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HONOURING OUR OWN Celebrating Canadian Heroes



By 2Lt B.J. Tinsley
17 Wing Public Affairs Office

The concept of a 'hero' is one that is too seldom explored and celebrated in Canadian society.

In a short and powerful ceremony on 12 April 2001, peacekeepers from both 17 Wing Winnipeg and its lodger units, as well as "D" Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were honoured by being presented with the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM).

Over 430 medals were awarded during the parade that was well attended by members of 17 Wing, local RCMP, and family members in support of our peacekeepers, who

stood proud during a one day break in the chilly Winnipeg weather.

The parade formation saw a mix of uniforms from the Navy, Army and Air Force personnel. However, the most noticeable was the participation of the RCMP in their scarlet uniforms. All represented the fact that to be a peacekeeper, is to be a member of an effort that depends on all Canadians to be successful.

Making the CPSM presentations were the Honourable P. Liba, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba; Brigadier General D. Tabernor, Deputy Commander Land Forces Western Area; Assistant Commissioner T.W. Egglestone, Commanding Officer "D" Division of the RCMP; and

Colonel D.C. McLennan, Wing Commander 17 Wing Winnipeg. The speeches of the presenting officers after the presentations all emphasized pride in hard work, sacrifice and honour, concepts vital to peacekeeping and what were truly being celebrated in our members that day.

The Canadian Forces has a long and honourable tradition of participating in United Nations peacekeeping that dates to the very first mission in 1948 during the Suez Canal Crises. Since that time we have been one of a handful of countries who have contributed troops on a regular basis; with over 100 000 troops serving in over forty missions over the last fifty years. In keeping with the Canadian ded-

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Book Review:

Knights of the Air

By Captain James Pickett
Air Force Historian, 1 Canadian Air Division HQ

Knights of the Air, by David Bashow, published by McArthur & Company, Toronto, ON, 2000, 210 pages, colour & b/w pictures, ISBN 1-55278-162-3. \$50.00.

David Bashow's new book, *Knights of the Air*, is a tour de force celebrating the efforts of Canadian Fighter pilots in the First World War. Brilliantly laid out, the book details why the war started, the early evolution of aerial warfare, and how Canadians became so involved in the fledgling new realm of warfare, aerial combat. It points out the difficulties Canada experienced in trying to create its own Air Forces and how in the end over 13,000 men ended up serving in the British Air Forces with at least 171 becoming aces. The writing, clearly Bashow's best yet, is in an easily readable style and was hard to put down once started.

Knights of the Air is a publication that will be popular with anyone interested in learning about this nation's early military aviation history. It is full of in-depth yet easily understandable analysis and will not disappoint even the most ardent of aviation historians and enthusiasts. Bashow has even gone into great detail as he tries to once and for all deal with the myths and legends surrounding Canada's greatest Ace, Billy Bishop. Certainly not an easy topic to tackle, he does so in a highly professional manner and makes a compelling case to support Bishop's claims. In total, this book is an exceptional review of Canadian efforts in the air during the First World War. This work has become the new standard by

which all histories for this period will be judged, filled as it is with beautiful photographs and maps and an exceptional level of research. It has been laid out in an attractive and easily readable style, which should ensure its complete success with all audiences.

This book has been professionally put together and is guaranteed to excite present and future generations of Canadian military aviation history enthusiasts. It is most highly recommended for anyone who has even the slightest interest in Canada's Air Force history.

Open the hatches down there.
The beans I had for lunch just kicked in.



HERO continued from front

ication to global peace, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police began sending its members on UN missions in 1989, fulfilling a variety of peace support roles such as the monitoring/advising of local police forces and investigating Human Rights violations.

Inspired by the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to United Nations Peacekeepers in 1988, the CPSM was created to specifically acknowledge the efforts of Canadians. This includes all serving and

former members of the Canadian Forces, members of the RCMP and other police services, and civilians. It is awarded for deployments outside of Canada of a minimum of thirty days either in a deployed unit or in direct support.

This was the first parade of its kind in Winnipeg and will very definitely not be the last. As 17 Wing CWO, CWO Frank Emond, organizer of the parade, stated firmly: "We should be making a big deal of this as it is a big deal. They [the peacekeepers] deserve to know how truly proud we are of them".

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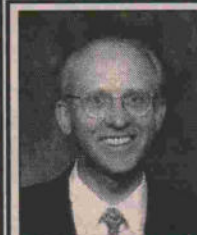
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Off and Flying



By Captain Dave Fouts, UIO, 3 CFFTS Southport

On 23 March 2001 three students from the Basic Helicopter School received their Canadian Forces pilot wings from Lieutenant-Colonel Larry Caux, School Commandant. The occasion was marked with a formal Wings Presentation followed by a buffet dinner in the Combined Mess of 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School in Southport, where friends and families gathered to celebrate.

The graduates of course 0005 are as follows: Capt Clay Rook (left) is posted to 427 Sqn in Petawawa to fly the Griffon helicopter, Capt Leslie Wenzel is posted to 408 Sqn in Edmonton to fly the Griffon helicopter, and Lt Luc Vermette is posted to 427 Sqn in Petawawa where he will also fly the Griffon helicopter.

Capt Wenzel was awarded the Gos Goulding trophy for the best student on the course.

Congratulations to all of the Wings Graduates of Courses 0005 from the Staff of 3 CFFTS, Southport.

Photo by Cpl Le Boeuf

New SAR Tech Selection Process

By Kristina Davis
D-News

If you ever dreamed of donning an orange Search and Rescue suit, you should know the SAR Tech selection process has changed.

In the past, a board was convened to review the files of candidates requesting an occupational transfer to the SAR trade.

Once accepted, students were immediately given an Air Force uniform and posted to 19 Wing Comox as SAR Techs, where they would start the SAR Tech course, a gruelling process lasting nearly a year.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Fred Ritchie, CWO for the CF School of Search and Rescue (CFSSAR), only days after some candidates arrived, they were found unacceptable for the SAR Tech trade.

"They either failed physical fitness testing or even more devastating, if we got them into the medical portion, halfway through that, they'd flunk out."

Not only was the CFS-SAR left with a vacant slot, but also the career manager had to find a place for the candidate in his old trade.

In a worse-case scenario, the candidate could be released.

"Even though the failure rate was very small (1 or 2 candidates of the 12 selected) it wasn't good for the Canadian Forces and it wasn't good for the individual," said CWP Ritchie.

To address these concerns, a new selection

He says the course included survival, physical fitness and academic testing.

And while there's no head-to-head competition, there's a lot of pressure to perform...and perform well.

"You are under the microscope all the time," he said. "Everything you did was being evaluated, every second of the day."

He sees a real benefit in doing this kind of face-to-face evaluation.

"A guy might have a million courses on paper," said MCpl Harrison. "He might look like a genius and can tell you the square root of a pickle jar, but needs help getting it open... you can't tell that just by looking at this application form."

CWO Ritchie says students cannot fail this course and it has no subsequent impact on their career. Ultimately, he says, candidates who apply to be SAR Techs are outstanding in their own trades and represent some of the most outstanding members in the CF.

Selection courses will be held once a year.

This article originally appeared in the Maple Leaf.

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process was developed. Instead of being screened on paper alone, candidates were invited to a two-week course at Jarvis Lake, Alta., where they were tested.

Ideally, 24 candidates would participate, with 12 actually going on to the CFSSAR.

Master Corporal Shawn Harrison participated in the selection process and was accepted for SAR training.

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435 Squadron Presentations

435 Squadron recently presented certificates of completion to eleven graduates of the KCC-130 Air to Air Refuelling Course, who are now qualified to "Pass Gas".

Well done everyone!



Maj S. Leeming receives his certificate from LCol T.G. Whitburn, CO 435 Squadron.



Capt G. Giacomuzzo receives his certificate from LCol T.G. Whitburn, CO 435 Squadron.



Capt A. Hayiland receives his certificate from LCol T.G. Whitburn, CO 435 Squadron.



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WO C. Gillan receives his certificate from LCol T.G. Whitburn, CO 435 Squadron.



Capt J. Conley (USMC) receives his certificate from LCol T.G. Whitburn, CO 435 Squadron.



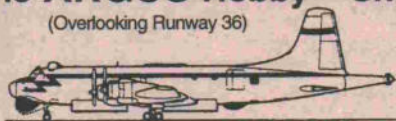
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Chinthe Bits - 435 Sqn

Another Batch of "Hosers"

By Capt Colin Keiver
AAR Comd 435 Sqn

On the afternoon of 06 April 2001, two KCC-130 aircraft returned home to 17 Wing. Onboard Oiler 34 and Oiler 35 were the newest members of the Air to Air (AAR) Refuelling section returning home from the AAR course.

When all was said and done, 12 aircrew had been qualified to conduct AAR on the KCC-130 Hercules with the only AAR squadron in the Air Force, 435 Squadron.

The course marked a first for the squadron. High attrition as well as the upcoming posting season meant that a larger than normal output was necessary in order to ensure maintenance of this fundamental capability. As a result, for the first time ever, two aircraft were used to conduct the course. After complet-

ing a week of ground school here at 17 Wing, one of the aircraft departed for 4 Wing Cold Lake and the other headed off to Seymour-Johnson AFB in North Carolina. Their aim - to train in the operational art of AAR while "passing gas" to as many receiver aircraft as possible.

In the case of Cold Lake it was with CF-18s and for the Seymour-Johnson tanker it was United States Marine Corps F/A-18s operating out of MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina.

At the end of the first week the aircraft returned to Winnipeg for a well-deserved weekend break prior to both of them heading back to Cold Lake. During the second week of flying, they supported the 4 Wing War Day and preparations to assume the VANGUARD posture as well as completing the required



Back Row (left to right): Capt A. Haviland, Capt C. Polycar, Maj S. Leeming, WO C. Gillan, MCpl S. Joyce, Maj M. Pettit, Capt G. Giacomuzzo
Front Row: Capt J. Conley (USMC), Capt M. Chaytor, Sgt D. Rowe, Sgt B. Ste-Croix, Maj S. Stewart.

checkrides on all candidates.

Joining the ranks of "Hosers" as Tanker Commanders are Maj S. Leeming, Maj S. Stewart (TRSET), Capt J. Conley (USMC) and Capt M. Chaytor with Maj M. Pettit qualified as an AAR Co-Pilot.

The Navigator ranks have been joined by Capt C. Polycar, Capt A. Haviland and Capt G. Giacomuzzo (TRSET) while the Flight Engineers were joined by WO C.

Gillan and Sgt B. Ste-Croix. Finally, the Loadmasters welcomed Sgt D. Rowe and MCpl S. Joyce.

The graduates have a busy year ahead of them. Already, 435 Sqn AAR has supported a NORAD exercise in Comox as well as the Fighter Weapons Instructors Course (FWIC) and Advanced Tactical Airlift Transport (ATAT) Course in Cold Lake during April.

The month of May will see them participating in MAPLE FLAG and June will see two tankers deploy to Karup, Denmark to fly AAR missions in CLEAN HUNTER 01. A 435 Sqn KCC-130 aircraft will support the NATO Tactical Leadership Program (TLP) in July out of Mildenhall,

England and another will fly AAR missions with the NATO Allies conducting Low-Level Training in Goose Bay. Both of these missions will involve AAR with British, German, French and Italian aircraft, there will be no Canadian CF-18s involved.

Another visit to Goose Bay in August for FREE ALLIANCE with CF and NATO aircraft and finally, NATO AIR MEET (NAM) in Norway during September supporting NATO aircraft will complete a very busy summer schedule.

The fall period will see numerous missions to support CF training, another AAR course and MARCOT 01 in North Island,

California.

The spring will see another two aircraft deployment to Europe, this time to Norway to support STRONG RESOLVE 02.

Although small in numbers, the "Hosers" of 435 Squadron continue to maintain and develop a capability that has become recognized throughout the CF and NATO as extremely capable and professional.

Whether it be flying with CF-18 aircraft in Cold Lake, British and German Tornados over Europe or even French Mirages over the sands of Kuwait, the AAR Chinthes continue to live up to the squadron motto "Determined to Deliver"

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Household Poisons: Lock them up, seal them up!

Craig Oversby
17 Wing HMC/ESO

The average home contains many different chemicals: medicines, cleaners, air fresheners, solvents, insecticides...the list can be immense.

Sometimes it's hard to imagine these friendly household aids as dangerous poisons, especially in the hands of children.

To measure yourself against proper household practices, answer the following questions:

- Check the inside of your medicine cabinet. Were you able to open it without unlocking it? If so, your child could probably do the same. Medicine cabinets and chemical cupboards should always be locked. Don't believe for moment that the cabinet is too high for a child to reach.

- What sort of containers have you used to store medicines and chemicals? Have you saved any in cups, bowls or soft-drink containers? What would your child think if confronted with a glassful of brightly colored liquid? Juice? Soft-drink? Transfer your chemicals into a more appropriate container and label them.

- Check the labels on every one of your medicines and chemicals. Do the containers hold the contents listed on the labels?

Mixing certain household products (toilet bowl cleaner and bleach, for example) can form deadly chlorine gas. And how is that helpful friend or relative to know what you keep your hazardous products in if they are not properly labeled?

- Where do you take your medicines? Alone or in the bathroom, in the living room, or in front of the kids? If you have witnesses, it's a bad move. Children love to imitate

adults. When they see you taking medicine, they'll want to do the same thing. Take your medicine privately.

- Where do you keep your cosmetics? In a beautiful display on your dresser? Cosmetics can be poisonous too. And in such pretty

Are there any odours apparent when you open your chemical cupboard? Examine the containers more closely. Are all the lids and caps on tight? If not, you are risking the possibility of chemicals leaking and causing a reaction with other chemicals. These reactions can irritate breathing passages, not to mention the possibility of fire due to chemical incompatibility.

- In the spring when your pool is opened and cleaned, take some time to safely store your pool chemicals. Each chemical product should have a designated storage location so that the chemicals cannot be accidentally mixed.

- Storage should be in an area that is clean, cool, dry and well ventilated.

- Use a vertical partition, buffer material or distance to keep chemicals separated.

- Never store liquids above chlorine or bromine

- Always store chemicals off the ground to avoid moisture.

- Store test agents away from acid as acid fumes will contaminate the testing agents.

- Keep chemicals away from children.

- Do not smoke in an area where pool chemicals are stored.

- Have a safe summer around your pool!



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Major Ken Glass, Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training (CFSSAT) at 17 Wing Winnipeg, has made great strides in improving the lives of Canadian aircrew with his development of a working relationship with the United States Naval Aerospace Physiology Department.

In recognition of his hard work over the last sixteen years, the United States Navy recently awarded Major Glass the honorary designation as a Naval Aerospace Physiologist #H0256 and conferred on him the "Wings of Gold" that are worn on the uniform of that trade.

This is only the second time an honorary designation has been awarded since the creation of the trade in 1944, and Major Glass is the only person from outside the United States to be

given this status.

This honour is not the first that Major Glass has earned in his career.

After graduating from the Royal Military College in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science (Applied), Major Glass voluntarily reclassified from Pilot to Medical Associate Officer in Biosciences (56J) in 1981.

The Bioscience classification within the Canadian Forces is a specialized group that generally works with the human element in life support and safety systems and equipment. The trade currently has only eighteen officers and does not have its own specialty badge.

As Commandant of CFSSAT, Major Glass is responsible for air physiology training for aircrew such as high altitude training in the hypobaric chamber and night vision goggle training. He proved his capabilities in his trade by being Board Certified in 1997 in Aerospace Physiology by the Aerospace Medical Association, an international civilian agency, making him one of only three Canadians, and the only Canadian Forces member, to hold such a certification.

Major Glass's involvement with his American Naval counterparts began in 1985, when he was the first Canadian to attend their annual Fleet Air Introduction/Liaison of Survival Aircrew Flight Equipment (FAILSAFE) seminar.

He presented the Canadian Forces Aeromedical Training Program to the U.S. Navy, who at that time were examining alternate systems of training.

It was at that first contact that the many similarities between American and Canadian aircraft became apparent; for example, both countries fly F-18s and the CP-140 Aurora is paralleled by the P3 Orion.

It logically followed that many life support requirements and systems would also be similar, and a collaboration was born between Canadian and American physiologists from which both countries have benefited substantially.

From this new open exchange of information the Canadian Forces have benefited from the development of night vision goggle training programs and information on laser protection, work in both areas have advanced far faster than would have been otherwise possible.



Congratulations to 1 Air Mov Sqn's Mike MacNeil. MacNeil was recently promoted to MCpl during his Loadmaster Course in Trenton. Shown is Maj Cochrane and Capt Bouchard from 426 Sqn making it official.

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erwise possible.

In turn, the U.S. Navy has also benefited, for example, from Major Glass's presentation on the work he did integrating cooling systems into the Sea Kings prior to the Gulf War.

Through this developing relationship each country has been able to consult with each other through informal contacts rather

than a formal chain of command, greatly speeding up the exchange of information and project development.

Major Glass credits this informal interaction which has built up over the last sixteen years for his recent award as follows:

"They just look at me as [being] one of them, because they would do the same with each other as they do with me [regarding] the exchange of information. I can just pick up the phone and they don't think of it as "this is the Canadian". They think

"this is just another physiologist with a question." It has broken down a lot of the barriers in communication."

In a presentation on 7 February 2001, in Pensicola, Florida, Major Glass was recognized by the United States Naval Aerospace Physiologists for his contributions to both aircrew safety and international military relations.

Although he will soon be leaving his current posting to work for the Director-General of Health Services, he hopes to maintain his contact with the organization.

The Canadian Forces, and the Air Force in particular, can justifiably have a great deal of pride in his achievements.

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Submitted by Alf Brooks

It began its trans-Atlantic journey from Frankfurt on the Main, Germany, the evening of 3 May, 1937, carrying thirty-six passengers and a crew of sixty-one.

On the afternoon of 6 May the Hindenburg flew over New York city a number of times, postponing its landing because of a storm.

At 7:00 PM it began its approach to the mooring mast at the Lakehurst, New Jersey, Naval Air Station. And at 7:15, when at an altitude of 200 feet it burst into flames,

the destruction of the largest aircraft ever to fly ended an era in aviation.

Dying with the Hindenburg were thirteen passengers and twenty-two members of the crew.

Measuring 808 feet long (only 78 feet shorter than the Titanic), and 135 feet in

diameter at its point of greatest girth, the Zeppelin Hindenburg engines that gave it a top speed of 135 kilometers an hour.



Its gas volume, over seven million cubic feet,

when filled with hydrogen produced over 112

tons of useful lift (the lift remaining after subtracting the weight of the structure from the gross lift). A small portion of that load was more than 17,000 pieces of mail, of which only 367 survived.

Many collectors have other covers flown by zeppelins on their many flights, but these survivors, because of their scarcity and the story behind them, are treasured above others.

This month in Switzerland a large collection of Zeppelin items will be sold at auction; it is estimated that the

cover illustrated here, a Hindenburg survivor, will sell for up to \$20,000.



Also illustrated are a postage stamp issued by Germany in 2000 to commemorate the inaugural flight on 2 July, 1900, of LZ-1, the first Zeppelin airship, and a photo of the Hindenburg as it burst into flames.



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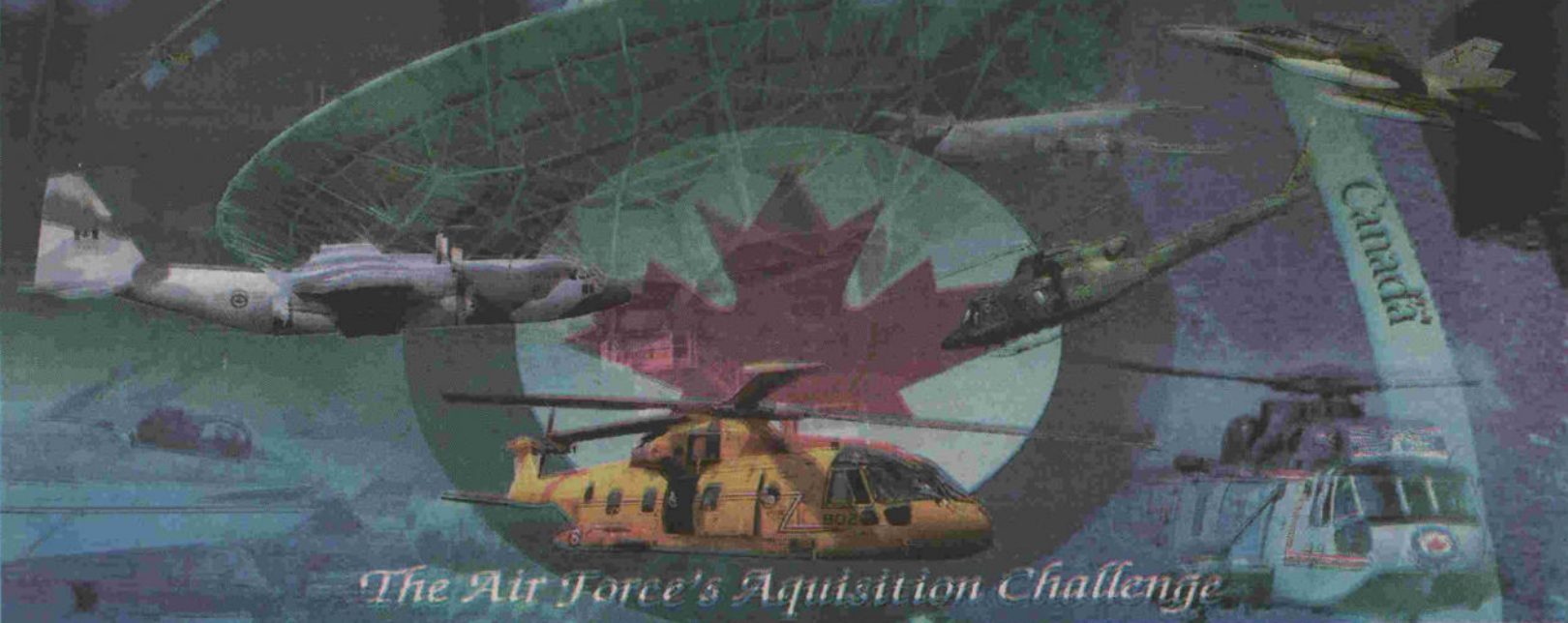
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CF withdrawal from East Timor complete

OTTAWA, April 24, 2001 - Minister of National Defence Art Eggleton has announced today the withdrawal of the last three Canadian Forces members from the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET). They have worked as staff officers at the UNTAET Headquarters in Dili, East Timor, for the past six months. They successfully completed the Canadian contribution that is known as Operation TOUCAN. The last of the three will leave in Mid-May ending nearly two years of Canadian Forces presence in East Timor.

"After providing their highly valued expertise and assistance to this operation, our last three military members will be returning home with a sense of accomplishment and pride," said the Minister. "The repeated calls for the Canadian Forces to continue our contribution reflects highly the professionalism our personnel demonstrated during this demanding mission."

The initial Canadian contribution consisted of approximately 600 military personnel who returned to Canada last spring following a six-month tour. The Task Force included approximately 250 sailors from the Canadian naval replenishment ship HMCS PROTECTEUR, a 250-strong light infantry company group largely from the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment, and approximately 100 air force personnel with two CC-130 Hercules transport aircraft from 8 Wing Trenton.

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RETIRED: Looking back

By Edward Thornhill

I enjoyed my career of twenty-nine years in the Royal Canadian Air force, though it did have some semblance to a ride on a roller coaster.

Starting in 1937, ending in 1966, my career included several stages of transition.

At the time of my enlistment in the RCAF the world had just begun recovery from the costs of World War I and subsequent agonies of the Great Depression, 1929-36.

The threat of World War II and the commencement of new technical advancements such as the airplane, communications and transportation introduced new concepts of life style in civilian life and in the military.

Major changes occurred through World War II, the Korean War, and the Cold War. Peace missions to restore order within nations introduced a very different role for military personnel.

My introduction to military life occurred when I joined the Manitoba Mounted Rifles, a non-permanent militia, in 1936. Service consisted of two-week summer camp at Camp Shilo, a rolling prairie area east of Brandon. There were no buildings in the area, just tents for mess services and for sleeping. The staff consisted mainly of World War I veterans.

Spit and polish practices to occupy daily routines were very much in vogue, but the cavalry life style was exciting and challenging, particularly to raw recruits such as myself.

We arrived at Shilo by bus as darkness was falling. Cowboys were breaking in horses, said to be imported from Alberta ranges. The violent actions of horses and riders imposed a subdued silence among us green recruits. When I removed the blanket from my selected horse the next morning the first thing I saw was the brand mark on the horse's hip. We do not brand our animals in Manitoba!

Another exciting feature of cavalry life was the use of a cannon as an alarm clock!

But before the end of our two weeks of training we slept so soundly that we did not hear the cannon. We were shaken awake by an impatient and vociferous N.C.O.

Military life styles were beginning to change when I joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in June 1937.

The violent actions of horses and riders imposed a subdued silence among us green recruits.

Technical training for trade's skills left little time for polishing buttons and winding on puttees. Polishable brass buttons were removed in favor of unpolishable buttons. High collar tunics were replaced by suit style jackets with lapels; suit style trousers required no puttees; uncomfortable forage caps were replaced by light and soft wedge hats.

Military obsessions for time consuming routines were displaced by time tables for technical training to meet the demands for repairs and services of complex equipment such as aircraft, specialized transport vehicles, new armaments and communications devices. Parade practices were streamlined and simplified; columns of four in

March formation were changed to three abreast to improve passage of troops through narrow and crowded streets. Qualified nurses replaced male orderlies in care of patients. Female nurses aides performed care duties previously imposed upon recuperating patients.

Declaration of war by Germany, and later by Japan, brought on new types of aircraft and their required services and special accessories. Many aerodromes were installed across Canada. Transfers to other continents became common occurrences.

Anticipation of such mobility, with attending adventures, became factors for improved morale, despite threatened family disturbances.

Casualty lists brought a strong sense of reality to dampen enthusiasm of war time assignments. Introduction of Women's Divisions was an entirely new experience for serving personnel. Reception of women in military services brought mixed reactions until we became accustomed to their presence.

The year covering cessation of war and the post-war year brought long periods of uncertainty, idleness and depression of morale. Closures of training stations and courses discontinued in mid-term, release of personnel to civilian life imposed strong depressions of spirit among idle personnel.

The outbreak of war against North Korea

revived interest in military service.

Many who had impatiently returned to civilian life had discovered similar uncertainties in an environment of reorganization and re-adjustment to industrial and commercial life.

Peacetime employment was having its own problems of confusion and reorganization. The element of transition was as depressing for civilians as it was for military personnel.

As the Korean War subsided another transition emerged with the threat of war arising from Russia's ambitions to dominate the whole world, which situation soon became known as the Cold War.

Again service personnel were being transferred out of Canada to England, France and Germany to participate in a new alliance, NATO, to forestall or to repel Russia's expanding military might.

On this occasion service men were permitted to take their families with them. Despite the trepidation of potential catastrophe these families determined to take advantage of time in the Old World and to explore it much as possible. A major factor in their favor at that time was the relative strength of the Canadian dollar.

Collapse of the Russian alliances brought on yet another transition period for

Canada's armed forces personnel: the new philosophy of diffusing internal political strife that could result in expanding alliances for future war. This objective inspired the use of armed forces in peacetime to stabilize internal conflicts in restive political areas before they erupted into warfare on international scale. Peace keeping forces entered a different form of exposure than did wartime service.

The element of transition was as depressing for civilians as it was for military personnel.

Instead of the companionship of large numbers facing enemies in uniform, they found themselves dispersed in relatively small numbers in an area where suspected enemies appeared in the same mixture of dress as friends, creating a heavy element of risk during any and all encounters with local populations. Foreign language in the patrol area make communication slow and uncertain of whatever concealed hostility may be present in any common encounter. Families could not be moved into such areas of explosive uncertainty. Therefore transfers

into peacekeeping situations were limited to six months duration.

For a military force of relatively small numbers this means repeated rotations to duty assignments in hazardous environments in distant foreign lands. Such separations of soldiers from home and family must surely impose stressful family relationships.

Recently our Prime Minister announced that Canada could no longer keep pace with ever increasing commitments by the United Nations. This indicates that he is aware of problems for our military personnel and their families. Hopefully he will follow up these realizations of excessive pressure of current operations. If measures of compensation and relief for serving personnel are not addressed our soldiers may prefer to withdraw from service on termination of their period of enlistment. This would necessitate more recruitment of untrained youth and increase costly training programs. Provision of new and advanced equipment is also necessary to support the efforts of experienced personnel.

I have no protest against the policy of stabilizing populations suffering distress of anarchy and catastrophe, but we must recognize a need to ease the pressures of placing too many combative burdens upon our dedicated volunteers.



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Col McLennan 17 Wing Commander, Dale Buck, UNDE Loc 705 Union President and Mr. C. Haarsma, Wing General Safety Officer, officially opened 17 Wing's Early Return to Work Awareness Course (ERWAC).

Two ERWAC's were held at 17 Wing's WO & Sgt's Mess, 12 & 16 March 2001.

As observed in photo Col McLennan and Dale Buck are displaying the National Joint Declaration, which was endorsed by Deputy Minister Jim Judd, CDS General Maurice Baril and the 10 National Union

Presidents representing National Defence Employees.

17 Wing course evaluations confirmed that the spirit of the Early Return to Work Program is essential and greatly benefits both injured persons and the Department.

Additional training and program initiatives are being planned to ensure employees and supervisors are aware of their responsibilities.

If you require information about this program please contact Mr. C. Haarsma @ 833-2500 ext 5950.



Left to right: Col McLennan, Dale Buck and Chuck Haarsma

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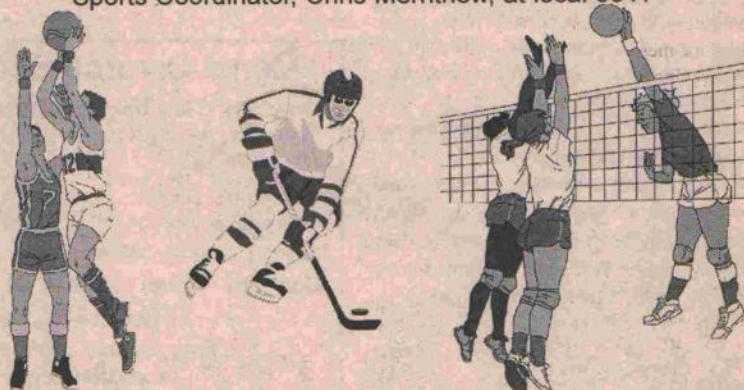
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Canadian Women in Aviation Conference

By Jen Quesnel
Air Force Public Affairs

The Canadian Women in Aviation Conference is a biannual event that attracts women from across the country who are interested in the Aviation Industry, either professionally or as a hobby, either military or civilian.

Past audiences have included aircrew, doctors, nurses, aircraft technicians, air traffic controllers and innumerable other support occupations as well as mothers, daughters, self-employed and unemployed men and women.

The conference provides an opportunity for professional development, networking and education for all involved. It has been held in several venues across the country, most recently in Central Ontario in 1999.

From 8 to 11 August 2001, it will be our pleasure to hold the 6th Canadian Women in Aviation Conference at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

This Conference will be host to a number of talented and inspirational guest speakers.

Shirley Render, author of two successful books "No Place For a Lady" - a history of Canadian women in aviation from 1928 - 1992, and "Double Cross" - the inside story of James A. Richardson and Canadian Airways. She is currently researching for her next two books and starting a new business. Shirley will open the Conference on the morning of the 9th. Throughout the conference we will be hearing from talented personalities.

The guest speaker at the conference banquet will be a Canadian Astronaut, who will take us from the first days of aviation to the final aviation frontier - Space.

Conference participants will also have the unique opportunity of touring some of the preeminent aviation businesses located in Halifax.

A tour and an afternoon sail on one of the Canadian Patrol Frigates has also been arranged with a possibility of familiarization flights on the Sea King helicopter and the CP-140 Aurora, Maritime Patrol Aircraft, military requirements notwithstanding. It will be an excellent showcase of maritime aviation.

The Conference schedule will tentatively be as follows:

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09 Aug 01

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10 Aug 01

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There are two important changes brought to the EALP this year:

A: the program will run all year round or until the allotted funds are exhausted. However, those who wish to receive their loan in time for the September semester are still required to submit their applications by 30 Jun 2001. Submissions after this date may result in cheque delivery after the beginning of the school year;

B: the CFPAF will require proof of acceptance and full time attendance in a post secondary institution or an adult re-training before issuing a cheque.

Application forms are available from your Financial Counsellor, the CFPAF office 234 Laurier Street, Ottawa, Ontario, or the EALP Coordinator at (613) 760-3439 or 1 888 753-9828.

Remember the 30 June deadline for submission to ensure cheque delivery in time for the September semester.

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Il y a deux changements importants au PPE cettée annee:

A: le programme se deroulera tout au long de l'annee ou jusqu'a ce que les fonds alloues au PPE soient epuises. Par contre ceux qui desirent recevoir leur prêt a temps pour le debut de la sessions de Septembre devront continuer de nous faire parvenir leurs demands pour le 30 Juin 2001. L'emissions des cheques pourrait etre

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Volunteer Program at the MFRC



In this issue of our Random Acts of Volunteer Appreciation, the MFRC Board of Directors is our target group to say THANK YOU! We surprised the Board at a regular meeting to let them know how much they're appreciated. The Board of Directors for the MFRC is responsible for providing support, assistance and guidance to the Centre's staff to ensure that the programs and services provided meet the needs of military families. The Board of Directors is a team of dedicated volunteers who give many hours of expertise and commitment to the MFRC.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BOARD MEMBERS!

Marjorie Lague, Laurie Johnson, Kim O'Connor, Elizabeth Scott, Rob Collins, Cindy Howlett, Melissa McDonald, Marilyn White, André Thivierge, as well as our Ex-Officio Members - Malcolm Bruce, Carla Ryan, Rick Harris, Padre Ohs, and Christine Bannerman.



MFRC CHILD CARE CO-OP

Want to be able to go shopping, attend a party or just an outing without having to pay a babysitter?

HERE'S HOW!!!

Join the MFRC Child Care Co-op. We're a group of parents who exchange parenting services at NO CHARGE. Basic guidelines, monthly meetings and membership conditions keep the co-op running smoothly. Members have a military police check and Provincial Child Abuse check done.

For more information, contact the MFRC at 489-7003, or Dawn at 831-5953 (days), or Teresa at 832-1209 (evenings).

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

Join us for
Guest Speakers, Information
and Discussion

1st Wednesday of each month

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room,

Westwin Community Centre, North Side

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.

Military Family Resource Centre

Annual General Meeting

1900 Hrs
North Site Chapel
13 June 2001

Come out and help shape
the future direction of the MFRC.

Volunteer Appreciation
will follow the AGM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

— OFFICERS' MESS — DOWNHOMER'S NIGHT



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Contact Kenn Garrity, CFCCN/RMC Coordinator, 833-2500 ext.511

Would you like the chance to make a positive change in the life of a child?

There are various ways to volunteer with
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 of Winnipeg:

- Big Sister/Big Brother Program
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Marriage Preparation Course

(MPC 2001)

(Or "What to do after the wedding bells stop ringing")

MPC 2001 will be held May 24-26
 Thursday & Friday from 1900 to 2100, Saturday from 1000 to 1600

\$20 per couple, to cover coffee and snacks

Cheques can be made out to the Protestant Women's Guild.

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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CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

Kenmore refrigerator, 14 cu.ft., hardly used, still under warranty, purchased in Sept for \$750, asking \$600 OBO. 897-9202.

Solitaire engagement ring and wedding band for sale. Very good quality diamond, a must see. Appraised at \$5600, will sell for \$2500 OBO. Natalie 897-9170.

96 Starcraft tent-trailer. Bought new in 98, sleeps 6, 3-way fridge, indoor/outdoor propane stove, screened awning with storm flaps, too many extras to list. \$7200. 885-1325.

Wedding dress, white, size 12 w/veil & headpiece, vg cond. Also water skis, like new, \$80. 885-1325.

Wooden play structure, self-built includes monkey bars, rope climb. Asking \$250 OBO. 489-7350.

Chain link fence with 2 doors, 4' tall by 82' long. Denis 488-4060.

Fridge & stove, Baycrest model, beige, \$300 for both. Dale 889-4940 or 833-2500 ext 6161.

Bedroom suite. Double/ queen mirrored headboard, rails, double box spring and mattress, double dresser with winged-mirror, man's tall chest, side table, lamp. \$1,500.00 OBO. Call 254-6356

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Politics and gossip surround you. Hard words fly when tempers flare. Don't get swept up in another's ego trip. Check your appearance, it reflects your health. Work a visit to the country with family into the next few weeks.
GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You have lots of great ideas but you just can't seem to get them off the ground. Take a break from trying. Timing is more of a factor than you realize. A month off to review and revise plans will be beneficial. Then get started again.
CANCER (June 22 - July 22): An independent woman keeps you guessing. If you wait too long to do your own thing, you'll miss your chance. Take note of when you're disappointed instead of trying to gloss over it. There's a message for you there about changes required.
LEO (July 23 - August 22): Accomplish what you can and leave the rest. The next two months you'll have little spare time. Past

choices have not brought satisfaction. The best way to address this and get back on track is to make new and better choices.
VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): Put a bit of wonder back into your life by helping a child with an art or theatre project. This inspires you to explore the possibility of helping behind the scenes on an even larger stage production. Better yet, why not audition for the fun of it.
LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): Impulsive emotional outbursts don't work as well as a gentle approach that considers others' feelings. Feeling sorry for yourself because you always have to be the responsible one? Why not let others take charge for a change they may surprise you.
SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): You can move mountains when you put your mind to it. Getting a major renovation or landscaping project done now means you can enjoy summer - work free. Even though you are very busy now, you can pull it all off.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21): Being right and being happy don't always go hand in hand. You need to be true to yourself but limit mulling and start doing. Discipline is needed. Supposed friends have betrayed you.

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CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Deliberation is required before you can see the possibilities awaiting you and the means for getting there. You are of two minds about the solution reached, but this is natural during times of change. Risk can be a friend once you get to know it better.
AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Feeling pulled in opposite directions. Surrounded by people who just want to cover the same old ground. You crave excitement though you appreciate security. Stop dreaming or blaming; organize something for yourself. Reconnect with those who bring you joy.
PISCES (February 19 - March 20): Opportunities that have been out of reach are within sight now that those who stood in your way, have found other interests and left the coast clear. Be prepared to move quickly once obstacles disappear. Changes in leadership work to your advantage.

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