

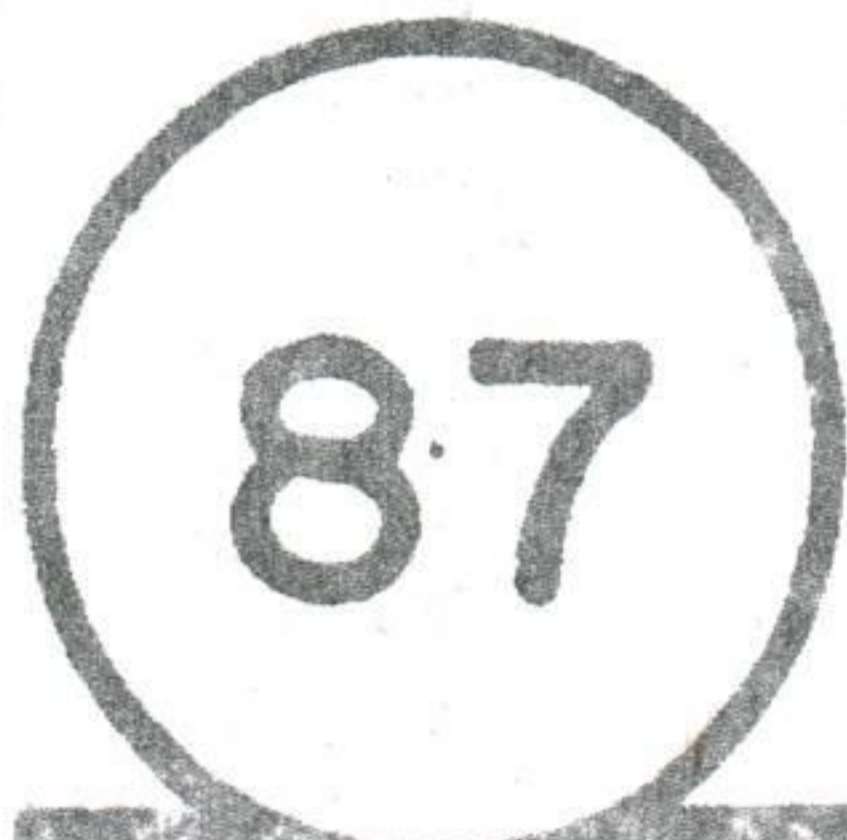
The Tumbleweed

CFS ALSASK

Final Edition 87

THE TUMBLEWEED BIDS FAREWELL

C.F.S. ALSASK



DUST IN THE WIND

CFS Alsask will remain intact with the village of Alsask tentatively getting the bid. The Station is still waiting for treasury board approval to determine what public enticities will remain with the Station. The dismantling of the towers and the operations complex have commenced. One tower will remain with radar surveillance by Transport Canada.

Letters 'n things

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"TUMBLEWEED" DEADLINE DATES

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the editor's effuse...

I have just perused through the articles submitted for this issue; well, as you can see by the size of this paper that I didn't get very much. I am submitting the posting list in this issue. All have been received except Capt Black and he is over in Gulenkirchen Holland now on a course before his posting, so he knows, but just not sure when. These past few weeks have seen a number of persons and families already gone. There will be a steady trickle of moving trucks on and off the station.

I myself, have been away. I managed to find a place to live in the Winnipeg area and I have just gotten back from doing a handover of my new job. 14 Trg Gp HQ will never be the same!

I think that we are in our final stages of closure as we will soon know for sure what will be replacing the station. WO Doug Baisley has opted to stay in the local area with a big move all the way to Oyen, Alberta. A number of the civilians will be retiring in the local area. I wish to thank them all for their many contributions they provided for the Station, and wish them a good and long retirement. You'll all be missed.

With this being probably the last issue of the Tumbleweed, I would like to thank all my staff personally for a job well done. With a staff like this it has made my job as editor an easy and fun job.

Firstly, in no particular order, I would like to thank those that did typing for me: Lynn Petrisor, Chris Laliberte, Mark, Terry and Robin, the SOR staff, and especially to Judith McLeod who has done alot for me in the way of typing. Frank Aylesworth although was not officially named on the staff but has been a God-send for providing the equipment, training, and necessary facilities to put most of the recent Tumbleweed editions on his word processor/computer. Again the

Letters 'n things

SOR staff happened to be in the right place at the wrong time when it came around to assembling the paper. Terry Morris provided his experttise each and every issue with the thankless job of copying the Tumbleweed. There is one person that has provided good service for me, that being Ivan Peters Jr., for ensuring that the Tumbleweed got delivered to the PMQs.

Thanks also to the Commanding Officer, Major J.L.A.R. Bellemare for allowing me to put out the Tumbleweed and also to the sections and individuals who did take time to send in articles. Thanks again for allowing me to share with you the news that made the Station what it is and what it has been.

With these comments, I will say "God speed" to each and everyone of you who has made my family and I proud to be part of this community and has shared some of our memories that we will savour for the rest of our lives. Good Luck and Bon Voyage.

All routes lead to the waters of the mighty Peace and to Trumpeter, Alberta, for the eCFS Beaverlodge Homecoming celebrations 9, 10, and 11 July 1987.

A committee is "Beavering" away to put all of the planned events into effect. Please join us and you will marvel at how much your friends and acquaintances have matured. We will have name tags to assist you in recognition.

The main focal point for social activities will be the Recreation Centre. In addition, modular tenting will be set up on the hockey rink (tennis court) to the rear of the Recreation Centre. The

A good editor



A good editor is one who has never made a mistake; who never has offended anyone; who is always right; who can ride two horses at the same time he is straddling a fence with both ears to the ground; who always says the right thing at the right time; who always picks the right horse as well as the right politician to win; who never has to apologize; who has no enemies; and who has worlds of prestige with all classes, creeds and races.

There has never been a good editor.

(Courtesy Borden Citizen)

combined capacity of the two areas should be about 400. For reasons of planning and facilities furnishing, we must know your registration intentions prior to 15 June 1987.

Should you require any additional data from your Committee regarding this milestone in history, please call or write:

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CFS ALSASK'S MOVES ON

Below is a list of station personnel that have and will be uprooting from the Alsask area to go their wayward ways to service their country in all parts of Canada and the country. All though it is not easy to be a part of a community for such a short time, most will leave a part of themselves behind, even if just a memory. I would like to say to the Village of Alsask, thanks for so willingly taking us under your wings and making us feel as one. You will be remembered, Thanks for the memories.

RANK	IT	NAME	UNIT POSTED TO	RANK	IT	NAME	UNIT POSTED TO
SGT	RD	ANDERSON	CFS ST-MARGARETS	CPL	KJ	MARTINDOK	CFS BERMUDA
MCPL	FT	AYLESWORTH	CFB LAHR	PTE	CD	MCCARTHY	CFB SUMMERSIDE
CAPT	JH	BAGGS	DEW LINE CAPE DYER	CAPT	AM	MCGUIRE	AIRCOM HQ WINNIPEG
WO	JD	BAISLEY	RELEASE ITEM 4 (C)	CPL	VH	MCKERNAN	VU 33 SQN COMOX
CPL	DE	BATES	CFB LAHR	CIV	M	MCLENEHAN	CFB PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
CPL	B	BEAUDRY	CFB EDMONTON	SGT	DJ	MCLEOD	733 COMM SQN WINNIPEG
CIV	G	BELANGER	CFB DET WAINWRIGHT	CIV	A	MCTAGGART	CFB MOOSE JAW
MAJ	R	BELLEMARE	CD CFRC OTTAWA	CIV	J	MERRILL	CFB DUNDURN
MCPL	GR	BETHUNE	CFS HOLBERG	CPL	VS	MINVILLE	RELEASE ITEM 4(C)
CIV	B	BINNIE	CFB DUNDURN	CIV	G	MOLLOY	CFB PENHOLD
CAPT	RM	BLACK	GEILENKIRCHEN GERMANY	SGT	WC	MOORE	42 RDR SQN COLD LAKE
SGT	PG	BOWERMAN	CFB PENHOLD	CPL	TA	MORRIS	CFB SUMMERSIDE
CPL	RG	BRAKE	AMDU TRENTON	CPL	TL	MOTT	2 SVC BN PETAWAWA
CPL	CJ	BRAKE	CFB CORNWALLIS	CIV	RR	NIXON	CFB SUFFIELD
MCPL	JE	BROWN	NDHQ AU OTTAWA	CPL	DJ	O'REILLEY	USAF OTH-B(EAST) BANGOR MAINE
SGT	HD	BROWNRIGG	CFS CARP	CPL	DF	OLLERHEAD	CFB NORTH BAY
CPL	MP	BRUNNE	CFB NORTH BAY	SGT	RM	PACK	CFB LAHR
MCPL	WS	BUNN	CFB NORTH BAY	CPL	JG	PARENT	CFB OTTAWA (CORNWALL)
SGT	DW	BURR	DEW LINE SITE DYE	MCPL	EA	PETERS	CFB WINNIPEG
CIV	T	BERKOWNIK	CFB PENHOLD	CPL	JW	PETERSON	CFB BADEN
SGT	WR	CHAHLEY	CFB WINNIPEG	CPL	L	PETRISOR	CFB MOOSE JAW
CPL	JR	CHAREST	CFB CHATHAM	MCPL	KA	PHILLIPS	CFS CORNWALLIS
CPL	BW	CHARLEBOIS	3 PPCLI ESQUIMALT	CIV	EA	PHILGRIM	CFB SUFFIELD
PTE	RA	CHESLOCK	CFB BORDEN	SGT	WB	PITT	LDSH (RC) CALGARY
CPL	WJ	CLEMENTS	447 SQN EDMONTON	CPL	KD	POYNTER	CFS ALDERGROVE
CPL	JW	CLOUATRE	5 SVC BN VALCARTIER	MCPL	AE	PRITCHARD-T	AIRCOM WINNIPEG
MCPL	P	CUZA	HMCS ASSINIBOINE HALIFAX	CIV	LD	PROUD	CFB DET WAINWRIGHT
CPL	RR	DANJOU	5 SVC BN VALCARTIER	CIV	H	PYTYLIK	CFB SUFFIELD
MCPL	AB	DEFRANCESCO	CFB LAHR	SGT	WG	REARDON	RELEASE ITEM 4(A)
CAPT	JG	DESROSIERS	CFSAL BORDEN	CPL	JL	RICHARD	CFB BORDEN
CPL	JM	DOYON	CFB PENHOLD	CPL	AS	RICHARDSON	1 SVC BN CALGARY
CIV	A	DUHN	CFB EDMONTON	CIV	C	ROBINSON	CFB MONCTON
MCPL	CV	FEDORCHUK-L	743 COMM SQN PENHOLD	CIV	HA	ROEBUCK	CFB WINNIPEG
MCPL	RD	FERGUSON	CFB COLD LAKE	MCPL	CE	ROSE	CFB COLD LAKE
SGT	WG	FRANK	CFB LAHR	PTE	JE	ROWLEY	3 RCHA SHILO
SGT	EE	FREEMAN	CFFA BORDEN	SGT	JW	SAVOIE	2 SVC BN PETAWAWA
MCPL	JS	GAUVIN	CFS BERMUDA	CAPT	JM	SCHOCK	CFB LAHR
LT	DA	GIBSON	743 COMM SQN DET CALGARY	CAPT	KA	SEE	AIRCOM HQ WINNIPEG
CPL	RP	GILBERT	CFB NORTH BAY	SGT	KN	SHUPE	4 CER LAHR
CIV	L	GRAHAM	CFB DUNDURN	SGT	RM	SIAM	CFS ALDERGROVE
CPL	JD	HARCOURT	CFB TRENTON	MCPL	PD	SKIDMORE	RELEASE ITEM 4(A)
CAPT	RR	HARRIS	CFTSHQ TRENTON	CPL	JC	SMITH	CFB PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
SGT	ET	HAWLEY	14 TRG GP WINNIPEG	MCPL	SM	SMITH	CFB BARRINGTON
CPL	MS	HEARN	CFB COLD LAKE	MCPL	RH	SMITH	CFB SHILO
CIV	B	HEATH	CFB COLD LAKE	PTE	DA	SMITH	CFB MOOSE JAW
CPL	A	HENDERSON	CFB PENHOLD	SGT	WD	SOMMERVILLE	3 RCHA SHILO
CPL	DJ	HILL	CFB GREENWOOD	CIV	DG	STAUBLE	CFB CALGARY
WO	LC	HUNT	42 RDR SQN COLD LAKE	SGT	JN	STEELE	NDHQ CS DGT DTD OTTAWA
CPL	OW	HUTCHINGS	CFB NORTH BAY	CIV	KJ	SULLIVAN	CFB SUFFIELD
PTE	MA	INGLIS	1 SVC BN CALGARY	SGT	KJ	SWANSON	CFB ESQUIMALT
CPL	ES	JACKSON	RELEASE ITEM 5(A)	CIV	F	SWAREN	CFB MOOSE JAW
MCPL	DJ	KENNEDY	CFB TRENTON	MCPL	GN	TAIT	CFS ST-JOHN'S
CPL	WI	KENNY	CANCOMSUBRON ONE HALIFAX	SGT	DR	TAYLOR	CFB EDMONTON
CPL	G	KILBURN	USAF OTH-B(EAST) BANGOR MAINE	CPL	SV	TEATHER	450 SQN OTTAWA
SGT	PG	KNIGHT	CFB WAINWRIGHT DET	CPL	BG	THORNHILL	1 CEU WINNIPEG
CIV	H	KOVITCH	CFB SUFFIELD	CPL	DR	TIBBUTT	USAF OTH-B(EAST) BANGOR MAINE
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MCPL	BF	LEADBEATER	CFSCE KINGSTON	MCPL	CD	WHITE	RELEASE ITEM 5(A)
CPL	D	LEE	CFS GOOSE BAY	CPL	AS	WLAZLAK	CFB BORDEN
MCPL	DJ	LEMKE	RELEASE ITEM 5(C)	SGT	W	WOODRUFF	CFB ESQUIMALT
CPL	F	LEVESQUE	425 SQN BAGOTVILLE	PTE	VD	WYATT	CFS HOLBERG
SGT	G	LEWIS	2 SVC BN PETAWAWA	CPL	B	YOUNG	CFB SHEARWATER
SGT	GD	LINDAL	42 RDR SQN COLD LAKE	CIV	E	YOUNG	CFB PENHOLD
MCPL	NV	MACAULEY	CFS HOLBERG	MCPL	MA	ZULLICH	CDN NRHQ NORTH BAY
PTE	MM	MACDONALD	226 RDR SQN GANDER				
CPL	AS	MACDONALD	CFB GANDER				
CIV	HJ	MACHAN	ALBERTA				
CAPT	P	MACINTOSH	CFRC TORONTO				
MCPL	GD	MACLEAN	CFB BORDEN				
CPL	MP	MAHON	CFB BORDEN				



CBC Television Saskatchewan

EXPOS PLAY BALL ON CBC TELEVISION

CBC Television's summer tradition of Expos baseball coverage gets its 1987 start on Saturday, April 18, at 11 a.m. when Chicago plays host to the Expos. Veteran sportscaster Dave Van Horne is back to anchor CBC's commentary team. Former slugger Ken Singleton joins Van Horne this season to provide analysis and insight gained from his years as a pro ball player.

Here is CBC Television's complete 1987 line-up of game telecasts (all times indicated are Central Standard):

Sat. April 18	11:00 a.m.	Montreal at Chicago
Mon. April 20	11:30 a.m.	Philadelphia at Montreal
Sun. April 26	11:30 a.m.	Chicago at Montreal
Sat. May 2	11:00 a.m.	Montreal at New York
Sun. May 10	11:30 a.m.	Houston at Montreal
Sun. May 17	11:30 a.m.	Los Angeles at Montreal
Sat. June 6	5:00 p.m.	Montreal at Philadelphia
Sat. June 13	5:30 p.m.	Philadelphia at Montreal
Sat. June 20	6:00 p.m.	Montreal at St. Louis
Thurs. June 25	7:00 p.m.	Montreal at Pittsburgh
Thurs. July 16	7:00 p.m.	Atlanta at Montreal
Wed. Jul 22	7:00 p.m.	Houston at Montreal
Wed. August 5	7:00 p.m.	St. Louis at Montreal
Tues. August 11	7:00 p.m.	Montreal at New York
Wed. August 19	7:00 p.m.	Los Angeles at Montreal
Sat. Sept 5	5:30 p.m.	Montreal at Atlanta
Wed. Sept 23	7:00 p.m.	Montreal at New York

Letters 'n things

A BIT OF NOSTALEGIA

During the last few months as I have observed Canadian Forces personnel prepare to move on, I have been doing some reminiscing of the past 25 years.

We were excited back then, when it was announced that CFS Alsask would be located here. Construction crews moved in, farm land was changed almost overnight, and buildings were erected including the "domes" which were dubbed "golf balls". These were to be part of our skyline for so many years. Fellows arrived in uniforms (it was mostly fellows in those days although that changed over the years). Would we be able to recognize the different ranks without making mistakes? We finally did! With the station came opportunities for employment for us and later many of you shared our employment areas, too, on farms, stores, post office, bank, hospitals, schools, cafes and service stations. We all shared our educational facilities, our recreation areas, and our places of worship. Many lasting friendships developed as you became our neighbours, our co-workers and fellow students. Some of you left sons or daughters here, and some married here and are raising families. In many cases this will be a link to Alsask and CFS Alsask that will be no more. Some people liked it so much that they have made Alsask their permanent home, and we're glad you did.

We've learned many things from you, from rubbing shoulders with people from all parts of Canada, for example, we took lessons from folks who had been stationed in Yellowknife or North Bay who knew how to battle the elements as they walked over the barren hill into town, and soon we were wearing parkas, touques and warm mittens, too. Winter Carnival was always a highlight of our winter (especially in the years when we had snow). We shared so many things, dancing & parties, swimming & bowling, Lions and Lioness, scouting and guiding, church, work and play, the list could go on and on. But now the time has come for an end to this 25 year era. We will miss you all, you have been our customers, our neighbours, our co-workers and especially, our friends. We wish you the best as you move on. Farewell from Alsask.

Pauline Denney

Ride for Sight



Well, it is Spring again. The trees and flowers are all starting to bud, grass is turning green and the birds are singing. Is it not a shame that some Canadians can only hear the birds and not see the rest? Across Canada there are dedicated motorcyclists who gather once a year in each province to earn money to help in the research of the genetic eye disease RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA which is described above. Everyone in our community can help by pledging the riders who attend the weekend ride. This year the province of Saskatchewan hopes to earn \$65,000 for the cause and the riders from Alsask hope to get pledges totalling \$500.00. This year we would like to beat that amount as it is our last year as a group here. PLEASE pledge the Alsask Motorcycle Club riders.

Thank you for your support, Alsask!

**WE'RE
GEARING
UP TO RIDE
AGAINST A
TOUGH
ENEMY.**



BLINDNESS.

Ride for Sight



WHAT IS RP?

Retinitis pigmentosa is the name for a related group of genetic eye diseases which affect the retina. These retinal pigment disorders cause gradual loss of vision and often lead to blindness. As a group, they are the major cause of blindness in Canada.

The retina acts like a film in a camera. Its function is to transfer images to the brain. In the RP group of eye diseases, the cells of the retina degenerate and fail to renew themselves properly. The retina becomes pigmented and images to the brain are blocked.

An early symptom in one type of RP eye disease is the loss of night vision. As the disease progresses, peripheral vision narrows and the person affected is left with only central vision and just a tunnel to see through. In another type, central vision is lost first and then peripheral vision gradually deteriorates.

WHO GETS RP?

RP eye diseases are genetic. In some cases, they appear suddenly where there is no family history of serious visual impairment or blindness. In others they may skip several generations before reappearing in the family.

In 1985, sixty percent of the newly registered blind in Canada lost their sight to retinal disorders. Today, there is no treatment or cure for them and the estimated 40,000 Canadians already affected by RP eye diseases.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Scientists working in anatomy, bio-chemistry, genetics, ophthalmology and physiology are learning more each day about what causes these retinal pigment disorders. Techniques for earlier and more accurate diagnosis have been developed. And a break through is near in identifying the defective genes in one of the RP eye diseases.

Treatment, prevention and a cure for RP eye disorders are the goals of this research. Costs are high, but research must continue. Since 1974, the

RP Foundation has granted \$2.7 million to Canadian eye research scientists. Ride for Sight donations account for \$1 million of this total.

RESEARCH IS NATION WIDE

From the West through Central Canada to the Atlantic region, scientists at major university research centres are engaged in RP eye research. Their studies have led to the development of important libraries of RP family histories, earlier diagnostic techniques and greatly improved knowledge of the nature and course of the degenerative RP disorders. The continuing commitment of motorcyclists to the Ride for Sight provides a strong monetary base for the RP Foundation to maintain and expand RP eye research across the country.

WHY RIDE FOR SIGHT?

The annual Ride for Sight gives you the opportunity to help others while you rally and have fun with your fellow motorcyclists.

Ride for Sight started in 1979 and is now the largest motorcycle rally in the world where funds are raised for a common cause. Over 5,500 Canadian motorcyclists joined the 1986 Ride. They received \$435,000 from 74,000 individual donors. Today, more than half of the funds granted by the RP Foundation of Canada for RP eye research each year is raised through Ride for Sight. The dedication of motorcyclists to the continuing fight for sight goes beyond raising funds. Their impressive voluntary service has helped increase awareness and understanding of RP diseases and attracted significant media and public attention to the need for research into these eye disorders.

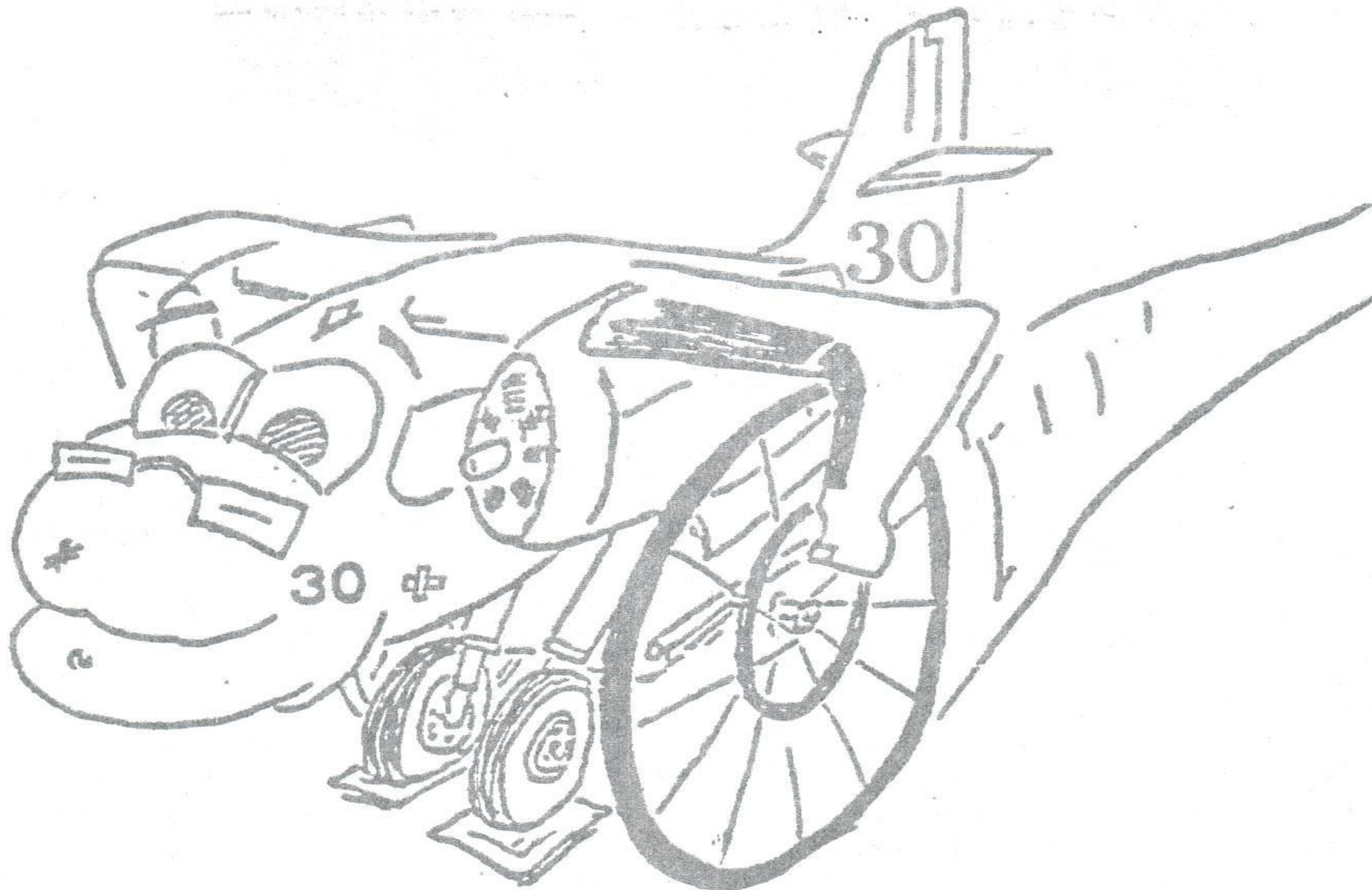
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RP EYE RESEARCH

Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation

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30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRACKER
WITH 880 SQUADRON

For the information of all past and present Service members having served on the CP 121/CS 2F with 880 Squadron (VS/MR):

A celebration commemorating the venerable Tracker's thirty years of service with 880 Squadron is tentatively being planned at Summerside for the Labour Day weekend 1987. This notice is to solicit interest in such an event. It is anticipated that the cost would be approximately \$20 per attendee with limited on Base accommodation available (first come, first served). Events would include a Meet and Greet, a recreational event (golf, etc) and a dinner/dance.

It is requested that all previous 880 Squadron members who were associated with the Tracker and who are interested in attending such an event contact:

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Commercial (902) 436-2281 Ext 485/541

Please state time frame, hours flown on the Tracker (if applicable), position and rank at the time of Service.

cutting crew

(the extended version)

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For a new band CUTTING CREW can call on a vast amount of collective experience. Nick Van Eede first began working with guitarist Kevin MacMichael two and a half years ago, after they had originally met while touring Canada together in different bands.

"I come from Halifax, Nova Scotia", Kevin backtracks, "I've never been to Hamburg, but I think Halifax must be very similar. It's got cabarets that go seven nights a week until three in the morning, and that's where I learned how to play.

"I met Nick when my band, Fast Forward, was supporting his previous band, The Drivers, on a Canadian tour. By the end of it, I knew The Drivers' songs really well and Nick used to say 'why don't you come up and sit in?' They were a three-piece band and had always wanted to work with another guitarist".

After the tour the pair went their separate ways, but after a subsequent phone call from Nick, Kevin headed for Toronto to work with him on writing songs and recording demos. Fate had something to do with it, because Kevin had been about to tour with his band again when they were involved in a road accident. He was the only one who escaped unhurt.

The Eede/MacMichael partnership proceeded intermittently, with Nick making regular visits to Canada to write more songs, until they decided last May to drop everything else and form a group. "We've said it's time to stop talking about it and do it, so we set ourselves definite goals and began auditioning players", Kevin remembers.

Nicks' background in the music business stretches back to the late Seventies, when he was managed by Chas Chandler who sent him on a tour of Poland with Slade. "I went to Poland with a kazoo and an acoustic guitar and opened for Slade in amphitheatres in front of 18,000 people", he recalls. "I went down a storm, and I had the loudest kazoo in Europe because Slade took their own PA on the road". Nicks' career continued with tours supporting the likes of David Essex, Hot Chocolate and Alan Price, but what he really wanted was a band of his own, and CUTTING CREW looks like the one he's been waiting for.

CUTTING CREW'S line-up is completed by bassman Colin Farley and drummer Martin Beedle, who have both been professional musicians since their teens. Colin played in bands on ocean liners, pubs and more recently worked with John Parr and Dennis Waterman. Martin had drummed his way round the world on the QE2 and gone wild in ports in many countries before Colin found him playing in a pub in Lewisham. "I knew he was going to be the guy for the band, so I just dragged him in quick", Colin claims.

The band signed to Siren at the end of '85. The first fruits from this relationship was the stunning debut single "(I just) Died In Your Arms", which took the nation by storm reaching number four in the national charts. Their second single "I've been in love before" - ballad, captures the essence of the perfect love song, proving to many that CUTTING CREW are here to stay.

The following is an article of unknown origin, but obviously written by a dedicated member of the Armed Forces a few years ago. It should make you stop and think.

THE END OF THE RAINBOW

"It's not what I expected." "I want to return to school and finish my education." "I can use my trade on civvy street and make lots of money." SOUND FAMILIAR? It does to Section heads. These excuses are used over and over again on release requests. Why? Why does a man (young) leave the service after just one or two years? Poor management? Possibly in a small number of cases, but there are just too many leaving to blame it all on the bosses. Poor environment? Definitely not. The service offers better working conditions and better facilities than any civilian firm. But the blame must be placed somewhere. The buck must be passed. Where should the axe fall?

I feel that it should fall on society. Because Canadian Society is ceasing to produce men. The age between puberty (about thirteen) and adulthood (about sixteen) is called adolescence. It is a period of adjustment. A time when the child finally becomes adult. The boy becomes a man. At least that's the way it used to be.

Ten years ago, an eighteen year old joining the armed forces could be counted on to do a man's job. He recognized an accepted responsibility. He knew that to survive one must eat and to eat one must work. His average education was grade 10. He could read, write and count, but above all, he could think. Nobody coddled him through high school. His parents had not supplied him with a fat allowance. He earned his way with summer jobs. In short, when he joined the service he was prepared to work. He committed himself by contract to perform for a certain period of time and he honoured that contract. Society had produced a disciplined individual. In the last ten years, parents and schools have failed miserably in producing a responsible, disciplined citizen. The twenties began a wave of permissiveness that has reached fantastic proportions. Urbanization, industrialization and inflation have caused more and more mothers to seek employment outside the home.

We have been warned by countless educators that discipline and learning do not go together. Our affluent society has produced piles of surplus cash. Our mass media has played up the "good life" out of proportion. We have "Cradle to grave security" with higher baby bonuses, unemployment and welfare benefits, medicare, old age pensions, etc.

Society has provided the cop outs, and parents and teachers have accepted them. It is much easier to teach children if you don't have to grade them, merely pass them on to the next plateau. Society has proclaimed that children should have the same rights as adults. Unfortunately, nobody has the time to instruct them on the use of those rights.

The end result: students graduate from high school with no understanding of the work ethic, very little formal education, absolutely no sense of responsibility. Adolescence is a period when the youth requires guidance. He has been given none. He has been left to fend for himself. He lives the good life with no responsibility of discipline. His cash is handed over by guilty parents who don't have time for him in this fast paced world. Until his school days are over, he has no idea of what work is. He has only a vague idea that it is part of living and so, what the hell, let's give it a try.

So he joins the Canadian Armed Forces. All of a sudden, money is not so plentiful, he has to rise at an early hour, he has to work five days a week, he has responsibility and shock of all shock, when he does not fulfill his responsibilities he is disciplined.

For a youth to go to an ordinary civilian job is shock enough but to join the armed forces must be devastating. Because the armed forces wants men. We advertise for men and when a person signs up, we expect a man.

THE END OF THE RAINBOWcont'd

So the recruit says, "It's not what I expected." Believe me, I've asked them just what do they expect. The closest I can come to an answer is that most expect large pay raises, yearly promotions, jobs that they choose for themselves, and of course, postings on demand. They do not expect to serve a period of apprenticeship doing routine tasks. They expect adventure. They have little or no reality about the working world.

So the recruit says, "I want to return to school and finish my education". Why not. That is where he was safe. No decisions to make, money, clothes and food supplied by parents; and certainly no boring routine work to do, or responsibilities either. Childhood was safe, so back to childhood where the bad man can't yell at me.

So the recruit says, "I can use my trade on city street and make lots of money." First, if he can get a

job with his trade, yes the money is invariably better. But promotions are scarce and apprenticeships are much longer than in the service. The routine he hates is endless, the adventure he craves is much more illusive, if not totally lacking. If all it takes is money to make him a man, then he had better grab the brass ring.

Some students realize that responsibility and self-discipline are necessary to ensure transition, adolescent to adult. Unfortunately, the ranks of those who care are dwindling. This is readily apparent in the modern armed forces.

For every three youths that enlists, one is a man. The old saying "Two out of three ain't bad." is now "One out of three if your lucky". I fear for the 1980's.

To the recruits who have not realized it yet, the Canadian Dream is a television myth. There is no pie in the sky. The end of the rainbow is only a muddy piece of ground.

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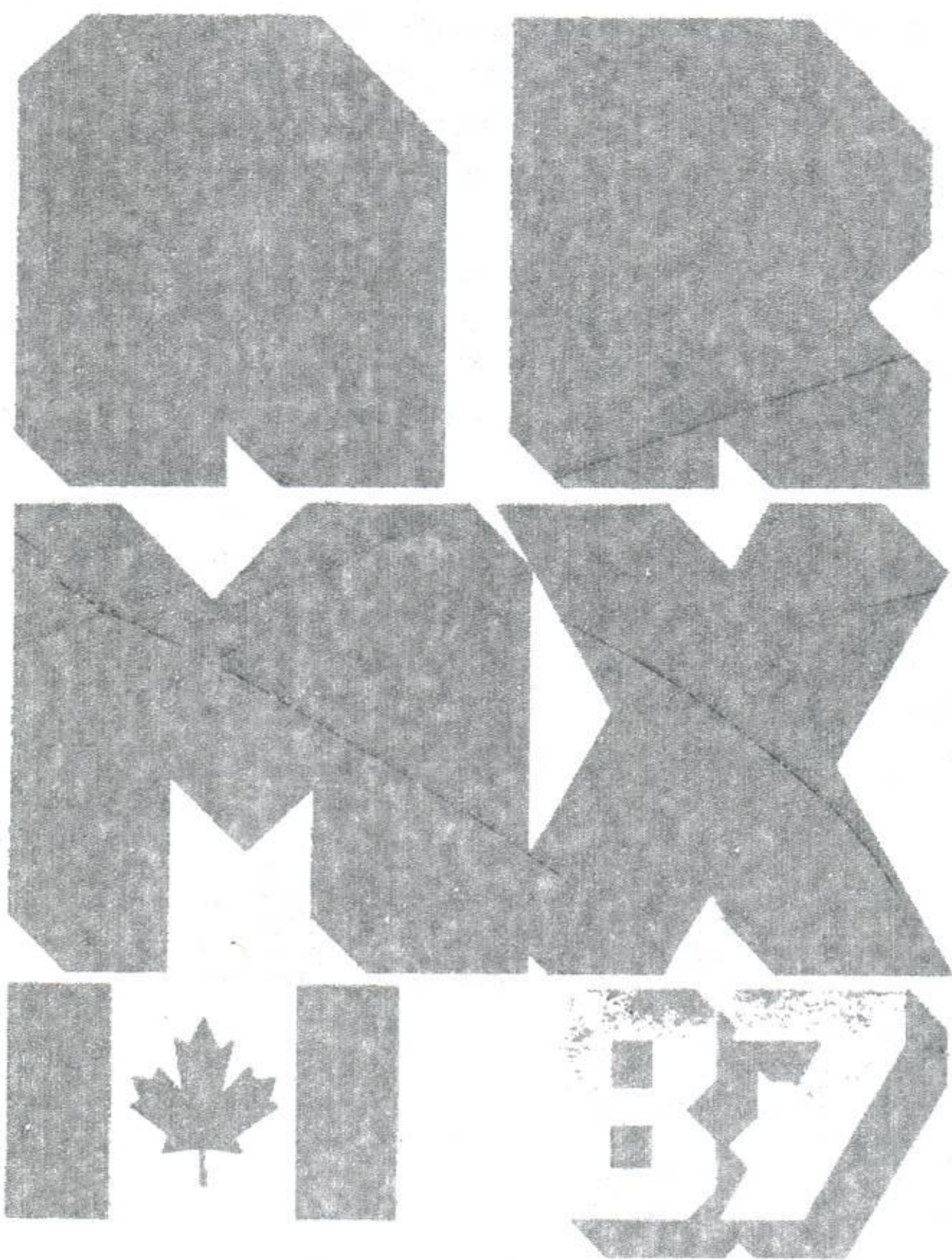
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