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Have a  
**MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS**  
 and a  
**HAPPY  
 NEW  
 YEAR**



## CO'S CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MESSAGE/MESSAGE DES FETES DU COMMANDANT

**S**easons Greetings! The festive season is now upon us in full force, and although most of us are separated from our loved ones, we are not totally without family here in Alert. In fact, we are all part of the Alert family. If that seems unreal, just think of all those people here who are called mom and dad on a daily basis; and remember all those who look out for you, or vice versa, and you will see that it's true.

Many festivities are planned throughout the next two weeks, and I am looking forward to sharing in them with all of you. To all the Alert family, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**S**aison des Fetes! La saison des festivites est deja la et en pleine force. Meme si la plupart de nous sommes separees de nos bien aimes, nous ne sommes pas completement sans famille ici a Alert. En fait, Alert forme une grande famille. Si cela vous semble incroyable, penser a tous les gens ici qui ce font appeller journalierement papa et maman et rappelez-vous tous ceux qui veuillent sur vous, ou vice versa et vous verrai que c'est vrai.

Plusieurs festivites sont planifiees tout au long des deux prochaines semaines et c'est avec plaisir que j'y participerai avec vous. De toute la famille d'Alert, je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noel et une Bonne et Heureuse Annee.

L.D. Wilson  
 Major  
 Commanding Officer

# OPS O'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas, to me, has always been a happy time to spend with family and friends - an important interlude in a busy year for relaxing and talking with those I love. Having spend six Christmas/New Year seasons at this unit, I also know for some members it can be an unhappy time - when family and loved ones are intensely missed. It is therefore important for all personnel to take advantage of the additional morale phone opportunities which will be available during the holiday season. I urge all of you to make an extra effort to contact your loved ones during this special season - it's well worth it.

As Ops O, I also wish to thank all technicians and operators within the Operations Branch for their unmatched dedication and fellowship during the past three months. In addition, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the other Branches for their splendid work in support of operations. Your commitment was admirable and I thank you for making this, my last tour at CFS Alert, so enjoyable. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



M.P. Cornect  
Lt (N)  
Ops O



## ANIMALS

(6 Dec 93)

Well, Well, Well! It's that time again, the only chance we get to blade our shiftmates without paying for it later. To start things off I'd like to say to the Zooites, "I didn't take the

B.F.G.S.. It got tired of the company it was keeping and decided to go for a walk." For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about let me relate this tale of false accusation.

It was a typical Friday night. Hat Night in the JRC. Everybody was having a good time (blah blah blah). As always, when the ranks closed down, everybody was just getting warmed up for the real parties. The Zoo, being the sociable bunch that they are, decided to continue the party at

their shack. That was when the trouble began. The big \*&^% green snake went missing. It's hard to imagine, but try if you will, they had the nerve to blame Roxanne (Dr. Giggles) Colgan. I know it's incredible, but that is exactly what they did. Of course Roxanne swears she never touched the B.F.G.S., and still proclaims her innocence to this day. But is that good enough for the Zooites. Noooooo!!!! In order to clear her good name, Roxanne recruited her fellow shifties, Sandi (B Break O), Milne and Phill (Boyscout) Deguised to aid her in the search for the missing mascot. The three set off and to their amazement, didn't find that bad old snake just sitting on Cinzano Beach, soaking up the rays and having a smoke. The Zooites should learn to keep their pets happy, and maybe next time none of them will wander away. It sure would be awful if King Robby got tired of them!

That same night or shall I say early the next morning, Chris (Psycho) Taran decided to have a wee little snooze in the common room. Now I ask you, is that a good idea? NOT! Phil and Sandi had a great time turning his face into a masterpiece. Chris was awake for part of the fun, and Phil asked if he would like the word "Loser" written on his forehead. In the state Chris was this sounded like the perfect way to end his day and nodded his weary head. So, with an invitation like that who could resist. Certainly not a Boyscout.

BINGO, anyone! For most this is a pretty familiar term on Sunday night in Alert. For others, it brings back a tinge of blush and reminds them of

embarrassing moments. Right, Meg (Steak) Bigras. There is nothing worse than yelling bingo and not having one. Except maybe thinking it is a one line bingo when it's a two line bingo. The worst part is that it took Meg the same amount of time to get one line as it did for the winner of the game to get two! Now that's luck. Here's to you Meg. We think you deserve the Big "L". Roxanne must have felt sorry for Meg, because wouldn't you know it, "Bingo, HEE HEE HEE HEE OOPS"...

Now it's on to the explanation time. You may be wondering why we call Sandi Milne, our newest member on shift, The B Break O. Could it be that since she arrived, her position at work seems to mysteriously break down everytime she's near it (there have been no problems with this gear for the last 5 months or so). Or, could it be that after riding in one of the station Red Devils, the hydraulic system suddenly went. These things could happen to anybody. But when you add that the first day she was here she fell off her bed while trying to check out her outfit. Also, the fact that she came to Alert with her vehicle registration in tow, leaving her boyfriend without proof of ownership. She has without a doubt made a lot of other screw-ups too, but the article can be only so long. Congratulations Sandi, and welcome to Alert. If things keep going along like this for you it could be a very long tour. By the way, make sure you don't lend her anything, it's liable to get broken...

The northern tour sure was a nice break. It was great to see some new faces and be entertained by some really talented people and some who

are not so talented. Our own Werner (Mr. Colt) Frei and Phil Deguised were asked to go on stage to learn line dancing. I guess we all know who we won't ask to teach the rest of us. Enjoy the Bandannas boys....

On to Bob (Bob!) Leroux, who had the guts to admit this story to our roving reporter. It seems that the best way to take a dump, is to pull your underwear down. Bob claims to have been so engrossed in an article in People (ya right) magazine that he almost forgot. He realized just in the nick of time and dropped his drawers before doing something very nasty in them. Maybe a tape recorded warning would be a good idea, "Bob, your underwear is still up"...

Well, that's pretty much it for Animal House this month, except that we would all like to say good-bye to Pat (Ghost) Dugauy and Hank Ethridge. Good luck you guys, we'll miss you. We are happy to be adding Brian Powers to our list of Animals and also Jim Osborne at the Power Plant. Next month we will have to say a sad good-bye to over half the shift. They will be flying south for the rest of the winter. That of course means a new litter for Animal House. See you next month.

Dr. Giggles  
&  
B Break O



## CDS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Each year at this time we pause to reflect and to enjoy the festive season: we share with our friends and loved ones, we count our blessings, and we look forward with hope to the New Year.

As Chief of the Defence Staff, I am pleased to be sending you - the men and women of the Canadian Forces - my warmest greetings and best wishes of the season.

The past year has been marked by continual change and remarkable achievement. Thousands of you, for example, have been involved in one or more of the 14 peacekeeping and humanitarian relief missions that Canada has participated in this year. Your service in these difficult and often dangerous missions has given new hope for peace and stability in many of the world's trouble spots.

Many others among you have contributed to the cause of peace through our traditional commitments to the Atlantic Alliance and to the defence of North America. Others on the home front have been safeguarding our sovereignty and carrying our national roles such as search and rescue, fisheries and environmental protection, and anti-smuggling patrols. Still others have served in a variety of postings in foreign lands.

Whether you are regular force or Reserve, all of your tasks and missions are important to the Canadian Forces and to Canada. I thank you for your continuing dedication and sacrifice, and I express my sincere appreciation to your families for their support. For those of you who cannot be with your friends during this festive period, my hope is that you will soon be reunited.

My wife, Anne, joins me in wishing you a happy holiday and hope that you and your families will experience all the joy, fellowship and goodwill of the season.

May all of you enjoy a safe and prosperous New Year.

J.R. Anderson  
Admiral

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE MND

It's a special pleasure for me to be wishing you, the men and women of the Canadian Forces and Department of National Defence, all the joy, hope and peace of this festive season.

Whether you are serving at home or abroad, whether you are a Regular Force member, a reservist or a civilian

employee, you are helping to safeguard Canada and Canada's interests. I commend you for your dedication and for the professional way in which you have carried out your duties in the past year.

Many of you have participated in peacekeeping and humanitarian aid operations during the past year -- a year in which we faced some of our most difficult and dangerous missions ever. Your efforts have given new hope to thousands of people living in strife-torn areas of the

world, and have served as a reminder to all Canadians that our nation is committed to the search for global peace and stability.

To those of you assigned to our longstanding roles in NATO and NORAD, to territorial defence and sovereignty protection, and to a variety of national roles in support of Canada's interests -- your work, while often unsung, is important and highly valued.

For those of you far away

from family, friends and loved ones at this joyful time of year, my hope is that you and they will soon be together again.

To one and all -- Regular Force and Reserve members, civilian employees, and your families -- I wish you the merriest of holidays and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Honourable  
David Collonette  
Minister of National Defence

## ROLL OUT FOR THE RECORD

The Comox Heritage Aircraft Society is in the midst of restoring a Canadair-built Argus (CP-107) aircraft - #732; located at 19 Wing Comox.

They expect to be finished Phase One (external refurbishment) by August 6, 1994 in time for the annual airshow. The objective of the Society is to promote awareness and preserve this aircraft as a major feature of the 19 Wing Heritage Airpark. The Argus had a very long and honourable history of service in anti-submarine defence, maritime and arctic surveillance, search and rescue missions, and many other roles. Too few are aware that the Argus aircraft still holds the Canadian record for endurance flight.

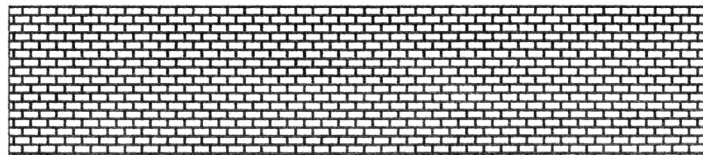
The life of the Argus was brought to a close in the 80's. Of 29 aircraft which remained all but 5 were ferried to Summerside P.E.I. where they were eventually disposed of by a wreckers's guillotine.

The remaining airframes were sent to Comox, Greenwood, Mountainview, Summerside and Rockcliffe.

The second phase of this restoration, refurbishing the interior for the purpose to create a walk-through museum, requires the collection of souvenirs and mementos of that era. It is hoped that anyone associated with the Argus program would provide generous assistance.

Also, in order to augment the support from the CF through 19 Wing, the Argus Committee has commissioned John Rutherford to paint "Roll Out For the Record" as a fund raiser. This painting depicts the preparation of Argus #711 on 31 May 74 prior to setting the Canadian endurance record for non-stop flight without air-to-air refuelling. The original work is destined for the Air Force Museum at CFB Comox. Prints have been made and are offered for sale, at a fraction of the cost for a Rutherford painting. Each print is autographed by the artist as well as by many members of the original crew members from that historic flight. Only 450 copies will be produced for this Limited Edition Print.

Any donations of funds, equipment, pictures or stories for our historical archives would be greatly appreciated. If you would like a print (\$65.00 + \$7.00 shipping, handling and insurance), make a tax deductible financial contribution to the restoration project or have anything of interest please contact the Comox Heritage Aircraft Society, Argus Committee, Box 485, Lazo, B.C., Canada, V0R 2K0.



## MONSTER HOUSE

Well, it's getting closer and closer to Christmas, and everyone's spirits are up. For myself, being away from home for Christmas is somewhat hard. But, with the high moral of the station, it softens the hardship of being away from home at Christmas. Everyone is trying to lift everyone's spirits on the station. Not just the people, there are functions to help settle those "Holiday Blues."

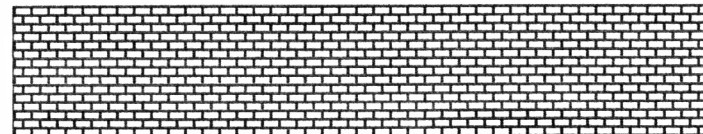
Functions such as the Medieval dinner, Ping Pong tournament, Euchre tournament, Crib tournament, Badminton tournament, Bowling, tournament, JRC Christmas party, House decoration contest, Snowball, plus the fact that all of the houses are having their own functions on top of that. So, I can't see anyone having a hard lonely time up here during Christmas, as long as the weather holds up. If not, we will be busy over Christmas working.

Speaking of which, going back a couple of weeks, I was first introduced to the mean side of Mother Nature with that "storm" we had. With strong winds and temperatures dipping into the -76 range, it made me (and everyone) realize what power she has. Transport was very, very bush doing snow removal. Maintenance was busy keeping the vehicles on the road for transport. In actual fact, the whole station was busy because of the storm. It was a culture shock to someone new on the station.

Speaking of new, there are five new members of the Monster House organization. They are: Cpl Carpentier, Cpl Cousineau, Cpl Flowers Cpl Schmidt and Cpl Trelinski. People that have, or are leaving before Christmas are: Cpl Grayham, Cpl Whitnall and Cpl Traynor. So, from everyone from the Monster House to everyone on the station, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

P.S. A special note wishing Cpl Pat Traynor a special Christmas with his family in CFB Borden.

From all the Monsters and his friends





## ANIMALS

It's BOXTOP time once again and 7 Animals went to Thule. The funniest incident that happened was Dennis Laliberte and his boots. It was around 1 a.m., ready to fly back to Alert when Dennis announced, I left my boots in

the taxi. Everybody knows you can't get on the Herc without your rubbers, so the loadmaster called the cab driver. He didn't have them either. Dennis had his gummies in his carry-on bag all this time. Dennis (The No Gummies) Laliberte gets the big "L" of the month.

Another month has passed as we say good-bye to our fellow animals:

Steve (FLIPPER, CEILING SWINGER, BOY-SCOUT, etc) Gray

Steve (LE MORLOCK) Cloutier

KELLY (SUPER SIG DEVER) Nahachewsky

Pascale (LUBA) Goyette

Dave (I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT) Robertson;

and all the Norman Newguys are:

Werner (MR. COLT) Frei

Roxanne (Dr. Giggles) Colgan

Chris (BY THE BOOK) van Breda

Sandi (CHICKEN) Milne

Chris (PSYCHO) Taran

Once gain it's initiation. Our rats were Chris Taran and Marco (the Monster-Animal WANNA BE) Boisvert. You were good sports guys. We are proud to have you as fellow animals. Sandi Milne will get initiated next.

Congratulations to 4 Animals promoted to the rank of Cp/LS(A/L);

Caroline (SNEEZY) Maheux

Pat (LE VIEUX) Chaisson

Phil (THE LAST BOY-SCOUT) De Guise

Pascale (LUBA) Goyette

Darkness is slowly coming down on all of us here in Alert. We all know what that means, of course. "Sunset Carnival" the team consisted of red, blue, black and white. The shifties were incorporated into the black team to our delight and the Red/Blue/White's dilemma. the Black Team creamed all other opposition without compromise and took home the top honours of the carnival. Memorable moments from the Black Team were - to name a few - the cancellation of the pie eating contest. Phil (the Last Boy-Scout) De Guise just happened to eat all the pies. Overheard from Phil afterwards, "serves them right for just baking 17 of them." Other moments were Larry (SHEEPDOG) Lamb's fashion statement of "Queen of the Black Team, Larroline." Her (I mean his...) escort was the dashing Joanne (MEAN JOE) Wiggins. A great showing but honestly Larry, the beard has to go. When it came down to who would make a good mascot for our team, no one else

came to mind more than Bob Leroux... He was perfect for it... Jabbing the other teams...Rallying ours. The only thing he did wrong was wearing black shoe polish all over his face... What a mess Bob. Ya make a great panther. Was there ever any doubt. He's an "Animal" it was fun for all and all the teams had a great showing...until next year when they can try to reclaim the prize...NOT.

Dennis (I NEED MY RUBBERS) Laliberte  
Capt Black Team, sentz

## CF UNITS AWARDED BATTLE HONOUR

Ottawa -- the Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral John R. Anderson today announced that the following units will be awarded battle honours for having served in the Gulf and Kuwait as part of the multinational military effort in the Persian Gulf in 1991 in support of UN Security Council Resolutions: HMCS Athabaskan, HMCS Protecteur, HMCS Terra-Nova, 423 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron and the 439 Tactical Fighter Squadron. Additionally, two units will be awarded an honorary distinction for significantly reinforcing the deployed tactical fighter force which fought in the theatre. They are 416 Tactical fighter Squadron and 437 Transport Squadron.

His Excellency the right Honorable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General, authorized the creation of the new battle honour in Ottawa November 10, 1993.

## LUMBERJACKS

October went by in a flash. Starting with the Sunset Carnival and ending with Hallow's Eve.



The most memorable events of the Sunset Carnival stemmed off from the King and Queen to the talent show. Lumberjacks being part of the Black Team, along with the rest of Ops, brought third place home. Larry Lamb was the voluptuous and long sought Queen and our handsome King, with the sexy accent; Joanne Wiggins. They bravely strutted their stuff for all of the population to admire. The Queen was decked out in a stunning ensemble of black and purple satin from the wardrobe of Shelly. The King was in a dapper black suit from an unknown new designer who is obviously on his/her way to fame and fortune. The King and Queen then departed to the announcement heard by all: "The King and Queen have now left the building! The King and Queen have now left the building!"

Our next event brings us to the bedroom of a flamboyant girls

anxiously getting ready for her blind date with mister right. Having the use of her abundant hands she managed to put her rouge on her eyelids, her mascara on her eyebrows, and a few shots of tequila near the area of her mouth - all in an amazingly short period of time. Soon the doorbell rang with her date awaiting, the lights dimming and the skit at an end. Unfortunately, the crowd having seen the girl, were very disappointed at not being able to see what her date could possibly look like.

The Black Team finished off with our own airband rocking down the house to the lyrics of "Breaking Free!" This clinched it for the Black Team; getting first place over all. Who could not have done it without the expertise of the Lumberjacks!

The Sunset Carnival was a great success and couldn't have been accomplished without the tremendous effort given by everyone.

Thanks to fellow Lumberjack Roger Hayes the Animals and our own Lumberjacks enjoyed an evening of dining out on two separate occasions. The Lumberjacks being gracious enough to serve at the Animal's dinner and vice versa. It was a relaxing dinner enjoyed by all.

Next was the Boxtop Olympics. Once again it was proven that the Canadians of CFS Alert could be counted on to bring home the Gold. The Yanks of Naval Airbase Thule put up a good fight but were no match for our Northern Chosen. Excellent job guys!

Hallow's Eve came to end our eventful month of October, with one of our own Lumberjacks winning fourth

place in the costume contest. Congratulations to Dan on his outrageous costume as a clown and the good job done by Shelly on makeup and costume design. Dan's charming of the judges by screaming and laughing in their faces obviously did the trick. The costume contest out of the way, everyone enjoyed a night of frolicking at the Halloween Party at Igloo Gardens.

Bringing the month of October to an end our farewells to our departing Lumberjacks - Dan McTaggart and Wayne Macdougall. Replacing them were Jim McArthur for Dan and Jim Hill for Wayne. Welcome to Alert guys, AGAIN!

Bringing in November we said farewells to Moe Giroux and Brian Ballard with their replacements being Gray Lamb and Phil Cunningham. Again welcome to our new Stinky Flops and future Lumberjacks! Also, farewell to Pat Duguay our temporary replacement in SIGDEV, who was returned to his own shift the Animals. Watch out Animals the Bogey man returns!

The Soup De Nob was next with our complete Lumberjack shift partaking in the festivities. Due to the upcoming departers on Dec 9th during our evening shift, the dinner was switched to Nov 06 instead. Ops was sure that they couldn't manage without so many Lumberjacks, approximately five, not being their to apply their expertise and knowledge to their job. The event turned out to be a fun and carefree evening saying goodbye to departing friends and welcoming new arrivals. The Igloo Garden served a superb dinner revered by all. Very, good job and our thanks to the staff and servers!

In closure the following Lumber jack awards were handed out:

WINGNUT AWARD - Serge Kisnik, for blading me!

COUCH POTATO - Marnie Charron, re-elected by default.

BLOCKHEAD AWARD - George Forsythe, not knowing how to count.

This being my last article for Poletalk (with Mikes help), I formally pass it over to our wanna-be Lumberjack Mike Leroux but still Stinky Flop. I'm sure he'll do an excellent job and one much better than I. Until next time

Timber!



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Last year, a radio station conducted a survey on how people felt about Christmas. The question asked was: "What does Christmas mean to you?"

The results of this survey are quite revealing. The responses could be summarized something like this: Christmas reminds me of things like shopping, children presents, dinner parties.

Mind you, there is nothing wrong with concerning ourselves about shopping, children, presents or dinner parties at Christmas time. In fact, anybody who had no thoughts at all about these things around Christmas might be considered a little out of touch. However, in responding to this survey, hardly anyone mentioned the religious character of Christmas. This is a lot more disturbing, for, after all, we do celebrate Christmas to mark the birth of Jesus. Moreover, we celebrate Christmas because of our Christian heritage, and finally, because we, ourselves, are Christians.

We seem to be embarrassed by having to bear witness to our faith in Jesus. We seem to have either forgotten our Christian heritage, or simply lost it. Is this possible? Or perhaps we have even rejected God in our lives to the extent of totally forgetting that he gave himself that we might be saved.

Family, relatives and friends of those serving abroad would certainly be saddened if their loved ones were to be forgotten, especially at Christmas. Can anyone blame them? Indeed, how can anyone forget a loved one on the most important feast of the year?

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my greetings and blessings to all our men and women away on foreign service. We are grateful to them for their commitment to the service of peace and for their dedication towards the disadvantaged of this world.

During this Christmas Season, let us keep in mind the Source of

all peace who offers his love to all men and women everywhere. Let us pray for those who are far away, for those who are the most in need of our love, and for ourselves. Let us make the Christmas season a time for re-focusing our lives on the One who, alone can bring peace on earth. Merry Christmas!

+Andre Vallee, P.M.E.  
Military Ordinary

## 2 TAC

Well, it's time for another edition of Pole Talk and fill you in on the wonderful happenings in 2TAC. We weathered the Sunset Carnival rather well. Being the Black Team (which included all four shifts) we came in first place. Second, third and fourth was taken by the rest of the station. A good time was had by all and I'm sure a lot of us won't forget the "Lip Sync." It was done extremely well. It was so good in fact, that our resident Commander decided to give us an encore the following night. What an encore that was! I won't bother to get into details, suffice to say Fitz won't be singing that song for a while.

We had a curling bonspiel as well and we were doing really great until someone overheard Dave Horton say "We're just like the Leafs - UNDEFEATED!" Yes, they were undefeated until it came to playoff time. Then just like the Leafs we lost it all. We also had another game of floor hockey against the Lumberjacks and again they lost. I guess they'll never learn.

I'm sure if I were to forget about what yours truly did it would get into Pole Talk somehow. I do believe I was the first to put a truck in the ditch. Not to mention that it was Oscar, the SWO's truck. I thought I was a shoe-in for Butthead, but low and behold good old Dave rescued me. I won't mention what he did exactly. Let's just say that the MCpl's on 2 TAC are no longer allowed to go on wolf patrol and are also on the vehicle interdict list.

It's real nice to have live TV up here now. We were able to enjoy watching the Blue Jays take the World Series again, instead of hearing the score and then watching it a week later.

I must not forget Anne "The Blade" Forster. It seems she had a few sociables and was making nachos. Well, it all seemed innocent enough until she took the taco sauce out of the fridge and dropped it on the floor - cracking the bottle and spilling half of the sauce all over the place. If that wasn't enough she tried to bake the frying pan in the oven. But there's more - to top it all off she decided to boil the other bottle of sauce on the burner - only problem - it was a plastic bottle. Needless to say once we cleaned up the mess, cooled off the frying pan, and put out the sauce burning on top of the stove we all had a good

feed of nachos. Just hope next break out in a sweat and get time it's not as dangerous as the shakes. She's doing much better now with the counseling and she has a lot of support from the shift - seeing as half the shift belongs to it.

Well, it's a new month now. Seeing as Pole Talk didn't make it to print last month I'll just carry on. We've had a few new additions to the shift - Michelle Hollet from Gander and Ian Burdon from Masset. Leaving us for warmer pastures is Laurel Parent back to Leitrim and Dave Horton who is going back Gander. This past month has been kind of quiet. A few parties here and there but overall pretty humdrum. We're all gearing up for that wonderful festive season they call Christmas.

Our own Airborne type - Ken Harding was the second person this year to put a vehicle in the ditch. He says he was moving to the side of the road to let another vehicle pass and just slid right into the ditch. Yeah, right Ken!

Another update for you - we've just had 3 more people leave - Eric Di Tomasso and Ben Fitzgerald have gone back to the rock known as Gander. Also, Jeff Morris has returned to the nation's capital. Replacing them we have Pte Danielle Pichette, MCpl Steve Madigan and Pte Pierre Lepape - all coming from Ottawa. Welcome to the shift folks.

We also just got over a dandy of a storm. It lasted for four whole days with storm condition 1. It wasn't all that bad except for Dave who was supposed to leave on Monday but ended up staying till Thursday. Nice early out for Dave. On top of that he had to fly to Edmonton and then Trenton the next day before finally proceeding to Gander. He should get there sometime this year.

We are all ready and decorated for Christmas. Everyone pitched in here and there and the quiet room looks really nice - if you like mooses that is.

Well, that's about all from 2 TAC for now. Until next issue have a wonderful Christmas holding "Tetris Anonymous" and all the best in the New Year.

We have recently started Year. Maria Jenkins. It got to the point where someone would say Tetris and Maria would

Wire Brush Chin



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For further information, please contact:

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8 wing/CFB Trenton,  
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## 437 (T) HUSKY SQUADRON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

May 27 - May 29, 1994  
Trenton, Ontario

All former and currently serving members are invited. The programme for the weekend will include a meet and greet, a golf tournament, a CC-150 Airbus tour, a banquet and much more!

Contact Major Francois Fortin at:

(613) 965-2172

or write to

CO 437 (T) Sqn,

CFB Trenton,

Astra, Ont.,

K0K 1B0

Attn: 50TH Anniversary Committee

## EDITORS \$.02

I hope you all have enjoyed this issue of Pole Talk. I've taken the liberty of changing the format and given the paper a more professional look.

I've tried to keep a little of the old; by taking the front page, reducing it and integrating it into the title. I was also passed a 1984 copy of Pole Talk that was printed by the Trentonian in Trenton. I have Cpl Chris Jenkins to thank for finding that copy. I've used some of their work also.

Those that submitted articles I thank you for your time and effort. I was able to get most of your shift/section logos and have laid them out with your articles. I hope this will make the paper a little more unique.

For those who will be submitting articles for next months paper I request you get them to me by the 15th of each month. If you didn't make this issue please send along your shift/section logo with your next article so I can include it.

This is your paper. Lets see your section in January's edition.

Ian M. Burdon  
(Shift 2)