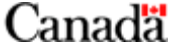

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## CFDS Personnel as Firefighters?

Yes, as a Dentist or Dental Assistant in the Canadian Forces, you too could find yourself being employed out of trade. Capt Dan Stuart and Sgt Nora Larocque from HMCS Preserver are pictured training on a Ships' firefighting course. Who said the Canadian Forces wasn't diverse? It appears that they are enjoying their time aboard Ship.



## A Message from the Director

The CFDS is off to a very productive and successful new millennium. In particular, with the approval in March by Armed Forces Council of CFDS Reforger, we have been given additional professional resources that are required to provide for the improved oral health of our patients. The increased number of military positions will also provide for improved career opportunities and reduce to some extent the demands of the uniformed members of our service. Additionally, with the signature by ADM (HR-Mil), DGHS and myself on the Performance Management Contract, the authority and accountability for the dental services lies appropriately with the Director of Dental Services.

Plans to resurrect the CFDSS – "the core of the Corps" are proceeding well. Next year the CFDSS and the Borden Dental Detachment will be consolidated under a single Commandant at the rank of LCol. The detachment will be augmented with carefully selected personnel who can serve in both the clinical and training roles, reducing the need for incremental staff – a situation that places significant stresses on these staff, their families and the detachments that rely upon them. The Commandant will have the responsibility and challenge of successfully balancing the clinical needs of the patient population with the periodic training requirements of the CFDS.

I am very pleased to announce that effective immediately, Mr. Jardine Neilson has been appointed as Colonel

## Message du Directeur

Le SDFC se dirige vers un nouveau millénaire très productif et rempli de succès. En particulier depuis l'acceptation du projet "CFDS REFORGER" en mars dernier par le Conseil des Forces Armées, nous accord des ressources additionnelles afin de nous permettre de pouvoir améliorer la santé dentaire de nos patients. L'augmentation du nombre de positions militaires va aussi améliorer les opportunités de carrière et réduire jusqu'à un certain point la lourde charge de travail du personnel en uniforme. De plus, avec la signature de SMA(RH-Mil), DGSS et moi-même sur la Contrat de Gestion de la Performance, l'autorité et la responsabilité pour les services dentaires tombe, de façon plus approprié, sous la direction du Directeur Service dentaire.

Les plans pour ressusciter l'ESDFC – "le coeur du corps" vont bon train. L'année prochaine l'ESDFC et le détachement dentaire seront consolidés sous un seul commandant au rang de LCol. Le personnel du détachement sera augmenté et soigneusement sélectionné pour pouvoir servir autant au niveau de la clinique que de l'entraînement. Ceci réduira donc les besoins en personnel supplémentaire comme cela fut le cas lors des derniers cours et permettra d'éviter les grands stress subis par les membres, leurs familles et les détachements qui dépendaient d'eux. Le commandant aura la responsabilité et le défi de balancer avec succès les besoins cliniques de la population avec les entraînements périodiques requis par le SDFC.

Commandant of the Canadian Forces Dental Services. Mr. Neilson has enjoyed a distinguished career in the military and public service and he has close professional and personal relations with the CFDS. As Executive Director of the Canadian Dental Association for the past 15 years, he has an outstanding knowledge and perspective concerning the dental professional as a whole. I look forward to a very close and successful relationship with Mr. Neilson and am honoured that he has chosen to accept this appointment.

A final thought. While the CFDS has faced many challenges over the past few years, and undoubtedly will face many more in the future, your most important contribution to our future success is to remain focussed on providing our patients with excellent and compassionate treatment.

Sanitas in Ore

Col John Currah

Je suis très heureux d'annoncer qu'effectif dès maintenant, M. Jardine Neilson fut nommé comme Colonel Commandant du Service Dentaire des Forces Canadiennes. M. Neilson a apprécié une belle carrière militaire ainsi que civile et, il a de proches relations professionnelles et personnelles avec le SDFC. En tant que Directeur Exécutif de l'Association Dentaire Canadienne depuis les 15 dernières années, il possède d'excellentes connaissances ainsi qu'une bonne perspective de la profession dentaire dans son ensemble. Je suis enthousiaste de pouvoir travailler de près avec lui et surtout honoré qu'il ai accepté cette position.

Une réflexion finale. Pendant que le SDFC a fait face à plusieurs défis dans le passé et pendant qu'il en affrontera sans aucun doute plusieurs autres dans le futur, votre plus importante contribution vers notre succès demeure votre détermination et assiduité à donner des soins de qualité.

Sanitas in Ore

Col John Currah

## A Word from The FANG Editor

Thank you for all of your excellent articles and submissions for this edition of the FANG. Although it has been busy here at D Dent Svcs I have finally published the next edition of The FANG. A special thanks to Det Greenwood for their excellent submission; I couldn't get all of the material you submitted on the same page so there might be a few things missing - I don't think my Word skills are as diverse as yours...

If you are submitting articles, please refrain from doing the following: hitting the "return" key after each and every line and submitting word files already containing a picture (please submit the picture separately in its own .jpg file). Once again, please remember that I will not publish anything that is controversial. So if there is something that you have submitted that you do not see in the FANG it

may have been too controversial to publish – feel free to contact me if you wish. I also use my own discretion when publishing pictures as I receive a lot for each edition.

My hat goes off to Capt Stuart and Sgt Larocque for submitting their firefighting picture - with which I chose to grace the cover of our FANG this edition.

The next edition of the FANG will be Dec 00. Please submit your articles by 11 Nov 00 and I will have the FANG out by the end of the month.

Capt Tracey MacCormack  
D Dent Svcs AO

## CFDS REFORGER APPROVED !

CFDS Reforger, discussed at length in the December 1999 edition of The Fang, was approved by the Armed Forces Council (AFC) on 20 March 2000.

D Dent Svcs and 1 Dental Unit Headquarters are now eagerly working on putting the concepts outlined in CFDS Reforger in place to improve the structure of the CFDS and ensure a more effective and efficient Dental Corps.

# Our New CFDS Colonel Commandant

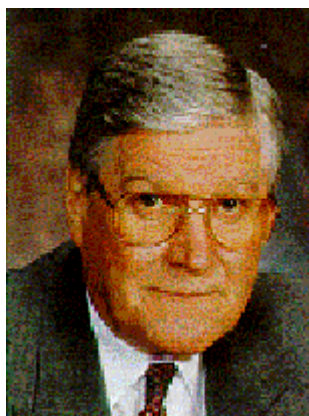
## Mr. Jardine Neilson

Mr. Neilson commenced his military career with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets serving in RCSCS "Victory" in Montreal, Quebec from age 12 through 16; attaining the rank of Petty Officer.

He was awarded the Navy League of Canada Scholarship to McGill University upon graduation from High School and maintained his military association by joining the University Naval Training Division (UNTD). He attended "Divisions" with the UNTD on a weekly basis during the University year at HMC DONNACONA in Montreal, and served on both coasts during the summer session from 1954 to 1956. He completed various courses on military officer protocol, man management, short and long navigation, seamanship, naval gunnery, torpedo and small arms training.

He undertook flight training at CFB Centralia (Primary Flight Training School), and CFB Trenton (Flight Training School) from 1956 to 1958. He was promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant in 1958 and was confirmed as a Sub-

Lieutenant upon graduation from Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) in 1964.



Since retiring from reserve duty in the mid-sixties, Mr. Neilson rose through a distinguished civil service career that included senior management appointments with Unemployment Insurance Canada; Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Public Service Commission of Canada and Transport Canada. This was followed by a 15 year term as Executive Director of the Canadian Dental Association (CDA).

Mr. Neilson holds membership in the International College of Dentists (Honorary Fellow), the American Dental Association (Honorary Member), the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) and the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).

Mr. Neilson's extra curricular activities include skiing, skating, sailing, swimming, tennis, reading, music, theatre, cycling, travel and photography.

Welcome aboard!

### CFDS Winter Working Group

The 2000 CFDS Winter Working Group convened 25 February to 2 March at 17 Wing, CFB Winnipeg. The event was extremely successful and all 180 participants had a full schedule. The weather was extraordinary for Winnipeg, with some days reaching as high as 10 degrees C. This in turn set the tone for the Working Group.

Opening remarks from Colonel Currah, Director of Dental Services, were very optimistic for the future of the CFDS

Highlights from the hygienists' program included an interactive afternoon with Major Cuff (CFDS periodontist), a lecture about stress from Lieutenant (N) Breton (social worker), and an update on product information from representatives of Ash Temple, Maxill and the Block Drug Company.

Lastly, the Dental Assistants received an update on the NDAEB (National Dental Assistants Examining Board)

based largely on pending news about CFDS Reforger. This was followed by an Operations update from Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor who described the extent of our increasing involvement in support of missions from a global perspective. Promotions, awards and recognition of members for meritorious service concluded the opening ceremonies.

Thanks to the coordinating efforts of Captain Al Brown a diverse agenda of continuing education was presented to all attendees. Detachment Commanders and Clinic Coordinators received a very comprehensive and interactive session from Mr. Jim Norman regarding current policy on harassment issues in the workplace. General attendance lectures included correct posture in the dental environment, which was very well received (Ms Geneviève Sirois) and a presentation and demonstration of new developments in dental field equipment (Mr. Ken Goff from Aseptico). Also included were professional lectures for the dentists, hygienists and the dental assistants.

Major Lemon enlightened his audience with a frank discussion about the realities and myths associated with post-graduate dental officer training. (He is presently completing his final year of the Advanced General Dentistry program at Fort Bragg, with the US Army.) Dr. Sheen from ViDent presented a lecture on 'Enhanced Esthetics and Advanced Shade Taking with the new Vitapan 3D-Master Shade Guide'. Major Anderson and Major Austin, (periodontists with the CFDS) tag-teamed to present 'Techniques for Root Coverage and Periodontal Diagnosis'.

I would like to express my appreciation to each member of the organizing committee with special recognition to Sgt Mike Wilson. Your ability to guide all members through this evolution was outstanding. The following members are to be commended for their individual and collective efforts that ensured the success of this occasion: Sgt Mike Wilson (Working Group Coordinator); MCpl Duane Forward (Coordinator: transport, A/V, and communications); Capt Al Brown (Flights and CE Coordinator); Capt Richard Mansour (Dental Officer CE Coordinator, photographer); Sgt Linda White (CE Coordinator for hygienists, social convenor: meet and greet; pizza night); Cpl Kathy Tighe (Welcoming

process currently being implemented (Mr Dave Lamb). This is designed to standardize dental assistant training nationally and permit portability of these credentials between provinces. As well, an informative mini-symposium on 'Field Postings' was presented by WO Shirley. This was followed by a trip to Minto Armories where MWO Whitebone of the Cameron Highlanders led the dental assistants through small arms training using the range audio and video simulator.

Some of the best times were had at the social gatherings. Attendance was excellent, starting with the Meet and Greet and finishing with the CFDS Bonspiel Banquet. The CFDS Mess Dinner included all ranks and was a huge success. Our Guest of Honour, Dr. Johann de Vries, Dean of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, delivered an informative address on the state of dentistry today and prospects for the future. Especially impressive that night was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Corps of Drums. Another evening during the week was occupied with Glow Bowling at Academy Bowling Lanes. The big hitters were out and the high score of the night belonged to Lieutenant Colonel Hart. Also introduced this year was a Squash tournament. Thanks to Dr. Sheldon Best and his ability to match our calibre of talent the term 'squash butt' was borne. To conclude the week all members were treated to a digital photo slide show of the week's events on the evening of the Bonspiel (separate article to follow).

Committee, Bowling Coordinator); Mr. Marcel Roberge (welcome packages); MCpl Caroline Vezina, MCpl Bo Forbes, Cpl France Lebel, Cpl Bill Norris (drivers, photocopying, A/V technicians at venues); WO Chris Simpson (Mess Dinner seating plan); Major Rick Johnson, Major Gray Lysechko (Bonspiel Coordinators).Cpl Tom Johnson (Small Arms Training coordinator); and Dr. Sheldon Best (Coordinator Squash Tournament)

Major Jerry Collins  
Coordinator  
CFDS Working Group 2000

## 36<sup>th</sup> CFDS Bonspiel

The 36th CFDS Bonspiel, the 1st of the new millenium, was held at the historic Granite Curling Club in Winnipeg 01-02 Mar 00. Twenty-four teams were entered in the spiel amidst speculation about who would be curling on LCol

The D event (Branch CWO's Trophy) winners were Maj Anderson, Maj McTaggart, Maj Hedley and Capt Ross. The runners-up were Capt Grewal, Capt Warmerdam, Capt Payne and Cpl Powell.

Becker's team. LCol Becker initially submitted only a 3 player team and rumours began circulating out of Ottawa that his fourth player would in fact be someone named Jeff Stoughton. Needless to say, this news spread quickly and kept the CSN lines buzzing. The suspense continued until the opening draw when 'Jeff Stoughton' was revealed to be none other than Dr (Capt-ret'd) Ivan Hucal who just happens to know a thing or two about throwing a curling stone.

This stacked team of Dr Hucal, LCol Becker, LCol Hart, and Maj Goheen and went on to win the A event (Wansborough Trophy). The runners-up were Louise West, Jill Boychuk, Syl Hancharyk and Sgt Wilson.

The B event (RCDC (R) Trophy) winners were Capt West, Capt Kaiser, Sgt Sushelniski and WO Roberge. The runners-up were Dr Hein, Capt Campbell, Capt Mullin and Cpl Norris.

The equally stacked team of Wayne Cudmore, Maj Johnson, Maj Lysechko and Dr Fleming won the C event (Snr NCO's Trophy). The runners-up were Sgt Ingersoll, Maj Austin, Cpl Burley and Capt Langevin.

The bonspiel was followed by a banquet at the Officers Mess where the winners received their trophies and crests.

Congratulations to the winners! Everyone had a great time enjoying the curling, camaraderie and unseasonably mild weather in Winter..or rather Winnipeg.

RD Johnson  
Maj  
Dep Det Comd  
Dent Det Halifax

(CO's Note: Our rink was very pleased that a *local* ret'd member (Dr Hucal), who had expressed an interest in curling at our function, agreed to curl with our team who was short one person. I hope Major Johnson notes that at least we didn't have to "fly in" a ringer like CWO-ret'd Cudmore. And the draw that had our team and Cudmore's rink meet in the second round was purely coincidental - I'm sure. Rick, what happened in that game?)

## Another Look at the CFDS Working Group

This past February, Dent Det Winnipeg played host to the CFDS working group. Dent Det Wpg had the honour of playing host for a second year in a row for the CFDS working group.

Our dental detachment would like to thank all the incremental staff who came out on TD to assist with the CFDS working group. The following personnel provided an indispensable service, and Dent Det Wpg would like to thank them all for their hard work and assistance with the working group: Maj Johnson RD; Maj Lysechko OG; MCpl Forbes DE; MCpl Vezina MCC; Cpl Lebel F; and Cpl Norris W.

We would also like to thank our own staff for their professionalism and extreme hard work which ensured that the CFDS working group proved to be such a huge success.

For everyone who could not attend this year's CFDS working group I have prepared a quick overview for you all. The working group had attendees from all levels of the CFDS including D Dent Svcs, 1 Dental Unit HQ, Field Ambs, Dental Detachments, CFMG and 1 Cdn Fd Hosp. In all there were 170 personnel in attendance, which included Officers, Senior NCO's, and Junior NCO's.

The working group was run concurrently with various lectures and briefings being given throughout the actual day to the different trade specifications in attendance. This ensured the maximum use of time and resources for the purpose of the passage of information to each trade specification. There were a number of briefings and lectures to each of the various rank levels. As well a number of social events were held such as the CFDS curling bonspiel.

In summary, I would urge anyone who has not yet attended a CFDS working group in the past, to ask your chain of command permission to go to one. Not only are the CFDS working groups interesting with all of the various lectures and briefings, but the social events also allow you to meet and interact with your fellow CFDS personnel.

Cpl Johnson TA  
Dent Det Winnipeg

## New Arrivals



At the end of Feb 2000, Maj Tony Nguyen and his wife received a gift from the stork. A son, Anthony Jr, who weighed 8 lbs 11 oz and measured 19.5 in long is now part of the Nguyen family.

LCol Gord Jones and his wife Lindsay are proud to announce the birth of their twin sons, Quinlan Wayne and Zachary Linden, who were born in the late hours of 24 Mar 00 and weighed 3 lbs and 5 lbs 8 oz respectively. They are both at home now and doing very well!



**CONGRATULATIONS !!**

### 1999/2000 W.R. Thompson Trophy Award Recipients

The W.R. Thompson Trophy is awarded to the individual or team, Officer or NCM, who has made the most significant contribution to the operational role of the CFDS during the past year; or over several years. This endeavour may be in the area of sea, land, or air operations; doctrine, training, concept development or any other aspect of the CFDS Operational Role.

This year's award will be presented to the Dental Team of Captain Jason Comeau and Sergeant Nora Larocque for their deployment to Macedonia during OP GUARANTOR.

Honourable mention awards go to Maj Dubois from 5 Fd Amb Valcartier, the Dental Company from 1 Cdn Field Hospital Petawawa and WO Spencer from 14 Wing Greenwood.

The following narrative describes the deployment and challenges faced by Capt Comeau and Sgt Larocque during OP GUARANTOR.

Their deployment to Macedonia was anything but smooth. The Dental Team was never given a firm departure date and were effectively on 25 hours standby from 9 Dec 98 until they departed for Zagreb 19 Jan 99. This made it very difficult for the members and their families.



Since they were told the deployment could last six months, and they could not send unaccompanied baggage through CMTT (as those personnel going to Bosnia do) they had to hand carry a significant amount of kit with them.

and the airport would only accept local currency. As a result, they had to locate a place to change their currency in order to pay for new plane tickets and excess baggage costs.

The Dental Team ultimately solved their problem in Zagreb and arrived in Skopje only to be confronted with additional problems. The work visas they required in order to enter the country had been issued with the same date as the work visas issued to the Canadian Medical Team that had already deployed to Macedonia. Since the Dental Team's visas did not have the same date as their arrival in Macedonia, airport officials were not going to let them into the country. It was only when the officials saw their military kit that they relented and let them enter.

The Dental Team had not been provided with a contact phone number of the name of the camp there were to deploy to prior to departing Canada. They were simply told that someone would meet them at the airport. Incredibly, no one showed up leaving them stranded at the airport with no idea where to go and unable to speak the local language. As luck would have it, a French soldier arrived at the airport to pick up someone else who, as it turned out, did not show up. They approached him and found out he wasn't from the same camp as the Canadian Medical team. He took them and their gear to his camp and French officials there were finally able to locate where their camp was.

On arrival at their camp, they found their living quarters extremely crowded with 3 to 4 personnel per trailer (in Bosnia it's 1 to 2 per trailer). The quarters were also provided with very little heat and they only had 10

On arrival in Zagreb there was no one at the airport to meet them and the hotel they were suppose to stay at was 40 minutes away. In addition, the cabs in Zagreb are very small and incapable of transporting large amounts of luggage. Luckily, they ran into a LCol from the Canadian Support Element in Zagreb at the airport. He provided storage for their kit and ensured that it was delivered to the airport the next day.

The next day, the Dental Team was suppose to depart Zagreb for Skopje, Macedonia. They were told prior to leaving Canada that plane tickets were already reserved and excess baggage was pre-authorized. To their dismay, they discovered that the ticket reservations were made to the wrong country and there was no authorization for excess baggage. As well, the money they brought with them was German and American currency (as instructed)

cramped living quarters in order to try to prevent them from freezing.

During the second month of their deployment they moved into an abandoned building that was converted into a hospital which was able to accommodate a dental chair, compressor, etc. They were finally able to provide a more comprehensive range of dental treatment. While in theatre the Dental Team treated 230 emergency patients. They found that French military personnel are sent on missions without prior dental screening exams. If they are examined at home, x-rays are rarely taken and many soldiers arrive in theatre with multi-unit provisionals. The treatment provided by the Dental Team was greatly appreciated by the French soldiers.

There was a problem with significant delays in obtaining additional supplies that were ordered. A Root Canal APEX Locator never did show up. Also while in theatre, they did not have access to e-mail, it took regular mail one and a half months to arrive and they were fortunate if they got five minutes a week to call home.

In order to help stay in shape, the Dental Team fashioned their own gym equipment by making sets of weights for weight lifting by utilizing tar buckets, cement, and bars that they scavenged from the area.

The Dental Team's camp was located only four km from the Macedonia/Kosovo border. When the NATO Air campaign started 23 Mar 99, the risk of the camp being hit with both enemy and friendly fire was very real. There were 16 batteries of tanks as well as long range missiles positioned behind them directed towards Kosovo. As well, NATO aircraft would fly in from behind them and fire missiles over the camp at targets in Kosovo. The team could actually see the streaks from the missiles. Two NATO missiles, in fact, landed in a neighbouring town approximately one km away.

A HQ was located adjacent their camp which housed the command elements for the French led Extraction Force and the British led Kosovo Verifier Coordination Centre. This potentially was a target for attack from either Serb forces in Kosovo or Serbian elements within Macedonia.

The local population around the camp was predominately Serbian and once the air strikes began, they started demonstrating outside the entrance to the camp and some military personnel were harassed. After the first day of the air strikes, the Dental Team was directed to leave the camp for their own safety and obtain accommodation in the

minutes of hot water available per day. During the first month of their deployment the food provided was sparse and of very poor quality. For the remainder of their tour, however, the food improved considerably.

For the first month, the Dental Team treated dental emergencies on a stretcher in an OR tent which had no room for a compressor. The French would not let them put a dental chair in the tent. They were also without x-ray capability, sterilizers and amalgamators. The only treatment they could provide were IRMs, extractions, some resins (when the light bulb didn't blow) and prescriptions for medication.

The dental supplies were kept in an unheated warehouse while the outside temperature was often as low as -20 C. The Dental Team resorted to keeping some supplies (especially local anesthetic) in their already

neighbouring city (Skopje). While in their hotel rooms, Serbs kicked in their windows causing a very tense situation as they did not know if they were going to be attacked or not. They had no weapons to defend

themselves with as they were never issued any during the deployment. After two nights in the hotel they returned to the camp where they felt safer and at least they had bunkers to stay in. During all of this, they continued to treat dental emergencies.

The day before departing for Canada, the team was allowed into the refugee camp where they saw 27 patients in four hours and extracted 44 teeth. The Dental Team returned home the next day (15 Apr 99).

In closing, Capt Comeau and Sgt Larocque not only had to overcome significant problems to arrive in theatre, but the very difficult and stressful conditions they had to content with to live and work on a daily basis were extraordinary. Capt Comeau and Sgt Larocque displayed an exemplary level of professionalism throughout the deployment and their outstanding performance was unquestionably a credit to the CFDS.

Capt Tracey MacCormack  
Majority of Article excerpted  
from Award Submission Narrative



(Sgt Larocque and Capt Comeau in Theatre)

## Winnipeg Detachment Lends a Helping Hand at Christmas

During the month of December 1999 CFB Winnipeg Dental Detachment set out to find someone less fortunate

going to be guaranteed a gift to open on Christmas morning.



to lend a helping hand to. It was the season for giving and giving we did. We raised \$350.00 through personal donations and a Chinese auction. We then contacted the Winnipeg Harvest and they gave us a name of a young, single mother with three kids. We then bought gifts of clothing for the mother and toys and clothing for each child with enough food for a good feast, and stock for the cupboards. Though we were only able to help one family, it felt good knowing that three children were



We decided to deliver the package ourselves and when we arrived at her bachelor apartment we saw no sign of Christmas. There was no tree or any type of decorations and the apartment was old and creepy. We felt pretty sad for the kids at this point. We had hoped that we might have got to see the kids but they were in Daycare, so we did our good deed and left.

In telling all the other staff about the living conditions they were really glad that we had the opportunity to help this family. It brightened everyone's Christmas and helped us to appreciate how much we actually have.

Cpl Kathy Tighe

Picture:

Fm left to right: Marcel Roberge (Receptionist), Jill Boychuk (Hygienist), Cpl Kathy Tighe (DA) and Perry Lynne (mother of the three children)

### The Swiss Air Forensic Experience CFDS Presentation to the Pacific Dental/CDA Conference 9-11 March 2000

On September 2, 1998, Swissair Flight 111 departed JFK airport in New York, en route to Geneva Switzerland. On board were 215 passengers and 14 crewmembers. Approximately 53 minutes after take-off, the crew noticed an unusual smell in the cockpit and was directed toward the Halifax International Airport. Twenty minutes later, shortly after the crew had declared an emergency, the aircraft struck the water near Peggy's Cove Nova Scotia, fatally injuring all 229 occupants on board. When it became evident that civilian resources could not man the Dental Identification Centre set up at CFB Shearwater to the level required, local authorities requested assistance from the Canadian Forces Dental Services. In all, 47 CFDS personnel from CF bases across Canada were involved in the operation (Op Persistence) between 3 September and 29 October 1998. In addition, five civilian dentists added their support when available. Of the 149 identifications confirmed by the close of operations on 29 October 1998, 102 involved dental input. Eventually all passengers and crew were identified: the majority of successful identifications effected after 29 October 1998 were DNA matches.

At last year's 1 Dental Unit Conference (Feb 99), LCol Hart, Maj Collins, LCol Jones, LCol Becker and Maj Reid presented a Forensic Dentistry Symposium, concentrating on the Swissair 111 investigation, to conference attendees. It covered many aspects of forensic dentistry and concentrated on CFDS participation in the victim identification process. Soon after the conference, it was decided that the CFDS would volunteer to present a similar Symposium at the CDA Conference in Halifax in August, 1999. Unfortunately it was too late by that time to arrange for a suitable time slot, as the program was more or less fixed, and the idea was put on the back burner. In October 1999, the CDA confirmed that a two and a half hour slot at the Pacific Dental/CDA Conference would be available exclusively for the use of the CFDS, and Col Currah recruited the services of Maj Collins, LCol Becker, and Maj Reid to create a presentation focussing on Forensic Dentistry and the Swissair 111 investigation. Maj Collins was tasked with opening the session with a Forensic Dentistry overview, LCol Becker was to next cover Mass Disaster Management, the Forensic Identification Centre, and the Swissair Experience, and Maj Reid was to close with Case Studies. The presentation

for our needs, as we were competing against several popular speakers. Late on 9 March we painstakingly checked out AV facilities, podium lights, slide projectors etc. to ensure there would be no surprises, and then left the site for a good night's sleep and final preparations for our presentations.

We were scheduled to speak at 0830 so we all arrived at about 0730 to again check the setup and verify that everything was working to our satisfaction (can't have too many recces). At about 0800 the doors opened and conference attendees started streaming in. At 0810 the room was almost full and by 0815 there were no seats left. At 0820 it was decided that the convention centre staff would move one of the temporary walls to create more space as there were at least another 500 people waiting outside Ballroom A. It took about 20 minutes to accomplish the task and the presentation got under way at about 0845, to an audience estimated to be over 1100 people. Despite the fact that almost half of the audience had a restricted view (there wasn't time to change the slide screens to have them centered on the audience, so the early birds had the best view) the majority stayed for the whole presentation, to the pride and satisfaction of the presenters.

After all the hours of preparation, in addition to the hundreds of hours spent by CFDS personnel on the Swissair 111 investigation (which greatly contributed to our subject matter), we had finally presented the story of CFDS's involvement to a mostly civilian audience. From the response we received, both at the conference and from subsequent positive feedback from attendees, the presentation has to have been judged a great success. It allowed us to demonstrate some of our capabilities to an audience that was largely unfamiliar with the CFDS and our role. It was a tremendous experience for those of us involved, and we thank Col Currah, Director of Dental Services, for offering our services to the Pacific Dental/CDA organizers and to the conference attendees who made the whole event so successful by coming out in such large numbers.

E.L. Reid

was to be called "The Swissair Forensic Experience".

The date was set for 10 March 2000; the team made their way to Vancouver on the 8th to attend the conference and receive the set up. Initially a small meeting room was allocated but after some discussion it was decided that the 600 seat Ballroom "A" would be more appropriate for the anticipated audience. When we first scouted out the room we were certain it would be adequate

Major  
Dental Detachment Commander  
1 Dental Unit Detachment  
USS Valcartier

## Nouvelles du Pon Dentaire 5<sup>e</sup> Amb de C

La rentrée a été très mouvementée pour le pon dent du 5<sup>ème</sup> Amb de C. Dès la 2<sup>ème</sup> semaine de janvier, nous avons participé à un exercice de survie en hiver qui est un cours obligatoire pour tous les membres de la Brigade. Il s'agissait du cours de Guerre en hiver. Ceux qui avaient déjà eu la formation, devaient quand même sortir pour recycler leurs connaissances. Nous avons appris à survivre dans des conditions hivernales très difficiles. Une nuit a été particulièrement froide. Il a fait près de -35C sans le facteur vent ! Le son des dents claquant de grelottement était particulièrement amusant à entendre.



(L to R: Cpl Mike Turcotte (Med A), Capt Pierre Charpentier (HSO), LS Benoit Labreche (Med A) and Sgt David Southall (Dent A))

Du 17 au 21 janvier, le **Cpl Chantal Magnan** s'est envolée pour Portland, Oregon, E.U. où elle avait la dure tâche de suivre le cours « Technical Training Seminar » donné par la compagnie A-DEC. Ce cours d'une durée de 5 jours est totalement défrayé par la compagnie. Cette formation lui a appris beaucoup sur la maintenance et les réparations mineures d'équipement dentaire. Elle a été traitée aux petits oignons par les membres de la cie.

Par la suite, elle a eu à peine eue le temps de ranger ses valises qu'elle partait en exercice d'unité avec le pon dentaire du 24 au 27 jan 00. Cet exercice consistait à valider la capacité du pon dentaire à supporter la brigade en temps hivernal. C'est important car il faut surveiller de près l'équipement dentaire et le matériel qui peuvent geler à tout moment. Nous y avons fait quelques-uns des jaloux avec notre chauffage !!!

Le mois de février a été un peu moins mouvementé. La seule activité d'envergure a été la Conférence dentaire à Winnipeg auquel le **Maj Nancy Dubois**, le **Cplc Richard Asselin** et le **Cpl Chantal Magnan** ont participé. Le **Capt Stephane Gendron** est demeuré à Valc pour remplir ses tâches comme Cmdt du Pon par interim. Cplc Asselin a été très occupé avant son départ car il devait préparer une présentation sur le pon dentaire. Il a très bien réussi à représenter le pon dent. Quant à Maj Dubois, son vol ayant été retardé de 24 heures, la présentation qu'elle devait donner a été annulée. Ça sera pour l'année prochaine ! Cette semaine à Winnipeg a été une excellente occasion pour rencontrer de vieux et nouveaux amis du Service Dentaire. Vous vous demandez probablement où était passé le **Sgt David Southall** ? Eh bien, il était l'entraîneur de l'équipe de Biathlon. Il a dû faire 3 courses de ski de fond militaire en 4 jours. La première avait une distance de 20 km, la seconde 15 km et la dernière et non la moindre mesurait 10 km. Quelle belle semaine de souffrances ! Ses muscles ont accumulé de l'acide lactique pour au moins un an. Assez de temps avant de recommencer l'année prochaine. N'est-ce pas Sgt ?

La fin de semaine du 11-12 mars, le Cpl Magnan a participé à un ex de la milice. Son rôle était d'amener un véhicule dentaire à Sherbrooke qui est une ville à environ 2 heures au sud-ouest de Valcartier et de superviser la section dentaire de la milice lors de leur exercice. Ils ont très bien fait.

Par la suite, nous avons participé du 20 au 24 mars à un ex de tir qui visait à nous préparer pour une épreuve d'avance au combat avec des cibles apparaissant à tour de rôle sur un parcours de 1 kilomètre. Cette épreuve se tiendra en mai.

Du 28 au 30 mars, **Capt Genyevie Bussière** de la 1<sup>ère</sup> Unité dentaire ainsi que le **Cplc Bruno Tremblay**, notre futur membre, nous ont rejoint pour un ex de pon en préparation pour l'exercice de Brigade qui se tiendra du 26 avril au 17 mai 00. Le Capt Bussière remplacera le Capt Gendron dont la femme accouchera d'un mignon poupon au début mai. Cplc Tremblay a très bien commencé son tour.

La première journée de l'exercice a été mémorable. Il a arraché une poignée sur la génératrice et a fait plusieurs autres petites bêtises amusantes surtout pour le Maj Dubois qui en a patiné un coup !

Le cplc Asselin, quant à lui, est parti sur son cours de 6A à Borden le 03 avril. Nous lui souhaitons bonne chance !

Et voilà, nous espérons que vous penserez à nous pendant notre voyage au « Gagetown resort ».

## News from the Dental Platoon at 5<sup>e</sup> Amb de C in Valcartier

Coming back from xmas holidays found a very busy new year awaiting everyone. It started with a winter warfare course and Ex Raffale Blanche from 12 to 14 Jan. We all learned or were reminded how to live in difficult winter conditions, one night in particular it was -35C plus the wind chill factor! The brass monkeys weren't the only ones uncomfortable that night.

**Cpl Chantal Magnan**, ever the glutton for punishment, flew off to Portland, Ore on 16 Jan for the five day 'Technical Training Seminar' given by the ADEC company. She hardly had time to put away her baggage when she joined the rest of the members of the platoon and unit for Ex Medico Nordique from 24 to 27 Jan. This exercise was a validation of our ability to function in winter conditions. This is of course important as our equipment is quite temperature sensitive and the heating units must be checked regularly to ensure nothing froze. There were several members of the unit who were envious of our setup !

Our schedule was marginally less busy after the exercises and before our three members (**Maj Nancy Dubois, MCpl Richard Asselin, Cpl Chantal Magnan**) left for the CFDS Conference in Winterpeg. **Capt Stephane Gendron** 'held the fort' at the clinic and replaced Maj Dubois as Pl Comd. Maj Dubois and MCpl Asselin were very busy before the conference as they were presenting lectures. You may have noticed that you didn't attend any lecture by Maj Dubois, this was due to unusual weather conditions which delayed her flight. At least for her, next years lecture is already prepared. Other than that, the week went well and was a great occasion to renew old friendships and make new ones in the dental service, hello again to our friends old and new !

You are probably wondering whatever happened to **Sgt David Southall**. After our winter exercises he was busy burning up the cross country ski trails here on the base as a trainer for the unit military ski team which participated in the CF National Military Ski Championships from 28 Feb to 03 Apr. After 22, 15 and 10 km races done in 4 days, a tired and sore Sgt Southall assured us there's Motrin pain, and there's x-c ski pain..... which he doesn't wish on any of you.

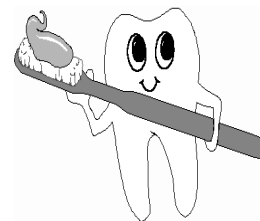
**Cpl Magnan** was hardly back on the ground after the conference when she was off to work with 52<sup>e</sup> Cie Med for the weekend of 11, 12 Mar with to assist the reserve dental platoon during their exercise. She delivered the dental van and trailer to Sherbrooke, about 2 hours by car or 4 hours by dental van south west of Valcartier where she acted as consultant for the militia.

We qualified in the Shoot to Live program from 20-24 Mar as a preparation to do the Jungle Lane qualification at the end of May. The Jungle Lanes are a sort of a trail in the bush with mechanically operated pop up targets. Cooool !

Not ones to sit idly by, in Feb we began our planning for the platoon level training Ex Sagesse Compromise which took place from 28 to 30 Mar. For this Ex we were joined by 2 members of 1 Dent Unit Valcartier, **MCpl Bruno Tremblay** and **Capt Genvieve Bussière** (who also joined us for Ex Lion Intrepide in Gagetown from 26 Apr to 17 May). MCpl Tremblay was maybe too keen to demonstrate his field skills weren't rusty and promptly tore the handle off the small wheel jack at the front of the generator !

Our trusted **MCpl Asselin** also went on his 6A course in Borden from 3 Apr to 29 Jun.

That brings to a close the saga of *le Pon Dentaire de 5<sup>e</sup> Ambulance de Campagne* for this issue of *Le Croc Vedette*. À la prochaine !



## News from the Trenton Dental Detachment

On February 4<sup>th</sup> the clinic participated in the Wing Winter Carnival. Teams of 10 persons competed in various events, some requiring strength, stamina or skill, others luck and a sense of humour. Being a small detachment it took the entire clinic to field a team. When we arrived at Baker's Island we

until the end of the summer because of TD to Winnipeg and Borden. MCpl Vezina had better do well on her course, with the Warrant watching over her. Major Picard will soon be leaving on a posting to the University of Manitoba for post-grad studies in periodontics. We hope

noticed most of the members of the other teams were bigger and stronger than we were. Other than Major JP Picard and Capt Richard Groves, our team was all

female. After only two grueling events Major Picard and Betty Edmonds were called back to the clinic for an emergency patient, leaving a team referred to as "The Dental Chicks and one skinny old guy". Sgt Jo-Anne Caldwell was our team leader as we tromped through the snow following her from one event to another. We didn't place very well over all, but we did win a few of our events, including the toboggan pull against one of the muscle



Joining us in Trenton this summer are Pte Tracy Gauthier fresh off of her drivers course in Borden, who is already gracing the clinic with a big smile. We also are waiting for Major Dwayne Lemon who will be joining us from his AGD residency in North Carolina. We expect he has some good stories to tell and will be anxious to put his new skills to the test.

Using quality of life money the base bought a VCR and 27

bound teams. Capt Groves' promises of free root canals for any of the teams that beat us may have helped our cause a little bit. After the competition there was hot chocolate and barbecued burgers and hot dogs to warm up our chilly bodies.

After participating in the Winter Carnival and the Winnipeg Millenium Conference Capt Groves was very happy to go on the Casualty Trauma Training Course in San Diego during spring break. He came back with a bit of a tan and a big smile.

Our clinic staff has changed a little bit since Christmas. Jacqueline McReynolds has joined us a part-time DA and Dr. Mohan has left us for a clinic north of North Bay. Sgt Val Moore is returning to Petawawa with her newly retired husband. When she left Petawawa to come here the twins were evident but not yet born - in a way this will be like taking them home. Our other military hygienist, Sgt Jan Gow, will soon be retiring from the CF. Janet Munn, a civilian hygienist who has been working with us since last summer, has also left us for a permanent position at a downtown clinic. We won't be seeing much of WO Leslie Burton or MCpl Caroline Vezina

these mild Trenton winters haven't spoiled him too much.

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Clinic renovations are now complete and the last of the new chairs have been installed. We also received filing cabinets for our patient charts. All of the clinic looks new and shiny – a huge difference from three years ago.

Sanitas in ore.

By Capt R.R. Groves

## 1 Dental Detachment Halifax

Aloha from the shores of Eastern excellence; the sun has been shining on both our Halifax and Shearwater clinics.

### WHAT HAS HAPPENEND

The Shearwater clinic participated in the Wing winter carnival in Feb. Hanging out at the pool brought tears of

Sgt Morash was promoted to WO.

Cpl Marche was promoted to MCpl and was sent on a Brigade Exercise in Edmonton assisting 1 Fd Amb.

Bravo Zulu and Congratulations to all!!!!

laughter with the waves of heavy weight male synchronized swimmers showing off their talents in Speedo bathing suits, being led by their very own Wing Commander. Rumour has it that Sgt Burns did not make any of the synchronized teams and was found heckling the swimmers from the top of the bleachers.

MCpl Marcoux was in her glory yelling "I'm going to Bosnia". She will be departing with Capt Duffy on Roto 7 departing 12 Aug 00 to 15 Mar 01.

## PROMOTIONS

WO Beach was promoted to MWO and was whisked away to Borden as the course director for the 722 supervisor course in Apr 00.

## COURSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Capt Comeau and Sgt Larocque were awarded the Thompson Trophy, for contributions beyond the normal call of duty during their deployment to Macedonia, an area under France's NATO jurisdiction.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

The Standing NATO Fleet, of approximately 1400 sailors, from Denmark, Germany, Belgium, USA, Norway and Spain visited Halifax from 25 March - 5 April 2000.

The Halifax Detachment underwent some renovations over the 25 Mar 00 weekend, to accommodate the new chairs that were installed.

# Greenwood News

## FAREWELL TO NOVA SCOTIA

Well, we are saying good-bye to MCpl Swindells as he heads off to assume the responsibilities of DCC in Gander. It took a little convincing but we think we finally have him believing that there is more than just the Mini Mart there. We wish him and Paulette all the best.

As Scott leaves us Sgt McNeil will be joining our merry band. We know she will love her stay here in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. We are equally sure the ambience of our beautiful little clinic will take her breath away, especially in the spring. (For those of you who have been here, you know of what I speak).

MCpl Lacoursiere is on her way to Borden to lend her expertise as incremental staff for the Supervisors Course/6A. She will be returning sometime in July. Long enough stay to enjoy both the skiing and the beach.

Rumour has MCpl Haley will be loading the family in the Wally Wagon and heading West. Yes, from the Annapolis Valley onward to the Ottawa Valley. Hmm "They say that in the Army the food is mighty fine..... Gee Ma I wanna go back to Ontario!!"

Last but certainly not least! Our fearless leader Capt Cupples. After a long 3 yr. MSC separated posting she and husband Michael will be heading towards the Ottawa Valley too. The difference being

"They say the parking's mighty scarce."

Good Luck and God bless all

## ATHLETIC DEPT

For those of you who don't know us, we are a wild and crazy bunch - well crazy for sure! Tired with the same old gym activities we headed to the SAR unit for a little exercise. There we were met by a SAR tech extraordinaire and put to our challenge - 49 feet straight up a wall holding onto tiny little pebbles (they called them rocks but I have my doubts). Two of us quickly volunteered

## Remember

- When supply wasn't a full time job
- A paradigm probably meant 20 cents to most of us
- When if we were told to think outside the box we would have wondered where they wanted us to go to think
- When we found the fax machine complicated
- The smell of isopropyl alcohol



### New Arrivals

To Capt Marg Cupples and husband Michael, a daughter, Elizabeth.

To MCpl Kim Haley and husband Chris, a son, Matthew



## GOOD STUFF

for ground safety while the rest of the troops made their way up. The challenge seemed to be getting past the first 2 feet or so. Nevertheless, of course determination pushed them on 2 - 4 - 6 feet. Then came Spiderman Luc Langevin, 49 feet straight up if you please! Next straight up was our newbie Shelly a little slower but definitely just as impressive. An honourable mention has to go to Cathy who made it half way up before time ran out. For sheer determination kudos to WO Spencer for not one but two attempts!

### NOVA SCOTIA CRANBERRY PIE



3 ½ cups cranberries  
1 ½ cups white sugar  
1 ½ tbsp. flour  
¼ tsp. salt  
3 tbsp. water  
2 tbsp. melted butter



Chop cranberries and mix with remaining ingredients. Fill an unbaked pie shell with the mixture and arrange strips of pie crust criss-cross over top. Bake at 450°F for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350°F and continue baking for 40 minutes.



## News from the Branch CWO

The initial Senior NCM Council Meeting was held in Ottawa in January. In attendance were Col Currah (Director Dental Services), LCol Becker (CO 1 Dental Unit), CWO Baird (Chairman / Branch CWO), MWO St Jacques (Dental LCMM), MWO Bujold (Snr Hygienist), MWO MacKenzie (CSM Dental Coy), MWO Leitch (Snr Garrison MWO) and Sgt Boisjoly (Secretary). Various issues and initiatives were discussed and the minutes of the meeting were sent to all detachments at the end of February. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Borden at the end of June.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the personnel who were promoted at the CFDS conference in Winnipeg. The following individuals have since been promoted and I would like to extend to them my sincere congratulations: MWO Shirley, Sgt Bizier, Sgt Forward, Sgt Vezina and Cpl Gauthier.

As you are all aware, we are currently recruiting skilled Level II dental assistants. Based on the quotas set by DMHRR, we should be able to absorb 60 into the branch over the next two years. Any civilians who may be interested in pursuing a military career in our field should contact the nearest Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre.

At a meeting held at CFDSS in March, the following training issues were discussed:

- the Direct Entry Dental Assistant Course;

- the future of 722 QL 6A Course;
- the potential of having an OSQ for MOC 722 in Equipment Repair; and
- the potential of having an OSQ in MOC 722 for hygiene training.

Further discussions on all of these issues will be ongoing.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Cpl Tracey Gauthier (nee Conklin) who was a recent OT from the Traffic Tech MOC and has been posted to our Trenton Detachment.

Farewell to recent retirees Sgt Bruce Lovell, WO Ed Mattinson, Sgt Carrier and WO Rick Carnegie.

The following postings are well underway for this APS:  
MWO Beach from Halifax to CFDSS Borden  
MWO Shirley from Petawawa to Ottawa  
WO Fortin from CFDSS Borden to Petawawa  
Sgt Bizier fm Halifax to CFDSS Borden  
Sgt Beacco from Bagotville to Kingston  
Sgt Duguay from Longe Point to CFRS St-Jean  
Sgt Fillion from Kingston to Bagotville  
Sgt MacNeil from Gander to Greenwood  
Sgt Moore from Trenton to Petawawa  
Sgt Vezina from Trenton to Goose Bay  
Sgt Wilson from Winnipeg to CFDSS Borden  
MCpl Asselin from Valcartier to Longue Point  
MCpl Haley from Greenwood to Petawawa

- the possibility of reinstating 722 QL 3 and QL 5 Courses at CFDSS;
- the status of the Oral Surgery Assistants training;



MCpl Reardigan from SLT (BTL) to Valcartier  
 MCpl Swindells from Greenwood to Gander  
 Cpl Buchanan from Petawawa to Borden  
 Cpl Ebel from Cold Lake to Ottawa  
 Cpl Lamarre from Gagetown to Trenton  
 Cpl Norris from Shilo to Petawawa

CWO A Baird

### **Labour Mobility for the Dentist and Dental Specialist**

As a representative of the Canadian Academy of Periodontology, I attended a workshop on the topic of "Labour Mobility for the Dental Specialties" held in Montreal on 7 November 1999. In attendance were representatives from the dental licensing authorities from all ten provinces and territories as well as representatives from each of the dental specialties and the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. The specialist meeting was the last in a week of meetings between the dental licensing authorities and the various dentistry professional associations and occupations with the aim of establishment of voluntary compliance with the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility). The AIT is an agreement by the federal, provincial and territorial governments to remove or reduce the inter-provincial barriers to the movement of workers, goods, services and capital.

Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility) of the AIT effects all workers, professions and occupations in Canada. It recognizes that there can be variances between provinces but is looking for commonality in the "core elements" of a profession or occupation. It is up to the Regulators of that trade association/occupation/profession in each province to comply with the AIT by 1 July 2001. Simply, it is the removal of barriers for labour mobility within Canada by July 2001.

The AIT applies to the dental professions and occupations. Dental Regulators met with representatives from all the dental professions and occupations during this week in Montreal. The meetings were very productive but some dental professions/occupations have more work to do before an agreement can be reached. However, a draft Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for the Profession of Dentistry in Canada, Part I: General Dentistry, was agreed on in principal by the representatives of the various dental regulating authorities. This draft MRA only applies to the general dentist and still has to be approved by each of the individual provincial dental regulating bodies.

The highlights of the draft MRA for general dentistry were as follows:

- a. The NDEB certificate will be a required qualification for inter-provincial portability of a licensed dentist.
- b. The NDEB certificate will be a non-exemptible requirement for portability of licensure for dentists whose initial non-restrictive licensure in any Canadian jurisdiction occurs after 1 January 2000.
- c. Members in good standing with non-restricted dental licenses, obtained prior to 1 January 2000, in any Canadian jurisdiction, who do not hold an NDEB certificate, will be recognized as holding a qualification equivalent to the NDEB certificate for the purposes of portability.
- d. All alternate licensure mechanisms will not be recognized for the purposes of labour mobility.

A draft MRA for the dental specialist, much along the lines of that for the general dentist, is being worked on. For information on agreements for dental assistants or dental hygienists, concerned individuals should contact their national or provincial associations. The basic principal of the AIT is the removal of interprovincial barriers and mobility for all the dental professions/occupations across Canada. If you have any questions or concerns on the subject of dental mobility, please contact me at CSN 528-4469 or e-mail at 1Dent Det Edmonton.

Major G.W. Austin  
 Dent Det Edmonton

Editor's Note - LCol Taylor, who is the representative for the Association of Prosthodontics of Canada, can also be

reached for queries and concerns, at CSN 849-6736, or (613) 945-6736.

### Greetings from the Most Easterly Clinic in Canada

Here in Gander we have had a pretty busy year, beginning with a couple of TD's to St. John's. Then in July we said farewell to our Det Commander of 3 years, Capt Ellen Sim and said welcome to Capt Glenda Ross in August 99. Just as Capt Ross was getting used to the clinic in Gander we thought we would introduce her to the part-time clinic in St. John's in October. We had the privilege of having WO Trina Roberge join us in St. John's for hygiene services. We thought we would introduce Capt Ross and WO Roberge to George Street; well I don't think George Street was really ready for WO Roberge and still may be recovering. The shopping centers are already inquiring as to when Capt Ross will be returning. We have also had the pleasure of having Sgt Linda White join us twice this past year, once in April and again in Dec, to help us out for hygiene services as well. Do we dare ask if Sgt White is willing to come again? Capt Ross went to Ottawa in October where she was one of the many dental personnel who attended the presentation of the 1 Dental Unit CDS Commendation. Capt Ross has successfully completed her Presiding Officer Qualification Course and is keeping busy with her OPDP's. Capt Ross will be adventuring down to Haiti in April to do some dental treatment on the children living at a residential school. Details of her grand adventure to follow in the next issue of the Fang. Sgt Lynn MacNeil has been very busy this year as well she has volunteered to assist with the Pan AM Games in Winnipeg. She has also

completed the following courses: Criticism and Discipline for Managers, Investigation and Mediation Training, Level 1 in MicroSoft Excel, Harassment Complaint Advisor Course, Post Traumatic and Critical Incident Stress Disorder. She is extremely happy to get her dream posting to Greenwood this spring. Sarge, what can I say except "It has been a pleasure working with you and we wish you and John all the best." As for myself, Cpl Pattie Powell, I have completed my Dental Assistant Level 2 upgrading in Halifax and have taken the following courses as well: FMAS, Personal Enhancement, Conflict Resolution and Confrontation Skills, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, DPP training and the First Aid/ St. John Ambulance Instructor course. At this time we would like to welcome MCpl Scott Swindells to the clinic. We will teach MCpl Swindells how to pack lightly for our TD's to St. John's - so there will be space available in the TD van for our shopping excursions. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all personnel who have helped organize this past Working Group in Winnipeg. A great time was had by all! Finally, with a heavy heart, we have to say farewell to our civilian DA, Ms Brenda Hall. Brenda, we would like to express our gratitude for all your help and for your friendship in the past year and may the wind always be at your back and the sun shine over you. Until the next issue of the Fang- Long may your big jib draw.

Cpl P Powel

## RCDCA News

The RCDCA/CFDS Golf Tournament is tentatively scheduled to be held at CFB Trenton, in conjunction with the Trenton Dental Working Group, from 20 to 21 Sept 00. Last year we had over 70 golfers. All members of the CFDS, both military and civilian are invited to attend. A letter with all details and a registration form will be sent to all RCDCA members and CFDS members later this year.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Ottawa this November 18, 2000 (Saturday). Even if you are unable to attend the AGM, we do have a mixed mess dinner which has become a fun tradition, so plan on attending!

Are you still not in the RCDCA? Why not join now? You can enrol in the RCDCA for \$15.00 per year or \$25.00 for two year and membership is open to all serving and retired RCDCA/CFDS personnel of all ranks. Both military and civilian dental types are welcome.

We issue two newsletters per year, run a free e-mail humour group and a free RCDCA e-mail news group, and have an annual dental corps birthday BBQ and golf tournaments.

Our address is RCDCA Association, 939 Raftsman Lane, Orleans, ON K1C 2V3, or by e-mail at



There will be a meet and greet, good golfing, a dinner (steak BBQ) and trophies.

[pmcqueen@cyberus.ca](mailto:pmcqueen@cyberus.ca), or by fax at (613) 837-5743.

# News from the Petawawa Detachment

Here's what's new, exciting and enticing at our Detachment since the Christmas Fang:

## December

- During the Men's Christmas Dinner we all learned of Capt Ralph West's hidden talent for singing nice (and naughty) Christmas songs. (01 Dec)
- Thank you to Capt Ralph West for organizing the annual Christmas family project; each year a needy military family is selected by the Family Resource Center to be adopted by the Detachment (rather than a gift exchange among staff, we buy gifts for the family and make their Christmas a little more memorable)
- Thank you to Capt Ralph West for organizing our annual Christmas Clinic Dinner held at Jubilee Lodge again this year. We all had a terrific time. (09 Dec)
- DO Breakfast for Clinic Staff was absolutely delicious and Dr Maureen Wiseman made her egg on toast concoction by popular demand. (10 Dec)
- Capt Annie Loranger is pregnant and is expecting in September. She and her common-law spouse Marc are both delighted. We congratulate them both. More to follow in September.

## January

- Y2K has come and the world has not come to an end (no one is more relieved than Capt Ralph West and Sgt Anna Aldrich who were on the IRF team in case disaster struck—both hate eating canned food).
- Sgt Sylvain Luneau was away (13 to 20 Jan) at CFDSS to set up for the up coming 722 course.
- MWO Pat Leitch went to Ottawa (17 to 19 Jan) Senior NCM Advisory Meeting but still couldn't escape the cold Siberian deep freeze that hit Ontario with (brrr) temperatures dipping to -55C with the wind chill (can't wait till the summer – and we found a use for the fuzzy undies we were issued in November).
- Capt Mike Kaiser attended Suicide Intervention Training (12 – 13 Jan) Capt Kaiser gave a positive review of the course that he attended stating that, "we are an occupation that deals with people, and that there is always progressive information to be gained from such a course."
- The Career Manager, CWO Noel, visited our Detachment (24 – 25 Jan).
- Maj Michel Maltais was away on course (26 – 29 Jan).
- Welcome back from Op KINETIC to Capt Ray Warmerdam and Sgt Chris Ingersoll. We hope that you enjoy being back on Canadian soil for a while. Sgt Chris Ingersoll and Capt Ray Warmerdam would like to extend their thanks again for everyone's thoughts while they were away.

## February

- SAV from Ottawa (03 Feb)
- Farewell is extended to Sgt Bruce Lovell. He is retiring from the CF following 23 years of service as a medical assistant, dental assistant and finally as a dental hygienist. Bruce will be retiring in the Petawawa area and will genuinely be missed by our Detachment.

## March

- Winnipeg Winter Conference (27 Feb – 02 Mar). Once again the accommodations were super, the weather extraordinary and a great time was had by all. Remarks were made about the great fun that was had during the

Bowling (especially the glow-in-the-dark shoelaces).

- Thank you to all the Dental Officers who showed their appreciation to the Staff by having a Pizza lunch celebrating "Dental Assistant Appreciation Week".
- The first day of spring brings with it words that warm all our hearts... "DAG *again*"...
- Official farewell luncheon for Sgt Bruce Lovell was held in Pembroke at East Side Mario's.
- Warm welcome is extended to our first (or last) arrival of the posting season to Cpl Bill Norris. Salutations to sunny Petawawa.
- Finally... in the grand scheme of things... we are still patiently waiting for the "NEW CLINIC". Maybe there will be more news in the next submission.

## 85 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Canadian military dentistry will shortly be celebrating its 85th birthday as a separate, autonomous service. The Canadian Army Dental Corps (OS) was established in April 1915 to provide much-needed care for our troops in France and England during WW1. But the year 2000 also marks the centennial of the practice of dentistry in the Canadian military. Starting in 1900, several dentists delivered care to the Canadian troops involved in the Boer War in South Africa.

To honour these milestones and to make CF and CFDS members in particular more aware of the history of the Dental Corps, a former member of the CFDS, Dr. Tom Routledge of Vancouver, BC has loaned part of his collection of Dental Corps memorabilia to 1 Dental Unit HQ. On display in the lobby of the Health Care Centre and in the halls of HQ are a number of different and unique historical items from throughout the history of the Dental Corps, some examples of which are shown in the pictures accompanying this article.



Dr. Routledge's ultimate goal is to have a Dental Corps museum established and maintained, at which time he would donate his collection to the museum. In the meantime, it is important to preserve any example of the history of the Corps. If any current or former member of the CADC, CDC, RCDC, or CFDS would like to donate items to Dr. Routledge so they can be preserved and displayed for all interested parties to see, they can contact him by mail at #200 - 2885 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam, BC V3B 1C1; by phone at (604) 942-3262 or by email/courriel at [routledge@moody.bc.ca](mailto:routledge@moody.bc.ca)

LCol SA Becker



# Ops Update

By LCol James Taylor

Let me start by congratulating Maj Jerry Collins and his team (including Capt Al Brown on the Headquarters end) for their great success in organizing and conducting the 2000 CFDS Working Group in Winnipeg. Their attention to detail and "can-do" approach raised the bar on such events yet another notch.

In advance of the main program, we held an Ops Meeting in the Mynarski Room on Saturday, 26Feb00 for CFDS personnel currently posted to Role 2 and Role 3 HSS organizations. Along with briefings by Sergeant-Major John MacKenzie and by me, and a good deal of productive discussion on a number of Ops issues, we were treated to several excellent presentations by the following CFDS personnel:

## Life at a CF Field Ambulance

Maj Alain Ouellet and WO Mark Horodecky

## OP KINETIC Roto 0

Capt Ray Warmerdam and Sgt Chris Ingersoll

## OP PALLADIUM Roto 4

Sgt Tim Morash

## The Geneva Convention

Maj Alain Ouellet

I presented the *CFDS Ops Update* to the plenary session on Monday, 28 Feb 00; WO Shirley organized and moderated a half-day of briefings on field postings on Wednesday, 01Mar00, which comprised the following high-calibre presentations and with which Col Currah reports that he was most impressed:

## OP KINETIC

Sgt Chris Ingersoll

## Field Ambulance Postings

MCpl Richard Asselin

## 1 Cdn Fd Hosp Postings

WO Lorraine Shirley and MCpl Marilyn Ryan

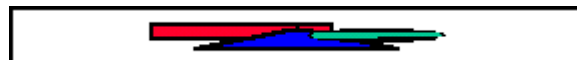
We also had the privilege to announce, on behalf of their Units, the upcoming promotions of several CFDS Ops personnel:

Maj Ray Warmerdam  
WO Tim Morash  
Sgt Cathy Dwyre  
MCpl Leah Marche

Subsequently, the following promotions of CFDS Ops personnel have also been announced:

Maj Dan Stuart  
MWO Lorraine Shirley  
Sgt Mario Bizier

Bravo Zulu to all of this year's presenters and promotees, and I'll look forward to getting together in a similar forum next year. For those of you that missed this year's *CFDS Ops Update*, here's a brief summary with some recent amendments:



## NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR)

### ROTO 5

Welcome home!

Capt Yanick Roussy  
MCpl Mario Bizier

### ROTO 6

Currently deployed:

Capt Mike Moser  
Sgt Cathy Dwyre

Alternate Team:

Capt Colin Duffy  
MCpl Sylvie Marcoux

## Operation Kinetic

### NATO Kosovo Force (KFOR)

#### ROTO 0

Welcome home!                      Maj Ray Warmerdam  
     Sgt Chris Ingersoll

#### ROTO 1

Currently deployed:                Capt Tim Pohlman  
     Sgt Charles Langlois

Alternate Team:                      Capt Mike Kaiser  
     MCpl Marilyn Ryan



## EX PURLE CADUCEUS 2000

This Exercise comprised the HSS component of the Total Force Joint and Combined Exercise EX ROVING SANDS 2000, which took place from 14-23 Jun 00, involving 10,000+ personnel from the US, UK, Canada and the Netherlands. The CFDS was tasked to provide one OMFS Team and one GenDent Team aboard the USNS Comfort off the coast of the Southeastern US for the duration of the Exercise. The following CFDS personnel were the Primary Teams for this Exercise:

**OMFS Team:**                      Maj Mario Dumas  
     Cpl France Lebel  
**GenDent Team:**                      Capt Dan Stuart  
     Sgt Nora Larocque



### International Force for East Timor (INTERFET)

Welcome home!                      Capt Terry Ratkowski  
     Sgt Bill Cantwell



## OP TOUCAN: THE FINAL PHASE



Good-day From MARPAC

The HMCS PROTECTEUR slipped away from the Iron Ore Warf in Darwin, Australia and set sail for CFB Esquimalt via Hawaii on 3 Feb 00 with. Sgt Cantwell and I anxiously awaiting the chance to reunite with our loved ones and friends at home. Reflecting back at our days spent in the OP TOUCAN theatre of ops, we are proud to have been a part of the International Force in East Timor (INTERFET).

Upon our arrival at anchor off of Dili on the 24 Oct 99, we saw a city which was stripped of it's possessions, people and vitality. Dili had a distinct odour, which reminded us of a large burnt forest. This was the work of Pro-Indonesian Militias which had driven 750,000 people from their homes, looted, burned and destroyed valuables before retreating into Indonesian territory. By the time we departed Dili on the 24 Jan 00, the city was hustling with many people once again bringing vitality back to the city.

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INTERFET and Canada as a part of the INTERFET force accomplished a great deal during the operation. The evidence of our success is demonstrated in the smiles and friendly gestures directed at us by the people of East Timor.

OP TOUCAN has entered into the final phase where the INTERFET force has transferred command and control over to the new United Nations Transitional Administration East Timor (UNTAET). The INTERFET force of 7500 people had a mandate to ensure the safety of the people of East Timor and assist them in returning to had come true, since Canada would not experience the New Year until 16 1/2 hours later than us. As you all know there was no need to call home except to wish all a Happy New Year. Our last stop was to prepare the ship for our long voyage across the Pacific Ocean, or 7500 NM to CFB, Esquimalt. Overall the ship spent over 100 days at sea while in the theatre of operations. Sgt Cantwell and I were each able to use 10 days of HLTA. We both made it down to Sydney, Australia at different times. Sydney is a large busy city and contrasts sharply with Darwin. A good break was had by all, with much to do and see.

aircraft stationed out of Darwin, Australia which departed back to CFB Trenton, ON in the beginning of Dec 99. The HMCS PROTECTEUR carries 275 people and was away since the 23 Sep 99, arriving back alongside in CFB Esquimalt on the 2 Mar 00! The Infantry Coy Gp 3 R22eR consisting of 250 people left the theatre of operations in Mar 00. The command element of 50 people left the theatre of ops in the middle of Feb 00. There are only 2 or 3 Canadians involved with the new UNTAET force.

The Dental Team on the HMCS PROTECTEUR was identified as a dental resource capable of providing dental support to naval and air elements of the INTERFET force deployed at sea. We treated several foreign personnel from Australia and New Zealand. The dental team in the HMCS PROTECTEUR also treated members of the 3 R22eR when anchored off the south coast of East Timor near Zumalai. Members of the 3 R22eR were transferred over to the ship via helicopter or boat and treated as required. Camp Maple Leaf in Zumalai is where the majority of troops from 3 R22eR are stationed. They have access to dental care from a New Zealand Dental Team, which is located in Suai approximately 40 Km from Camp Maple Leaf. The other Dental Team ashore was Australian and they were located in Dili at the Australian Forward Surgical Team (FST) Heavy. The Dental Teams ashore and on the HMCS PROTECTEUR provided second line dental support to any member of the INTERFET force requesting dental care.

The ship was in and out of port in Darwin, Australia five times. We needed to reconsolidate with fuel, food, humanitarian aid, and building supplies. The HMCS PROTECTEUR spent Christmas Day at anchor off the coast of East Timor near Suai serving a Christmas dinner to the 3 R22eR personnel. The HMCS PROTECTEUR happened to be in Darwin, Australia for New Years Eve 2000. Many members of the ship's company participated in a street party in downtown Darwin. We were some of the first Canadians to enter into the year 2000! We were planning to phone home if the worst of the Y2K

predictions

The HMCS PROTECTEUR crossed the equator and the International Date Line simultaneously, putting all personnel on board into a "Golden Shell Back". I know that being a "Shell Back" protects you from having to take part in all the extremely pleasant rituals associated with crossing the equator. We only wish all those who are not "Shell Backs" a pleasant and fulfilling equatorial ceremony! Crossing the International Date Line is the closest thing to the movie "Ground Hog Day" that we have experienced. It is called a "No Day" and it refers to the fact that even though you went to bed on the 13 Feb 00, the next day when you awake it is still the 13 Feb 00. Usually the second day with the same date is a day of minimal work on board.

Although our energy waned from time to time, our efforts and commitment did not. Our desire to return home fueled our effort over the final month, and we looked forward to returning to the spring weather after a long summer in the Southern Hemisphere! We have received support from many people in the community of the CFDS and would like to express our sincere appreciation, Thankyou!

Cheers!

Capt TN Ratkowski  
Sgt WK Cantwell  
HMCS PROTECTEUR



## Greetings from HMCS PRESERVER!

Sgt Larocque and I have settled in here and we are "almost sailors". Sgt Larocque arrived in Jun 99 and I followed in September. Fresh off the 3-week sea indoctrination course in September, we prepared for "work-ups" in October/November. For those of you not familiar with the Navy, "work ups" means ship-wide evolutions or drills all day and most of the night. Sgt Larocque functions as an assistant in the Emergency Room in Sickbay. Her background as a Medical Assistant is well utilized. I function as a Triage Officer in

the aft or rear of the ship. I also get deployed to sort casualties and send them back to the ship where the Medical Officer and team have a large treatment area set up for treatment of mass casualties. During "work ups" I found myself zooming across the ocean in a Zodiac under armed guard to the HMCS

Coxswain" board exam for PRESERVER. This is a great achievement as she passed with flying colours on her first try. (The other two candidates that day failed). As most of you already know, Sgt Larocque also received the W.R. Thompson Trophy honour with Capt Jason Comeau. Well done, Nora.

By the time you read this, we will have returned from Puerto Rico - yes, life is rough but only in sea state five or more. So far, it has been smooth sailing quite literally.

I organized a full ship pub night in the Hangar at the end of May; having been given this "honour" after I formed a band and we rocked the Wardroom in February. It was the biggest turnout they had in four years - not bad for a guy in green on a Navy ship.

We wish you all the best

TORONTO for a mock disaster. The Physician's Assistant and I triaged and treated approximately 40 patients - they were complete with all the makeup and screaming to simulate a ship after battle. Thank God for my ATLS training as this is a long way from drill and fill.

It is not all work. After all, this is the Navy, I must say that Sgt Larocque and I very much enjoy the "close-knit" environment that the ship provides. The first day that Sgt Larocque tended bar in the Chief's & P0'S mess she came back to the clinic with more money tips than we both made all week. Sgt Larocque also recently completed her "Duty



Sgt Larocque on the jackstay from HMCS Preserver to HMCS Montreal

from MARLANT!

Capt Dan Stuart  
Sgt Nora Larocque

## Post Grad Corner

By LCol James Taylor

This Spring has seen me on the road a fair amount, and during some of these trips I've had the opportunity to conduct some PG Training liaison with the US Military on behalf of Col Currah. While at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, I met with Col Bill Mitchell and his Administrator, Ms. Kay Barrett. Col Mitchell is the Chief of Graduate Dental Education for the US Army, and we had a very productive meeting on CFDS PG Training starts for 2000 and projected requirements for future CFDS PG Training with the US Army. He has nothing but good things to say about his experiences with Canadian Residents and looks forward to working with us in coordinating positions for our future PG Training requirements.

I was also able to spend some time with our US Air Force Colleagues at Lackland AFB in San Antonio. Having been invited to lecture to the USAF Prosthodontics Residents (Director: LTC Randy Duncan – remember him from the last Pros course in Borden?) at Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC) for the morning, I had the opportunity to spend that afternoon with Col Richard Faner who, as the Commander of Dental Education Flight, is in charge of all Dental PG Training at WHMC. They offer Residencies in all disciplines, and I was interested to hear from Col Faner that they have been interested for a number of years in discussing with us the possibility of offering PG Training positions to CFDS Candidates – possibly more to follow on that.



LTC Duncan, COL Faner and LCol Taylor



COL Mitchell, Ms. Barrett and LCol Taylor



WHMC at Larkland AFB

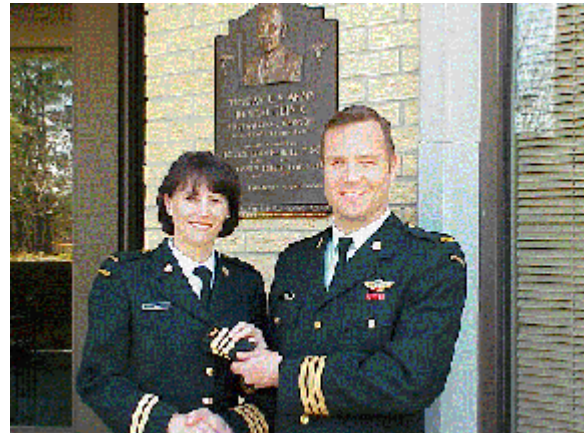


US Army Dental Command HQ at Fort Sam Houston

the first year of her Prosthodontics Residency there. Since her CFDS peers had had the opportunity to receive the announcement of their promotions (and first set of new epaulets) in Winnipeg, Col Currah allowed me the privilege of conducting a small announcement ceremony for Capt Aita during my visit. Although DAODs require that her actual promotion date (as she is on ATL) not be until 1 Dec 00, her Mentors and fellow Residents have assured me that they will mark the occasion in grand style.

I also took this opportunity to meet with COL Steve Camerson, Director of PG Prosthodontics, and COL Mike Cuenin, Director of PG Periodontics, to discuss future CFDS PG Training in their respective programs. They, too, had nothing but good things to say about their experiences with Canadian Residents and look forward to the possibility of training CFDS Candidates in their Programs in the future.

Finally, following the Winnipeg Conference, I found myself at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, where I had been invited to give a lecture to the Prosthodontics Residents at the Tingay Dental Clinic of the Eisenhower Army Medical Center (EAMC); but, more importantly, I had been invited to attend what turned out to be an outstanding lecture given by our very own Capt Cynthia Aita, who is completing



Capt Aita and LCol Taylor

Now please read on for some personal updates from two of our CFDS PG Residents.

## NOUVELLES DE PROSTHO A FORT GORDON, GEORGIA

par le capt Cynthia Aita

Quelques mots sur la vie ici en Géorgie? Celà peut se résumer en trois mots: "Travail-Travail-Travail", mais je pourrais aussi vous entretenir sur six pages!!! Entre la grande charge de travail à accomplir et les belles journées ensoleillées qui règnent ici, il y a bien sûr de la place pour la passion, les défis, l'humour, le travail d'équipe et la découverte

de gens tout aussi différents qu'intéressants. Je réussis à m'adapter à l'accent du Sud des E.U. (j'espère que vous serez en mesure de me comprendre lors de mon retour au pays dans deux ans!). Somme toute, je vis une expérience personnelle et professionnelle très enrichissante. Et non, je n'ai pas le temps de jouer au golf...A Bientôt!



## News from AEGD AT Fort Bragg, North Carolina

By Maj Dwayne Lemon

I'm currently finishing up my patients here; as for requirements, everything's pretty much finished save a few minor presentations. We in the senior class took in the Hinman Dental Conference in Atlanta 23-26 March. We had mock board exams the last week of May. Graduation is on 23 June, with a dinner the night before and anticipated guests to include Col Currah.

I took a week off (Spring Break) to head to Jamaica at the end of April. Kim and Anik are doing well. We all tackled the Nolichuckie River the first weekend in June to do some white water rafting and camping (see below) - lots of fun.





Maj Bruce Gerry started back at the hospital in April - meaning call every other week for the following two months, but in the "New" Womack Hospital (opened last weekend – see below). The new hospital has 300 beds (expandable to 1000) and 11 OR's, with two more in the OMFS Department. We look forward to Maj Alain Ouellet's arrival this summer (mostly because with him here, I get to come home!)

**A Note of Appreciation for thoughts  
and gifts from Canada**

Bonjour Maj Hedley,

MCpl Bizier and I would like to thank you very much for the present (chocolates) you sent us for Christmas. It was really well appreciated. It's nice to know that the CFDS is still with us even in theatre. With those little things or thoughts, I'm proud to say to everybody that we are in the best service in the CF. Continue your initiative, it's a good moral booster, especially during tough periods like Christmas.

In another way, we are in our last week of our 7 month tour. We are really tired being very busy and need vacations. Unfortunately, we won't be at the dent conference in Winnipeg because it was too close to our end of tour. But we would have enjoyed much to go. The next team here are Capt Moser and MCpl Dyre. They have already arrived.

Thank you very much again and thank you to the people who signed in the greeting card (we know some of them!).

Capt JRY Roussy

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5068 in Bosnia

## News from Edmonton

In January 1999, 1 Dental Unit Detachment Edmonton moved into a brand new dental facility located on the second floor of the new Edmonton Garrison Health Centre. The new dental clinic occupies over 5100 sq feet of floor space including 16 dental operatories, 4 dental hygiene operatories, 4 X-ray rooms and 3 processing rooms. Although we have only occupied the new facility for less than two years, the clinic is already too small to accommodate the influx of dental specialists expected over the next several years. Plans are currently underway to expand the clinic by creating a surgery wing to accommodate the dental specialists in Oral Surgery and Periodontics. Hopefully this clinic expansion will occur in the 2000/01 FY.

Mrs. Gerry Volk is in her 30th year of service in the Public Service. Gerry is a civilian dental assistant who has worked with several periodontists over the past decades. It was once rumored that when you finished your periodontics specialty training, you are posted to Edmonton to apprentice with Gerry. Gerry is planning to retire in Nov 2000. Plans are underway for a retirement ceremony dinner in November. Further details will be forthcoming later this summer.

Capt Rob Jost and Capt Kurt Popowich are leaving the CFDS this summer. Rob is going into private practice and Kurt has been accepted into orthodontic specialty training at the University of Alberta. We wish them both success in their future endeavors. They will be greatly missed at 1 Dent Det Edmonton.

WO Karen Skinner will also be leaving the CFDS this summer. Karen has been the senior hygienist in Edmonton for the past 6 years. Her insights, compassion and cheerful personality will be sorely missed by all.

Major G.W. Austin

## Farewell to 1 Fd Amb Dental Platoon

On 30 Aug 1999, I was posted back to 1 Dent Unit Det Edmonton from 1 Fd Amb Dent Platoon. It has been almost two years to the day, that I was first posted to the Dental Platoon during its initial startup at 1 Fd Amb. These last two years have been somewhat challenging to say the least. Many years ago, when I was a young dental officer, I volunteered for every field and operational deployment that came along. But at 38 years of age, I did not look forward to sleeping on the cold frozen ground nor rucksacking on a weekly basis. I had grown accustomed to being overweight and out of shape. My first three months of re-adjustment to the Army lifestyle left me physically drained with many sore muscles.

The dental platoon's four dental SEV's and their equipment closely mimicked my own poor physical condition. Over the years, the SEV's maintenance schedule had slipped and much of the dental equipment had been broken or misplaced. Of the four trucks, only two were in road worthy condition. The other two trucks suffered from serious mechanical defects including a cracked engine block. Only one generator functioned and there was not enough dental handpieces nor hand instruments to outfit one dental SEV completely.

The integration of a dental platoon into a field medical unit also presented some unique challenges. But over the two years, due to the dedication and hard work of the dental platoon members, the Dental Platoon has become well integrated into 1 Fd Amb and 1CMBG.

I wish to thank those individuals who transformed the Dental Platoon into a fully equipped, functional field unit. Many thanks to the following:

MCpl Quaghebeur for initially getting maintenance for two dental SEV's before the dental platoon stood up; Cpl Allison

and MCpl Chaisson for their many hours of mechanical maintenance, equipment repair, and sharing their extensive field knowledge with the dental officers; MCpl Dwyer for her dedication and hard work during OP RECUPERATION (Quebec ice-storm); Sgt Buck for all her administrative and computer expertise plus procurement procedures; WO Carnegie for repairing, rebuilding and upgrading much of the dental equipment; MWO Corney for procuring the much needed dental equipment to outfit the 4 dental SEV's; and Capt Brown for somehow finding funding to allow the dental platoon to purchase the required hand instruments and dental consumables.

A large amount of the credit for the success of the Dental Platoon during its initial stand up period belongs to these dedicated individuals. It was a great privilege for me to serve with these members and I sincerely wish to thank them for all their support for the past two years.

Major G.W. Austin  
Outgoing Dent Pl Commander

Editor's Note - This article was to appear in the Dec 99 issue of The FANG but was misplaced.  
Thanks to Major Austin for re-submitting it for this issue!

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