new to the community, please join us for the first time. All are welcome. For more information, contact Victoria Lambert, Special Needs Coordinator, 489-7003

Help Wanted

The Military Family Resource Centre is looking for early childhood educators, aides, level 2, level 3 and special needs workers.

Positions available part time, full time or as substitutes.

Please fax resumes to 489-8587 or 837-3671.

Sports

It's Hammer Time

17 Wg Sports Coordinator Intersection Curling had its last draws on Wednesday 4 April. The A final had 402 Sqn's WO Montgomery's

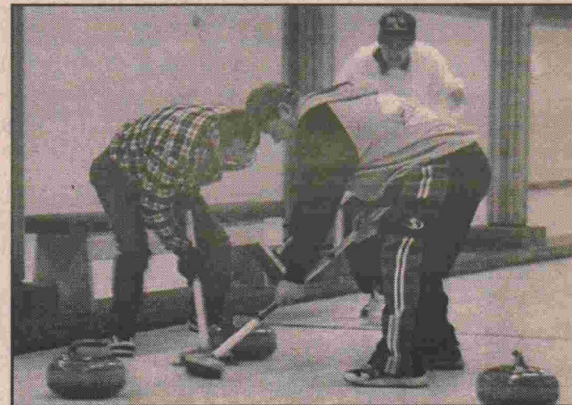
threeosome defeateing WOps in a close match. The WOps foursome mounted a comeback after dropping behind early in

the game. It came down to 402 Sqn's last rock take-out to avoid the extra end and secure the A division title. In the B division final, number 1

seed WCE #3, lead by Mr. Alex Pudlo and his merry men, took the title vs the number 2 seed Maj. Sawatzky's CFSAS team. On behalf of

the 17 Wing Fitness and Sports Staff, I would like to congratulate the champions, the finalists and all the teams that participated

this season, and a special thank you goes out to Mr. Ross Forbes and Mr. Chuck Wilcox for all their support at the Curling Club.



402 Sqn A Division Champions



L to R - Cpl Donald "Lil Broom" Cormier, WO Mark Tupper, WO George Montgomery, missing Sgt Eric Park.

WCE #3 (But #1 in our Hearts) B Division Champions



L to R - Lloyd Tokle, Jim Wainwright, Bob Leclerc, Alex Pudlo, Chris Young.

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2000-01 I/S HOCKEY SEASON CLOSES

17 Wg Sports Coordinator

Another successful hockey season comes to a close and three new division titles have been won. The A Division final had defending Champions 1 CAD Stars facing 435 Sqn (A) team. 435 Sqn had defeated the Stars the week before, forcing the Stars

to come from the bottom brackets and eliminate WCE for another shot at 435 Sqn in the final. Unfortunately for the 1 CAD Stars, 435 Sqn took the Championship from them with a final score of 6 to 2.

The B Division final took two games to decide a champion. Last season's C Champions

402 Hounds handed WEME their first loss of the playoffs forcing a game two. But in the next game 402 Hounds could not find that winning scent and were defeated 5 to 1. This was WEME second consecutive B Division Championship. Last season WEME was combined with W Supply.

The C Division was a very hard fought battle between WSAMP and CFANS. The MPs in the last 5 minutes of the game came from behind to tie the score and it looked like it might go into overtime. After a 3 on 1 rush by the MPs ending with a save by the CFANS goalie, CFANS came right back

with a breakaway chance and scored to take a 4 - 3 lead with 17 seconds left in the game. The MPs could not get a shot on goal with the few seconds remaining and CFANS took the championship.

Congratulations to the Champions and all the teams for a great season. I would like to thank

Sgt Dan Crete and his referees for their help this season and also the Highlander Staff for all their support. A big thank you and a job well done goes to MWO John Messier of WSUP for volunteering his time and effort to compile all the statistics this season.

WEME 2000-01 B Division Champions

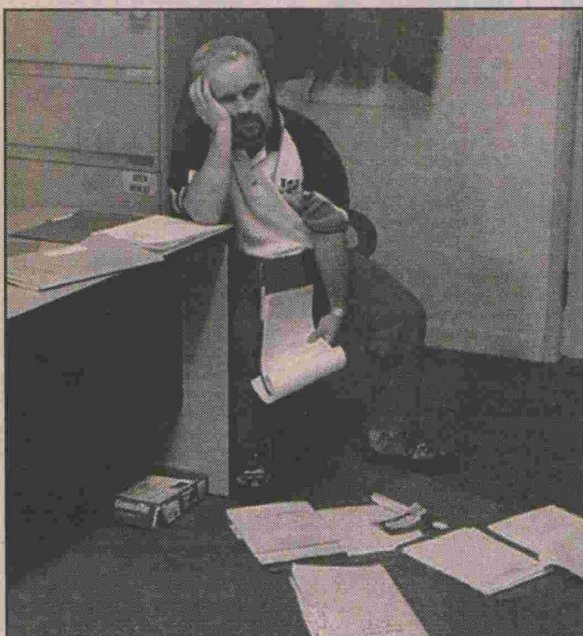


Left to right Back row - Cpl Tintor, Sgt Belanger, Maj Barton, MCpl Smith, Sgt. Radies.
Front row - Mr. Vlachos, Cpl Thomas, Mr. Berard, Cpl Lavolette. Missing - Sgt. Kennedy, MCpl Alkerton, MCpl Trudel, MCpl MaGee, MCpl Golumbous, Cpl Goller.

435 Sqn (A) 2000-01 A Division Champions



Welcome Back Chris!



The F&S Staff would like to welcome back Chris Merrithew -Sports Coordinator from his tour in Zgon, Bosnia. From the look of the picture above, it looks like it could not be soon enough for the Acting Sports Coord, Frank Charest. In order to disguise his grey hair, he dyed it blonde. (At least that's what he says!)

CFANS 2000-01 C Division Champions



Left to right Back row - Capt McIntosh, Capt Cameron, LCol Reid, Capt Vinet, Capt Green, Capt Morency, Capt Krak. Front row - Capt Whalen, Capt McMillan, Cpl Shemko, Capt Proteau, Capt Bolduc, Capt Wosnitza Missing - Capt's Milligan, Hourie, Dash, Loney, Leppick and Maj Paquet.

Thinking of Purchasing a House?

Gilles Fr chet
Western Region Supervisor
(204) 833-2500 ext 6401

If you are considering buying a house at your new location, there are a few things you should be aware of to help you with your decision.

You will be required to provide a pre-approved mortgage certificate prior to applying for a HHT. During your relocation consultation you will be given the option to have The Mortgage Center or CIBC Group Mortgages discuss their financing

packages with you to help you determine the most beneficial financing package available to you. You also have the option of dealing with your own personal banking representative at the local level. When approaching a financial institution for a pre-approved mortgage, it will be necessary for you to have a letter from your employer confirming your employment and rate of pay, as well as detailed information of outstanding loans and

other financial obligations.

To qualify for a mortgage, a bank will look at both your Gross Debt Services (GDS) and Total Debt Services (TDS).

GDS should not exceed 32% of your gross annual income and consists of the total principal, interest, property taxes, heating costs and condominium fees.

TDS should not exceed 40% of your gross annual income and consists of all of the

above payments as well as all other personal loans, credit cards, line of credit, court ordered support or alimony payments, etc.

As an example, with a gross annual salary of \$40,000 and no other loans to consider, your yearly financing costs to purchase a home could be \$12,800, (40,000 * 32%) or monthly payments of \$1066. If property taxes were \$100 per month, heating costs of \$150 per month, that would leave you

with \$816 toward a mortgage. At an interest rate of 6.5% amortized over 25 years, this translates to a mortgage amount of \$121,000. Add in the amount of your down payment for the net purchase price you could qualify for.

When making an offer on a home, it is necessary to have funds to make a deposit with. This money will eventually become part of your down payment but is considered good faith money that you will com-

plete the purchase. Ensure you check with your realtor at destination to find out how to make your deposit. Do you require a certified cheque, cash, cheque, or money order?

If you have less than a 25% downpayment, your bank will require that the mortgage be insured. One company that insures mortgages is Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. CMHC rates vary depending on the financing ratio.

For example, with a 5% downpayment (which is the minimum downpayment that can be made), the CMHC amount is 3.75% on the mortgaged amount.

On a sale price of	\$ 100,000
Downpayment amount	\$ 5000
Mortgage amount	\$ 95,000
CMHC at 3.75%	\$ 3562.50
CMHC application fee	\$ 165

On the same sale price with a 15% downpayment, the CMHC fee rate drops to only 2%.

Sale price	\$ 100,000
Downpayment of 15%	\$ 15,000
Mortgage amount	\$ 85,000
CMHC at 2%	\$ 700
CMHC application fee	\$ 165

In this example, with a \$10,000 larger downpayment there is a savings of over \$1800 in CMHC fees.

Other costs that you may incur that are not reimbursable by DND, on your purchase are:

- payment of property taxes,
- reimbursement to the vendor for heating oil in the tank,
- home insurance to take effect on the structure on the day of closing,
- interest adjustment, and
- prepaid water bills.

So remember to bring your cheque book with you on the HHT to pay for any last minute final adjustments.

The Winnipeg Integrated Relocation Team



From left to right: Michel Leclerc, Jaquie Lent, Christine Tabernor, Eunice Malbranc, Wendy MacNeil, Gilles Fr chet

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mable mixture of gas and air in the limited space of a recreational vehicle; for instance, very little propane is needed to create a hazardous situation, which can result in injuries, even death, and property damage. Propane requires a large volume of air to burn properly. With adequate ventilation, an operating burner gives off a number of harmless products such as carbon dioxide and water vapor. But a

propane appliance starved of oxygen can quickly produce dangerous amounts of carbon monoxide, similar to the lethal gas produced from a car exhaust.

For most uses, propane is generally sold and stored in a cylinder. The cylinder is a critical part of your propane fuel system requiring special care and maintenance. Propane cylinders manufactured in Canada carry markings, which means

that they have been manufactured to an acceptable specification. By law, all propane cylinders are required to be re-qualified for continued service at each ten-year interval starting with the date of manufacture. No person shall fill a cylinder that is overdue for re-qualification. "Out-of-date", extremely rusted or damaged cylinders cannot be filled.

Learn now what you can do to ensure the

safety of yourself and others when using propane! The following safety information will assist you in this regard. However, should you encounter any questions or problems not covered here, on propane cylinders or any other components of your propane fuel system including the regulators, piping and connectors and the appliance, consult a propane dealer or service organization.

Protect the cylinder valve tightly. Even when empty.



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CF Omdudsman re-appointed for 5 years

D-News Ottawa - March 26, 2001

Minister of National Defence Art Eggleton confirmed that Mr. André Marin has been reappointed as Ombudsman for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces.

Mr. Marin's reappointment is for a five-year period and becomes effective at the end of his current appointment on June 15, 2001,

"Mr. Marin's reappointment confirms our continuing commitment to openness within the Department and the

Canadian Forces," said Minister Eggleton. "Mr. Marin will continue to build on the atmosphere of trust that his work has generated since his initial appointment."

"I regard this as a tremendous vote of confidence," said Mr. Marin. "I would like to express my gratitude to the Minister of National Defence for his confidence in the direction of the Office as well as the support he has demonstrated for the initiatives we have undertaken."

The Ombudsman investigates complaints and provides information,

advice and guidance to all military and civilian personnel in need of help or who believe that they have been treated improperly. He reports to the Minister of National Defence and is independent of the chain of command. The Ombudsman is accessible to all DND employees and CF members to address either individual or systemic problems. He reports publicly through annual reports or individual case reports and makes recommendations to improve the welfare of members of the defence community.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A dynamic idea will require financial backing. Put together a proposal that dazzles, but make sure the bottom line balances. A family situation heats up. Responsibilities require attention.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Think before you speak. Hurtful words during an argument will leave regrets and loneliness. Ask for details well in advance when working with others, or they'll spring things on you at the last minute.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): An exercise program has you pumped. When you feel good about yourself, you feel good about the future. Potential for a new relationship. Assess the risks before investing in a new venture. Plan to plant, surrounding yourself with greenery.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Business contacts offer an opportunity for you to get in on the ground level and invest in what looks like a sure thing. Do your own thorough research before hand so you know how much to commit. Buying new dishes or CD's.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Listen to your inner voice. It's probably saying, "you need a vacation this year." If you're frugal, you could afford a trip. Until then, find ways to work in a few calm, do-nothing days when you're not at everyone's beck and call.



VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): Going on a trip; take your resume with you. There are opportunities in far away places. To make the move you desire, you have to do the groundwork. It will take a bit of juggling to finalize. Ultimately you should love where you live.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): You have an active enough imagination so avoid gossipy gatherings. It's not a party it's a lynching. Find other activities in keeping with your changing values. You can no longer sit on the fence, you will be asked to commit one way or the other.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): Feeling regret and anger when something is lost or broken. Disappointment is natural; conflict is unnecessary. Pick an environmentally friendly replacement. You are the master of your own destiny. Broaden horizons.

SAGITARIUS (November 22 - December 21): Don't bring work or work stresses home with you. Invite friends for a visit instead. Stimulating conversations revitalize and energize you. Make plans for a few days off. News arriving that someone has lost their job.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Trying to gain attention tires you out and it doesn't work. You are being outdone by someone who is better at drawing attention to themselves. Very little you can say will help the situation, however the end is in sight. Collect what's owing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Deceiving yourself about how much you can do will leave you working night and day. Time management is needed and saying "No." Leave the tough stuff for later. This is a time for thinking and dreaming not doing.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20): Feel like you are spinning as fast as you can. Relax; work at your own pace. Someone ignores your offers of assistance because they want to do the lions share of the work on a group project and win points. Leave them to it.



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