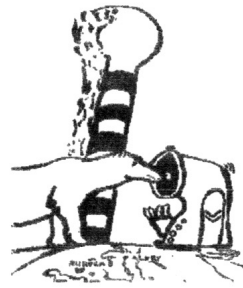


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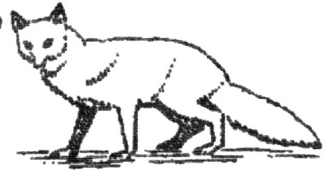


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SUSPECTED FOUL PLAY AS EDITOR OF LOCAL PAPER RESIGNS AFTER ONLY 4 MONTHS

Recent developments have resulted in the present Editor for Pole Talk, Mr Ian Burdon, to think of moving on to older but greener pastures (Masset). This will leave a definite gap in the news industry at CFS Alert unless a replacement can be found.

Mr Burdon was quoted as saying: "I don't want to give it up but the people in the SOR have done something called the "60 day wire" thing to me and are forcing me to go!"

The job is a thankless one but someone has to do it. The Pole Talk has little or no working capital and still doesn't. Although this hasn't been a problem in the past, new management could change this. The present subscription is approximately 60 papers - circulation is Canada wide. Mr Burdon said that the wages for the Editor were negotiable, however, with the restraints the present government is imposing, not to expect more than the present salary. Under the freedom of information act it was discovered that the present salary for editor at CFS Alert was in the 4 figure range. Further investigation narrowed that figure down to \$0,000.00.

Under the present management, one more issue could be produced as long as the station sections can get their articles in no later than 15 Apr 94. After this date it will be too late as all the equipment will be crated and shipped. Mismanagement wasn't a factor in Mr Burdon's resignation. In fact, the employees were quite impressed that he didn't stay at the local



OPERATION HURRICANE

The High Arctic Data
Communications
System (HADCS)

by WO Roger Lajoie

Each year a team of technicians from CFS Leitrim, assisted by various support elements from Air Command, are deployed to Alert/Eureka to conduct maintenance on the HADCS system. The following article is an overview of what Operation Hurricane is all about. Many station personnel will be involved in some way or another with this exercise.

Brief History

To give you a general idea of how HADCS became a reality, I will elaborate on a brief history of the system. All of this is based on an article by Mr Andre Lemieux which was published back in May 83.

The High Arctic Data Communication System (HADCS) is the
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Hilton while they lived in the condos on the hill. Even the fact that he didn't have a vehicle to drive to the newspaper was exemplary, instead preferring to walk.

Mr Burdon hopes that this paper will succeed in the future. Only time will tell. With the right Editor and a lot of hard work it will survive. If you are interested in this non-profit, non-paying job opportunity please call MCpl Ian Burdon on Shift 2 (353) or at 2TAC (272).

most unique communication system in the Canadian Forces. Since the establishment of CFS Alert in 1958, communications in the North have always been a problem. As everyone knows, Alert is located at the northern tip of Ellesmere Island, which is inside the auroral zone. Therefore, HF communications are subject to periods of total blackout. With the advent of satellites, the possibility of high data rate communication gave birth to a large amount of new systems. Satellite communication, unfortunately, could not solve all the problems.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, work was initiated to determine the limits of communication with geostationary satellites at very low look angles. The further north the Satellite Ground Terminal (SGT) is, the lower the look angle will be. The studies showed that there was considerable signal degradation at low angles. In 1974, a portable SGT was tested at Eureka, which is a very small weather station located approximately 450 km south of Alert. This test concluded that there was severe low angle fading. Geostationary Satellite Communication could not reach any farther than the 80th parallel.

There were two solutions that could be considered in order to provide CFS Alert with adequate communications. The first solution would have been to use early solar orbiting satellites. This solution seemed obvious but with the expense of the multiple ground tracking antennas and the cost of satellite station keeping, this was not practical. The second

solution was to look into relaying the microwave signal from Eureka to Alert. In the mid 1970's a lot of work had been done to test if such a solution was possible.

The microwave radio repeaters had to meet several performance standards. First of all, they had to be able to withstand the extremely cold temperatures of the High Arctic. Secondly, they had to have low power consumption, as they could only be battery powered. Finally they had to be very reliable since the sites could only be reached during the summer months. Tests and experiments concluded that the project was feasible.

In the 1979 the planning phase of a project to install six microwave repeater sites between Eureka and Alert was initiated. Under the leadership of LCol Yerka, project HURRICANE (Honeywell Uninterruptable Radio Relay in Canada's Arctic Northern Ellesmere) was born. After the birth of microwaves - Grant, Ida, Vicot, Whisky, Yankee and Blacktop, the project was completed on time (1982) and within budget. After completion, project HURRICANE was named HURRICANE system and was later renamed High Arctic Data Communication System (HADCS).

Since 1982, annual battery exchange and maintenance have to be performed on the six microwave sites. This operation is called Operation HURRICANE. The technicians who are responsible for the engineering maintenance and training on the system are stationed at CFS Leitrim.

OPERATION HURRICANE

The following is an overview of Operation HURRICANE 93; the input was provided by Lt Gauthier and MCpl Allen, both from CFS Leitrim and members of the team that was deployed last year. You will see that the deployed team did not have too many days to sit around as their schedule was very tight.

For the past few years Mr Boyce Partridge has been named the project manager for this annual exercise and he is stationed in Eureka with the majority of the deployed personnel. Leitrim's contingent comprised of one officer in charge and seven technicians involved with the replacing and maintenance of the battery sites.

In order to cover the 450 km (distance from Eureka to Alert) two maintenance teams were organized. One team was located at Alert and the other was located at Fort Eureka. Access to the microwave repeater sites was by helicopter. For the personnel working out of Alert, support was provided by the Station's staff. However, for the personnel working out of Eureka, all support staff were brought in for the Operation. The support staff include the HQ staff, the logistical staff, the Construction Engineering staff (1 CEU), and the helicopter crews.

The HADCS team mission in Op HURRICANE 93 was carried out in three phases: battery preparation, battery exchange and maintenance.

When first flying to the site, a few hours was spent clearing the "concrete" snow away from the ramp. Once the snow was cleared, it was time to do

the battery bank switch over.

There are two sets of battery banks on each site; however, only one is providing power to the microwave equipment. The individual off-line battery boxes are brought on line automatically when the output of a batter box fails below a minimum voltage.

The battery exchange operations was the most challenging and potentially dangerous portion of the operation. It required the maximum effort of all HADCS personnel and the helicopter crew.

Usually, the complete battery exchange is done with a heavy lift helicopter. Last year (93), because of an unexpected delay in getting the heavy lit S61 Sikorsky helicopter, the batteries at two of the northern sites, GRANT and IDA, were exchanged using the military Twin Hueys. Since the Twin Hueys did not have a heavy lift capability, many additional trips, back and forth had to be done in order to complete the exchange.

Once the batteries had been exchanged at all sites, then the third and final stage of the HADCS team mission began. The technicians flew out to the sites to align and calibrate the microwave units so that they operate fault free until the following year's maintenance exercise.

Few people are aware of what the HADCS stands for or what the services it provides. Access to facsimile, pay and supply computers are essential to the day to day work on a station. In addition to these services, HADCS provides what could be called the

"Morale Keeper" circuits. These circuits are the re-broadcast TV and the telephone. Without HADCS, CFS Alert personnel could not have watched any of the NHL/NFL playoff games or call their families. Many of you presently take these services for granted; but, if we ever lost the system and had to revert to using the Amateur Radio nets for phone calls and having the rest of the world listening in on your conversation you would feel quite differently.

The HADCS technicians are proud of what they do and rest assured, if there were major problems on the system these guys would be ready to deploy in an instant; to ensure minimal effect to the Station.

It is hoped that this article has given you an insight into what the HADCS system is all about and what is require of those who have to maintain it.

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ANIMALS



February, the shortest month of the year, and we still managed to cram in some events. First we'd like to say good-bye to Rick (Mr Attitude) Lalonde who is going back to his prego wife Cindy. "Hey Rick, just another 2 months, then hang on

to your tuque, she's gonna blow!" Ricks replacement is Lawrie (Noodle) Beamer. Lawrie likes to pass her time sewing, so she brought up a dress makers form (better known as a headless mannequin) to model the clothes that she is putting together. Brian (hammered) Powder saw this doll in her room and almost got whiplash from the double take he did. Poor Hammered, he wasn't sure if he was supposed to shoot it or dress it up. What do you think, was it a childhood flashback - Brian, did you use to play with Barbie!

If you remember last month about Hellesmere getting the urge. Well, they had the urge on Sandi. Dan (Puff) managed to get

Sandi into Hellesmere and wham - before she knew what was goin' on she was saran wrapped to the coffee table. Next she was carted down to Igloo Gardens to do her impression of "a pig on a spit". Roxanne noticed that the pig was missing something. Yup, you guess it, the apple in the mouth. So in went a red delicious apple. By now, Sandi needed to be basted. She was looking a little, shall we say, over cooked. Being the gourmet chef that I am, I buttered her up leaving just enough butter on the tip of her nose, well, so I thought...

(following portion written by Brian (Hammered) Power)

The station Photo Club is one of the many clubs that are offered here in Alert. The first time Brian, Steve (Hurting) Watters, and Lisa (Planters) King visited the club was quite memorable. Steve was trying to focus a negative onto the paper but couldn't get it. Steve was getting perturbed because he could not understand why he was only seeing stringy things. That's when the instructor said, "No wonder! You have your whole head under the developer. It works wonders when you move your head out of the way." Steve gets the big "L" this month but don't worry, you'll be sharing it with Dennis (Numbkey) Laliberte.

(following portion written by Sheryl (Honker) True)

During one of our days off, the Animals decided to paint the halls of Alert. We took 2 hour shifts because of limited paint brushes. The Animals got reimbursed in more ways than one (lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread, and of

course beverages). Dennis got confused by the concept of painting walls with painting floors. He accidently (so he said) stepped into the tray of wet paint, Then he started to walk away leaving little footy-prints all over the floor. When Sheryl confronted Mr (I can do no wrong) Laliberte, he got all defensive and said "I didn't do it; it's not me!" In exasperation at trying to prove Sheryl was wrong, he checks out the bottom of his sneakers, and lo-and-behold - wet paint! How many shades of red can a human possibly turn, Dennis! I heard that if you look sheepish enough and just say, "Oops", it makes everything okay.

"How not to feed a Wolf" by Chris (Puppy) McBride

Well, it's days off and we had nothing to do. The sky was really bright, so instead of sitting around the common room watching movies, Guy Bruneau, Brian Power, Werner (Mr. Colt) Frei, Dean (diet Coke-a-Holic) Sacket, Lisa King and myself, Chris McBride decided to go check out the perimeter of the station. We walked in behind the gymnasium and wandered around. Sliding down little hills, basically enjoying the fresh sunny air. We even found the huge hill in behind the gym which is noted for it's excellent tobogganing. That had to be the best hill to experience flying down on your back! Those who have been here before in the light season know about that hill. After climbing back up to the top, we got to see the plane land in the daylight for the first time. (Swing) Wandering back around behind the row 50 buildings, we noticed four wolves curled up in the big snow bank built in behind.

Needless to say they woke up pretty dam quick when we walked near them. They pulled up the rear and we decided it was time to head on in. Then, I slipped on some ice and fell! One of the wolves started running right at me! Well, I was pretty quick in getting up off the ground. The wolf then smelt where I had landed, looked up at us and headed right after us again. Feeling the safety of the main compound around us, I climbed a huge snow pile. When two wolves started circling the bottom of the hill, I jumped off. I turned around and there was one right on top of the hill, right where I was! After that second incident, we decided to head on inside and say goodbye to the wolves for another day.

Remember, don't feed the wolves.

(following by Roxanne)

Shack clean-up - what a joyful event, especially for the person on house-mouse that week which was me - Roxanne or shall I call myself "Shift Blade". Just before the CO came around for his inspection of the Animals Pen I secretly placed a cheerio behind the entertainment unit hoping that the CO would find huge dust bunnies on it. No luck. the wing senior, at that time Werner Frei, found the round object with the hole in the middle just where I'd left it. Dooooow. Werner did a reverse blade on me. He turned my stuffed Animals upside down during the inspection. The nerve of him.

The Animals had a PJ party. There is nothing more to say, Pffft. It was a flop. However, the next weekend, a selective few made it into the "Baby

Powder Gang." Chris - the one shoe, one slipper bandit, Steve - running around not realizing that his pants were falling down to his ankles, Brian - the (true) instigator, Lee (Irving) Kolbuck - for being at the wrong place at the wrong time, Roxanne Colgan - the supplier and an innocent bystander. (he he he, believe it or not), and Werner for putting up with us.

Let's go back to where it all began. Roxanne leaves the sociable function for just a second not noticing that Chris and Steve followed her to her room. Both of them crashed onto her bed and passed out. Roxanne steam-rolls them but they didn't budge so she went back in the common room to get help. Brian and Lee come to her aid (ha, some aid). Brian first found the baby lotion and squirted Steve in the face, then he found the baby powder. Not a little container of talcum power but the biggest container that Johnson & Johnson ever put out. Roxannes room looks like the A-bomb went off - Baby power everywhere. By now, Steve got a hold of the baby power. Run-away! Everyone ran to the common room, another A-bomb went off and then another. We don't call the common room "the common room" anymore. It's calls "The Powder Room." Then we all ran out to the linkway. Another catastrophe. At this point in the night, or shall I say morning, it's time for an Ops shift change. The Phreeps were going to breakfast, and saw everything (through the smoke screen of course). "Please do not adjust your TV set, this is not a real fire, it's just a smoke screen." The Baby Powder Gang started cleaning up the A-Bomb residue that was all

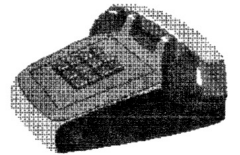
over the freshly painted wall and floor. We were just creating jobs, honest SWO! The baby power scent and a mushroom (powder) cloud managed to make it up the stairs to Ops. Now Ops has that fresh feeling like you've just stepped out of the shower. Well, it's breakfast time, so the Baby Powder Gang went to eat the most important meal of the day. Still looking lilly white, we managed to order powdered eggs and powdered bacon or sausage, with a side order of powdered toast. We washed it all down with, what else, powdered milk. The Lumberjacks, just back from work, saw the baby power gang chowing down in Igloo Gardens and were just baffled.

Brian had only one thing to say; "Did I do that?"

Dr Giggles

TRAINING HOTLINE SERVICE

(French translation on page 7-8)



Over the past year, the Training Development Hotline has helped over 150 standards personnel, supervisors, training managers and others in their search for assistance on a wide variety of training matters. The Hotline has given personnel across the CF direct access to the invaluable advice and assistance offered by the Canadian Forces Training Development Centre (CFTDC) at CFB Borden.

Most often, people call the Hotline in order to seek advice and assistance on virtually anything having to do with training in the CF. "What can be done to ensure we are delivering good training?" "How can we make use of computers in instruction?" The list of questions seems as long as it is diverse.

Many people also call to inquire about the courses run at CFTDC. CFTDC trains both military and civilian personnel in all aspects of the Canadian Forces Individual Training System. This includes topics like instructional techniques, instructor supervision, and the design and evaluation of training.

The Hotline also receives calls for the provision of more than just a quick answer to an immediate problem. Often, a caller needs the direct assistance of a Training Development Officer. In these cases, either short term consultances or longer term projects through the Training Development Services Program have been arranged.

Anyone on Canada's Defence Team, military or civilian, can access the Hotline services by calling (705) 423-3319 (commercial) or 270-3319 (CSN).

Ask around and people who know will tell you: Don't waste time struggling with a problem when you lack the information or expertise to do the job right! It's amazing how much easier the job gets when you get help from the right people.

NEW BOOK

Hurry Up & Wait: An inside look at life as a Canadian military wife
a new book by Dianne Collier.

What you should know from A to Z about being the wife of a military man...

Major-General Lewis Mackenzie describes the book as a delightful collection of anecdotes, survey results and sage advice from wives and kids of all ages who have been there. Anyone who has spent time in the military or married to it will find themselves with a kink in their neck from all the nodding in agreement after a few hours of reading....

Life in the military atmosphere is a rewarding, challenging, every-changing one and I sincerely hope my book will show the families that they are not alone and that many of the emotions they deal with are common to the lifestyle. Those of us who live the lifestyle are constantly challenged beyond our expectations and this book is a positive testament to all - Dianne Collier.

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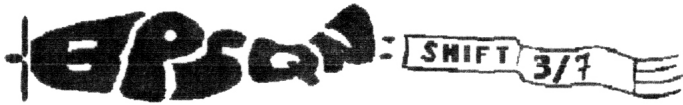
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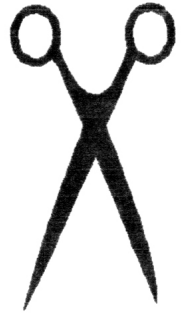
It's that time again to sit and write for Pole Talk. First, I would like to welcome all the newbies who arrived this month. I hope you have a short and happy tour. As for the loyal Phreeps that left this month - on behalf of the Phreeps - thanks for the parties and the memories. We will see you down south (pay backs are deadly). Enjoy our leave guys and gals.

Okay, now that's over with; lets talk about the new boss. Boy is he ever "ugly", but smart. This guy, on his third day here, called a shift meeting. We as shift 3/7 said, "Well, that's it! We have a

"knob" for a boss. What have we as loyal Phreeps done now." The boss started going up one side and down the other with the Cpls and the Ptes. Then he had the nerve to tell us that we as loyal Phreeps (which the boss is not yet or may never be) had no character. He and his flunkies (MCpls and Sgt) decided to challenge us to a games night at the Legion. Being loyal Phreeps we accepted his challenge and the games began. First was the pool game - rule one - sink a ball take a drink. Lets just say the old guys never had a drink. We had computer games, ring toss, golf, and blow ball -

which turned into a rugby match. The party lasted until the wee hours of the morning. A good time was had by all (all those who remember that is). The old guys say they won but us young guys and gals see it differently.

On March 1st the Phreeps decided to have a hat night; what a hat night it was. "38" bells were rung. It's was a new record for the most bells the Phreeps had in one night. Way to go Phreeps. Keep on partying. The Admiral is proud of you. The Ninja must of thought it was still Christmas; dancing with Christmas decorations on his head. Then we have Mike who, for some unknown reason, thought there was a chair behind him and decided to sit down. Guess what?



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There's no chair there! How was the floor? (haha) That's not all. We also have spock who, the next day, when we tried to get him up for work said "I don't have to work today, do I?" Everybody had a wonderful time.

STOP THE PRESS! NEWS FLASH! Old news but very important news. On 25 Jan 94 Admiral Rock celebrated his 14th birthday by having a party held in his honour at B-25. There were many important guests invited from all over the station. We even had a mini mess diner for him. All parties involved, for some unknown reason, found their way back to the shack. To this day nobody knows how or what time we got home.

Until next time party hardy and make the Admiral proud.

Phreep Spock

"Since the collapse of the Berlin Wall, I can finally sleep peacefully" said Adriëen Dewinter, a former member of the Dutch resistance during the Second World War. "I used to be afraid that was would break out again. My youth and that of thousands of other men and women was ruined by the war. Since disarmament has begun in Europe, I have fewer and fewer nightmares."

THE IRON CURTAIN IS LIFTING

(story by Captain Stphane Grenier)

In a classroom at the General Spoor Barracks in Ermelo, the Netherlands, Major Bob Taschereau, an inspector with J3 Arms Control Verification (J3 ACV) at NDHQ, is conducting a mission briefing for the other members of his multinational team consisting of four Canadians, one Britisher, one Spaniard and one American.

The J3 ACV teams, including Taschereau's, are tasked to proceed to former East bloc countries to verify compliance with the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty.

Taschereau and his people are headed for the Czech Republic. Once assembled at Ermelo, they have only a few hours in which to review the applicable sections of the Treaty and make final preparations for the mission.

Upon reaching Czech soil, they will have approximately 36 hours in which to conduct the inspection, note serial numbers and complete their reports. The tight schedule does not appear to pose a problem, however. "The Czech' word is their bond," said Taschereau. "They are well organized and are complying with the guidelines of the Treaty."

The site to be inspected is Terezin, a small fortified town

about 60 km from Prague - one of many in the Czech Republic currently affected by disarmament. Under the provisions of the Treaty, the team must enter the country through Prague and, from there, be escorted by members of the Czech verification unit for the entire duration of their stay. As in many other countries, a police escort is also provided.

During the inspection, the team will have to ensure that the Czech Army has not only disposed of the 61 Soviet-made M-30 howitzers, but that it has done so in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty. Howitzers cannot be destroyed in just any manner: the Treaty is very specific. The barrel must be severed into two sections at a point less than 100mm from the breech ring; the breech must be welded to the breech ring, or cut; the left trunnion must be cut; and, finally, the trail legs must be cut into two equal parts. While this process may seem quite complicated, the result is simple. "For all practical purposes, the aim is to ensure that these guns can never be fired again," explained Captain Simon Kitchener, a Canadian artillery officer with the inspection team.

The disposal methods are stringent and vary according

to the equipment. For example, tanks can be disposed of by crushing, the fuselage of combat aircraft must be cut into sections, and so forth.

"The inspection that we're going to do will be quite easy," explained Captain Moore. That is not always the case, however. "Last year, I was with a team that went to an armoured fighting vehicle (AFV) site at Wunsdorf, Germany. We had to climb into more than 400 BTR 60s and BMP 1s to ensure that each of them was part of the equipment subject to the treaty.

The team took off from Ermelo in the wee hours of the morning. Less than two hours later, the KLM Boeing touched down in Prague. the customs procedures were expedited for the members of the multinational team, unlike the other passengers. Major Imrich Luky, a Czech armoured officer employed in the arms control office in Prague, had arranged everything. A bus and police car were waiting at the airport for the inspectors. The team was then given a capsule briefing on the disposal site and a work schedule proposed by the Czechs. They were then taken to Terezin.

The site was absolutely

impeccable. The Czechs had taken the trouble to line up the equipment in an orderly fashion to make the inspectors' task easier. The serial numbers were readily visible and the equipment arranged in such a way as to preclude any confusion about the identification of the various components of the howitzers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frantisek Sekanina, the site commander and a career artillery officer, watched quietly as the inspectors read off the serial numbers. "I used to be the master of artillery; now I am the master of the destruction of all this equipment," he remarked. Although his tone betrayed a touch of nostalgia, he admitted that he was relieved that the Cold War is finally a thing of the past.

The Conventional forces in Europe Treaty was signed on 19 November 1990, following negotiations conducted in Vienna between the 22 nations of NATO and the former Soviet bloc.

In more concrete terms, the Treaty limits the two groups of countries to 20,000 tanks, 18,000 armoured personnel carriers, 20,000 artillery pieces, 6,800 combat aircraft and 2,000 combat helicopters. Besides being the first of its kind -- that is, a treaty that

enables both parties to inspect one another -- the CFE Treaty makes it possible to reduce arms significantly. In fact, before it came into force, the countries of the Warsaw Pact had, for example, 29,000 tanks and 40,000 armoured personnel carriers.

Each country therefore had to determine the quantity of weapons to be destroyed so that each side of the military equation would be equal. For example, the number of tanks in the Czech Republic must be reduced from 1,617 to 957, armoured personnel carriers from 2,315 to 1,367, artillery pieces from 1,516 to 767, and so on. The same applies to all signatories to the Treaty.

The members of the J3 ACV staff conduct two or three inspections a month. "The inspectors are away an average of two weeks every month," explained Colonel Gary George, Director of J3 ACV. For example, in 1992 alone, this organization consisting of just 22 service personnel conducted over 65 inspections in countries of the former Warsaw Pact. "Besides being frequent, the inspections usually take place in remote areas. Towns like Totskoye, Russia and Baku, Azerbaijan, are not exactly tourist centres," he added.

Nevertheless, the inspectors are glad of the opportunity to visit countries to which access had previously been denied. "Like anything else, it's a matter of getting used to it," explained team member Dave Tatham, a master technician with the British Joint Arms Control Implementation Group and an old hand at this sort of inspection. "However, you have to be careful about what you eat and drink. One one

visit, a British team had to be quarantined because the lads had caught diphtheria."

Besides routine inspections, teams are often required to conduct surprise inspections. In such cases, the target country is given only 48 hours' prior notice and the actual inspection site is not divulged until the inspectors arrive in the country. In this way, no one has time to move the equipment or alter the site.

The former members of the Warsaw Pact are just as appreciative of the opportunity to inspect NATO countries and monitor the reciprocity aspect of the Treaty. "It was absolutely tremendous to be finally able to touch an F-4 Phantom," said Lieutenant-Colonel Holan Frantisek, an air-defence radar specialist in the Czech Army. "After 24 years' service, I finally got to touch the fighter that I had been trained to shoot down in the event of hostilities."

That evening, after the inspection, the Czechs organized a small reception for the team. There is not much to do in Terezin, but Czech hospitality and the opportunity to swap war stories made the evening memorable. Despite the cultural differences that exist between the peoples of the East and the West, it is obvious that bonds of friendship were forged during this brief visit. After the meal, everyone took a few moments to exchange badges and various other items as a memento of their comrades in arms who used to be on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

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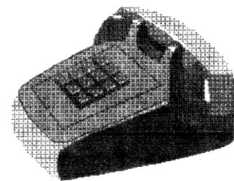
SOME 1993 INSPECTIONS

January 1993 - In Dabrowa Goenicza, Poland, 69 T-55 tanks were disposed of by crushing the vehicle components with an 8-ton steel ram.

August 1993 - Canadian personnel took part in one of the most extensive inspections. Over 300 BTR 60s and more than 190 BMP 1s were brought together for disposal at a AFV storage site in Wnsdorf, Germany. 56 SU-15 Flagons are verified and destroyed in Bobrovka, Russian. In Rzhev, Russia, verification that 24 SU-15 Flagons and 10 MiG-23 Floggers had been disposed of IAW CFE Treaty. Over 400 armoured personnel carriers disposed of in Wnsdorf, Germany.

October 1993 - verification that 61 M-30 howitzers belonging to the Czech Army had been disposed of IAW the CFE Treaty.

RENSEIGNEMENTS INSTRUCTION AU SERVICE DES INSTRUCTEURS



Au cours de la dernière année, le service d'assistance téléphonique Renseignements Instruction a aidé plus de 150 personnes, membres de sections des normes, surveillants, responsables de l'instruction et autres, dans leur quête d'assistance dans une foule de domaines liés à l'instruction. En effet, Renseignements Instruction a permis à des membres du personnel de l'ensemble des FC de se prévaloir directement des conseils et de l'aide inestimables offerts par le Centre du développement de l'instruction des Forces Canadiennes (CDIFC), à la BFC Borden.

En général, les personnes qui ont recours au service désirent obtenir des conseils et de l'aide dans toute la gamme des domaines qui touchent à l'instruction dans les FC, par exemple "Comment pouvons-nous nous assurer que nous offrons une bonne instruction?", "Comment pouvons-nous incorporer l'utilisation d'ordinateurs à l'instruction?". Les questions sont aussi nombreuses que variées.

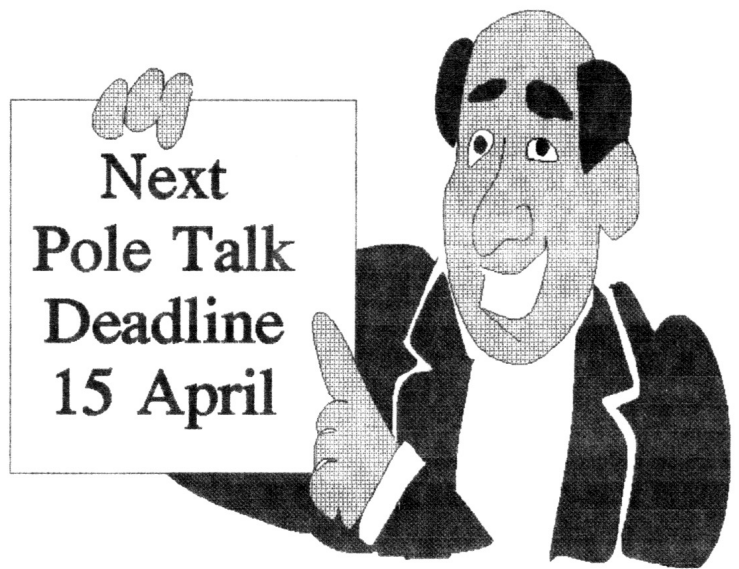
Renseignements Instruction reçoit également de nombreuses demandes au sujet des cours qui sont offerts au CDIFC. Ce dernier forme des militaires et des employés civils dans tous les volets du Service de l'instruction individuelle des Forces Canadiennes. Au nombre des sujets abordés, mentionnons les techniques d'instruction, la supervision d'instructeurs et la conception et l'évaluation de l'instruction.

Certains appels nécessitent toutefois plus qu'une solution rapide

a un probleme immediat. Il arrive souvent qu'un Officier du developpement de l'instruction doit intervenir directement. En pareil cas, le client peut se prevoir de consultations a court terme ou d'un projet a plus long terme qui s'inscrit dans le cadre du Programme de services en developpement de l'instruction (PSDI).

Quiconque fait partie de l'equipe de la defense du Canada, qu'il soit militaire ou employe civil, peut communiquer avec Renseignements Instruction au numero (705) 423-3319 du reseau commercial ou au numero 270-3319 du RCCC.

Les gens qui s'y connaissent vous le diront : ne perdez pas votre temps et vos efforts, quand vous ne disposez pas de l'information ou des competences specialisees voulues, pour regler un probleme. Vous pourriez etre surpris de constater a quel point c'est facile quand vous faites appel aux bonnes personnes.



greased hair, and music that made very little sense except that it didn't make you want to kill your mother. Oh well, boys ... speed kills dude! Party on!

Since our last little chat in Pole Talk, we have lost and gained again. In the loss side of the house we had to say good bye to both bosses - Roger "Tell me again that I'm the Boss" Lajoie and Craig "A-Roo" Coish. This itch and twitch pair compiled a driving force that couldn't be reckoned with both at work and at play. We also must say good bye to Don "Chuccker" Kelly. The 3 C's in Chucker were

for Color/Consistency/Chunks. See ya, Don. Next time try a Bromo - it's easier on the tummy! Then, of course, there was the tag team tourists Mark "Hey Old May" Dallaire and Steve "The Can Killer" Madagan. These two were our resident tourists and will be missed - due to each of their own unique personalities. Last but not least, we can't forget Rob "You T.D.B. You" Gillis and Pierre "They say I'm Too Nice" Jobin. Well guys, take care and we hope that you all have a good time on your

holidays down south.

Coming into our great establishment, we have our two new bosses, Russ Davison and Bob Bell. The have slid quite comfortably into the shoes we left them to fill (We didn't have to paper train these guys! What a draft choice we got with these two!). We also got another killer GD - Lucy "The Newfie" Hughes, Bill "Wilbur" Norman, and Norman "Pick me for Hut S..." Rockwell. We wish to welcome you to our "umble "ome. If I had that long I'd hang myself!

With the end of each month, it brings us a little closer to the day that we all can leave this Winter Wonderland. Well, with 21 and a wakie this boy is in major channel mode now and I hope that the weather and budget cuts don't stop my plane from landing. Until we meet again, keep smiling and remember that your day will come too!

Your truly channeling,

Flipper Forster
2TAC



It was a cold day in the quite little town. Despite the chill from the breeze blowing through the trees, you could still hear the sound of little children playing and laughing in the distance. HEY! Wait a minute! It's time to do a channel check (channel channel) Okay, back to reality. Well, it's true about the cold day, but the town and the kids are just the inhabitants of 2TAC preparing for the elusive off-midser.

Well, once again we must enhance the outer worlds knowledge of the inner world in hope that something good may result from these moments of inspiration. (look out we are in heavy channel mode now)

Over the last couple of weeks, we have witnessed the birth of the daylight season with the Sunrise Carnival. As per

normal the participation on the activities was maxed out. If we could get people expel energy in the same fashion in everything they do, we would never have to worry about getting things done. All in all it was a great success. Good work to all of those that came out to play.

Last week we had the pleasure of being entertained by the Northern Tour. (hey not a bad show!) The tunes were good, jokes and juggles great, and the girls... Well you know. The best part of the whole show was the great job the bartenders did to subdue the hoards of rowdy spectators in the audience. It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it!

We managed to survive the first major bash of the year in the halls of 2TAC. We had a morale dinner with a 60's theme. It was really interesting to see what the younger generations impression of the sixties was, and the older generation having to deal with the severe flashbacks of the tyedye shirts and bandannas, sunglasses,

CANADIAN FORCES PERSONNEL ASSISTANCE FUND



EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

For the past seven years the Canadian Forces has offered an Education Assistance Loan Program to assist serving and former members and their dependants with costs of post secondary education. This program offers low interest loans of \$1,200, \$1,500, or \$2,000 per student.

Several changes have been introduced in the program since its inception:

- the age restriction has been removed permitting loans for spouses and retired members themselves;
- there is not longer a limit on the number of loans per family;
- loans are now also available for full-time post graduate studies, post secondary education diplomas or certificates, or for any full-time adult education training program that is employment related;
- the period of service required to be eligible has been reduced from ten to five years.

to be eligible, the serving or former member must have served in the Canadian Army, after 1st October 1946, or in the Canadian forces, after 31 January 1968, and have a minimum of FIVE years Regular force military service.

Selection may be based on family income, years of service and individual family circumstances.

Loans are repaid by the member over a twelve month period beginning in September of the year in which the loan is granted. The repayment schedule including service charges is as follows:

AMOUNT OF LOAN	MONTHLY REPAYMENT
\$1,200.00	\$103.00
\$1,500.00	\$128.75
\$2,000.00	\$171.67

Application forms are available from Canadian Forces Base Financial Counsellors, district offices of Veterans Affairs Canada, and the Provincial Command offices of the Royal Canadian Legion. they may also be obtained by writing to CFPAP, 245 Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0G2.

The deadline for submission is 30 June 1994. No late submissions will be considered.

PROGRAMME DE PRETS D'ETUDES

Les Forces canadiennes offrent depuis sept ans un programme de prets d'etudes pour venir en aide aux membres actifs ou a la retraite qui doivent debourser des frais de scolarite pour des etudiants inscrits aux etudes post-secondaires. Ces emprunts comportent un taux d'interet reduit et sont disponibles pour un montant de 1 200\$, 1 500\$ ou 2 000\$ par etudiant.

Il y a eu quelques changements au programme depuis le debut:

- l'age limite a ete abolie permettant des prets aux conjoints et aux militaires retraites;
- aucune limite du nombre de prets par famille;
- les prets sont maintenant disponibles pour les programmes d'etudes post-secondaires (diplome ou certificat) ou d'etudes superieures, a temps plein, ou pour tout programme d'etudes pour adultes, a temps plein,

lie a l'emploi';
- la periode de service eligible est reduite de dix a cinq ans.

Pour etre eligible le demandeur doit compter un minimum de CINQ ans de service dans la force reguliere, soit dans l'Armee canadienne, apres le 1er Octobre 1946, ou dans les Forces canadiennes, apres le 31 Janvier 1968. La selection peut etre basee sur le revenu familial, les annees de service ainsi que toutes situations exceptionnelles dans la famille.

Tous les prets sont remboursables en deca de douze mois commençant en septembre de l'annee d'octroi du pret avec des remboursements mensuels tel qu'indique ci-dessous:

MONTANT REMBOURSEMENT DU PRET	MENSUEL
1 200.00\$	103.00\$
1 500.00\$	128.75\$
2 000.00\$	171.67\$

Les formules de demande sont disponibles aupres des conseillers financiers des bases militaires, des bureaux d'Anciens combattants du Canada, et des bureaux regionaux de commandement de la legion royale canadienne. on peut aussi se les procurer en s'adressant a la CAPFC, 245 rue Cooper, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0G2.

La date limite pour poster les demandes cette annee est le 30 juin. Les demandes oblitérees apres le 30 juin 94 seront rejetees.

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