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# GENERAL NEWS

## NOUVELLES D'INTÉRÊT GÉNÉRAL

### 75th Anniversary Logo

Canadian military dentistry was first organized on 20 April 1915. This logo commemorating the 75th anniversary of military dentistry in Canada is a composite of military badges. On the left is the badge of the Canadian Army Dental Corps (CADC) worn during WW I. Next, is a second badge of the CADC worn pre- and during WW II. The third badge was worn by the Royal Canadian Dental Corps from 1947 until unification of Canada's Armed Forces in 1968. The final badge is the current badge of the Canadian Forces Dental Services (CFDS), in which the greek symbol delta signifies dentistry, the rod of Aesculapius and the crusader sword signify the healing art and the military aspects of the Dental Services. The green colour is the military colour for dentistry.

A special 75th anniversary medal was produced by 35 Dental Unit Lahr and was available to all those who participated in one of the volksmarches in Canada or overseas.



### Logo du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire

La médecine dentaire canadienne fut organisée le 20 avril 1915. Ce logo commémorant le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la médecine dentaire militaire au Canada est un composite d'écussons militaires. Dans la partie supérieure, on retrouve l'écusson porté par les membres du Corps dentaire de l'Armée canadienne (CDAC) au cours de la première guerre mondiale. Ensuite, se retrouve la deuxième écusson porté par le CDAC avant et pendant la deuxième guerre mondiale. Le troisième écusson a été porté par les membres du Corps dentaire royal canadien de 1947 jusqu'à l'unification des forces armées canadiennes en 1968. La partie inférieure du logo est occupée par l'écusson actuel du Service dentaire des Forces canadiennes (SDFC) où la lettre majuscule grecque delta représente la médecine dentaire, la baguette d'Esculape ainsi que l'épée du croisé représentant respectivement l'art de la guérison et l'aspect militaire du Service dentaire. Le vert est la couleur militaire de la médecine dentaire.



Pictured are the four badges worn by dental personnel since 1915. These badges make up the composite seen on the cover.



## DGDS

This special issue of the Canadian Forces Dental Services Newsletter describes and illustrates in an entertaining way the joyous 75th anniversary encounters and celebrations conducted at national, unit and detachment levels, bringing together civilian employees, and serving and former members.

Celebrating 75 years of a uniformed dental service is a major occasion and undertaking. The intent throughout the CFDS in 1990 was to have as many serving and former members and civilians as possible participate in various unit and national events scheduled throughout the year. This was the mission assigned to a special committee established to plan the multi-faceted celebrations held during 1990. Indeed, 1990 will in itself now become part of our history, and what an important historical year it turned out to be.



In Nov 90, while in Germany, BGen Begin and Capt M.A. Knopp pose for a photo as the oldest and youngest serving dental officers. There is a 33% year age difference!

The April time frame was devoted to unit commemorations which included Volksmarches, bicycle tours, visits to Canadian military cemeteries, formal and informal mess dinners and dinings-in, in all regions of Canada and overseas.

The national focus of the Anniversary Year was held in Ottawa in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association National Convention in late August. A Meet and Greet was held in the West Block of Parliament Hill on Sunday afternoon the 26 of August. What an exciting moment that was, as the uniformed military dental community met so many of its distinguished former members who wrote the glorious pages of a wonderful history. Over 520 husbands, wives, officers, NCMs, civilian members and friends of CFDS/RCDC turned out on a warm Sunday afternoon to greet each other in a manner and in atmosphere beyond the expectations of the organizers.

The principle event of the afternoon was the introduction and sale of the recently completed history of the RCDC/CFDS covering the period 1946 to 1986. Fortunately, its author, Col Harry Protheroe (ret'd), was on hand to personally autograph this exciting and anecdotal description of the many individuals who graced the pages of our history, and of the principle events which covered the 40 year period. Along with the sale of the history book, a nostalgic photo display depicting the 75 year history was viewed

## DGSD

Cette publication spéciale du Bulletin des Nouvelles du Service dentaire des Forces canadiennes décrit et illustre d'une manière divertissante les joyeuses rencontres et célébrations entourant le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire. Celles-ci furent tenues sur une échelle nationale ainsi qu'au niveau des unités et des détachements et permirent le rassemblement des employés civils avec les anciens membres et ceux qui sont présentement actifs.

L'organisation des festivités pour marquer le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire d'un service dentaire en uniforme est une tâche de grande envergure. Le but premier du SDFC, en 1990, était de permettre la participation du plus grand nombre possible d'anciens membres, de membres actifs, et de civils, aux différentes manifestations cédulées à l'échelle nationale et au niveau des unités au cours de l'année. Cette mission fut confiée à un comité spécial formé pour planifier les activités organisées en 1990. En fait, l'année 1990 fera partie de notre histoire et quelle année fut-elle!

Au cours du mois d'avril, les unités ont consacré leurs efforts pour commémorer cette occasion en organisant, dans toutes les régions du pays et outre-mer, des marches populaires, des randonnées en bicyclette, des visites aux cimetières militaires canadiens, des diners régimentaires officiels et officieux ainsi que des diners à participation mixte.

Le point de mire national de cette année de célébrations était à Ottawa, à la fin d'août, et coïncidait avec la tenue du Congrès de l'Association dentaire canadienne. Un après-midi d'accueil a eu lieu le dimanche 26 août dans l'Édifice ouest, sur la colline parlementaire. Et comment décrire ce moment mouvementé lorsque la communauté dentaire militaire en uniforme rencontra autant d'anciens membres distingués qui représentaient tant de pages glorieuses d'une histoire si merveilleuse. Plus de 520 époux et épouses, officiers et membres du rang ainsi que membres civils et amis du SDFC/CDRC se présentèrent un beau dimanche après-midi pour se rencontrer d'une façon et dans une atmosphère qui dépassèrent toutes les espérances du comité organisateur.

Le fait saillant de cet après-midi fut la présentation et la mise en vente du livre d'histoire du CDRC/SDFC récemment achevé couvrant la période de 1946 à 1986. Heureusement, son auteur, le col (à la retraite) Harry Protheroe, était sur place pour mettre son autographe à cette œuvre remplie de descriptions excitantes et souvent anecdotiques des nombreux individus responsables de notre histoire ainsi que des principaux événements qui caractérisèrent cette période. En plus de la mise en vente de ce livre d'histoire, les participants ont pu examiner un photo-montage à caractère nostalgique dépeignant cette histoire couvrant une période de 75 ans. Tous ceux qui y assistèrent se sont vus présenter l'épingle du CDRC/SDFC conçue et offerte gratuitement par l'Association du CDRC. Certains membres du personnel de l'ESDFC étaient sur place avec un étalage d'accessoires d'habillement pour le personnel du SDFC.

Parmi les participants, il faut souligner la présence de 73 individus qui faisaient partie du CDRC pendant la deuxième guerre mondiale. Quel grand plaisir à rencontrer autant d'anciens membres et à écouter leurs réminiscences du Service dentaire pendant cette période si difficile. Cet après-midi vu le renouvellement de nombreuses amitiés de longue date, la réunion de camarades perdus ainsi que la raconté de nombreuses histoires de guerre. Cette



by everyone in attendance. All attendees received the RCDC/CFDS lapel pin created and donated by the RCDC Association. Members of CFDS were on hand with a display of available CFDS accoutrements.

Included in the afternoon attendance were 73 individuals who had experience with the Canadian Dental Corps during World War II. What a delight it was meeting with so many former members and listening to their reminiscences of the Dental Services during that difficult period. Many long standing friendships were renewed, long lost comrades reunited, and many war stories told during this moving afternoon which was an eye opener and an education for the younger generation of CFDS members.

The following evening, Monday the 27 of August, an experience was shared by over 480 people which will be long remembered as one of the premier events in our history year. An all ranks and civilian mixed dining-in was enjoyed by all at the Skyline Hotel. Following an animated reception, attendees were ushered to their pre-selected seats while awaiting the entrance of the official head table party.



Distinguished head table guests included L-R: BGen W.R. Thompson (ret'd), outgoing Col Comdt; Col J.C. Brick (ret'd), incoming Col Comdt; LGen Fox, ADM(Per); BGen J.F. Begin, DGDS; and LCol C. Hunt, Honorary LCol of the Dental Reserves and President of the RCDC Association

Following an outstanding meal which culminated with the special commemorative cakes with sparklers illuminating the darkened room, it was generally agreed that the dinner set the tone for a memorable evening. The PMC for the night, LCol Gilles Brissette, offered the appropriate toasts, and introduced the head table. This included the special guest, LGen Fox, ADM(Per), all former Directors General and wives, representatives from serving and former NCMs in the persons of CWO Roy Matheson and CWO Bob Gayler and wives, the outgoing and incoming Colonel Commandants as well as a representative of the civilian members of CFDS, Mrs. Isabel Prieur and her husband John. General Thompson used the occasion to give a final salute following 40 years of service to dentistry, using his original Air Force wedge from 1942. Charlie Hunt spoke on behalf of the RCDC Association and former members in a moving address commemorating this momentous occasion. LGen Fox was very generous in his accolades and congratulatory words which underlined the significant contribution of an effective organization in both peace and war. He recognized the high level of dental fitness and the

expérience a ouvert les yeux de plusieurs et étoffa l'éducation des membres du SDFC de la nouvelle génération.

Le lendemain en soirée, le lundi 27 août, 480 individus ont partagé une expérience qui sera retenue pendant très longtemps comme un des événements les plus importants de cette année historique. Un dîner mixte auquel assistèrent membres actifs et civils fut apprécié par tous les convives à l'Hotel Skyline. Suivant une réception des plus animées, les convives furent dirigés à leur table pré-choisie pour attendre l'entrée des invités de marque qui siégèrent à la table d'honneur officielle.

Suite à un repas exceptionnel culminant avec les gâteaux spéciaux commémoratifs portant des allumettes japonaises qui illuminaient la pièce assombrie, tous furent d'avis que ce dîner fut le point de départ d'une soirée tout-à-fait mémorable. Le PCM, le Lcol Gilles Brissette, porta les toasts appropriés et présenta les invités assis à la table d'honneur. Parmi ces derniers, il faut souligner la présence de l'invité d'honneur, le Lgén Fox, SMA(Per), et de tous les anciens directeurs-généraux et leurs épouses. Les membres du rang, anciens et actifs, furent représentés par les adjc Roy Matheson et Bob Gayler accompagnés de leur épouse. De plus, les Colonels commandants sortant et entrant et leur épouse ainsi que la représentante des membres civils, Mme Isabelle Prieur et son époux John, siégèrent à cette table de dignitaires.

Le bgén Thompson a profité de l'occasion pour rendre un dernier salut après 40 ans de service à la médecine dentaire portant son "wedge" original de l'Année de l'air qui datait de 1942. Charlie Hunt a adressé la parole devant l'assemblée en tant que représentant officiel des membres de l'association du CDRC et des anciens membres. Son discours, commémorant cette occasion mémorable, fut très émouvant. Le Lgén Fox fut très magnanime en employant accolades et mots de félicitations pour souligner l'importante contribution d'une organisation efficace en temps de guerre comme en temps de paix. Il a publiquement reconnu le niveau élevé de santé dentaire dont jouit les membres des Forces canadiennes et le standard de soins prodigués à ceux-ci depuis de nombreuses années. Mention fut faite du calibre des membres du SDFC ainsi que des excellents programmes de formation dont jouissent ses membres, de son esprit de corps unique et bien reconnu, et de son sens du devoir.

Le Directeur général du Service dentaire, le bgén J.F. Begin, a publiquement reconnu les efforts de plusieurs individus assis à la table d'honneur et dans l'assistance. De plus, il s'est servi de l'occasion pour faire certaines annonces importantes.



A portion of the nearly 500 attending the banquet at the Skyline Hotel in Ottawa





BGen W.R. Thompson (ret'd), Col Comdt CFDS, gives final salute at the anniversary banquet

standard of dental care provided to all members of the Forces over the years. Mention was made of the caliber of CFDS personnel, the excellent training programs and of a unique and well known esprit de corps and sense of dedication.

The Director General Dental Services, BGen J.F. Begin, recognized a number of people at the head table and in the audience. He also used the occasion to make a few important announcements. The first was a farewell and an expression of gratitude to the outgoing Colonel Commandant, BGen Bill Thompson, for his many years of devotion to the Dental Services and in particular for the last five years as the Dental Branch Colonel Commandant. General Begin then welcomed the newly appointed Colonel Commandant, Colonel John Brick, and announced at the same time that he had been awarded an appointment of Queen's Honorary Dental Surgeon. DGSD acknowledged the presence of all former Directors General who were greeted with a standing ovation in appreciation for their many years of strong leadership. Included were Brigadier Generals Baird, Kearney, Evans, Thompson and Wright, and their wives.

General Begin then recognized those who served during the Second World War, and in Korea. All commanding officers and commandants who served during the past 40 years were given special recognition as were all serving and former chief warrant officers, representing the NCMs. A special mention was made of serving and former civilian employees of the Dental Services.

Another highlight of the DGSD's talk was the mention of the members of the organizing committee who had worked diligently over a long period to make this weekend such a success. In particular, General Begin thanked Col David Jones, the Chairman; Major Tom Mountain, the Secretary and main implementor of the major decisions; Major Julia Sloane, the individual responsible for the publication of the History; Capt Terry Mayne, the individual who prepared the photo montage for the Meet and Greet; the representatives from the serving and former NCMs, CWO Bob Gayler and former MWO Earl McFadden and Sgt René Tremblay; Mrs. Bonnie Lecompte, the civilian member of the Committee; and finally the Colonel Commandant, General Thompson and the President of the RCDC Association, LCol Charlie Hunt.

Charlie Hunt entered the Ballroom early in the evening as a Major, and departed much later as a Lieutenant Colonel. This is due to the important announcement that the Minister of National Defence, on the recommendation of ADM(Per) and the Chief of the Defence Staff, had approved the appointment of Charlie Hunt as the first honorary LCol of the Dental Reserves, an honour



L-R: LCol Andrews (ret'd), Mrs Matheson, CWO Matheson (ret'd), Mrs Morley

Premièrement, le DGSD a dit adieu au Colonel commandant sortant, le bgén Bill Thompson, et lui a exprimé sa reconnaissance pour les nombreuses années de dévotion envers le Service dentaire et, en particulier, pour les cinq dernières années qu'il a passées comme Colonel Commandant de la Branche dentaire. Ensuite, le bgén Begin a souhaité la bienvenue au nouveau Colonel commandant récemment nommé, le colonel John Brick et a annoncé, en même temps son appointment comme Chirurgien dentiste honoraire de la Reine. Le DGSD a souligné la présence de tous les anciens Directeurs généraux à qui on fit une ovation debout en témoignage de leurs nombreuses années de leadership. On remercia ainsi les brigadiers généraux Baird, Kearney, Evans, Thompson et Wright ainsi que leur épouse.

Le brigadier-général Begin a ensuite rendu hommage à ceux qui ont servi durant la deuxième guerre mondiale et en Corée. De plus, on souligna de façon spéciale les efforts de tous les commandants et commandants d'unité qui ont servi au cours des 40 dernières années ainsi que ceux fournis par les adjudant-chefs, anciens et actifs, représentant les membres du rang. Une mention spéciale fut faite des efforts fournis par tous les employés civils, anciens et actifs, du Service dentaire.

Un autre grand moment du discours du DGSD fut lorsqu'il souligna le travail assidu du comité organisateur pour assurer le succès de ces célébrations. En particulier, le général remercia le colonel David Jones, le président du Comité, le major Tom Mountain, le secrétaire et le responsable de la mise en œuvre des décisions majeures, le major Julia Sloane, l'officier responsable de la publication de l'histoire et le capitaine Terry Mayne, l'officier



L-R: MWO Bradley (ret'd), Col Protheroe (ret'd), CWO Peverill (ret'd), Mrs Peverill





L-R: Mrs Gayler, Maj Mountain, MWO Skanes, CWO Gayler

richly deserved and much appreciated by the entire gathering. At the same time, it was announced that the Canadian Fund for Dental Education had approved a recommendation to create a special fund within CFDE, the Charlie Hunt Endowment Fund for dental education. In this manner the name of Charlie Hunt will be perpetuated in the dental community for years to come. As the fund grows, the annual interest will provide bursaries and scholarships for dental research and the development of dental educators.

Another important announcement and presentation were made at the dinner. The RCDC Association honoured Major Tom Mountain with the presentation of the Edgecomb Trophy for 1990 in commemoration of his tireless devotion in support of the RCDC Association and for his major contribution to the success of the anniversary celebrations.



L-R: LCol Morley (ret'd), LCol Gunther (ret'd), LCol Fraser

All in all it was a moving and nostalgic weekend and a special event to be shared for years to come by those in attendance. The only regret is that so many who wanted to be there with colleagues and friends of the past were unable to do so for various reasons.

As the weekend came to a close, many were heard to say that nothing will detain them from returning to the next Corps anniversary celebration. To all those involved in the 1990 celebrations at the detachment, regional and national levels, one can only offer a sincere thank you for the time and energy devoted to organizing and planning the many events recorded in this Newsletter. It was a fun time for all, and occasions for the different generations of the extended dental family to meet, reminisce, share and enjoy each others company and the highlights of a wonderful and exciting history.

Lets hope we all make it to the next one.

qui a préparé le photo-montage. Finalement, il souligna les efforts des représentants des membres du rang actifs et à la retraite l'adjc Bob Gayler ainsi que l'adjm (à la retraite) Earl McFaden et le sgt (à la retraite) René Tremblay. Finalement, il remercia Mme Bonnie Lecompte, le membre civil du comité, le Colonel commandant, le général Thompson ainsi que le président de l'Association du CDRC, le lcol Charlie Hunt.

Au début de la soirée, Charlie Hunt portait le grade major; à la fin de la soirée, il quitta la salle de danse comme lieutenant-colonel. Ceci est une conséquence directe de l'importante annonce que le Ministre de la Défense nationale, sous la recommandation du SMA(Per) et du Chef de la Défense nationale, avait approuvé la nomination de Charlie Hunt en tant que premier lcol honoraire de la Réserve dentaire – un honneur bien mérité et bien apprécié de toute l'assemblée. En même temps, on annonça que le Fonds canadien pour l'Éducation dentaire a approuvé la recommandation à l'effet qu'un fond spécial soit créé, le Fonds de dotation Charlie Hunt, pour l'éducation dentaire. Ainsi, le nom de Charlie Hunt sera perpétué au sein de la communauté dentaire. Au fur et à mesure que le fonds grossira, l'intérêt annuel servira à l'octroi de bourses d'études pour la recherche dentaire et la formation d'instructeurs en dentisterie.

Une autre importante annonce et présentation furent faites au souper. L'Association du CDRC a rendu honneur au major Tom Mountain en lui octroyant le Trophée Edgecomb 1990 pour souligner sa dévotion inlassable envers l'Association du CDRC et sa contribution au succès des célébrations entourant cet anniversaire.

En général, ce fut une fin de semaine mouvementée et un événement très spécial qui sera partagé par tous les participants pendant de nombreuses années. Le seul regret est que tant d'individus qui désiraient se joindre à leurs collègues et amis en ont été empêchés pour des raisons quelconques.

À la fin des festivités, on entendit plusieurs participants exprimer l'opinion que rien au monde ne pourra les empêcher d'assister aux célébrations entourant le prochain anniversaire du Corps. À tous ceux qui ont été impliqués dans la célébration, soit au niveau du détachement et aux niveaux régional et national, on ne peut offrir que des remerciements les plus sincères pour tout le temps et toute l'énergie consacrés à l'organisation des nombreux événements consignés dans ce Bulletin des nouvelles. Ce fut du bon temps pour tous; ces festivités ont fourni de nombreuses occasions aux différentes générations composant la grande famille dentaire de se réunir, de remonter dans le passé, d'apprécier la compagnie des autres et de revivre et vivre les faits saillants d'une histoire merveilleuse et excitante.

Espérons que nous nous rendrons tous au prochain anniversaire.



L-R: Col Jones, Maj Kamachi (ret'd), Mrs Kamacki



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# UNIT ACTIVITIES

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## ACTIVITÉS DES UNITÉS

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### Canadian Forces Dental Services School

By: MWO S.A. Koss

#### Anniversary Event

In conjunction with the RCDC/CFDS 75th Anniversary celebrations, CFDSS held an all ranks mixed dining-in at the Rafah Centre in Borden on 20 April 1990. A large number of former members from the Borden area joined the School Staff and spouses for what was a most enjoyable evening.



Part of the happy group at the CFDSS dinner are L-R: Cpl Lovell, Cpl MacNeil, Cpl Picken, Cpl Lloyd, Cpl Lajoie, and Cpl Desmarais



LCol Bouris, Col Cragg, and Mrs Bouris are about to enjoy their meal at the CFDSS dinner.



A portion of the CFDSS staff and families passing MacDonalds in Borden during the volksmarch



# 1 DENTAL UNIT

By: MWO J.R. Jobin

## Volksmarch Ottawa

Members of 1 Dental Unit and the Dental Division celebrated our 75th Anniversary by participating in a ten kilometer volksmarch on 19 April 1990. All participants met at the Rockcliffe Social Centre where BGen J.F. Begin broke the banner with his volksmarch walking stick to officially start the walk. Major R. Masuda celebrated a little extra by accidentally doing 14 km, however,

he still finished first. Most people walked the route, but Cpl Y. Dubois' Great Dane wanted to keep up with Major Masuda and pulled Cpl Dubois most of the way. Upon completion of this march a traditional meal of bratwurst and sauerkraut was enjoyed by all participants. BGen J.F. Begin then presented the volksmarch medals to end the day.



BGen Begin leads members of 1 Dental and the Dental Division the 75th Anniversary Volksmarch

## Anniversary Dinner

On the evening of 20 April 1990, all ranks assembled for a Mess Dinner held at the Ottawa Army Officers' Mess. Many local retired military and civilian members were in attendance to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Corps. Two notable former members included Col C.M. Cornish (ret'd), twice a former Commanding Officer of 1 Dental Unit and one of the original members (Capt) of the Corps when the Royal Warrant was granted to the Canadian Dental Corps on 15 January 1947. The other notable former member was Col D.H. Protheroe (ret'd), our resident historian, decorated (DFC) war veteran and long serving Dental Staff Officer. Following short speeches by the Commanding Officer, 1 Dental Unit, LCol Budzinski, and Director General Dental Services, BGen J.F. Begin, a presentation was made by BGen Begin to Col Protheroe of the first copy of his book "40 Years of Progress". The RCDC and CFDS. The evening was a memorable one for many, a time for reflection and reminiscence of their military dental career and association.



LCol Budzinski looks on as Col Protheroe (ret'd) receives the first copy of RCDC/CFDS history from BGen Begin



# 11 DENTAL UNIT

By: Capt A. Lundstrom

## Open House – Esquimalt

At CFB Esquimalt, the Naden Dental Clinic hosted an Open House for retired ex-service RCDC/CFDS members on 20 April 1990. Personnel from 11 Dental Unit Headquarters and The Royal Roads Military College clinic were in attendance to help out, as was Work Point Clinic with their display of "Field Dentistry today". Commodore J.D. Spalding, A/Commander Maritime Pacific, visited the Naden Clinic to participate in the celebrations. Approximately 30 other guests were also in attendance.



Capt Colleen Grenier and Mrs. Cathie Reid.  
Two happy hikers – near the end of the trail.



Front L-R: Mr. P. Gourlay, WO G. Jones (ret'd), LCol B. Harrington (ret'd), Mr. and Mrs. L. Jackson, LCol N. Butcher (ret'd), F. Margetts, I. Proud, LCol E. Graham

Back L-R: Mr. W. Ring, Sgt G. McKay (ret'd), LCol M. Pillar (ret'd), Capt A. Van Ryssel (ret'd), WO D. Angus (ret'd), WO N. Cable (ret'd), LCol J. Ayotte, CWO T. Taylor (ret'd), Sgt R. Hall (ret'd)

## Volksmarch – Esquimalt

On 25 May 1990 members and families of headquarters 11 Dental unit and Dental Detachment Esquimalt participated in a Volksmarch around Thetis Lake. Following the hike, participants met for a barbecue and presentation of Volksmarch medals.

The first Volksmarch was so enjoyable and such a success that on 15 June 1990, by unanimous choice, we did it again.

## Open House – Chilliwack

On 18 April 1990 the Chilliwack detachment hosted an "Open House" in celebrating the 75th Anniversary. The open house was combined with a mouth guard clinic. It was a fun and busy time for all involved.

## Volksmarch – Chilliwack

On 20 April, Chilliwack Dental Detachment volksmarched up Teapot Hill which over-looks Cultus Lake. The hike was organized by Captains D. Monty and E. McGrath who cleverly disguised the gruelling event as a treasure hunt. Former Det Comd Maj John Boston (ret'd), who was dressed as a real hiker in the European tradition, accompanied the hikers. Lunch, coffee and other refreshments were served at the lookout.



L-R: Cpl Carole Buxcey, Mrs. Janet Crabe, Maj John Boston (ret'd), Maj Jim Pyne, Cpl Joanne Reeves, Sgt David Southall, Sgt Diane Bayuz, WO Jeanne Girard-Bennett, Capt Dean Monty  
Kneeling L-R: Capt Ed McGrath, Cpl Greg Carter



## Snow To Surf Competition

Comox Dental Detachment celebrated the CFDS 75th Anniversary by entering a Clinic team in the Eighth Annual Comox Valley Snow to Surf Race on 21 April 1990. This race has six segments, starting on top of the local 5,000 foot ski mountain, Mt. Washington, and ending in the surf at the Comox marina. One hundred and fifty teams from across Canada and the United States entered this unique event.

Capt H.T. Louie led off by first scrambling to the top of the mountain, donning his skis and racing downhill to pass the armband to our cross-country skier Sgt W. Paquin who charged through rain, wind, snow and bare ground to pass the armband to the first runner. Capt M. McMurtrie then ran the nine km down Mt. Washington connecting with Capt R. Jackson (our Esquimalt import) who ran the second 11 km to the bottom of the mountain. Our cyclist, Cpl M.F. Fulford, then streaked 30 km over the slippery streets of Cumberland and Courtnay. The waiting canoeists, Maj Hedley and Pte K. Labelle then paddled the last leg against tide and wind over the choppy water from Courtnay to Comox and completed the race by then running up to ring the finish bell.

Poor weather, lack of snow, driving rain and an abundance of mud made this race one of the toughest in its history. After five hours the Comox team finished in what can be described as a class by themselves (but not last). However, the enthusiastic team members showed their spirit and sportsmanship by pushing themselves to do their best in this fun-filled event. Applications are now open for next year's team, especially Sgt Paquin's position.

## Dental Detachment Masset

The Masset Dental detachment celebrated the 75th Anniversary by presenting a CFDS plaque and cake to A/Station Commander LComdr D.G. Passey.

In addition a commemorative toothbrush and accompanying scroll was sent to Masset personnel (Comm Research occupation (MOC 291)) who are serving out a six month tour at Alert.



Comox team members dressed for the pre-race parade as the dreaded "Fangs".

L-R: Capt H. Louie, Capt M. McMurtrie, Pte D.B.L. Labelle, Bruce Schoettler Float Driver, Sandy Belanger Float Driver, Maj F. Hedley, Cpl M.F. Fulford, Capt R.W. Jackson

## First Annual Molar Golf Tournament

In celebration of our 75th Anniversary, Dental Detachment Chilliwack hosted the First Annual Molar Challenge Golf Tournament held at the Aquadell Golf Course on 11 May 1990. The Aquadell Golf course is located just south of Chilliwack nestled in a beautiful valley beside Cultus Lake.

Members from Unit headquarters, Dental Detachments Comox and Esquimalt provided a good turn out to make the event a success. Low net went to Capt W. Mulgrew, Dental Detachment Esquimalt, with a score of 66. WO J. Cotton Dental Detachment Esquimalt was our most honest golfer with a score of 142. Unit headquarters scored 1st place overall and received the honour of retaining the prized trophy for the year. Our special thanks to former CFDS member Capt Rob Reimer for donating the trophy.

Capt Monica Zieper and Sgt Dave Bullock, Dent Det Masset, present cake and plaque to LComdr D.G. Passey, Acting Commanding Officer CFS Masset



## 12 DENTAL UNIT

By: Capt R.D. Adair

### 75th Anniversary

In celebration of the 75th Anniversary, regional and local events were enjoyed by most members in this Unit. Greenwood Detachment hosted a very successful Mess Dinner 24 May 1990. Although Col Jones did not have good news about the "raise", his speech was both enlightening and enjoyable. Cornwallis, Chatham, Greenwood, Halifax and Gagetown Detachments each organized and participated in Volksmarches. Gagetown festivities commenced with a champagne breakfast, followed by various games throughout the day, with a BBQ/dance in the evening.

Cornwallis Detachment had a flag raising ceremony followed by a champagne breakfast. The flag was lowered at sunset.



During the Unit dinner, the Greenwood Detachment presented Col Brogan with a lovely hand-hooked rug. "Hookers": Diana Johnson left, and Wendy Ferris right.



Cornwallis Detachment "troops" pay respects at the flag raising ceremony.



Col Brogan and LCol Garland at head table. "Cheer up Sir, the raise will get approved eventually!"



Pte Brewer raises the flag at CFB Cornwallis.



## Adventure Training (Bicycle Trip)

In celebration of the 75th RCDC/CFDS Anniversary several members of 12 Dental Unit participated on a week long bicycle adventure training exercise. Members included Col H.W. Brogan, LCol W. Garland, Maj P. Demers, Capts R. Adair, C. Whiting, P. Broderick, G. Joyce and 2Lt D. Craig. The exercise lasted from 9 July to 14 July and consisted of cycling across western Nova Scotia and camping out in tents during the evening. The average cycling distance was 100km per day. Support for the group was provided by Cpls K. Slattery and L. Tapp who drove a van with the tenting gear and supplies, thereby enabling each bicycle member to travel without bulky baggage.

Day one consisted of going from Halifax to Bridgewater in a heavy rain. The weather cleared that evening enabling the group to dry out and get a good rest. The second day the group went from Bridgewater to Kej National park in a hot sun. Day three was spent in the park enjoying hiking and nature trails. On day four the trip consisted of going from Keji to Wilmot, just outside Kingston. That evening an enjoyable cook-out followed at Capt Broderick's home, just a few kms away in CFB Greenwood. The next day the group went from Wilmot to Windsor where the last evening cook-out and tenting took place. Day six, Saturday, saw everyone finally arrive back in Halifax.

The adventure training was an excellent physical fitness exercise and enabled everyone the opportunity to tent and eat out doors for the week. We are happy to report there were no bicycle breakdowns nor flat tires and everyone weathered the distance without serious accident or physical problems. The total cycling distance for the week was about 500kms.



Short break. L-R: Capt Adair, Maj Demers, Capt Broderick, 2Lt Craig, Capt Whiting, Col Brogan, LCol Garland, Capt Joyce



Overnight stop during adventure training. Col Brogan pondering the problems of command.



Sgt MacNeil, Capt Joyce, WO Higham at CFB Summerside Armed Force Day

## Summerside Air Force Day

On Sunday, 22 July 1990, CFB Summerside hosted their last Armed Forces Day.

The Summerside Dental Detachment comprised of Capt Joyce, WO Higham and Sgt MacNeil presented the mobile dental clinic in the ground display. The display was well received by the public and proved to be very informative to all members of this Air Force Base.

This dental team is the last permanent staff based in Summerside due to the impending dental clinic closure in July 1991 and base closure in April 1992.



## 13 DENTAL UNIT

By: Capt R.E. Todd

### Celebrating the RCDC/CFDS 75th Birthday

This Unit's celebration was conducted on 19 April 1990. It consisted of an Education Day, and Volksmarch followed in the evening by an all Ranks Mess Dinner.

During the morning programme some 60 members of the Unit attended seminars on professional and career topics presented by Maj G.W. Iverson, Maj M.A. Field and MWO J.F. Lemieux.

In the afternoon, we were blessed with excellent weather conditions as the Unit gathered in mass at Baker's Island to start the Volksmarch. We were honoured and pleased to be joined by our Colonel Commandant, BGen Thompson (ret'd); the President RCDC Assoc, Maj Charlie Hunt (ret'd) and Col J. Brick (ret'd). Following completion of a preset 10 km course, LCol Lemieux presented the volksmarch medals following which personnel retired to quarters and residences in an attempt to recuperate prior to the Dinner.

At 1830 hrs, in the WOs and Sgts' Mess, the Commanding Officer, LCol Lemieux, the Unit WO, MWO Lemieux and MWO Black received the head table guests. During the excellent dinner, appropriate music was provided by the Canadian Forces Base Trenton Band.

On delivering brief speeches, Col Brace and Col Laliberté each congratulated the Dental Services on reaching a memorable milestone and thanked all participants for providing such a high calibre dental service. To the delight of all 75 attendees, Gen Thompson and Maj Hunt provided some historical data from a perspective that only they could do justice to, having a combined 100 years or so RCDC/CFDS service.

The success of the day in general and the Mess Dinner in particular was easily measured by the high degree of comradery enjoyed by retired and serving members well into the wee hours. Spontaneous Happy Birthdays were delivered at 0001 hrs 20 April 1991 as the Corps reached its official 75th.



LCol J. Lemieux presents volksmarch medal to Maj Charles Hunt (ret'd)



Mess dinner head table guests L-R:  
MWO Lemieux, Unit WO/PMC; CWO Erickson, CFTS Command CWO;  
LCol Hunt (ret'd), Pres RCDC Assoc; Col Laliberté, DCOS ADM CFTSHQ;  
BGen Thompson (ret'd), Col Comdt CFDS; LCol Lemieux, CO 13 Dental  
Unit; Col Brace, BComd CFB Trenton; Col Brick (ret'd); CWO Jordan,  
BCWO CFB Trenton; LCol Yates, Dent Det Comd CFB Petawawa

## 14 DENTAL UNIT

By: Lt R. Skura

### CFDS 75th Anniversary

14 Dental Unit marked the Anniversary of the CFDS by hosting a number of events. The highlight of the celebrations was a formal mixed dining-in which was held at the historic Hotel Fort Garry in Winnipeg.

Following a Dental Detachment Commanders' Conference in Winnipeg on the morning of 19 April, dental officers and dental tradespersons attended continuing education symposia in their respective areas of expertise. The dental officers were treated to an informative professional presentation by Maj Murry Cuff and Maj Scott Becker, from CFB Edmonton.

The celebration of the actual birthday of the "Corps" commenced at 0730 hours on 20 April at the Fort Osborne Curling Club. The first rock was delivered by Col Lanctis and after eight arduous hours of intense competition the rink of Maj Scott Becker (Edmonton), Maj Gray Lysechko, Capt Glenn Wilson, and MWO Paulette Veilleux (all of Winnipeg) was victorious. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the event. Local businesses generously donated prizes and nobody left empty-handed.





Col Lanctis opens the Birthday Bonspiel with the official opening rock.

Following the bonspiel, a reception in honour of the CFDS was held at Government House, the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, the Honourable Dr. George Johnson and Mrs. Doris Johnson. This was a truly unique experience for all those who attended.

The culmination of the day's festivities was the formal mixed Dinner at the Hotel Fort Garry. An impressive head table which included His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Dr. Johnson, the Commander of Air Command, Lieutenant-General Fred Sutherland, the Deputy Commander of Air Command, Major-General J.R. Chisholm, graced the evening events. After a most delightful meal, the 150 attendees listened to Dr. Jack Abra deliver a brief history of Canadian military dentistry.



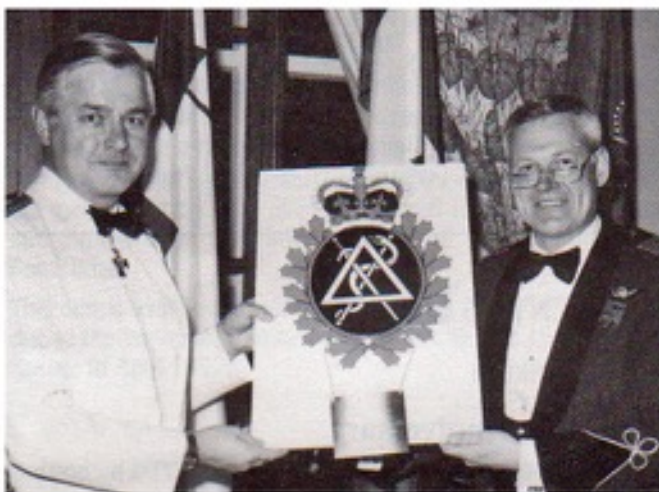
Capt Frizzell, Cpl Chiasson, WO Sikora and Sgt Goth from CFB Cold Lake Dental Detachment were on hand at the Canex Mall on 3 May 1990 to handout dental pamphlets and toothbrushes in celebration of the CFDS 75th Anniversary. Frog puppets, one with good teeth and one with bad teeth, were extremely popular with the children and adults in demonstrating the importance of good oral hygiene habits.

Col Lanctis then presented a stained glass replica of the CFDS crest to Lieutenant-General Sutherland for the excellent support received from Air Command throughout the years. The crest will be displayed at Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg. The final highlight of the evening occurred when Col Lanctis conferred upon Dr. Dan Young, age 97, an honorary membership in 14 Dental Unit. Dr. Young graduated from Dental School in 1917 and is believed to be the last surviving dental officer to have served in World War I.

The extensive program of 75th Anniversary activities wrapped up on 22 April 1990 with a Volksmarch at Assiniboine Park. The march was part of a CFDS cross Canada Commemorative Walk.



Brigadier-General W.R. Thompson (ret'd), Colonel Commandant of the CFDS, is welcomed at Government House by His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, Dr. George Johnson



Lieutenant-General Fred Sutherland is presented with a stained glass replica of the CFDS crest by Col Lanctis.





Colonel V.J. Lancitis, CO of 14 Dental Unit, presents an honorary membership to Dr. Dan Young.



From Left to Right: Col Brian McKenzie, BComd CFB Portage la Prairie, Sgt John Hopkins, Pte Bonnie McEachern, and Capt Gerard Habeck stand in front of a sign displayed at the entrance of the CFB Portage la Prairie Dental Clinic to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the CFDS.

## 15<sup>e</sup> UNITÉ DENTAIRE

Par : le lieutenant J.G.C. Tougas

### Nouvelles générales

ce fut un été très occupé et cela grâce aux festivités du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du SDFC. Comme dans toutes les unités, nous avons eu quelques activités, dont le 20 avril dernier. Environ 80 militaires et civils, présents et anciens se trouvaient réunis au CMR de Saint-Jean à l'occasion du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du SDFC. Plusieurs en ont profité pour renouer connaissance et s'enquérir des plus récentes nouvelles. Tous les détachements de la 15<sup>e</sup> Unité dentaire étaient représentés.



Journée des PC à la BFC St-Jean. Apparaissent: le maj G Jacques, les cpls C. St-Pierre et L. Boisjoly.



Dîner du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire - 15<sup>e</sup> U. dent dans l'ordre habituel: l'adjuc J. Brisebois, le capt R. Jobidon, le capt M. Dumas, le maj A. Dallaire, le maj G. Jacques, le col P. McQueen, le maj L. Lebel et le lcol G. Grenier

### Détachement Saint-Jean

Le 8 septembre 1990, le détachement Saint-Jean avait encore l'occasion de signaler notre 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire. On leur avait réservé une place d'honneur dans le cadre de la journée "Portes ouvertes" à la base de Saint-Jean et le personnel en devoir en a profité pour démontrer l'utilité d'une clinique dentaire mobile et animer un kiosque d'information sur la santé dentaire en général.



## Détachement Valcartier

Comme à chaque année, un effort tout à fait particulier fut fait afin de rehausser l'esprit de corps dans l'Unité. Cette année sera unisssant, le 9 août 1990, quelques 75 membres pour participer au tournoi de golf annuel de l'Unité. La participation des retraités, des dépendants ainsi que des membres des détachements de l'Unité ont fait de ce tournoi un succès digne de mention.



Le col McQueen présente au sgt Gignac le trophée McDougall, présenté pour le meilleur pointage brut.

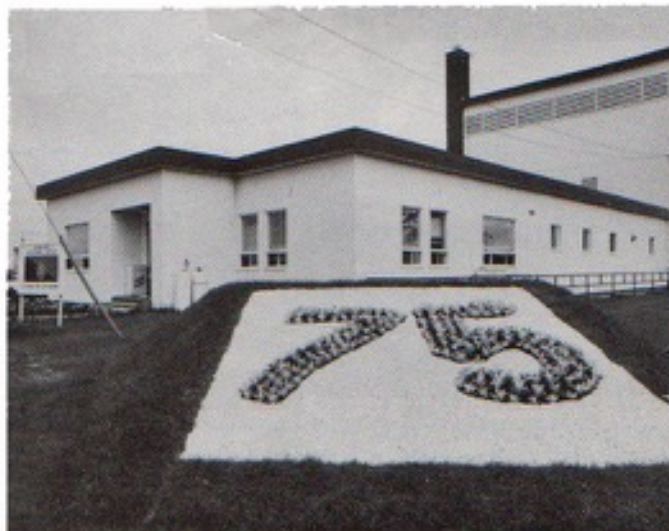


Le col Grenier présente au sgt Lemieux le trophée Bernier pour le meilleur pointage net.



Un monument de neige au détachement dentaire de Valcartier.

Plusieurs activités commémorant le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du SDFC ont pris place au détachement dentaire de Valcartier. Connaissant le shivers rigoureux du Québec, on a cru bon de sculpter un monument de neige symbolisant notre quotidien. Le monument est l'œuvre des sgt's Genest, Lévesque et Gagné ainsi que des caporaux Champagne et Pelletier.



L'arrangement floral au détachement dentaire de Bagotville commémoratif du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du SDFC.

## 35 DENTAL UNIT

By: MWO M.G. Williams

April 1990 was an extremely busy and festive month for 35 Dental Unit. The festivities began on 7 April when car washes were held by Baden and Lahr clinic personnel to generate anniversary activity funds. These turned out to be extremely favourable endeavours despite the initial lack of cooperation by weather conditions. An all ranks mixed formal dining-in was held at the CFB Lahr, WOs and Sgts Mess on 20 April 1990. In addition to most members of the unit, representatives of the civilian dental clinics of Baden and Lahr also attended this gala event. The special anniversary wine, custom bottled for 35 Dental Unit, was served with the meal and the band, La Clique, of 1 R22eR provided the easy listening musical accompaniment. The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed and the dinner very enjoyable. It was to have been followed by dancing, however, it was



Anniversary Car Wash. "Doesn't matter what we clean, rubber gloves are always worn". L-R: Maj Fillman, WO Payette, WO Lamb and unidentified.



discovered, after adjourning to the dance area, all that remained of the band was the Tambour-major. The other band members had executed a quick exit. Lack of effective communication was deemed to have caused this minor upset but undaunted, and in true corps spirit, 35 Dental Unit went on to make their own music well into the wee hours of the next day. Our 75th Anniversary Volksmarch was held the morning after, 21 April, and about 65 people attended under rainy skies at Oborschonheim outside of Lahr. Once the walk was completed and eyeballs almost back to normal colouration, the group was treated to a Barbecue and the special edition anniversary volksmarch medals handed out to participants.



Capt Ivor Hamilton (ret'd) modelling his RCDC blues at the Mess Dinner. Dr. Hamilton is employed at the Lahr civilian clinic.



Mess Dinner attendees entering the relaxed mood.



Cpl Mark Guetre models a TW Tunic adorned with RCDC brass. The jacket was once worn by MWO Mel Williams in his younger days.



Anniversary volksmarchers end their trek at the BBQ pit. LCol Les Hudgins is pictured centre stage.

## 75th Anniversary Adventure Training

What would be an ideal way to commemorate our 75th Anniversary? A trip back into time? Thirty members of 35 Dental Unit did just that.

The 75th Anniversary Tour during the period 6-12 May 1990 to Arnhem, Nijmegen and Schoonhoven, Holland was the high point of many activities carried out by the unit to mark this special year. The tour took the form of adventure training, with transportation by bicycle and accommodation by canvas.

The exercise began at 0615 hrs Sunday 6 May with the departure of the advance party: Sgt E.D. Burke, Sgt J.P. Lemire, Sgt L.A. Zwarycz, Cpl J.M.N. Bayard, Cpl L. Budczinski, Cpl J.J. Hebert, Pte V.P. Roberts-Todd, Cpl L.G. Tompkins (4 Svc Bn), Cpl B.J. Wisley (4 Svc Bn), Cpl L.L. Baisley (4 Svc Bn) and OPl WO Payette. The main body: LCol L.J. Hudgins (Expedition Leader), LCol M.W. Freedman, Maj R.L. Fillman, Maj D.R. Vandahl, Capt D.N. Albert, Capt P.A. Kachanoski, Capt F.J. LaCouvée, Capt K.V. McTaggart, Capt M.R. Schleining, MWO M.G. Williams (OPl), Sgt R.I.L. Carnegie, Sgt J.J.C.C. Comtois



and Mrs. J.D. Lajoie left Lahr by bus at 0800 hrs with a stop at Baden to pick up Maj K.K. Jennermann, Capt S.R. Stirling, Sgt M.J.L. Glenn, Sgt J.E. Mattison and Pte S.R. Molyneaux before arriving at Oosterbeek, Holland at 1600 hrs.

**Monday 7 May:** We had the unique opportunity to participate in the ceremony at Groesbeck Canadian War Cemetery, Nijmegen, commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem. In attendance were: Her Royal Highness Princess Margret of the Netherlands, MGen Smith, Commander CFE, dignitaries from around the world and many veterans from Canada. A total of 3,000 took part in this very moving and memorable experience. During the ceremony LCol L.J. Hudgins had the opportunity to lay a wreath in memory of Sgt Millon, RCDC, buried at Groesbeck in an unknown grave.

**Tuesday 8 May:** "Our group was led by the Airborne Battlefield Guide, Mr. Henry McAnnely, on a battlefield tour around the Arnhem area. A very interesting and informative veteran of operation MARKET GARDEN, Mr. McAnnely gave us a day to remember. Pte Sean Molyneaux placed a wreath at the grave of an unknown Canadian in the Airborne Cemetery in Oosterbeek."

**Wednesday 9 May:** "Moving day distance 90 km. So up at "O dark hundred", down canvas, load vehicles and on the road leaving Sgt Ed Burke to IC the support staff to our new location at Schoonhoven. The young guys didn't want to embarrass the old guys so we split into two groups; fast and not so fast. In charge of the fast group was LCol Moe Freedman who's only comments at the O Group were "we will travel at 25 km/hr" and "I know the way".



Pte Shawn Molyneaux, as the youngest member of the unit, layed a wreath at a grave of an unknown Canadian soldier in the Oosterbeek War Cemetery. Shown L-R: Pte Shawn Molyneaux; LCol Les Hudgins, CO; and MWO Mel Williams, Unit Warrant Officer.



The group pauses in a Dutch village to pray for continued strength to see them through the remaining journey.

Well, as we heard later, it was more like 35 km/hr and he followed a route known only to him. When the second group arrived, led by MWO Mel Williams driving the support vehicle (it was raining) the base camp was already erected. Nice work, fast guys."

**Thursday 10 May:** "A visit to the "Silver City" of Holland including a silversmith, precious gem store and a gold, silver and clock museum. Some free time this day to ease any saddle sores."

**Friday 11 May:** "A 60km day with stops at a cheese farm and a windmill village. Free time this evening for the available to see how available they were."

**Saturday 12 May:** "Back to normal after unloading vehicles, hanging canvas to dry, cleaning all equipment before returning it to the Field Dental Platoon support at 4 Svc Bn."



LCol Les Hudgins, accompanied by MWO Mel Williams, lays a wreath in memory of Sgt Millon, RCDC, at Groesbeck Canadian War Cemetery.



Sgt Ed Mattison, Maj Klaus Jennermann and Capt Dave Stirling enjoy a much earned "Pit Stop" en route.



# MILITARY OPERATIONS

## OPÉRATIONS MILITAIRES

### Deployment of 5 CMB Dental Platoon (Oka, Quebec)

Submitted by: Major J.C. Taylor

On 20 August 1990, the dental platoon of 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade was deployed in response to an FMC tasking for the provision of dental treatment services to brigade troops involved in internal security operations in the vicinity of Oka and Châteauguay, Québec. Four treatment sections were deployed to field units, namely: 2 R22eR, 3 R22eR, 2 RCR and 5 Service Battalion. The dental platoons original treatment mission as directed by FMCHQ was for the provision of emergency dental care in the field. As the operational time frame expanded, the treatment mission progressed into a completion of unit Phase One's and then into routine treatment. A heliborne casualty evacuation system was in place in co-operation with 5 Field Ambulance for access to oral surgical services in urban Montréal. Despite challenging climatic and geographical conditions, the morale and professionalism of the platoon remained at its usual high level and field units expressed nothing but complete satisfaction with their dental treatment services.



Treatment section personnel (L to R), front: Cpl Montgomery, Cpl Bélanger, Pte Binette, Cpl Aubin, Cpl Hanlon. Rear: Capt Gagnon, Capt Maltais, Maj Taylor, Capt Rioux, Capt Hogan.

Personnel des sections de traitement de gauche à droite, en avant : cpl Montgomery, cpl Bélanger, sdt Binette, cpl Aubin, cpl Hanlon; en arrière: capt Gagnon, capt Maltais, maj Taylor, capt Rioux, capt Hogan.

### Déploiement du peloton dentaire de la 5<sup>e</sup> BMC (Oka, Québec)

Soumis par : Maj J.C Taylor

Le 20 août 1990, le peloton dentaire de la 5<sup>e</sup> Brigade mécanisée du Canada a été déployé à l'appel d'un devoir de la FMC pour fournir des soins dentaires aux troupes de la brigade impliquées dans les opérations de sécurité interne aux alentours d'Oka et de Châteauguay, Qué. Quatre sections de traitement ont été déployées avec les unités à savoir le 2<sup>e</sup> R22eR, le 3<sup>e</sup> R22eR, le 2<sup>e</sup> RCR et le 5<sup>e</sup> Bataillon des Services du Canada. D'abord, le but premier du peloton dentaire, selon les instructions de la FMC était de fournir les soins d'urgence dans le champ. A mesure que la période de déploiement s'allongeait, le traitement engloba l'achèvement des Phases Un des unités et ensuite, les soins de routine. Un système d'évacuation des blessés par hélicoptère était en place par l'entremise de la 5<sup>e</sup> Ambulance de campagne pour avoir accès aux services des chirurgiens buccaux de Montréal. Malgré les défis climatiques et géographiques, le moral et le professionnalisme du peloton dentaire ont toujours demeuré à un haut niveau et les unités de champ n'ont exprimé qu'une satisfaction complète suite aux traitements dentaires qu'elles ont reçues.



Personnel du QG de gauche à droite : Col McQueen (assis) Commandant 15<sup>ème</sup> UD, Adj Leclerc Tec Mat D, Maj Bailey Commandant/CCDC, Adjm Skanes SMC/CCDC, Maj Taylor Commandant Pon dent./5 GBC

HQ personnel from left to right: Col McQueen (seated) CO 15 DU, WO Leclerc DE Tech/FDCC, Maj Bailey OC/FDCC, S/M Skanes CSM/FDCC, Maj Taylor Pl Comd/5 CMB



# United States Hospital Ship USNS Mercy

By: Maj J.P. Demers

On 2 August 1990, Iraqi military forces invaded Kuwait, and positioned themselves favorably for a possible attack on Saudi Arabia. The Canadian government decided to send three naval vessels to support UN sanctions against Iraq.

The initial Canadian military commitment to the coalition forces was also accompanied by medical/dental support. A nine member Canadian Surgical Augmentation Team was sent to the Persian Gulf on 28 September 1990 to join the crew of the USNS MERCY. These nine members were the first Canadians to enter the gulf.

The Canadian Forces Dental Services personnel assigned to the team included: Maj Paul Demers, oral and maxillofacial surgeon, 12 Dental Detachment Halifax; and Cpl Kimberly Smallman, dental clinical assistant, Canadian Forces Dental Services School Borden.

## USNS MERCY

USNS MERCY, 10 stories high and 894 feet long, is the largest trauma facility in the world. She is the third largest ship in the US Navy, after aircraft carriers and helicopter carriers. The primary mission of the USNS MERCY, and her sister ship the USNS COMFORT, is to provide acute medical and surgical care in support of Rapid Deployment forces, US Marine Amphibious Task Forces, and forward Deployed Naval Fleet activities located in hostile areas.

The MERCY's wide range of services makes it comparable to a big city university medical center. Patient care facilities include twelve operating rooms and patient care wards totalling 1,000 beds. This includes four intensive care wards with 90 beds.

## The Dental Department

The Dental Department provides routine and emergency dental care for patients and staff personnel relative to the diagnosis, treatment, and management of diseases, injuries, and disorders of the teeth, jaws, and associated structures. In addition, the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Division provides all major and minor oral surgery and dentofacial orthopedic services including fractures involving the mandible, maxilla, and zygomatico-maxillary complex. The departmental establishment included three oral and maxillofacial surgeons, two general dentists, and 12 dental technicians (inclusive of dental clinical assistants, laboratory technician, dental equipment repair technician, dental hygienist).

The dental department has state of the art facilities, that consist of four dental operatories, two oral surgery operating rooms and a complete prosthetic laboratory. 1,521 patients from all branches of military service, including both Canadian and British personnel were treated through to the end of December 1990.

The Canadian Surgical Augmentation Team was completely integrated with the crew of the Medical Treatment Facility. My first view of the MERCY was through the helicopter window as we approached the ship. I remember seeing a mammoth white vessel with the Canadian flag prominently displayed. I believe this was a symbol of the very warm welcome we were to receive. We were quickly orientated and then assigned to our respective departments.

The American crew consistently went out of their way to make us feel welcome. For example, the traditional Canadian Thanksgiving Day was celebrated. To mark the occasion, the galley served traditional fare from the great white north. The dinner began with iced, boiled beaver tail accompanied with a fresh maple leaf salad (served with syrup); the entree was stir-fried caribou tripe cooled to room temperature or baked seal blubber; dessert was the usual Canadian delight (ice and plenty of it).

We received instruction in useful Arabic phrases, to aid us when travelling in moslem areas. This was to prepare us for our liberty port visits. For example:

*ANKAR CHALI-KILI HAFTIR LOFTAN*

which means:

"Thank you for showing me your marvellous gun"

*AUTO ARRAREGH DAVATEMAN MANO SEPAHEH-HAST*

which means:

"It is exceptionally kind of you to allow me to travel in the trunk of your car."

I did not have to use any of these handy phrases at our liberty port visits. I found the Arabs to be kind and gracious hosts.

The rotation of the Canadian Surgical Augmentation Team occurred in mid-January just prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Maj Demers and Cpl Smallman were replaced by Maj Chagnon and Cpl Giroux from 15 Dental Detachment Valcartier.

## Yellow Ribbon Ceremony

LCol Budzinski CO of 1 Dental Unit, Maj Cousens Detachment Commander and Cpl Michelle Allen represented the CFDS at this special ceremony on 18 September 1990. The yellow ribbon ceremony was held in honour of the hospital staff which included Major Paul Demers, Oral Surgeon from Halifax and his assistant Corporal Kim Smallman from Borden, who were deployed on Op Friction/Desert Shield to the Persian Gulf on board the "USNS MERCY" Hospital Ship. The Commandant NDMC and staff members gathered outside the hospital for the ceremony during which



At NDMC, Cpl Allen tying a yellow ribbon for Cpl Smallman.



the Padres lead in prayer and gave their blessing. After the introduction by BGen Clay, the hospital commandant, the ribbons were tied to the tree, one for each member. The yellow ribbon signifies someone we care for is in an extremely difficult situation, outside the normal difficulties of life.

Photographs taken on this special occasion were sent to families, Base newspapers and to the Ship. LCol Budzinski tied the ribbon in honour of Maj Demers while Cpl Allen did the same for Cpl Smallman.



Award: Cmdr Ken Summers (Comd CANFORME) presents the Canadian Decoration to Maj Paul Demers aboard USN Hospital Ship MERCY. The event took place Christmas Day 1990 in the Persian Gulf. Capt (USN) Paul Barry looks on.



Anne Jillian and Cpl Smallman following the USO show on the MERCY



The Canadian contribution to the USNS MERCY New Years Day "Doo-Dah" Parade. (l. to r) Capt Kane, Capt Hamel, LCol Gauthier, Bonhomme Carnival, Sgt Giguere, Cpl Smallman, Cpl Perez, Maj Demers, LCol Smallman, Maj Benedict

## Preparing for the Persian Gulf

By: Capt M.J. Cupples

The Persian Gulf crisis resulted in extensive behind-the-scenes activity on the dental net regarding the three participating ships PROTECTEUR, ATHABASKAN, TERRA NOVA and at CFB Halifax, CFB Shearwater and CFB Chatham:

- Capt Cupples, Dent Det Comd PROTECTEUR recalled from leave in Toronto.
- Sgt Simpson, Greenwood Detachment, who was originally scheduled to replace Sgt Lee-Grant aboard PROTECTEUR for a NATO deployment to European ports, ended up with an itinerary change - Persian Gulf!
- Considerable after-hours work was involved in duplicating approximately 1,300 charts for forensic purposes (this number caused by repeated changes in names of personnel being tasked).
- Chart duplication was also conducted by Chatham and Shearwater Detachments as personnel from those locations were also being deployed to the Persian Gulf.

### Underway to the Persian Gulf

- Following the Gibraltar port visit, played war games for two days with no time for dentistry.
- On the way to the Suez Canal stopped for a two day port visit in Augusta, Sicily. Augusta is a small town, only two restaurants and as soon as Canadian landed ashore the price of everything seemed to triple!
- Set sail again and in three days were anchored off Port Said awaiting passage through the Suez Canal.
- Passed through the Suez Canal and into the Red Sea and in about four days arrived in Djibouti. Only had one night ashore and it was really an eye opener, people sleeping in the gutters and begging in the street.
- Set sail again and on 28 September all three ships arrived at the forward operating base at Manamah, Bahrain. Manamah is a very old city but very westernized with English pubs, discos, etc.



- Maj Demers (who is stationed aboard USN Ship MERCY in Bahrain) visited the Detachment while PROTECTEUR was at anchor nearby during transit to the Persian Gulf. Cpl Smallman (Maj Demers' Dental Assistant) paid a visit to HMCS ATHABASKAN which was also alongside in the same area.
- The heat is extreme with day time highs of 40 degrees and night time lows of only 32 degrees. Summer tans are fading because it is just too hot to venture out on the decks for very long.



Capt Margaret Cupples viewing the Persian Gulf with another crew member on board HMCS PROTECTEUR.



HMCS Protecteur

## HMCS PROTECTEUR Reports from the Calm Waters of the Persian Gulf

- Sailed on 5 October to patrol area RAZing numerous ships from all countries involved.
- Arrived in Dubai 16 October for a couple of days R&R and "camel rib" BBQs.
- Set sail again 19 October on patrol
- The month of November remained relatively quiet; continued to RAZ numerous allied ships.
- Enjoyed a four day port visit to Abu Dhabi (found a Pizza Hut!).
- Spent first week of December alongside in Dubai for an AWP (Assisted Work Period): ship's company (dental included) gave "our lady" a facelift - Officers painted starboard side, NCMS the port side.
- The entertainment troupe from Canada performed on-board 16 December.
- On 19 December everyone enjoyed Canadian lobsters on the flight deck.
- The following day went alongside for final port visit to Abu Dhabi.
- Santa came aboard 22 December and everyone received a Sony Walkman and Christmas stocking courtesy of several companies back home.
- Literally thousands of Christmas cards and gifts were received from across Canada letting all know that they were remembered.
- Capt Cupples and Sgt Simpson arrived home in Halifax 10 January.
- Capt Lapointe and Sgt MacKenzie departed 2 January to replace the dental team.



# GENERAL NEWS

## NOUVELLES D'INTÉRÊT GÉNÉRAL

### 28th Annual Golf Tournament

This special 75th anniversary year ended with the Dental Branch Golf Tournament. During the period 26-28 Sep 90, this annual gathering was hosted by 13 Dental Unit. With the continued excellent support of CFB Trenton, and especially the CFB Trenton Golf Club, this year's event was again a success, despite the mid fall timing and lack of service air flights.

The Meet and Greet was held at the Club House on the evening of 26 Sep. This event was well attended and provided an occasion for long serving members and their spouses to socialize with old friends.

Although the season was late, frost did not pose a problem this year, but some golfers commented that fog did. Good sources have suggested that those who drive a long ball may have experienced some problems.

A presentation banquet was held at the Astra Lounge on 28 Sep where the competitors along with other non-golfers gathered to honour the victors.

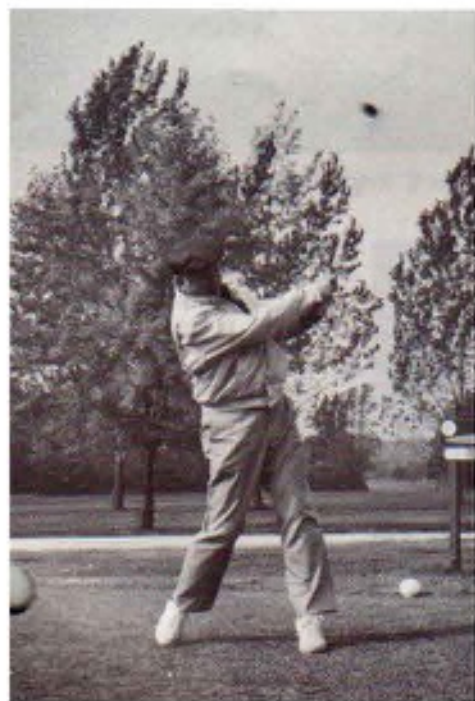
### 28<sup>ème</sup> Tournoi de golf annuel

L'année spéciale du 75<sup>ème</sup> anniversaire prit fin avec le tournoi de golf de la Branche dentaire. Le personnel de la 13<sup>ème</sup> Unité dentaire fut l'hôte de cette rencontre annuelle, durant la période du 26 au 28 septembre 1990. Malgré la période un peu automnale et l'absence de vols du commandement aérien le tournoi de cette année fut encore une fois un succès grâce au bon support de la Base des Forces canadiennes de Trenton et tout spécialement du Club de golf.

La rencontre d'accueil eut lieu à la salle de réception de Club durant la soirée du 26 septembre. Il y a eu une bonne participation et ce fut l'occasion, pour les membres actifs de longue date et leurs conjoints, de se rappeler de bons souvenirs avec de vieux amis.

La saison tardive ne causa pas de problème de gel mais le brouillard, lui, a dérangé quelques golfeurs. Ceux qui faisaient de longs coups de départ ont peut-être eu des problèmes.

Un banquet de présentation a eu lieu au "Astra Lounge" le 28 septembre où les compétiteurs et les non-golfeurs se réunirent pour féliciter les vainqueurs.



The DGDS "Begins"



Col Brick's first swing at being Col Comdr





The presentations followed after an exemplary meal. The generosity of the dental industry to this auspicious event was evidenced on the prize table. The tournament committee would like to thank all those who continue to contribute and hope that company representatives are able to participate in the tournament throughout it's future years.

Les présentations ont suivi un excellent repas. La générosité des membres de l'industrie dentaire était bien mise en évidence sur la table des prix offerts. Les membres du comité organisateur remercient ceux qui continuent de contribuer, et espèrent que les représentants des compagnies continuent de participer à ce tournoi aux cours des années futures.



Col Brick (ret'd) presents RCDC trophy to: 12DU, LCol Garland, Maj Goheen and Maj Walker



BGen Thompson (ret'd) presents Charles G. Hunt Trophy to: Mr. John Clint



BGen Begin presents G.R. Covey Trophy for Low Net to: MWO Cote



Col Brogan presents James N. Wright Trophy to: Mr. G. Anderson



BGen Baird (ret'd) presents K.M. Baird trophy for Low Gross to: Sgt Roussy