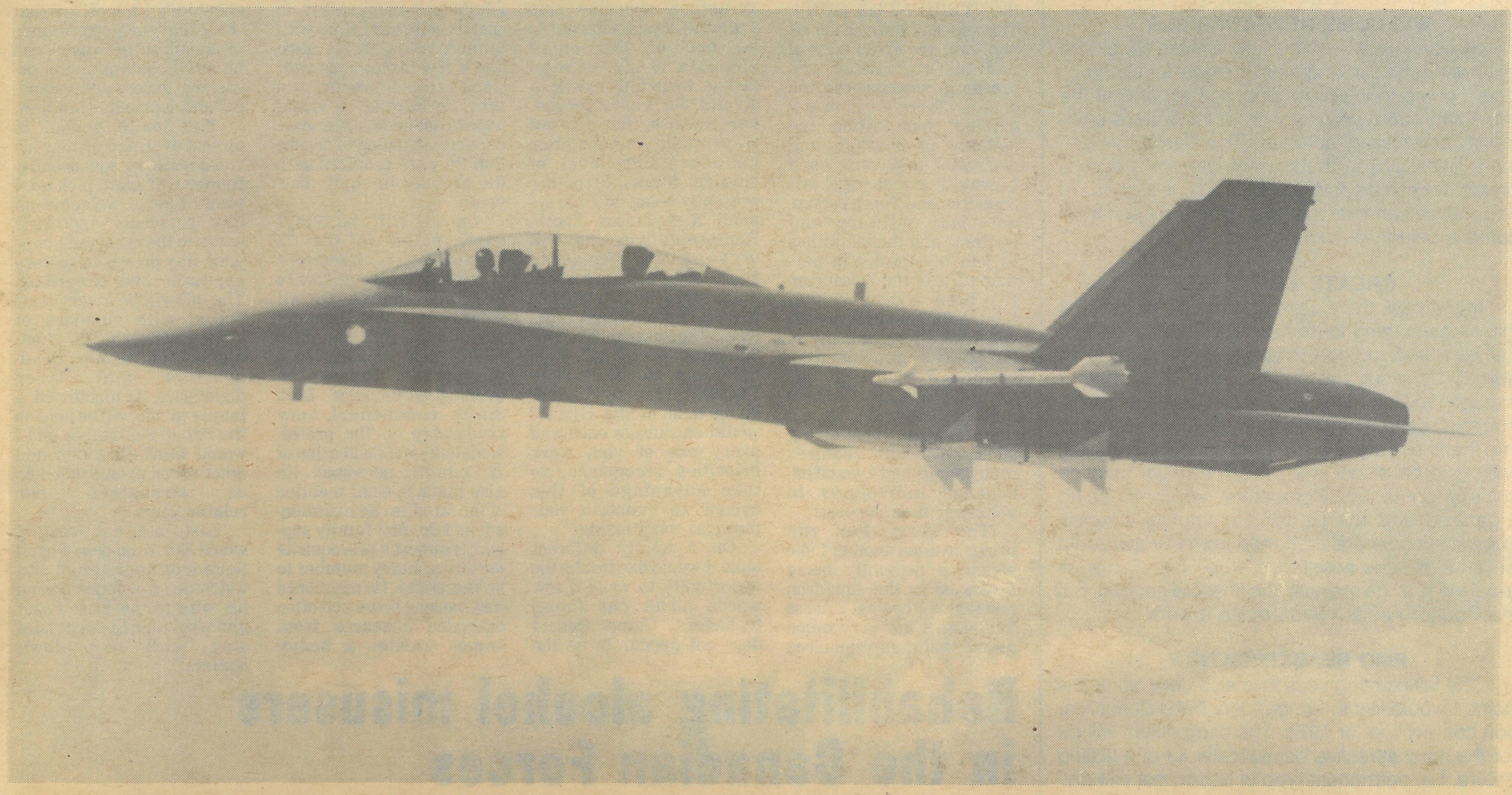
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Canada's first CF-18 strike fighter made its first flight on July 29, just a day after it made its public appearance at McDonnell Douglas Corporation facilities at St. Louis. Jack Krings, Chief Test Pilot of McDonnell Aircraft Company, flew the CF-18 for just under an hour at speeds up to 1.6 mach and altitudes up to 43,000 feet. Insignia on the grey-painted CF-18 are muted to make it more difficult for an adversary to see. The first CF-18 will be delivered to Canada in October.

(DNDOI North Bay)

Here comes the CF-18

The first CF-18 tactical fighter aircraft is well on its way through the McDonnell Douglas Corporation assembly line in St. Louis, Mo. with first aircraft delivery slated for October of this year.

Canada selected the multi-mission, twin-engined aircraft in March 1980 to fulfil the roles that are now being carried out by the three existing fleets of operational fighters: the CF-101 Voodoo, our NORAD interceptor; the CF-104 Starfighter, used in NATO; and the CF-5 Freedom Fighter, earmarked for ground support operations on NATO's north flank. The Voodoo and the Starfighter, both of which entered Canadian service in the early 1960's, will have reached the end of their useful life in the mid-1980's. The Freedom Fighter will be assigned exclusively to the tactical training role after 1985.

The CF-18 is the world's most advanced fighter aircraft. It's multi-mission performance and advanced state-of-the-art weapon system give it a capability and growth potential to effectively counter any adversary into the next century.

As a fighter/interceptor, the CF-18 has the performance, agility, and weapon system to defeat all of the airborne adversaries it is expected to encounter. The aircraft's high thrust-to-weight ratio, efficient aerodynamic design, and leading edge and trailing edge flaps provide the agility to out-perform adversaries during close-in combat. The F404 engines provide the aircraft thrust-to-weight ratio greater than 1:1, a maximum speed faster than mach 1.8 and a combat ceiling above 50,000 feet (15,240 metres). The CF-18, with its long range multi-mode radar and Sparrow radar - guided missile system, can detect and attack threats well beyond visual range, regardless of weather.

In the attack role, the CF-18 is a fully capable air-to-ground attack aircraft that can carry various combinations of ordnance, missiles and external fuel tanks. In addition to conventional ordnance, it can deliver laser/electro-optical and anti-radiation weapons.

The CF-18 has been designed to be a complete multi-purpose aircraft. Its digital computers are programmed with all air-to-air and air-to-surface modes available at the flick of a switch as the mission or tactical situation demands. The cockpit of the CF-18 is unlike any fighter now flying. It has been designed to integrate all elements of the aircraft to a weapon system that can be effectively and efficiently managed by a single pilot.

The CF-18 is substantially more reliable than the aircraft it will replace, due to program emphasis on design simplicity; its radar has 8,000 fewer parts than the F-4J Phantom radar and the F404 engine has 7,700 fewer parts than the Phantom J79-10 engine.

The Canadian Forces will receive 138 CF-18s at a rate of one per month for the first six months, then two per month until September 1988 at an estimated total program cost of $5.2 billion (1982 budget year estimates accounting for both inflation and exchange rate). They will be flown from three main operating bases: Cold Lake, Alta.; Bagotville, Que.; and Baden-Soellingen, West Germany. Aircraft will also be deployed from Cold Lake and Bagotville to operate at forward bases at Comox, B.C. and Goose Bay, Labrador.

The first CF-18 squadron to be established will be 410 Operational Training Squadron at Cold Lake, Alta. with 23 aircraft. Four additional Canadian-based squadrons will have 12 aircraft each. Two of them will be established at Cold Lake and two at Bagotville. At each base one squadron will be designated for NATO's north flank and one squadron for air defence duties with NORAD. The first squadron of aircraft destined for 1 Canadian Air Group in West Germany is slated to arrive in 1986 when the CF-104 Starfighters will be retired. The last CF-18 squadron will become operational in 1988.

The CF-18 advances Canadian military aviation more than two generations in a single bound, replacing three operational fighters with one. The Canadian Forces will carry out multi-mission tasking in both air-to-air and air-to-ground operations in a single fleet of aircraft, with all the economies that this flexibility offers.

The CF-18 program is on schedule and within budget. Since its first flight in November 1978, the CF-18 has made significant strides toward entering service with the Canadian Forces.

Canadian Forces takes steps to enhance the presence of Canadian Navy in Quebec

QUEBEC (AFN): The Minister of National Defence, the Honorable Gilles Lamontagne, has announced a number of steps that the Canadian Forces will take over the next few years to enhance the presence of the Canadian Navy in the province of Quebec. Mr Lamontagne emphasized that the moves, recommended by National Defence and Naval Headquarters, are necessary, not only to ensure adequate representation of francophones in the Canadian Navy, but also to ensure that those who join can continue to work in their own language and culture. The first major step evident in Quebec will be the relocation of the Naval reserve headquarters to the city of Quebec, in the summer of 1983.

The minister also noted a number of other steps which will be taken to improve the visibility of the Canadian Navy in the province of Quebec. These will include increased naval support for the Quebec Navy cadet movement and increased naval presence through additional exercises in the St. Lawrence River and more port visits in the Province of Quebec. Other steps will include the introduction of training in French for navy engineering technicians at the Institut maritime at Rimouski starting in September 83, and the establishment immediately of a project team to study possible initiatives.

The project, to be headed by the Navy Captain David Pollard, will coordinate the planning for the move of the Naval reserve headquarters next summer; study the possible establishment for one or more new naval reserve divisions in the province of Quebec; and, investigate the feasibility of establishing a Naval reserve training center in Quebec city sometime in the future.

The minister emphasized that these moves will have virtually no impact in Nova Scotia in terms of either reduced naval presence or DND expenditures there, but that they will have a major impact in terms of naval presence in Quebec and provide an opportunity for French speaking sailors to work and live in their own language.

In his address, on board HMCS Annapolis, recently visiting Quebec city, Mr Lamontagne also announced that, in addition to the one ship which presently operates in the French language, HMCS Skeena, the Navy will soon establish a second French language ship, HMCS Algonquin.

Camp Commandants Corner

WELCOME NEW ARRIVALS

By now virtually all the new arrivals should be fairly well settled in and getting ready for school to start. I'd like to welcome one and all; and at the same time solicit your support of the various community and military activities. This Camp has gotten a little stuck in the mud of late and needs a breath of fresh air and new ideas; so it is good we had a large turn-over this year. Hopefully with it will come a deluge of new approaches.

CREATE ACTIVITIES

In the past, there were always complaints that there was nothing to do here in Debert. Well, that can be true if you don't make something to do. In a small Camp such as this, you must work together through the Community Council to create activities. You must get out and support your Mess. You may find that there are a whole host of new friends just waiting to be discovered. The first major function coming up is the Octoberfest which is being organized and run by the Community Council. Those of you recently returned from Europe could be of invaluable assistance here. The Camp as usual will provide material and financial support, but the Council needs you to make it work.

PMQ BEAUTIFICATION

The fall planting season is also here; so at this point, I would like to announce a PMQ beautification competition for 1983. The competition will be for the most attractive house/trailer lot of a lasting nature, i.e. permanent type of decor, not just potted plants that leave with the occupant. We are looking at $150.00 as first prize and two runner-up prizes of $75.00 each. A word of caution before you start digging holes, etc. You must drop by CE and establish that what you are proposing to do does **not** conflict with water or sewage mains, etc.

TERRY FOX RUN

One final note which, I believe, is terribly important, and that is the annual Terry Fox run. MWO Westall from the Squadron has been putting in a lot of overtime of late to develop a good fun day for a most worthwhile cause. I urge all of you to support the run in whatever way you are able. Cancer will, in our life time, touch us all, whether directly or through a family member, and anything we can do to help is well worth the effort. Last year, the Camp raised well over one thousand dollars; and if we all pull together - messes, council, all of us - we can do the same again.

G.P. Loverock
Captain
Camp Commandant

Comm sqn. commentary

By Major J.C. Muise

After having been here for a little over a month, I guess I have no excuses but to write my second article. Let me start by writing a few words reference a very important upcoming event - the "TERRY FOX RUN". The run will take place on Sept 19th and MWO Westall and his committee are presently working out the details. Terry Fox, in my opinion, personified the epitome of courage and dedication to a cause - and I would encourage all Squadron and Camp personnel (both military and civilian) and their families to join my family in participating in the 10 km run. It's been rumoured that Capt Adlington and myself will help alleviate some of the pains by providing the cooking expertise at the family picnic to be held following the run. As you may realize, organizing such an event requires many hands and I would encourage individuals to volunteer their services.

The Terry Fox run brings to mind another topic which is presently being discussed in the squadron and that is Physical Fitness Training. I am very much aware that many squadron individuals participate in their own regular physical training programmes either at lunch time or after hours and I admire their dedication and encourage them to continue. Unfortunately, a volunteer exercise programme does not appear to be one of the small pleasures of life for most people, including myself. It should be remembered, nevertheless, that it is our responsibility to maintain an acceptable level of physical fitness. Steps are presently being taken to appoint a Squadron Sports Representative who will organize the Squadron Sports activities. As a beginning, some initiatives have been taken in organizing a weekly sports afternoon for Squadron personnel. With reference to the daily Physical Training classes being held in the Gym, I would encourage each and every one of you, work priorities recognized, to take advantage of this avenue to maintain your physical conditioning.

On a totally different topic, I would like to take the opportunity to write a few words about our Camp teenagers. Camp Debert does not appear to be the ideal location for teenagers in terms of facilities available for enjoyment and other teenage type activities. Nevertheless, I've been most impressed with the friendliness of our young adults and their ability to spend their spare time with limited resources. I have had a few discussions with some parents already, and time permitting, I would hope to get involved in some capacity in trying to ensure that they are provided with the avenues to enjoy their youth.

On Aug 17th and 18th, I participated in the 72 CommGp handover ceremonies. I would like to add my thanks to all squadron personnel, some of whom gave up their days off, for their participation in the parade. During the evening ceremonies, LCol Smith commented very favourably on the professionalism and dedication of 72 CommGp personnel. He also made special mention of the families. He maintained, as I do, that family support is almost a prerequisite for any military member to be successful. He mentioned that the long hours and often extended absences from homes creates a heavy burden on wives and dependents. I can sympathize with this statement and often wonder how military wives cope with all the extra responsibilities we sometimes place on their shoulders. I'm positive that the excellent performance of squadron personnel can be attributed, on many occasions, to very understanding and supportive families.

The leave period is almost over and as new arrivals settle in, squadron activities will again pick up. I would like to welcome all new personnel and their wives to the area and I hope your stay proves to be very enjoyable and rewarding. The fall will be a very busy period with rumours of visits from CFCC, Communication Group Headquarters and other dignitaries. As mentioned, a family picnic will be held on the 19th of September and I would think that this and other social events will help us strengthen our relationships.

Last, but not least, I would like to, on behalf of all Squadron personnel, to welcome LCol Johnston and his wife to the East Coast and wish them a successful stay with us "down homers".

Rehabilitating alcohol misusers in the Canadian Forces

By John Harder

Do you know anyone whose intake of alcohol constitutes a problem for himself, for his family, or for the CF? If you do, there's help available. The Addiction Rehabilitation Centre (ARC) at CFB Kingston is one of six regional treatment centres established across Canada and in Europe for the purpose of assisting members of the CF who have developed a dependency on alcohol. Referrals to ARC are accepted from NDHQ and from all bases and stations in Ontario, with the exception of those in the extreme western part of the province.

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the rehabilitation process is to follow a hypothetical case from beginning to end. Let us say that Sgt. Joe "Live-it-up" from CFB Goodtimes has an unusually healthy appetite for the sauce. He has reached the point where his friends have observed him inebriated most Friday nights in the mess; his wife, Long Suffering, is noticeably embarrassed by his behavior in mixed social situations; he was picked up by the OPP for impaired driving on one occasion; and MWO Goodwill, his supervisor, has noticed that Joe is frequently hungover in the morning. What to do? CFAO 19-31 clearly outlines the procedures which must be initiated in order to get help for Sgt Live-it-up. Progressively these include: an informal interview with an offer of help, some form of documentation with a written warning, eventual referral for a medical assessment followed by treatment if necessary. Understand, that these steps are progressive and follow each other only if the preceding ones have failed to correct the problem. If the informal attempts to help Sgt Live-it-up are unsuccessful and they usually are if the problem has reached dependency proportions, a referral to the medical services for an assessment and recommendation becomes mandatory.

Usually the MO, with the assistance of an alcoholism counsellor or other local resource person, will determine whether or not Sgt Live-it-up requires treatment. If that is the decision, our good Sergeant will be referred to ARC (Cen) in Kingston where he will participate in a four-week inpatient program. This portion of the total recovery program is popularly referred to as Phase II.

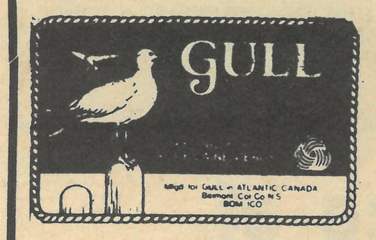
What happens in Phase II? There is nothing magical or mysterious about helping problem drinkers. The procedure is very practical and reality-oriented. Essentially it consists of a lifestyle modification program during which Sgt Live-it-up becomes aware of the negative elements in his life and chooses a more positive, life-enhancing routine. This is achieved through re-education, individual and group therapy and through involvement in a number of positive health-promoting activities, such as regular exercise, rest, relaxation, proper nutrition, etc. A great deal of time is spent in breaking down destructive behaviour and communication patterns. Former defensive behaviour such as denial, rationalization and projection are gradually replaced by honesty - honesty with self and with others. The support of others who have similar problems, particularly within the group and within the fellowship of AA, plays an important part in maintaining sobriety and in promoting personal growth. Because alcoholism affects the whole family, Sgt Live-it-up's wife, Long Suffering, and teenage son, Rebellious Joe, are encouraged to participate in the third week of Phase II. They will discover the true nature of this family disease and how they can best reorganize themselves as individuals and as a family group.

Two significant things take place during the final week of the Phase II program. First, Sgt Live-it-up is required to develop a growth plan for the future which includes specific personal commitments such as: abstaining from non-prescribed drugs and alcohol, active participation in AA, regular attendance at group or individual follow-up sessions, etc. Secondly, MWO Goodwill, who as you will remember is our patient's supervisor, is invited to ARC for a day to witness first hand how his Sergeant has responded to treatment and to learn what is expected during Phase III, which is the year long follow-up program.

Following completion of the in-patient phase, Sgt Live-it-up returns to his unit at CFB Goodtimes and commences his follow-up program. This program is coordinated by the medical officer but may actually be supervised by a base counsellor or some other designated person. Weekly contacts will be maintained between Sgt Live-it-up and this person, who will also encourage him to honor his follow-up commitments. Alcoholics Anonymous, family involvement in Al-Anon, active participation in some aspect of life quality improvement, other growth programs, chapel involvement, etc., could become part of the follow-up.

If Sgt Live-it-up will actively and conscientiously involve himself in follow-up and honor the commitments he made in Phase II, the chances are excellent that he will succeed and that he will once more become a useful member of the CF. Like other successful candidates, he will probably progress more rapidly in his career and will be respected and admired for his new lifestyle. His family will appreciate him more and, most important of all, he will feel good about himself and the positive changes which have taken place. Who knows, he may even be promoted and become known as WO Live-anew.

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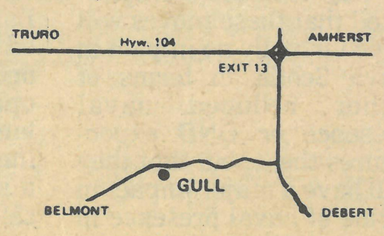
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Terry Fox Run for the Marathon of Hope



By MWO E.A. Westall

On Sun., Sept. 19th, people all across Canada will be running, jogging and walking for Terry Fox and his dream to find a cure for cancer.

A few weeks ago, before going on a two week vacation, I felt honoured when I was asked if I would organize the Terry Fox Marathon for 720 Comm Sqn. It was to include a family picnic. Anyone, I am sure, would have gladly volunteered for this. I felt especially happy because my family and I personally met Terry - prior to his Marathon of Hope - at the Four Seasons Hotel in Edmonton and I have competed in about a dozen Marathons (26 miles, 385 yds). Although only one person wins a marathon, and thousands enter, really, anyone who completes a marathon is a winner. But, to run 26 miles a day - on one leg - in all types of weather, day after day, must have been excruciating.

Terry said "Somewhere the hurting has got to stop..." For Terry the hurting has stopped. For many others the hurting continues. He also said "I've done my best, and no one can do more than that."

As I write this I have been informed of some even better news. The Terry Fox Marathon of Hope is now to include the Camp and RMED and, of course, our civilian personnel and their families. Great! The more the merrier.

For those who may not be familiar with the "Marathon of Hope", it is a 10 km (6 mile) run, walk or jog. Money to support the Canadian Cancer Society is raised by requesting pledges prior to the 19th of Sept, completing the required distance, then picking up the pledge money.

This Marathon of Hope will be carried out in conjunction with a family picnic and games day.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at about 10 a.m., Sun 19th Sept for registration. Location will be announced at a later date.

The mouse at headquarters

By Diane McCara

Well, it's farewell from this old mouse as I'm heading for Cape Breton to be with my husband. (Old??...Editor) A familiar face - Judy Blois will be taking my place in the COR and I hope she will have the many friends as I have had in Camp Debert over the past two years.

There has also been a lot of other new faces in Headquarters and in other sections of our coffee fund. Lets give a warm welcome to Cpl Pickett, Canex; Cpl Sutherland, NPF; MWO Pardy, Accommodations. and last but not least Capt. Battcock our new CTSO.

On 27 July, we said our farewells to the following departing members: MCpl Ball, Canex (who just couldn't wait to get back to the deep blue sea(?)); WO Mesheau, NPF (the former partner of the F&F Accounts - I must say his crazy humor will be missed by all); MWO Gendron, Accommodations (keep marching soldier!); and Capt Moser, CTSO (who just had to get to Ottawa to help set our government on the right path maybe?). At this informal gathering, fun was had by all and the chicken was sure finger licking good. Please note, due to Capt Moser leaving us early we held his farewell party on 16 June.

Best wishes and good luck is extended to all the departing members and incoming members, from all of us old timers here at Headquarters. (Old??....Editor).

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The lipstick he felt in his pocket,
Was Fern's - and he threw it away.
Anne's stocking he found, and it followed;
And so did the hairpins from May.
Nell's garter came out of his suitcase
And from the train window was tossed;
While Mabel's brassiere and step-ins
Were dropped in the river they crossed.
The vanity case was of silver;
He wrapped and addressed it to Grace,
Then cast in the aisle beside him
Pearl's handkerchief bordered with lace.
He wasn't destroying mementos
He had valued for half of his life;
But he was an air force officer -
And going back home to his wife.

- George

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A couple was fleeing in night clothes to a bomb shelter while their block was being flattened during the London blitz.

They had scarcely reached the street when the wife turned back toward the house.

"What are you doing?" shouted the husband.

"Have to go back. Forgot my false teeth."

"For God's sake, they're not dropping sandwiches."

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Mary Brown's Fried Chicken.



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Editorial

Dithyramb explained (?)

Likely as not, over the years many of our readers have observed an abundance of poetry throughout the pages of this illustrious rag. That is how it should be. Let me explain.

Way back in the early planning stages of this newspaper, those stalwards who had the bright idea were at a loss for a suitable name for their as yet unnamed publication.

Loraine Dawson tells me that way back then (circa 1970) a young Lieutenant was volunteered (appointed) to become the Editor. My guess is that he was appointed, and to get even he decided to come up with a name that no one could write, spell, or pronounce.

This young officer, having some knowledge of English Literature, decided that in the interests of alliteration he should try to come up with a name that would rhyme with Debert. Picking up his favourite dictionary he quickly discarded such suitable names as Debar, Debase, Debate, Debilitate, Debonair, Debris, and Debtor. (As I said before, he wanted to get even.)

Becoming more and more frustrated, he now turned his attention to his favourite encyclopedia. Quickly discarding such suitable names as Decadent, Declaration, Decree, Decoy, Defender, and the like, his eyes suddenly fell upon that word DITHYRAMB. (It's that type of word that makes one do a double-take.)

With his first flush of ecstasy he screams: ''Eureka, I have found it'', and goes running through the Mess. It being late one Friday night, the Camp Commandant and several other officers were sitting around reading poetry, and this young fellow decided that this was as good a time as any to explain his new-found theory.

With bated breath this young Lieutenant explained (to those who could concentrate) that a dithyramb was a song or dance representing comedy or tragedy performed on a stage to honour Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of wine. As today, in those days (6th century BC) dithyrambs were written by renowned poets and the best flute (guitar) players rendered the musical accompaniment.

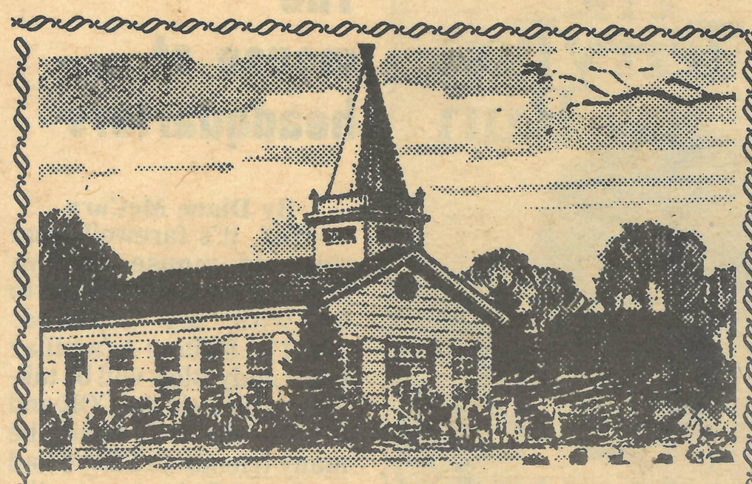
As I said before, it was late on Friday night at the Officer's Mess and this explanation sounded plausable to those in attendance. It was agreed then and there that DITHYRAMB would be the name of the Camp Debert paper.

And there you have it. Who are we to upset the Greek god Dionysus (much less a certain young Lieutenant) by not carrying on his sacred traditions??

Keep those cards and poems coming, folks, so they can be read and discussed at the Officer's Mess during TGIF.

KK

P.S.: For Bruce and the guys and gals at the Pictou Advocate. Does this answer your questions?



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Letter to the editor

Dear Mr Editor:

We are writing this open letter to all our fellow teenagers within reading distance. There has been a recent rash of graffitti writing that has mushroomed throughout our community. It started in the Centre frequented by us teens and has spread to the ballfield stands, and the swimming pool area. Why carve your name and other assorted nonsense when you can save the energy and leave it to the termites to destroy wooden things?

Last winter our Commanding Officer gave us a chance to prove that we are responsible people by letting us use a facility and run our own club as we felt we could. The Commanding Officer even wrote an article noting that the vandalism has nearly vanished in our community. A lot of adults had faith in our cause. A lot of us felt we contributed to the ''teen cause'' and showed them, ''the non-believers'', that we were capable of being responsible, honest and worthwhile citizens.

But, it doesn't take much does it? Only a few to be thoughtless for a few minutes then before we know it, it is all gone and everything most of us worked for has been ruined. Well, there are a lot of us who won't give up. We know that we are responsible for the damage caused by your pens and jack-knives as you are. Why? Because we failed to report or speak up to what was happening. So everyone suffers and we all get a bad name.

There might be some of you teens out there who are satisfied to stand in the cold bus shack this winter or walk the streets in the evenings, when we could be in the warm comfortable surroundings of our own teen club. Well, some of you might be satisfied but we have found out that most of us are not. We want our teen club. If given the chance we won't let you ''artists'' carve away at our reputation.

So, please, let's use our heads and be thankful for what we have (and what we might loose) the next time a pen or knife comes out of the pocket. Thank you....

(Signed)
Two Concerned Teenagers

Wanted, leaders for the 1st Debert Cubs and Scouts

The new scouting season will soon be upon us once again. As it happens each year, we need new volunteers to lead and support our young scouters. There is an urgent requirement for leaders, especially for the cub pack, as postings have nearly wiped out all of the past years' leaders.

If you have past experience or are interested in becoming a leader, please call our group committee president, Ray Griffin, tel. 662-3585.

For all the new members of our community, we ask you to kindly save your newspapers and bottles for our drives. With the support of all the boys and parents we know that once again we will be having another successful scouting season.

Can you describe this photo?



This is a Postcard photo of a military couple (circa WWI). Would appreciate any further information that might lead to the identity of the individuals, their uniforms, unit, etc.

(Editor)

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Air Command - Colors Presentation, 31 Jul 82



Gov.-Gen. E.R. Schreyer presents the Queen's Color to Capt. W.P. Wilhelm. Right is LCol. L.A. Vermeersch. (CFB Winnipeg Photo Section)



Receiving the Air Command Color from the Governor-General is 2Lt K.J. McKinnon. Far left is LGen. K.E. Lewis. (CFB Winnipeg Photo Section)

Significance of colors

Presentation and trooping of colors are the most prestigious and reverential ceremonies in military symbolism.

Colors originated in early times when flags and banners were flown by lords and barons as rallying points for their followers in battle. Each was of a distinctive and unmistakeable hue and thereby gained the name "colors".

Preceeding battle in ancient times, colors were blessed by chaplains on an improvised altar of piled drums. Today's complex ceremony evolved from this medieval practice.

Up until the time of the Crimean War in the mid-1800s, these silken, fringed and tasseled banners were carried into battle, emblazoned with the names of places where fighting forces had won honors.

Trooping the Color is one of the best known military ceremonies today, when it is formally paraded through the ranks with all due reverence, pomp and circumstance.

The Queen's Color is a symbol which signifies loyalty to the Crown and country. Authorization to possess one is granted only by the reigning sovereign.

The Command or unit color is the shrine of a military organization's tradition, a memorial to the devotion and sacrifice of former members and an inspiration to those who serve now and in the future.

Historians say that there is a mystique about colors which constantly reminds all ranks of their dependency on each other. It is said that their existence has made it extremely difficult for individuals to fail in their duties.

Colors also have been known to inspire exceptional feats of valor in battle.

Today's ceremony marks the second time in history in which the Canadian air force has been presented with sovereign's and formation colors. The Royal Canadian Air Force, organized in 1924, was presented with its colors on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, June 5, 1950, by the then Governor General, Field Marshall, the Viscount Alexander of Tunis.

Canadian military aviation historical background

The history of military aviation in Canada goes back 73 years to the summer of 1909, when the first attempt was made to add a third dimension to Canada's defence forces, then comprising the navy and army.

This occurred when J.A.D. McCurdy, of Silver Dart fame, sought to interest the government in the military possibilities of aircraft. However, it was not until another five years had gone by, with the outbreak of The Great War in 1914, that the new air weapon was to come into prominence.

In October of that year, the Canadian Air Corps, comprising two officers and one airplane, accompanied the first Canadian contingent of troops to Great Britain.

More than three years were to elapse before any positive action was taken to form a Canadian air force. Meanwhile, Canadian airmen were winning worldwide reputations in Britain's air operations, in which more than 22,000 Canadians served. Of this number, it is estimated that 1,388 were killed and another 1,130 wounded. The Canadians won more than 800 decorations, including three Victoria Crosses, the highest British award for valor.

The next significant development came in June, 1919, when Canada established an Air Board to regulate and control aviation. Later it was recognized that drastic changes were needed if Canada was to have an air force, in fact as well as in name.

As a result of planning in the intervening years, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) came into being April 1, 1924, 58 years ago, as a component of the Department of National Defence.

But it was not until 1937 that the RCAF was to receive real stimulus, with the rapid deterioration of the political situation in Europe when adequate funds were voted for expansion.

During the Second World War (1939-45), the RCAF grew to become the fourth largest air force among the Allied powers, when it grew to a strength of 249,662 men and women. More than 93,000 of this number served overseas, and 8,000 received decorations, including three Victoria Crosses. A total of 17,100 RCAF members gave their lives in the service of Canada during the Second World War.

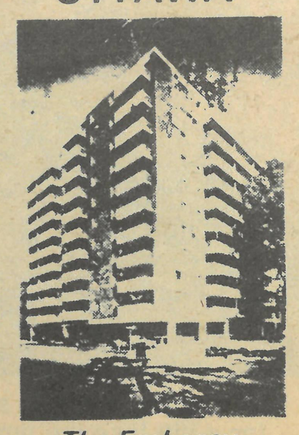
Reversion to peacetime status began in 1945, to be followed by another build-up in 1948 when the new menace of Community imperialism arose.

Significant developments since that time have occurred. When Canada integrated and unified its military forces, the RCAF became its air element, until 1975 when Air Command was formed in Winnipeg.

In the interim period, there have been contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); operations with the United Nations in Korea, Egypt, the Congo, Yemen, Cyprus and Indo-China; and as a partner with the U.S. in the North American Aerospace Defence (NORAD) Command.

Also of note have been numerous global missions in support of humanitarian needs, including the early 1975 evacuation of Canadian and Vietnamese citizens from Indo-China.

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Ex GRAD BHUANNACHD II

By Pte Leish Johnson

On 14 June, 1982, a group of well prepared military personnel head out from Camp Debert, Nova Scotia; destination ... a spot high on Kelly's Mountain in Cape Breton, the exercise scenario of a disastrous small plane crash.

Upon arrival at Base Camp at Island Point, Cape Breton, with communications established and everyone settled down, the planning begins. The weather has been cool, cloudy and wet. During a lull in the rain, steak and potatoes were barbequed and everybody relaxed. Our fishermen set out for cod and come back loaded. The fish sure tasted good at 10:00 o'clock that night!

The next day the weather was foggy and rainy. Because of bad conditions on the mountain the search was postponed and a tour of the Alexander Graham Bell Museum occupied the day. This proved to be quite interesting. Then home to supper, P.J., Pep and Joe caught forty-five more cod that day.



The evening was spent quietly (and not so quietly) playing cards an relaxing for a big hike the next day.

Wednesday the 16th dawned sunny and fine. Spirits were high throughout the preparations and everybody was anticipating the adventure. We packed hard rations (quite a change after steak etc.) and ground sheets with which to make hoochies.



The Search Party set out for the start point at 12:30 with sunny skies above and by 14:00 the rain came down! We learned about "puckerbrush" (yuck!!) and we noticed that the Henweighs were very plentiful. With the summit reached and conquered, and the plane found with, unfortunately, no survivors, we turned down the side of the mountain to set up camp.

A huge deadfall provided an excellent heat reflector and we soon were much happier with no rain, good food and lots of heat. After a warm but soggy sleep, the next day (Thursday) was welcomed. The sun was warm but the "puckerbrush" was still wet. After a "BIG" breakfast we broke camp and headed on our way. Amidst yells of "Go left", "Bear left!", "Turn left!", we made it to a large burnout.

We were almost ecstatic to see the burnout! The muscles that had been sore the day before were twice as bad now and our packs seemed rock laden, especially the Chief's! We established communications with Joe from the burnout and admired the view, it was beautiful and we felt like we were on top of the world.



Our scouts, Bob and Syd, went ahead and found a convenient cliff to shimmy down. Syd was so thankful that he bent down to kiss a rock, "ouch!!!"

After trekking a while on an old fire road we came to the steep hillside. It really was a cliff covered in trees. This was a very ardous part of our journey, it had seemed easier going up!

Finally, after crossing more ups and downs, brooks and swamps, Francois found the road and we trudged happily across the ditch onto the level hard surface.

Later, after showers for the girls and sponge baths for the guys, we had supper and related our stories to the others who manned the fort while we "searched".

Friday was a beautiful day and we went to Louisburg, a reconstructed fortress of the 17th century, to see how armies used to live. It was a perfect day and very relaxing after our hike. Saturday was fine as well and the Cabot Trail was beautiful. Chief Young was our tour guide and made a fine job of relating tales and history to us. Saturday was the night of the big lobster feast. Mmmmmm! It was the grandest way to end a week in Cape Breton.

Sunday was clean-up and reorganize day. It was a dull day weather-wise so we mostly stayed in and got ready to go the next day.

Monday we packed up and came home. The house was all mopped out and locked up; Communications with Debert ceased, and the equipment was stowed away.



It had been a grand week, with our sleepy co-driver Francois, Peppy and the fishing rod she carried all the way; the Chief and his pack; Brian and his "small" radio; the henweighs; Bobby and his co-driver Connie; Syd and his rock kissing; and our friendly Med A/fisherman, P.J., and of course the fantastic support with Joe, Chris, Terry, and the Captain, Ralph and the kind people who made there summer home available to us.

We gained greater knowledge of the land and people of Cape Breton, and it's history and geography. We experienced a difficult but worthwhile challenge in tackling Kelly's mountain. It was a week well worth the time and effort of all concerned.

NODE news is good news

By Cpl Mickey McNeil
AAAA/DOS C Shift

Well, its time again to hear from the NODE OPS and "C" shift has been elected to report.

First of all I shall let you know who "C" Shift consists of. Top of the ladder is WO Al "Bucky" Buchanan alais "The Lockeport Shadow". Bucky has been on "C" Shift for about 3 months now and still wants to know where Sammy is hiding. John Jessome told him he was camped out down back and that was the reason for the roped off corral. Next in line we have our new DDOS Sgt Bill Johnston. No nickname for Bill yet but surely we will come up with one soon. Bill came to us from "D" shift and we are still trying to break him of his bad habits. Things like sitting in the corner mumbling "Yes Sammy", "No Sammy", "But why me Sammy?" and Please take me home to Valley. "War is Hell, Bill", just give us a little more time.

Now down the ladder a bit further is M/Cpl Al Bridger, alais Neuf. As his nickname says, he is a Newfoundlander. But what the heck. We all can't be Cape Bretoners, eh! Al just came in from Lahr and this makes it his second time around here in Debert. Some people are suckers for punishment eh! Especially Newfoundlanders. Now, going down the ladder we have Cpl Chris Hutton. As of now Chris is the only female on "C" shift but she doesn't seem to mind it. Rumour has it Chris is really with the Special Investigation Unit and is tasked with finding out who takes the food out of the fridge in our coffee room, when it doesn't belong to them. I am told she has the culprit narrowed down to a senior member from D shift or a certain French speaking Master Corporal from "E" shift.

And last but not least is myself, Cpl Mickey McNeil, alias "The Great Great Guy From Cape Breton". This is also my second posting to Debert but the way I look at it, someone has to keep these mainlanders in check, eh.

"C" Shift in Tech Control consists of Sgt Jim Fritag, alias Whitey, who lives in Truro, so we call him a townie for which Jim calls us campies. Jim has 29 years in the service and what we would like to know is where he hid for so long. His partner in crime in Tech Control is M/Cpl Gordie Anderson - a campie (God bless his heart). Gordie just got his promotion to M/Cpl and he has been heard complaining that there are no Cpl/Ptes on shift so he can practice up on his drill instruction.

Well, for this news letter I won't go on. Just wanted you all to know who makes up the shift and next time we will have lots of info for ya. And if you read all this piece I'd just like to say as most Cape Bretoners say ... "Tanks ma bye"...and talk to ya'll next time...

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Sports


WO Al Buchanan

By Al Buchanan

MENS SOFTBALL

The regular season has finally ended for the Camp Debert mens softball team. For the first time in three seasons, the team has failed to make the playoffs. Now the team knows exactly how the Toronto based teams have felt in the past. However all was not lost, as the courageous softball nuts closed out the season with three consecutive victories to close with a 7 win 16 loss and 1 tie record. This has-been a rebuilding year for the team and there has been some exciting surprises despite the loosing team record.

The Truro and District Commercial Soft Ball League has become extremely competitive and I believe this has been perhaps the best run season of the three that I have witnessed. The weather man was indeed helpful for most of the season and thanks to a skillfull grounds crew the ball field was always in fine shape. Thanks fellows, as I am sure you know who you are.

Now for a quick rundown of the "bright spots" that I mentioned earlier. The catching duties was shared by Sly Ouellett and Bob Fleming. Sly is easily the most improved ball player on the team. He has caught some fine games and his bat was starting to show some sting during the final stages of the season. Sly is a quick learner and has great speed. The coach is eyeing "the *Kid" for Centre field* duties next season. Old reliable Bob Fleming once again provided a "Golden Glove" and "Hot Bat". Bob played several positions including third base and the outfield, along with several excellent showings behind the plate. Bob ended the season with a fine 320 batting average.

The team's two fine pitchers Steve Webband Reg Barley pitched great ball throughout the year and both of the chuckers should be commended for hanging in during the hard times. Steve also provided a "luke warm" bat at times and a smelly cigar but his slow breaking curves more than made up for it. Reg is a hard throwing pitcher and worked several sound ballgames throughout the season. Heres hoping that both Reg and Steve return next season and the whole ball team thanks them for putting up with the many goofs, errors and some bad jokes by Ed Ilott.

Our "allstar" Bucky Matheson had another excellent season and led the way with a 365 batting average. Bucky played all positions in the infield and even had a couple of cracks at the outfield. Coach Angus has given Bucky some excellent advise for next season: "Watch Ken Cleveland and learn how to take easy pop flies". Bucky has been the team captain and has worked very hard expecially in organizing our 2nd Annual tournament on the 28th and 29th of Aug.Ken "Pig Pen" Cleveland once again played sound ball at shortstop and ended the season with an excellent 333 batting average. Ken recently reminded me that he has finally found a cure for his injury. He did not disclose the remedy that Henry gave him, but hinted that ice was involved and now all of his troubles are behind him.

Another "bright spot" on the team has to be Jimmy Buffet's uniform. Jim "MR. Clean" played steady ball in the outfield and we are all looking forward to another fine year for him next time around. Ed Ilott provided sound fielding and a steady bat throughout the season. The coaching staff used Ed in many key spots and he continually provided "steady" ball. The teams first basemen Pat McMullen and Bob Conrad will both be back next year and they will take with them two hot bats. Bob ended the season with a 310 average and Patty 295.

There are so many players and supporters, too many to mention in such a short column, but the team thanks all of you. Dave Serduk, yours truly, Earnie McPhie and all the others for giving their all. A special thanks goes out to Coach Angus McPhie for all his efforts and a great season it was, coach! As you have said many times "look out for us next season". A special, extra special, thanks is extended to Marthe Cleveland for keeping score and stats for the team. An excellent job, Marthe.

In the next issue we will have a final wrap-up with a special report on the Tournament held here in Debert.

LADIES SOFTBALL

The Camp Debert Ladies have played four ball games to date. They have succeeded in beating Salmon River twice, tied the RCMP ladies and were soundly clobbered by the Westchester girls.

The latest game was played Sunday 22nd of August against Salmon River. Our girls won with a score of 26 to 14 with Judy Totten pitching the win. Coach Jack MacLeod provided extra incentive by providing one beer or soft drink to the games most valuable player. Bernice MacKinnon won the beer with a homerun. All team members contributed to the score and a lot of fun and many laughs were had by all.

Coach Jack has worked very hard all year to put forth a Ladies team and the teams consist of the following players: Claudette Barnes, Annette Chisholm, Judy Crossman, Judy Cruikshank, Eileen Davenport, Loretta Heartz, Michelle Jessome, Nicky Jessome, Rhonda Judge, Cathy Mackin, Bernice MacKinnon, Pat MacPhie, Penny MacPhie, Marsha McMullen, Judy Morrison, Patty Mullen, Sandra Sutherland and Judy Totten.

A special thanks goes out to Jack "Hummer" MacLeod once again as he has put up with a lot of dropped balls, missed balls, miscues, smoke breaks, overthrows, underthrows and Marsha's dirty jokes!

The team is planning a four team all day tournament, **Saturday, September 25th.** It is to be strickly a fun tournament so please come out and support the team.

TECH TALK

By CWO Leclair

The summer is almost over. You can see the days grow shorter and the nights colder. The two nice things about it all are that fall in this area is a beautiful time of year and we are fortunate to have new service families join us. Here is a little history on some new arrivals.

MCpl Blair RE: Bob and his wife Betty arrived in Debert in Jul 82, from SSF Sigs Sqn Petawawa. Bob and Betty are both down homers, and since this is home coming summer for Nova Scotia, the timing was great. Bob hails from Tatamagouche and as this is his third tour in Debert he is no stranger to the area. One might think he spent his complete career here but not so. Bob has had postings to Winnipeg, Shilo, Gagetown, Germany, two tours in Cyprus and one to Egypt. Welcome home to you both.

Pte Roy JJ: Jacques enrolled in the forces in Oct. 81 and has just completed his level three line training. Jacques and his wife Heather hail from Campbellton, New Brunswick and now reside in Truro with their daughter, Keri Lee. Since hailing from New Brunswick makes you almost a maritimer we want to welcome you home also.

From our transmitter site we have a large number of new ground hogs learning to survive in this underground environment. Believe me it seems much better when the cold of winter arrives than it does now. In spite of the isolation out there, we welcome you into the 720 CommSqn family.

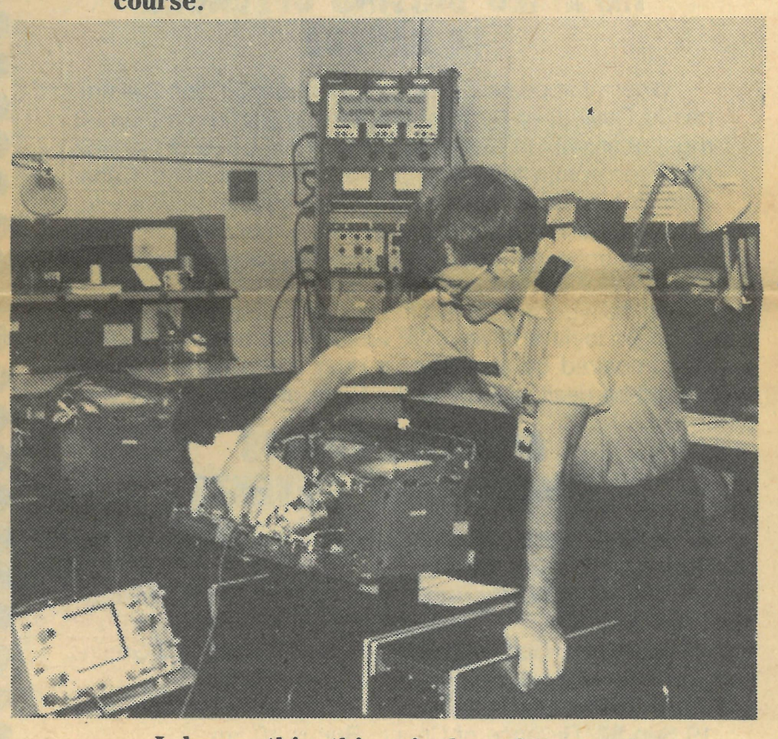
First there is Sgt Ross (George) from the 1st Canadian Sig Regiment at CFB Kingston, where he left behind his combat gear to join us last July with his wife Carolyn, daughter Shannon 6 years old and his new baby boy, Paul 6 months old.

Sgt Villeneuve (Paul) also arrived in July from "La Belle Province" CFB Bagotville with his wife, Florence and his children Dana 8 years old, Michel 5 years old. Kids! If you want to practice your French, come around PMQ 208-2.

You probably know our next acquisition since he used to be a Tel Op here at Debert. Cpl Ryan (William) remustered to rad tech 221 last June and is now employed as a shift tech. William resides in the trailer court with his wife, Gertrude.

Finally fresh from CFB Kingston, Pte MacDonald (Dan) came to us last July. Dan is presently on his honeymoon. Hope you will like your new life style, Dan!


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B. A-SI-100-001/AS-000 Chap 30 - Security Orders for DND

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Privately owned firearms and ammunition may be retained in PMQs but **must** be registered at the main gate.

Registration of these firearms at the main gate is mandatory, in addition to any registration required by local police forces.

A firearm is defined as any rifle, shotgun, air pistol, sport or target pistol, or any device capable of casting, discharging or projecting any pellet, stone, bullet or other missile.

The Camp Commandant reserves the right to seize any firearm or any other weapon should any regulation in the a/m references be contravened, also, disciplinary action may be taken.

RESPONSE - FIRE ALARMS - CAMP DEBERT

All personnel of Camp Debert will respond to any and all Fire Alarms. After 1600 hrs all personnel that reside in SQs or MQs will respond to any alarm if they are at home.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ENFORCEMENT

Recently, new speed limit and no parking signs were erected on Camp area and in the PMQ areas. Personnel are reminded to obey all traffic signs at Camp Debert and that enforcement of the traffic orders will commence immediately.

As Camp Debert does not have a designated civilian court to receive prescribed penalties for traffic offences, all personnel who receive a traffic violation ticket at Camp Debert shall report to the Camp Administrative Officer with the ticket. The case will be heard and a decision made if a penalty is to be imposed.

The penalties at Camp Debert will be in the form of a recorded warning on the owner's Camp plate or loss of driving privileges on Camp for a period of time.

DISCIPLINE - IMPAIRED DRIVING OFFENCES IN CANADA

Where it appears that an offence under Section 234 (Impaired Driving) or Section 236 (driving with more than 80 mgs. of alcohol in blood) of the Criminal Code of Canada has been committed in Canada by a member of the Canadian Forces (CF) while driving a private motor vehicle, charges should be laid and dealt with by the civil authorities. Charges under the Code of Service Discipline should not be laid in these circumstances.

Where a person subject to the Code of Service Discipline is alleged to have driven a CF vehicle while his ability to drive was impaired by alcohol or a drug, the alleged offender should be dealt with under the Code of Service Discipline.

ATLANTIC SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS/EVENTS

A. Small Base Golf Championships is to be held at CFB Gagetown 7-9 Sep 82.

B. Cross Country Run is to be held at CFB Gagetown 13-14 Sep 82.

C. Logistic Golf Tournament is to be held at CFB Greenwood on 10 Sep 82.

D. Terry Fox Marathon is to be held at Camp Debert on 19 Sep 82. Distance of Charity Run is 10 km.

Further information regarding any of the above, can be obtained at Rec Centre or phone Camp PERI loc 279.

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Detention sentence imposed

A reprimand for improperly wearing collar insignia, has developed into a detention sentence for a 26-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Corporal Raphael Delbert Lucas, 435, was found guilty at a court martial recently at CFB Shearwater of disobeying a lawful command of a superior officer. He did not report to Master Warrant officer Arnold Mailman to be reprimanded for improper dress during a parade inspection.

A three-man tribunal sentenced Lucas to serve 30 days in the forces detention barracks in Edmonton and reduced his rank to private from corporal.

His rank can be restored in six months from date of sentence or earlier if he exhibits good behaviour.

Legal counsel for Lucas, Dave Bright, says he will attempt to get a court order for his client's release pending an appeal.

Sgt. David warner testified that as Lucas's superior officer he ordered him to appear before Master Warrant Officer Mailman on April 28, after the corporal was "picked up on inspection" April 16 for wearing collar insignia improperly.

The corporal did not appear before Mailman as requested, said Warner.

"I was not under the impression I was given a lawful order," Lucas told the court, adding that Sgt. Warner had called him by his first name when he told him to report.

Court Martial Results

On 15 Jul 82, 433 909 058 MS Green BK CFFS Halifax was tried by Disciplinary Court Martial.

The court found the accused guilty on two charges under Section 119 of the NDA (sexual harrassment). The court sentenced the accused to 18 months' imprisonment.

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