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OUR SUMMER EDITION

In the best interests of economy it has been decided to produce our paper entirely on a local scale. Informative articles will have an exclusive place in each edition as well as the news of the station. The editor will welcome any contributions from personnel who wish to submit them, and every effort will be made to publish any deemed to be of interest to our readers.

CHANGES

It appears that the delayed arrival of summer has created an epidemic of changes on this station of ours. As we shivered and exchanged our winter apparel for the summer styles, so did we experience a change in Commanding Officers. To W/C Babineau go hearty congratulations and best wishes from oneland all, and to W/C Forbes-Roberts a most cordial welcome to our station.

FAREWELLS

The playful sounds of children, the boisterous shouts of the fans at the playing field, the ever-pleasant noises from nature's own creatures, and the grinding of lawn mowers reveal yet another change, the arrival of summer. However on the serious side they also present the farewells and the greetings which must come sooner or later in service life. The exigencies of the service present a most varied pattern of life to our personnel, and the "hellos" and "goodbyes" play a major role in that pattern. The word "farewell" carries most sober thoughts, but on the other hand we can cherish the companionship of those friends who have departed to new units and look forward to new associations and friendships. Yes, those same exigencies have been instrumental in creating firm bonds of friendship which span thousands of miles of land and water.

SUMMER HAZARDS

As we relax and enjoy the beauties and pleasures of this Nova Scotian summer, let us ever be conscious of the hazards which surround us at this time of year. With our school children on vacation, extra care will lessen the danger of tragic events on the roads as well as on the water. To the children we say: Have a happy but safe vacation".

WELL DONE

To Mrs. Babineau, our former editor and the founder of the Eager Beaver we say thank you for an excellent endeavour in organizing and publishing of our paper. You have certainly left us with lots of encouragement to carry on, and we hope that we can give all personnel the fine type of reading which you have inspired.

ACCOUNTS HI-LITES

by Cpl. J. Duncan MacDonald

Well here it is June already, which corresponds roughly to the year it was last year at this time. Inevitably time moves on whether in Beaver Bank, N.S., or Melted Popsicle, Saskatchewan, and in spite of the cold spring we have had some good fishing trips. We will not bore you by telling you of the exciting balances we had in the Accounts Section during June but rather still to happenings of a personnel nature, and experiences encountered by our personnel.

The SAO is looking forward eagerly to delivery of his new car, which I believe, will be actually a station wagon, and then he intends to take a few days leave. (FLASH - The new jalope has arrived and already the SAO given it the first bath.) Apparently it is quite the vehicle and has all the extras for pleasant driving (Ed. What no wall safe?) He was speaking of all the accessories available now in the new models. Why some of them even have bed, TV phonographs, and so on. It gives the driver a place to live while he's looking for a space to park.

Sgt. "Oley" Hansen is just about winding up his tour of duty at this unit and preparing to leave for St. Margarets. So we say farewell and good luck to him, and welcome to FS Lee Pettipas, coming here from La Belle Province, Quebec. Shortly after Oley bought his new car, (well nearly new) he had sort of an accident, and this is what happened: "He lost control of his car, yet managed to stay alive, it's simple how he lost it, he taught his wife to drive."

Cpl. Thomas has been getting a lot of enjoyment with his new boat and outboard motor and we both had some excellent fishing trips with them. One night last month at his home, he was working at some mathematical problems in connection with an accounting course he is taking currently, when a neighbour dropped in and among other things said, "I like mathematics when it isn't over my head," answered Tommy, "That's exactly the I feel about pigeons."

I was among the many on the Guard of Honour for the recent visit of the Air Officer Commanding, and of course I had to get a new hat for the occasion. "Mac" in the Supply Section couldn't understand why I had such difficulty in getting a hat to fit, so I told him what caused it. When we lived at RCAF Stn. Summerside my wife was helping me build a fence around the garden. She had a large sledge hammer (like John Henry used) and I held a metal stake and told her when I nodded my head to hit it. She did and ----- that's the whole story.

Jimmy Hicks, the legendary ledgerkeeper, spent a couple of weeks in Toronto during May, enjoying a change of scenery and some ill-deserved leave. He said this about his trip, "Change is what a person needs on a vacation----- of course a little currency is also good to have".

"Mike Gallagher, one of the leading Voucher Vultures of Supply Accounts was making a phone call in the Airmen's Club without much success. Finally the operator said, "I'm sorry sir but that number has been taken out. "Mike replied hotly, "Oh, can you tell me who took her out?"

George D'Arcy, was driving toward Shubenacadie last Sunday when a fellow driving an orange and mauve convertible with the top down, and wearing a bright pink shirt, blue polka dot tie, green shepherds plaid suit, and a chartreuse beret, was stopped by a motorcycle cop. "Whats wrong," asked the motorist, "I haven't been speeding." Replied the policeman, "No, I just wanted to hear you talk".

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ACCOUNTS HI-LITES
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We welcome a new member of our Accounts Staff, AC Roger Dumas, who came here off course from Aylmer, and is working in Supply Accounts.

This month we lost our typist, the inimitable Mrs Bailey who has gone to England on an extended visit. On her return she will go to Moisie with her son-in-law and daughter, WO2 and Mrs. Abram. We wish her bon voyage and safe return. In her place now we have Mrs. Maude Kelly, a redhead from Bedford and a former Cape Bretoner whom we hope will get along well and enjoy her work with us.

Last but not least is the irrepressible AL Muise who was headed lustily singing this song as he mowed his lawn:

It takes push to get by in this world I have learned,
Be you living in palace or hovel,
In the summer a lawn mower takes plenty of push,
In the winter that goes for a shovel.

MAKE SECURITY A TWENTY-FOUR HABIT

NEWS FROM PMQ'S

W/C and Mrs. RD Forbes-Roberts has as their guest recently, W/C Forbes-Roberts' father, Mr. H. Forbes-Roberts of Ontario. During his stay, Mr. Forbes-Roberts gave an enjoyable showing of the many interesting scenes he photographed while vacationing in Europe.

Mrs. R.D. Forbes-Roberts entertained at a sherry party Saturday, May 19th, at her home in honor of Mrs. D.B. Babineau, now of St. Huberts, Quebec and Mrs. I. Duncan, now of Ottawa, Ontario. Also entertaining in their honour were Mrs. W.A. Bradshaw and Mrs. L. Calver, who held an afternoon tea on Sunday, May 28th, at the home of Mrs. Bradshaw.

Congratulations are extended to Cpl. and Mrs R. Young, on the birth of a son, Richard John, Born June 7th, weight 6 lbs, 11 oz.

David Cameron, son of Mrs and Mrs Frank Cameron, was a recent visitor to the Children's Hospital, Halifax. David returned home feeling fine, minus tonsils.

The many friends of John Doucette were sorry to hear of his recent illness which necessitated emergency hospitalization. WE are all glad to see that he his now on the road to recovery.

Due to the number of transfers lately, goodbyes were said to many who have been with us for a considerable time. We wish them luck and good health at their new units. Among the recent departures were:

W/6 and Mrs Babineau and family
S/L and Mrs. Duncan and son Billy
FS and Mrs. Hoppe and daughter Jo-Ann
SGT Lavigne and family
LAC Waddell and family
SGT and Mrs. Hanson and Family.

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NEWS FROM PMQ's
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Our best wishes go with Arthur Webber, son of Mr. and Mrs H. Webber, who is at present on basic training at RCAF Station St. Johns, Quebec.

A cordial welcome is extended to F/O and Mrs. Brind who with their family, are the new occupants of PMQ 43.

Sgt. and Mrs. C. Rankin and sons are planning a motor trip to Quebec and Ontario.

Creaking and groaning muscles are prevalent throughout PMQ's these days, with no relief in sight until the end of the lawn-mowing season.

Visiting Mrs. and Mr A Gold is Mrs C.F Hannagan who hails from St Peters, Cape Breton. Hope you enjoy your stay with us.

To all who are taking trips on your vacation, here's hoping you have fine weather and a safe return.

BEAVERS HAVE NO PENSIONS BUT THEY ARE CERTAINLY SECURITY CONSCIOUS

STATION FISHING CLUB "TOPICS"

Well fellow Angler's the fishing Club & Season got away with a bang, the Club had a outing to Lake Charlotte where some fine fish were caught this outing was a success we hope to have another soon, our SAO F/L Bradshaw caught a speckled Trout of fair size, LAC Gold 's Speckled Trout won the Jackpot the grand sum of \$2.00 but the largest bag of the day was CPL Thomas 's five fish. Well that is enough about this trip lets have a look at the recent standing in the Station Fishing Competition are as follows:

F/O (Andy) Andrews	one Speckled	1 lb 12 ozs	congrats Andy
LAC (Scotty) Gold	one Speckled	1 lb 9 ozs	Not bad for a small lad
CPL (Tommy) Thaomas	one Speckled	1 lb 8 ozs	Keep try Tommy
CPL (MAC) McDonald	one Grayling	1 lb 3 ozs	Throw it back Mac
LAC (Scotty) Gold	one Grayling	3 lb 6 ozs	What again scotty (Luck)
F/L (Money bags)	one speckled	1 lb 4 ozs	Ihear it was caught on two lures does this count members.

Mr Spinney (Charlie & Coach to Scotty) one Speckled 1 lb 2 ozs as usual Charlie caught this on worms from his worm farn in his backyard. Well members I guess Charlie has the only worm farm in the Meritimes. We are still waiting word from Mr (Smiley Miles) Rainforth about his big catch and also Mr J Publicover (Salty) who has deep sea fishing lately. Sgt Findlay has had 20 or 30 caught up around his favourite hunting grounds averge size half pound size keep trying Sgt. At last our CO who has had no succes as of yet I think he should take some tips from his DAD EH Members a 12 lb Salmon caught in the Medway on fly congrats Mr H. Forbes-Roberts. My closing words are try try try again then go and try POCKWOK Lake this is for all those without success this season so far. Hear from me next edition.

SPORTS REVIEW

by F/O (Bud) Laurin

The primary sports topic around the camp these days seems to be the Station Softball League. Apart from a few postponements, most of which have been replayed, the league is away to a flying start. Despite the flies, the teams have experienced a good turnout of fans, and after all, the fans do provide that extra incentive to both teams on the field, keep up the support for your favorite team. Incidentally, a very special pat on the back to the personnel responsible for the excellent job of overhauling and repair of the bleachers, at the diamond. Team play such as that gives a generous boost to our sports effort.

Team standings as of the 25th of June are as follows:

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Points
ME	6	4	2	8
OPS 1	5	4	1	8
OPS 2	5	3	2	6
Telecom	6	3	3	6
HQ	5	0	5	0

A summary of teamstandings and batting averages etc. Will be distributed around the unit everytwo weeks to keep everyone up to date on league happenings.

Plans are being made for exhibition games with the Auxiliary during their stay here for summer camp. From all reports the Auxiliary should provide very stiff opposition for a station team, so we'll be looking forward to seeing some good competition.

It is anticipated that the float at Spinney's Lake will be launched very shortly if not at this time, so watch DRO's for announcement of swimming runs down to the lake.

We find that the girl's team is getting in stride now and already have gained two exhibition wins over the girls' softball team of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co. The team has good balance and lots of pep and are ready for any further competition. More exhibition games for both the Station Girl's and Men's Teams are in the planning stage with some stiff opposition promised for both groups, so keep in shape.

Finally for the convenience of all fans here is the balance of the Station League Schedule for the months of July and August.

July	3	HQ	vs	OPS 2	Aug	2	ME	vs	Telecom
	5	OPS 1	vs	Telecom		6	OPS 1	vs	HQ
	9	OPS 2	vs	ME		7	Telecom	vs	OPS 2
	10	HQ	vs	OPS 1		9	HQ	vs	ME
	12	Telecom	vs	ME		13	OPS 2	vs	OPS 1
	16	OPS 2	vs	Telecom		14	HQ	vs	Telecom
	17	ME	vs	HQ		16	ME	vs	OPS 1
	19	OPS 1	vs	OPS 2		20	HQ	vs	OPS 2
	23	Telecom	vs	HQ		21	OPS 1	vs	Telecom
	24	OPS 1	vs	ME		23	OPS 2	vs	ME
	26	OPS 2	vs	HQ					
	30	Telecom	vs	OPS 1					
	31	ME	vs	OPS 2					

Many a man in love with a dimple, makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

- Stephen Leacock

OPERATIONS BRIEFS

by "Mack"

Ah, June! Bring on your warm weather and wedding bells for your impatient audience. Recent ball and chain festivities saw several happy people in our section put on the shackles, AW Peggy Hjelm and LAC Westhaver, AW Helen Savoie and LAC Jack Lawrence, and Cpl. Eileen (Buddy) Melanson and LAC Jack Bullee. These were probably the only big events of the past few weeks that haven't been affected by the weather. Congratulations and best wishes, and may all your troubles be little ones.

This particular period of the year is being spent in bidding bon voyage, and making new acquaintances around operations. Current departures involve:

SGT JC MOSHER	LAW E MURPHY
LAC SW PARKER	LAW FM MACPHERSON
LAC CS CARLYLE	ACL JI GATES
LAC HA HOLE	ACL CS MURPHY
LAC HW SWIM	ACL HQ SHORTMAN

To our list of new friends in OPS we can add:

CPL EF ALLEN	AC CD HOWE
LAC PE JACQUARD	AC B MACINNES
LAC J ENGLISH	AC RA MACKINNON
LAC RH CLORY	AC JL POIRIER
LAC JE HODDER	AW MA EBETT
LAC JE SHRUBB	

As you will see in the Sports Section, our OPS softball teams are in the thick of the battle and giving a good account of themselves. We expect them to bring that League Trophy into the operations section so watch out ME!

With all this beautiful sunshine slipping by, it's time to say so long until the next issue, so have fun but don't get careless.

TELECOM DOTS AND DASHES

by Ruth Helpard

Hi everybody-it's about time for telecom to get into this circle and swap news. First of all we want to wish a speedy recovery for Isobel McKay who has been ill for sometime, and for whom yours truly is substituting in this issue of the Eager Beaver. It is our misfortune to say goodbye to WO2 Abrams and Sgt Lavigne, and sincerely, fellows we are very sorry to see you leave, however the best of luck to both of you. On that same note, we say all the best to LAW Butler, LAW Cook, LAC Joudrey, and LAC Hofer.

On our welcome mat we have Olive Joudrey, another "puncher" for the PBX, LAW Bryden and LAW Arsenault, keyboard artists, and last but not least, Matt Prim complete with that easy-to-get-along-with look. Then in another breath we mention Cpl. Everard, but, too bad gals-hes married.

Dashes-Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Churchill taking time out for a trip to Boston-Cpl. MacIntaggart with that "executive look now that he is the proud possessor of an office of his own-Sgt Doncaster's dreams of increasing in stature. Well enough of this for now-See you in the next edition.

PLAY IT SAFE? THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE IN A CEMETERY

STATION ORDERLY ROOM

by Phillips (Gwenie & Scotty) Gold

Well, here we are back in Organized Confusion Square, once again we bring some of the highlights in view. We say Bon Voage to Wing Commander D.B. Babineau, who has recently been transferred to COC, St Hubert. We also would like to say Bon Voage to S/L I.G. Duncan who was recently transferred to AFHQ. It is our loss and Headquarters gain. We would like to Welcome Wing Commander R.D. Forbes-Roberts and wish him best of luck as Commanding Officer of this Station. Hope you find this station as good as St Margarets Sir.

We hear the CO is quite a fisherman, especially when sitting in a row boat between two mad Scotman, maybe next time Sir your luck will be better.

For the Summer months we have F/C Barnes, who is working in the Adjts office. Hope you enjoy your stay here.

Did anyone see a certain Officer from the Admin Bldg half running and half rolling up the road playing cops and robbers. Never mind Sir, we cant all be track stars !!! We hear Flying Officer Chapman would like to have her own dictionary she doesn't think the Webster Dictionary should agree with hers or a typewriter. We wonder what kind of shots F/O Chapman got on the night of Thursday 28 EH !!! Maybe you could tell us EH Adjts.

Have you got to be a SGT to get to Paris I wonder or have you got to have a little pull OH Well Best of Luck Sgt Findlay on your recent Transfer Now you will have to learn that song that was No 1 on the Hit Parade: (Poor People of Paris) How is your French or better still how is your English. What will you fish for in Paris EH Sgt leave your Fishing in pole in NS or better still donate it to the Fishing Club.

Welcome the newcomers LAC Bryden our new Recs Clerk and Hazel McKenzie our new CR Clerk best of luck to both of you.

LAC Clarkson going away on Leave lucky fellow OH well girls he will be back in two weeks.

The recent Airmens Dinner held the 18 May 56 was very successful I am sure everyone enjoyed the dinner and many thanks to Sgt Gudmunson and Staff for a nice spread LAC Gold enjoyed his three Steaks.

Our Claims department is swimming in water these days Gwennie Phillips has been trying to be another Marlyn Bell so folks if you ever see a body floating in Spinneys Lake dont get alarmed its not suicide its just Gwen taking her evening stroll.

Well Confusion Square is getting more confused by the minute so will ring of for now till next edition CHEERIO.

HOW GREEN IS YOUR VALLEY

by F/O "Hal" Beggs

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I looked up from the letter I was writing. It was Cpl Jim Fogarty standing at the door. He gave a snappy salute. "A sharp airman," I thought, "and from what I've heard he's doing an excellent job as instructor in Basic Electronics."

"Are you busy, sir?"

"Well, Corporal, that's a tough question. Suppose I said that I wasn't busy, then you'd probably say to all the boys: 'Just as I thought, these officers haven't a thing to do.' So now you've forced me to say that I am busy, but never too busy to have a little chat. Have a chair? Cigarette?"

"Thank you, sir." He dragged deeply and exhaled with a sigh of satisfaction. I then lit my own cigarette and settled back in my chair.

"I was wondering if you could give me some advice, sir."

"If I can, I'd be glad to."

He continued: "I finish my term of enlistment next November and I'm interested in finding a good position when I go back to civilian life." He flicked an ash into the ash-tray. "I have a number of offers from civilian firms, one of which is offering me \$350.00 a month to start! That certainly is better than Corporal's Pay!"

"You know, Jim, you'll probably think I'm crazy when I say this, but that isn't any better than you're getting now. What are the opportunities for advancement in the job?"

"If I prove satisfactory then I'll get a \$10.00 a month raise each year until I'm making \$400.00 a month. That's the top salary."

"How are the holidays and the pension plan?"

"I'd get two weeks holidays with pay. The pension plan is quite good. Four percent is deducted from my pay and the company contributes the same amount. This money is paid to the government to purchase a Dominion Government Annuity at age 65."

"That seems like a pretty fair civilian job, Jim, and apparently quite a bit better than some of the jobs which are offered to many of the boys who come to me for advice. But haven't you considered making the RCAF a career?"

"I certainly like the air force life, but now that I'm married I feel I should settle down and earn more money in order to support a wife and family."

"Surely you don't find it very difficult to get along on your present salary?"

"No, we get along all right, but we could certainly do with more!"

I Placed my cigarette on the edge of the ash-tray and smiled, "there are very few people in this world who couldn't say that, Jim. But are you so certain that you would be better off with the civilian job? Let's look at your possible career in the air force. You're 24 now, aren't you?" I pulled a piece of paper from my desk drawer and picked up a pencil. "This first line represents your possible career under very favourable circumstances."

Rank:	SGT	FS	F/O	F/L	S/L	W/C	G/C
Age:	25	30	35		40	45	50

Jim screwed up his face and frowned. "Yes, but that would hardly apply to me! I could never be commissioned, I haven't even my Junior Matriculation!"

"You are wrong there, Jim! To apply for a permanent commission, you must have:

- (a) Junior matriculation
- (b) Ten years of service
- (c) FS rank or higher, and the top out right grouping for your trade.

If you start work now on DVA Correspondence Courses you will have your junior matriculation by the time you have your ten years of service. Others have made it so there is no reason why you should consider yourself out of the running for commissioned rank. However, let us look at your career under much less favorable circumstances and which you will certainly agree you have almost a certain change of achieving,".

RANK:	SGT	FS				
AGE:	25	30	35	40	45	45

"Probably your true career will lie somewhere between these two extremes. I picked my cigarette from the ash-tray, puffed then continued, "Now let's look at your present rate of pay as opposed to that which you would receive in that civilian job." I quickly scribbled down the pertinent figures:

	Cpl Gp 3	Civilian Job
Pay and Allowances	\$276.00	\$350.00
Trades Pay	45.00	
Clothing	8.00	
Medical	7.00	
	<u>\$336.00</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
Pension	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

"We cannot complete this table until we calculate what each pension plan is worth to you in dollars and cents each month now," "Let us look at the civilian job first. Your average monthly salary between now and your retirement at 65, will be:

350/ 360/ 380/ 35 X400 - \$396.00 per month

"Since the company will contribute 4% of your average monthly salary towards your annuity, its monthly value to you now is 4% of \$396.00 or \$15.74. Now let's look at your air force pension. Remembering that your own career lies somewhere between these two extremes let us look at your pension if you as (1) as FS with ten years seniority and (2) a G/C with six years seniority. Case (1) average monthly salary for last six years \$393.00

Retired at age 50, enlisted at age 20 gives 30 yrs
of service at 2% per year, a 60% pension or \$235.80 per month
for live at age 50

Case (2) average monthly salary for last six years \$851.00
Retired at age 53, enlisted at age 20 gives 33 yrs
of service at 2% per year, a 66% pension or \$561.00 per month
for live at age 53

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Jim edged forward in his chair to take another look at these figures. I continued: "Even at the lower rank that's a tidy annuity. You'd have to hold an extremely well paid civvy job to give you the equivalent. And don't forget you are pensionable before you reach 50, although, of course, your pension would be adjusted. Now let's see how much money it would cost you (1) to purchase a monthly annuity of \$235.80 at age 50; (2) a monthly annuity of \$561.99 at age 53." I thumbed through my mathematical tables, calculated quickly, looked up and said, "These figures are based on HM Mortality Table of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain, a rate of 6% per interest per annum and NO administrative charges. Hardly anyone can purchase an annuity on such favourable terms. Here are the figures:

for case (1)	42,000.00
for case (2)	95,300.00

Jim half stood from his chair as he looked incredulously at the figures before him. He sat back in his chair, brushed an ash from his uniform, inhaled deeply and as he exhaled, he stubbed his cigarette slowly, mechanically, in the ash-tray. After a lengthy, reflective pause, he said, "I had not the faintest idea our pension was worth that kind of money!"

I smiled, stubbed out my own cigarette and picked up my pencil. "Now we calculate how much would have to put aside each month throughout year service in order to arrive at the amount of money necessary to purchase such a pension. Let us suppose you are fortunate enough to be able to invest your money and make 4% interest compounded annually." Again I flipped over the pages of my tables, calculated quickly and continued. "Then,

(1) to accumulate \$42,000 by age 50 you would have to regularly invest \$62.50 per month. Since your present actual pension deductions are approximately \$20.16 per month, this leaves a net of \$42.34 which is the monthly additional value of your pension plan to you now, if you retire as FS.

(2) to accumulate \$95,300.00 by age 53 you would have to invest \$108 per month. When you take away your present contributions of \$20.16, this leaves a net of \$87.84 which is the monthly additional value of your pension plan to you now, if you retire as G/C.

	Cpl Gp 3 Case (1)	Cpl Gp 3 Case (2)	Civilian Job
Pay and allowances:	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$350.00
Trades	45.00	45.00	
Clothing	8.00	8.00	
Medical	7.00	7.00	
	<u>\$336.00</u>	<u>\$336.00</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
Pension	42.34	87.84	16.00
	<u>\$378.34</u>	<u>\$423.84</u>	<u>\$366.00</u>

Not included in the above is the fact that if you die at any age where your service is pensionable, then your wife and children are entitled to a pension. If you added the sum that would be required to purchase such an Insurance Policy to the above cases you would find that both of the two extremes of your possible RCAF career are paying you more money now than that which you receive from civilian job"

"I had no idea that our pension plan was worth that much money, sir!" He settled back in his chair. "You've certainly made me think!"

"Remember, Jim, that all we've been talking about up to now is money; the service offers other tangible benefits such as one month's holidays with continued pay when sick and many others. For instance: cheap amusements some

free entertainment, travel, comradeship and a sense of contributions to the country, greater security when times get bad and an assured future.

"Frankly, however, we do not want airmen or officers who are interested only in the tangible benefits. The officers and airmen we are interested in retaining in the service are those whom we feel are making a definite contribution to the defense of their country and whose major motivation is the pride they take in doing a good job in the service of their country. From my own observation and from the reports I have received, I am convinced that you are one of the airmen we should retain in the RCAF."

Jim smiled proudly and said, "Thank you, sir," He rose quickly and continued, "If you don't mind, sir, I'll talk this over with my wife tonight and will let you know my decision in a few days. I'm afraid that the civvy job doesn't look so attractive after all."

"That's a fine idea, Jim." I handed him the papers on which I had written, "Your wife might like to look at these. I hope you will decide to re-engage with RCAF. If I can give you any more assistance, don't hesitate to ask."

"Thank you for your help, sir." He saluted, turned smartly, and left the room.

I lit another cigarette and continued work on the letter I had been writing.