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We have two e-mail groups free for all RCDCA Members, one is for humour the other is for important news and announcements

At this time there are 130 RCDCA members on the news list and 109 RCDCA members on the humor list. If you want on or off, my e-mail address is prmcqueen@rogers.com

The RCDCA web pages are at: <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca>

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RCDCA Membership

There are 223 RCDCA paid up members at this time including 19 life members

Please look at the last (bottom line) of the mailing label on the envelope to see your dues status. It indicates the date to which you are paid. If it says Dec 2003 you are all paid up. If it says Dec 2002 you owe \$15.00 for 2003.

SVP lire la dernière ligne de votre étiquette d'adresse afin de vérifier le statut de vos frais de cotisation comme membre de l'ACDRC. La date d'expiration de votre cotisation est indiquée. Si cette date est celle de Déc. 03 vous n'avez rien à payer d'ici cette date. Si la date est celle de Déc. 02 vous devez les frais d'association de l'an 2003 pour une somme totale de \$15.00.

New Members

We welcome the following new RCDCA members:

Sgt Al Pink, a retired Dental Laboratory Technician, who served from May 1960 to October 1993 and presently resides in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Capt Arthur Murray Hunt who served during war time from 1942 to 1946.

CWO Tom Taylor, a retired Dental Laboratory Technician who served for over twenty-six years, 1958 to 1984 and now now calls Courtenay, BC home.

Capt Tim Dumore who lives in Winnipeg and served from 1987 to 1995; and

Capt James Stakiw, currently in Saskatoon, who served from 1993 to 1997

Last Post

Sadly to say, we have been advised of the following deaths since the last issue of the newsletter:

Major (Retired) Raymond Peebles passed away in Ottawa in December 2002.

LCol (Retired) Paul Demers (Retired) died suddenly April 11, 2003.

Dr. Michael Medora passed away in Kingston Ontario on June 18, 2002, at age 86. He was a 1946 graduate of McGill University and a life member of CDA.

CWO (Retired) Don Bungay, a former dental assistant passed away in Calgary in April.

Obituaries which were received follow.

Obituaries

Peebles, Raymond, Veteran WW 11, Proud member of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. Postings included CFB Edmonton, Trenton, Borden and Ottawa. After a lengthy illness at the Queensway-Carlton Hospital, on Friday, December 13, 2002 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Ollie. Friend and father of Cam and Bonnie Peebles (Tracy Shouldice). Proud grandfather of Reid Shouldice. Friends may call at the Garden Chapel of Tubman Funeral Homes, 3440 Baseline Road, Ottawa on Sunday, December 15, from 2 pm until funeral service in the chapel at 4 pm. A legion service will be held at 3.30 pm. Cremation. For those who wish, a donation to the charity of ones' choice would be appreciated. Condolences, donations or tributes may be made at www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com

Bungay, Donovan Keisk B, CWO retired. Donovan Bungay passed away quietly with peace and dignity at the Foothills Hospital on the 24th of April 2003. He is survived by Shirley, his loving wife of thirty-one years, and his two dear sons, Derek and Tyler. Donovan is also survived by his brothers, Tom (Marilyn), Alex (Fern) and Jim (Lisa); sisters, Irene (Fred) Sisulak, Gwen Noel and Florence Snow; sister-in-law Lorraine (Bill) Irwin; and brother-in-law Kenneth (Irene) Botschatzke; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Alexander in 1981, his mother Madeline and brother-in-law Hank in 1995, and his sister Edith in 1945. Donovan was born in Grand Bank, Nfld on April 4, 1949. He was raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia when his family moved there one year later. In 1966 Donovan enlisted with the Canadian Armed Forces from which he retired after thirty one years with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. During his distinguished career he served with the Canadian Guards, Airborne Regiment, 3 Mechanized Commando in Germany and in 1975 Donovan transferred to the Dental Corps. As recognition of his many achievements, Don was awarded the Special Service Medal along with the Thompson Trophy for leadership and field training. Donovan will always be remembered by everyone who knew him as a man with integrity and high principles. His undaunted courage and sense of humour in the face of adversity will always be an example for those of us remaining. It takes but a minute to find such a special person, and hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but a lifetime to forget them. Funeral services were held at McInnis & Holloway's Crowfoot Chapel (82 Crowfoot circle NW) on April 29, 2003. To e-mail expressions of sympathy : condolences@mcinnisandholloway.com Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Canadian Cancer Society, 215-12 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB T2G 1A2

Demers Suddenly on April 11, 2003, **Dr. Paul Joseph Demers**, age 44. Cherished husband of Maureen (Quann) Demers. Dear brother of Philip and Lesley Demers, Churchill, and Christopher and Theresa Demers, Dorchester. Beloved son of Richard and Alice (Schoen) Demers of Baden. Uncle of Richard, Michelle, Benjamin, Jessica and Thea. Good friend of Mark and Karen Dixon and family, Brian and Danielle Hynes and family, Dr. Mario Moscone and family, and Dr. Harold Gretzinger and family. Paul served for 20 years in the military with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, including active duty on the USNS Mercy Medical Ship in 1990 during the Persian Gulf War. Dr. Demers has held teaching appointments at Dalhousie University in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programs. He was an examiner with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Oral and Maxillofacial surgery. He practiced in partnership with Dr. Harold Gretzinger for 6 years. Friends and family will remember him for his love of guitar and music. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St Patrick's Church, London on Wednesday, April 16, 2003. Entombment St Peter's Cemetery, London. Friends who wish may send memorial donation to Camp Trillium, 200 Main Street, Hamilton, L8P 4Y4 Messages of condolence may be sent to the funeral home, McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 431 Christina Street N, Sarnia, ON or by e-mail to: www.mckenzieblundy.com

Sad News

All members of the RCDCA extend their heartfelt sympathy to the following RCDCA members who have lost dear ones.

Gilles Brissette and his wife Suzanne, on the loss of their beloved daughter Sylvie who died of cancer in January. Sylvie who was 40 years of age, passed away in the Hants Community Hospital in Windsor, Nova Scotia, surrounded by her family. She also leaves her husband Keith Sanford, and her brother Michel (Tammy) and their daughter Sophie.

Jack Mullins informed us on 1 May that his beloved wife Betty had passed away after a lengthy illness.

We had a sad letter from Ron Christiansen, son of **Ander John Christiansen, "Chris"**. He said that his father is now in a nursing home (Oak Bay Lodge) in Victoria, suffering from dementia. Apparently Chris is still at times aware of his surroundings and is not too pleased. However, for his personal safety his family feels he is appropriately placed. Ron says that his father continues to prepare for the next camp and is busy making dentures (of course only in his mind). It would seem once a soldier, always a soldier. Chris served from 1954 to 1981 and retired as a Master Warrant Officer Dental Laboratory Technician.

FAREWELL TO SOME RCDCA MEMBERS

We had to delete 17 RCDCA members this year for non payment of dues. All were sent several notices plus a final letter with a SASE so after no response we had to say goodbye!

DONATIONS

Thanks to all those members including some life members who made additional donations above the annual dues, we keep records of your gifts and we are thankful.

We know who you are and it is much appreciated! Thank you to all.

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It is still on for Borden this September but please note the planned dates have changed!!!!!!!

It will now be in the week of 02 September 2003 = **NOT** = the week of 09 September 2003. exact dates and times are not finalized. We will be specific when we send the application forms to you in July 2003. We are still thinking of where to conduct the 2003 RCDCA AGM. It was to be at CFB Borden, just prior to the golf, but we are not sure at this point.

Help Us Track A Former RCDC Member

We are seeking any kind of information about LCol Wm "Bill" Sinclair - Dentist/Soldier/Philanthropist - WW2 and Korea. Received US 1st Corps and Korean "Commendation" for humanitarian work. Retired 1960 and last address was Winnipeg, Manitoba. Was employed with H & W Canada delivering dental services to the First Nations People in northern Manitoba.

Thanks/Merci

We thank a fellow RCDCA member, Reace Jackson of Kingston, who has loaned us some photos which are now being duplicated and will be placed in the RCDCA history archives. They will be returned soon Reace, thanks!

News From Members

Robert Gillis is currently the owner of a private practice at the Canex Mall at CFB Kingston which he started in May of 2000. He is busy balancing the growing practice and family life with his sons Calib, 10, and Nick, 13. Janet is also very involved in the office management and patient reception.

John Currah and wife Muriel send best wishes and advise that: "he's alive and well, less stressed and happy". John is a Colonel in the Canadian Forces and was the former Director of the Canadian Forces Dental Services. He has been appointed as Chief Dental Officer and tasked with coordinating the development of oral health initiatives across Health Canada.

Ernie Everett sends greeting from Nova Scotia! He enjoys the newsletter with the news of old friends. Ernie was saddened to hear about Roger Savoie's death - they had many a good time together. Ernie is still able to do some traveling and gardening despite back problems. He took an extended holiday to the ROCK in September and October and managed to get in some fishing and moose hunting on the Northern Peninsula, around the coast to Cape Bonavista. Ernie remarked that John Cabot looked younger than he does. He managed to jig a few cod off the Burin Peninsula for a fish fry with some friendly fishermen. Ernie enjoyed the drive from Port aux Basques to Argentia with lot of detours to small towns, taking in Newfoundland's rugged beauty and finding its people very friendly.

Geoff Iverson reports that life is wonderful in BC, and that all is well. Gloria and he keep busy with their three boys and really enjoy downhill skiing in the winter and water skiing in the summer. Geoff is keeping very busy at this time of year coaching for two different baseball teams and serving as a PAC President and a committee member on the Chilliwack School District. Gloria is finishing up her nursing degree at UBC while working full time at the Chilliwack hospital. Geoff and Gloria still find time to exercise together on a regular basis and have started up golfing again now that the winter ski season is over. Geoff closed reminding everyone that there is hope for all left handed golfers, even him.

From New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, **Leo Bilodeau** writes that he's still doing Oral Surgery but would like to retire!

Ian MacDonald and his wife Sheila for the past twenty years have spent six months of the year at their summer home in PEI. He golfs at Green Gables at least three times a week and does some gardening in between. Ian says that he misses those RCDC golf tournaments - he attended every one between 1964 and 1976 and found them a wonderful opportunity for members from all across the country to come together. He sends best wishes to all.

Peter Lobb continues to practice general hospital dentistry in Victoria. He is the Regional Practice Group Leader Oral Oncology at the Vancouver Island Cancer Centre. He serves on the Council and Executive Committee of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. Peter enjoys the company of David Jones for golf on Sunday mornings and loves to see many former members including Bill Harrington, Ed Graham, Frank Harreman, Tom Erskine, Mike Corrigan, Tom Jones, Scott Kean, Bunny Berezon, all of whom remember with fond memories, days of the 'old Corps and its people'.

Gerry Shand managed to golf all summer - mainly for the exercise and for his diabetes. They also bowl twice a week with their senior friends and thoroughly enjoy it. Gerry also plays pool twice a week at a senior's centre and has lots of fun, they only pay a dime a game so nobody wins or loses too much!!

Kerry Mathers is still doing locums and has now 'filled in' at sixty-seven different offices throughout Ontario. Fran is a salesperson with Remax Twin City and has been busy as can be! Kerry found Gen Gunther's article about being a sea dentist quite interesting and mentioned that two of his classmates have done the same thing but the guidelines have changed. Kerry enjoyed being able to contact Jack Sadler after all these years since they were at Rockcliffe together. He says that they have a grandson who plays Minor Pee Wee Hockey for the Kitchener Junior Rangers and a granddaughter who's into Irish and Scottish dancing. Kerry sends his regards to all.

Len Pierce sends regards to all and has a special thank you for all volunteers involved with keeping the RCDCA alive and meaningful to so many people. Thanks Len!

Jerry Orser is still doing some skating and curls quite regularly every Tuesday. He has been a member of his curling group for over forty years now, since 1962. Their club was founded in 1854. The oldest member curled in 2001 but retired at the end of the season and has decided to sit it out this year at 90 years of age. Jerry says that at age 84 there is quite a generation gap - making him the oldest active curler in the club. Way to go Jerry!!

Jocelyn Lemieux writes that he's living a very normal life and that he's very happy! These days he's a full time 'mister mom' with his ten year old daughter Roxanne who is now in grade five. Jocelyn helps with her homework, and cooks meals everyday. He jogs now and then, and plays hockey with some teachers every Friday night, and then needs four days for his body to recuperate. Jocelyn owns half of a small Cessna, flying it a couple of times a week out of the small Beloeil airport, which is not far from his home at Ste Julie. Apparently Carole, Joe's girlfriend tells him that it's like he goes to daycare when he's at the airport - spending time with a bunch of older guys who all like to share their love of flying and exchanging exploits. He is still working part time at an insurance company and at Health Canada as a dental consultant. Jocelyn regularly babysits his granddaughter Oceane who is twenty months old. Martine, Oceane's mother and Joe's oldest daughter is expecting in March. Joe closes by saying that his life is a rewarding one with all his daughters - Martine, Sophie and Roxanne, and that the two oldest girls have excellent life companions.

Walter Anglin tells us that since retirement from the RCDC in 1972, and a small general practice in Stirling, Ontario in 1990 they have visited the British Isles, West Indies, Florida, and have been to the Maritimes several times. A good portion of their time is spent visiting with their three boys, two work in Toronto, and the other in London, England. Their oldest son holds down two jobs. One is with Canada Post and the other with Loblaw's. Their youngest son who works for a computer company in London has been in Toronto since before Christmas, recovering from a kidney transplant operation - his older brother was the donor. Both boys are doing well. Their middle boy is the haematologist at Credit Valley Hospital and does oncology. While there he was given the opportunity to work on an MBA at the University of Toronto. He recently returned from two weeks in China - all part of the MBA and will finish his programme in April. Walter keeps busy with Kiwanis meetings every week and fund raising. Church activities also take a lot of their time but Walter says it all good fellowship and for good causes. They also enjoy trips to Tim Horton's for daily good fellowship with the many friends they have made in the area. He sends best wishes to all RCDC friends.

Robert Fell wrote that he enjoys very much doing absolutely nothing!!

Chuck Rheault is taking full advantage of senior's hockey programmes in the Comox Valley and in Campbell River. He plays up to five times a week in the mornings and continues to work at the funeral home in the afternoons and on Saturdays. Son Stephen is now the head speech writer for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bill Graham. Stephen enjoys the work and finds it more challenging then being involved in international diplomacy. Brian continues his work with computer programming and repairs. Brian's company is now involved with National Defence contracting. Chuck's wife Maxi remains a professional bingo player and had occasion to visit the Victoria Casino during a recent hockey tournament. Chuck says hello to all and extends an invitation to anyone visiting Vancouver Island and the Comox Valley to give them a call at 250-339-1279 or e-mail him at crheault3@shaw.com

Jack Jury and his wife Sandy are still in Trenton, and have put their house on the market as the children are all gone now and they are trying to downsize. Jack says that 5000 square feet for two people and a dog is a bit much. They lost their twelve year old dog, a Westie named Murphy which broke their hearts. Like all of us, they swore never again to have another dog. That lasted about six months, now they have a year old miniature Schnauzer named Molly who keeps them busy. Jack has stopped private practice and is now working four days a week for Corrections Canada at the Kingston Penitentiary and Joyceville Institution. Jack finds it interesting work and he's met some 'interesting' people'.... they are considering moving to the Kingston area due to the daily commute.

Wally Donald and Mary Beth have set off to Florida for a good three months. Wally is now fully retired from his orthodontic practice after twenty five years. He took up golf eleven years ago and enjoys it very much. He likes to play three or four games a week and on a good day he breaks a hundred. Wally sends kind regards to all.

Terry Kline is not sure that there are many around that would remember him, but when he was reading the names of some of his 'old' colleagues in the RCDCA, it certainly stirred some memories for him! He is a retired prosthodontist in Vancouver, and is enjoying life with his wife of forty-four years, Carol. They have two children and four grandchildren. They travel often and enjoy skiing at Whistler, boating on the west coast and golfing. Terry still teaches part time at the University of British Columbia Dental School.

Denis Winslow reports that all is well in sunny, southern California. On their last trip to Canada, they visited Vernon with a couple of their girls, got to Edmonton for a great visit with Denis's sister and Damon Casson and also attended a grand niece's wedding in Calgary. Whilst in Edmonton, Denis contacted Ken Wallace, but Ken was on his way east for the golf tournament so they missed getting together. Denis had a heat attack in Calgary (his seventh!), which forced him to do some hospital time. He reports to be having more than the usual trouble recovering but is hopeful that in time things will improve. He's had an e-mail from Ken Wallace informing of their arrival and that they are busy settling into their winter digs.

Gord Jones writes that they are moving again, hopefully for the last time. Seeing as it's their dream location in Victoria, it should be the last move!

Al Pink spent over thirty-three years in the RCDC and CFDS and loved most of his service time. He retired in October of 1993 and has been 'retired' ever since. His four children are fine. Dean flew the coop a few years back. Tom, a school teacher in Owen Sound, Ontario is presently a stay at home dad to two children and Travis is an engineering officer in Greenwood with one child. Daughter Trace is working at Ultramar and living at home in Dartmouth. Al usually spend the first two and last two weeks of lobster fishing season in Cape Breton with family and manages to spend time in Margaree with some old army buddies.

Euan Swan a serving member of CFDS started French language training in August 2002, his course runs until June of this year. Son Andrew is attending RMC, is in his first year. Daughter Victoria graduates high school this year as part of the "Ontario double cohort"! Euan reports that the rest of the family is well. Euan's course must be going well - recently we received the following: Je suis en train de suivre une formation linguistique en francais. Salut! Euan.

Ted McDermott just finished celebrating his fiftieth year of graduation and fifty years of marriage to same woman with same agreements and disagreements. Life is good. Ted reports good health but can't figure out who the old guy is when he shaves every day. He's thinking of getting rid of all mirrors!

June Patterson can't wait to get out in the back garden and do some planting. Everything's been prepared, just waiting for the weather to co-operate ie no more frost! Husband Jim has been dancing on his toenails lately as Hylands Golf Club opened in April. June says life is great! Daughter Heather married a wonderful 'boy', Dan Caputo last October. Both are engineers at Ottawa's Nortel Networks, living in the Glebe, and currently out house hunting. Dan is a golfer as well, shooting in the high eighties, he can't beat Jim yet but he's only been at the game for about seven years. Both June and Jim keep busy with genealogy and tell us it's an amazing hobby to get involved in - have uncovered all sorts of things/people long forgotten or perhaps not known about. June is heading out to Edmonton in early June for an airwomen's reunion and is looking forward to meeting up with a gal she hasn't seen since basic training in 1961 and another 'girl' Carol, June was Carol's bridesmaid way back in July 1963 at RCAF Station Bagotville. Where did the time go???

Ted Fox had a fairly good 2002. He celebrated fifty years of marriage and eighty years of living and with the assistance of prescribed chemicals, health remained under good control. Managed to golf twice a week, walking some and riding others particularly when the temperature dictated. Ted made contact with two former Dental Corps members who had participated with him in attending the first Dental Technician training program held at the University of Toronto under BGLott. He is still active on committees in the senior development where they've lived the past seven years. He is Secretary of the Computer Club, member of the Finance Committee and the Men's Social Committee. Both he and his wife volunteer at the local public school assisting children with their reading skills. They are also active on a committee for their church. Ted said that reading this over and even thinking about it tired him out. So he quite and was off to make himself a cup of flavoured coffee to rebuild his energy!

Morley Hunter is still working too hard, scraping crud off roots and screwing in implants. He finds that the general public seems much more informed about implants and they are becoming a more routine treatment modality. Wife Leslie and he returned to Europe for a visit in October. Fortunately, for tax purposes, it coincided with the FDI conference in Vienna. They flew to Stuttgart to visit their daughter who was doing a co-op term for her B. Comm with a company called TRW. Apparently she never wanted to use her math skills for engineering because 'engineers don't make enough money'. She found out that in fact the young engineers in TRW made lots of money, so now an engineering degree may be in her future. They drove to Vienna, took in a few lectures and some of the sights and then drove to the Netherlands to visit with old friends from their posting there in 1987-1989. They even drove into Schinnen where the original US AFCENT dental clinic was situated but ran into barricades and guns so beat a hasty retreat. Morley found that Limbourg was still beautiful, almost as nice as Victoria. The Dutch have even built an indoor ski run so they don't have to run off to Switzerland to ski! Morley says that because he never gets a chance to talk to Scott Becker he's sending congratulations via this newsletter. He went on to say that Scott's promotion was well deserved for his hard work and dedication.

Fred and Blanche Begin continue to enjoy retirement life in Ottawa. Daughters Jacquie and Linda and their families live just around the corner in Orleans which makes for many a get-together for birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. That along with week-end dinners, plus some babysitting means they are really getting to enjoy the grandchildren. Michael and Shelly are in Kingston, he's completing the final year of a three year programme in Hi Tech - wireless communication, computer analyst and programmer. Their little Aydon was a real joyful welcome last April. Youngest daughter Karilyn is completing grade twelve in the double cohort year which eliminates grade thirteen in Ontario. Fred and Blanche joined his brother and his wife in celebrating their forty-fifth wedding anniversary with an Alaskan cruise in late August. Fred delighted in meeting with good dental corps friends at curling, golf and other social occasions throughout the year. He especially looks forward to reading all the personal news contained in the Christmas cards exchanged with so many past colleagues. Plans for 2003 include the usual curling and golf, local travel, a trip to the Maritimes, and in particular to the south coast of Nova Scotia to celebrate the arrival his ancestors and founding families of Lunenburg and Mahone Bay.

Murray Hunt writes from Toronto that after the second world war, he practiced in Stratford, Ontario for eight years. Following that, he was a professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto for twenty seven years until his retirement in 1984. Murray is happy to join the RCDCA and hopes it will give him an opportunity to renew acquaintances with those members with whom he shares many happy memories.

Monica Zieper is an Associate Professor at Oregon Health & Sciences University - Department of Pathology. For fun, she's involved in canine search and rescue -tracking/trailing dogs. They have a bit of land for their Shetland Sheep, chickens, bunnies and dogs.

Bill Buxton and Nancy spent the first week of March playing golf in Charleston, South Carolina, with his brother Rod and his wife, who live in Winnipeg. They played some awesome courses, had several encounters with alligators and got soaked a couple of times. All in all they had a great time. They arrived home to another foot of snow and immediately started to make plans for a longer stay next year. Sometime this summer Nancy and he will take to the road to visit his parents who also live in Winnipeg. Last fall they drove to an International convention in Las Vegas. That was their first time in "casino land" and they had a great time. They have now been in all the states except Hawaii and Alaska as well as all the provinces. One place they haven't made it to is the Territories but hope to make it some day. They sure enjoy any news that they read about regarding friends and former RCDC/CFDS colleagues, through e-mails and the newsletter!

Peter McQueen says all is nearly back to normal as his wife **Mel** will have completed her post triple bypass cardio rehab as of May 2003. In fact, this year they just may be able to visit their daughter, son in law and grandchildren who live in France. They spent a month with Peter and Mel in Ottawa over Christmas. Peter tries to walk daily and he does get to the gym once in a while, but says he's no match for Brogan who still plays hockey. Gilles Brissette and Peter meet often for a beer and some story telling, they were together in phase two of ROTP during the early sixties, and have renewed that friendship. Peter keeps busy as a volunteer working with seniors in his church. He serves on a committee with Health Canada, and until recently he was Chair of the Humanitarian Committee of the International College of Dentists. Of course the RCDC is another adventure that keeps him busy. At this time Merv Fediuk and Peter are at CFDS HQ several times a month pouring over old RCDC/CFDS files and photos in their historical search. They both find it a pleasure, and they are finding a few interesting photos.

Following our recent request for news for this newsletter, **Sheila Harris** wrote that as usual they are just full of news and she wanted to report to our readers that **Jack** is now parting his hair in the middle. What next? After more begging on Peter's part for more, Sheila returned with the news their cat has been shedding his winter coat and is now looking very sleek and saucy indeed. His name is Sir William of Druimholm and his pedigree is that of barn cat.

Jean Turcotte sends best wishes to all from Ste Foy, Quebec! He appreciated the news about Chuck Seville. Yves and Yvette spoke with Chuck and Aileen, they go back a long ways, having been posted together at 2 Fighter Wing France. Jean and his wife took a magnificent eighteen day cruise from New York to Valparaiso, Chile last October/November. It was their first autumn trip in years as Jean could not leave during that time frame when he was teaching at Laval.

Justin and Sally/Alyson McNeill are once again back home in Canada after sailing away 'down south' in October. On this trip they also managed to get in a trip to Chile for three weeks, leaving their boat in a marina near Key Biscayne and flying to Chile to visit with Alyson's sister, Jackie, who has been there for almost a year doing missionary work. They also made a big decision - they are taking a sabbatical from the boat for at least a year. They figure after five years of boating they need to 'fall back and regroup'. Arriving back in Ottawa in April, they were thrilled to be met by son Dean who took them home to see Tina and their three dear grandchildren!

Corinne Leek is happy to have survived the past horrible winter as well as the flooding that hit Nova Scotia - although the road at the end of her drive has collapsed, she's lucky to have two entries to her drive! Corinne is a member of a drawing/artist group who had their first Life Drawing Studio Garret Show recently and she says it was quite a success judging by the number of very favourable comments by the local arts community as well as the public, and not just because it was about a bunch of naked bodies. She says there are some very talented folks around that part of Nova Scotia. Corinne is the Chief Organizer/Treasurer of the group and seems to be the one who can get folks to come and disrobe for the group. She's also busy in her new career as church bookkeeper, albeit an unpaid one. She recently had the Diocese Auditor in to spend a day with her and go over the books. Corinne wonders what ever happened to 'peaceful retirement'? She spent Christmas in Toronto with her family and reports that her nephew is growing up way too fast - girlfriends now and much talk of when he gets his licence to drive next year.

Tom Taylor writes that after retiring from the Canadian Forces in 1984, he owned and operated a Crown and Bridge Laboratory in Victoria. His wife Barbara continued to work at the University of Victoria until they both retired in the Spring of 2001. They then decided to make a move north to Courtenay, BC, selling their home in Victoria and moving into their new home in September of 2001. They are both very happy with the decision to retire to smaller community. Tom enjoys golf while Barb prefers aerobics. They also manage to fit in some volunteer work. Their only son, Adrian has been working for Nav Canada for the past twelve years and is an Air Traffic Control supervisor in Vancouver.

Bob Wormington reports that his son Joe was on board the HMCS Iroquois as an inbedded reporter for the Toronto Sun. His stories can be caught on the internet at: joewormington@tor.sunpub.com Bob is enjoying playing hockey every day and is looking forward to attending the ODA convention in May. He's also planning a trip to Newfoundland for ten days in June.

Bob Burgman spent some time in hospital in the states, after cancer of the large bowl was discovered and removed, and suffered a heart attack during the operation followed by his kidneys almost shutting down. Luckily he pulled through OK. While in hospital, Kay had chest pains but it was determined it was just angina brought on by stress and that her heart was fine. Bob lost a lot of weight - about thirty pounds but is now feeling well and has a good appetite once more. Bob says that a new member - Murray Hunt's name rings a bell with him and he thinks that their paths crossed sometime during the period 1942-1946. Bob wonders how many of our members were active in the Dental Corps during WW 2? He mentions that during the war when he was over in England, he had some weekends with Beaver Boland, class of 4T1 and he noticed in our last newsletter the name of a girl with the last name of Boland. He wonders if this could have been Beaver's daughter?

Ken Wallace dropped us a line in mid April, saying that in another month they will be thinking of heading back to Edmonton for the summer. They had lots of company this past year but no RCDC members. Ken has staked out a 160 acre Gold Mining Claim that is just twenty-one miles from his doorstep. They have been getting lots of gold from it, but it will never make them rich. February found them up in the mountain southeast of Tucson, hunting wild boar again. This time they came home with two of them. Ken says that the taste and texture of the meat he just can't describe - not like pork, nor any other farm animal. Not a wild taste like deer, elk or moose either. Apparently is it an ugly and dangerous animal with its two inch long razor-sharp fangs! Ken's nephew in Prescott, AZ, reported that one of those animals got into a neighbour's back yard and was attacked by three Dobermans. It killed all three dogs and continued on its way. Ken has cleaned the skull of his wild boar and will be donating it to the Dental Faculty Museum in Edmonton when he returns home.

Harold MacCormack has been retired now for twelve years. He has many warm memories of the years he represented Nova Scotia on the early executive of the RCDC Association. Charlie Hunt was the President of the RCDC at the time Harold served and he remembers the parties and banquets than ran in conjunction with the annual meetings.

Gen and Catherine Gunther are now safely back home after taking a wonderful "Grand World Voyage". They spent a total of 108 days aboard the ms Amsterdam, flagship of Holland American Lines. During that time they visited 38 ports. They started the voyage by sailing south from Fort Lauderdale, through the Caribbean. South America to Antarctica, up the west coast of South America to Easter Island, Tahiti, Bora-Bora, Australia and New Zealand, New Guinea, China, Korea and Japan. Then towards Hawaii and finally ending in Los Angeles. During their time away they saw 65 stage presentations, heard 23 shore lectures and attended 21 formals, and had too many to count meals eaten! All in all a great trip!! Adding icing to the cake, they received the great news at the end of March that they wanted to share with everyone - Susan and Tom are expecting again in September, - all are hoping for a girl to balance things out a little, but will be happy with either!! Gen submitted the following facts about the msAmsterdam:

Gross Tonnage	61,000 tons
Length	780 feet
Width	106 feet
Draft	25 feet 7 inches
Built	Marghera, Italy, in 2000
Guest Capacity	1380 (On this trip never more than 520, often less)
Crew	633
Bow Thrust	2x2, 589HP
Props	2 controlled pitch 2xAzipods
Engines	2Sulzer 16 cylinders 3xSulzer 12 cylinder diesel 66,500 HP
Max Speed	24.5 knots

Gen said that's for those of you who understand all that stuff - you will have to explain it to him when you see him next!

Some Humour

Knock Knock

The new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. He took out a card, wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."

Defense Lawyer's Good News

"I have good news and bad news," the defense lawyer says to his client. "What's the bad news?" The lawyer says, "Your blood matches the DNA found at the murder scene."

"Dammit!" cries the client. "What's the good news?" "Well," the lawyer says, "Your cholesterol is down to 140."

Le mari blagueur et la femme intelligente

Une jeune femme, cadre supérieure, est envoyée à Londres par sa société pour participer à un séminaire de formation de 2 semaines. Son mari la conduit à l'aéroport et lui souhaite un bon voyage.

L'épouse lui répond: "Merci, chéri. Qu'est-ce que tu voudrais que je te ramène comme cadeau?"

Le mari se met à rire et dit: "Ben, une petite anglaise ne serait pas pour me déplaire!!!"

La femme ne relève pas la plaisanterie et tend son billet à l'hôtesse. Deux semaines plus tard, le mari vient chercher sa femme à Roissy et il lui demande: "Alors chééri, comment s'est passé ton séjour?"

"Très bien, merci."

Puis le mari en souriant demande: "Et est-ce que tu as pensé à mon petit cadeau?"

"Quel cadeau?"

"Mais si, tu te souviens? Avant que tu ne partes, je t'avais demandé de me ramener une petite anglaise?!"

"Oh, ça! Eh bien, j'ai fait ce que je pouvais, mais maintenant il faut attendre quelques mois pour savoir si ce sera une fille!!!"

The Dog

This guy sees a sign in front of a house "Talking Dog For Sale". He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the yard and sees a mutt sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the mutt replies. "So what's your story?"

The mutt looks up and says " Well, I discovered this gift pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in with spies and world leaders, cause no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals. Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. The owner says "Ten dollars." The guy says he'll buy him but asks the owner, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him?" The owner replies "Because he's a liar."

The Golf Ball

In my hand I hold a ball, white and dimpled, rather small.
Oh, how bland it does appear, this harmless looking little sphere.

By it's size I could not guess, the awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath its spell, I've wandered through the fires of hell.

My life has not been quite the same since I chose to play this game.
It rules my mind for hours on end, a fortune it has made me spend.

It has made me yell, curse and cry, I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called par, if I can hit it straight and far.

To master such a tiny ball, should not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses, and does exactly as it chooses.

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies, and disappears before my eyes.
Often it will have a whim, to hit a tree or take a swim.

With miles of grass on which to land, it finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then has me offering up my soul, if only it would find the hole.

It's made me whimper like a pup, and swear that I will give it up.
And take to drink to ease my sorrow, but the ball knows ... I'll be back tomorrow.

Postlude

Around the corner I have a friend, in this great city that has no end.
Yet days go by and weeks rush on, and before I know it a year has gone.
I never see my old friend's face, for life is swift and a terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well, as in the days when I rang his bell.
And he rang mine, we were younger then, and now we are busy, tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game, tired with trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow" I say, "I will call on Jim, just to show that I'm thinking of him".
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes, and the distance between us grows and grows.
Around the corner ... yet miles away... here's a telegram sir ...Jim died today.
And that's what we get, and deserve in the end: around the corner, a vanished friend.

RCDCA Military Dental History Search

At the 2002 RCDCA Annual General Meeting we agreed that the RCDCA was to begin the task of finding , sorting , copying and cataloguing items (mainly photographs and paper documents) that tell the story of our Canadian military dental history.

Two RCDCA members have volunteered MWO Merv Fediuk and your pres.
Since Jan 2003 we have been meeting every couple of weeks to go through files in CFDS HQ at National Defence Medical Center (NDMC) in Ottawa.

So far we have found a lot of material and are trying to create a cataloguing and organization system . Later we will be making copies of photos and then making digital scans of them..

After NDMC we hope to go to CFDS to search there as well.
Merv and I are very pleased with the support and cooperation afforded us by Col Becker, LCol Strilesky, LCol Goheen, Cpl Redden, Mrs Mitchell and all CFDS staff. Our task is made easy by this help.

Hopefully some time from now all will be available to RCDCA members

Our History in Photos

On the following pages are six photos found in our historical searches. Can you name all the people, if not seen ahead in the newsletter? If you can fill in the blanks for us, or give any clues as to ranks, names, locations, etc it would be much appreciated.

Photo # 1 QM Course RCDC School Montreal 1953



Photo # 2 General Dentistry Course at CFDDS Borden 1981



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Photo # 3 HQ Military District # 6 Halifax 1946

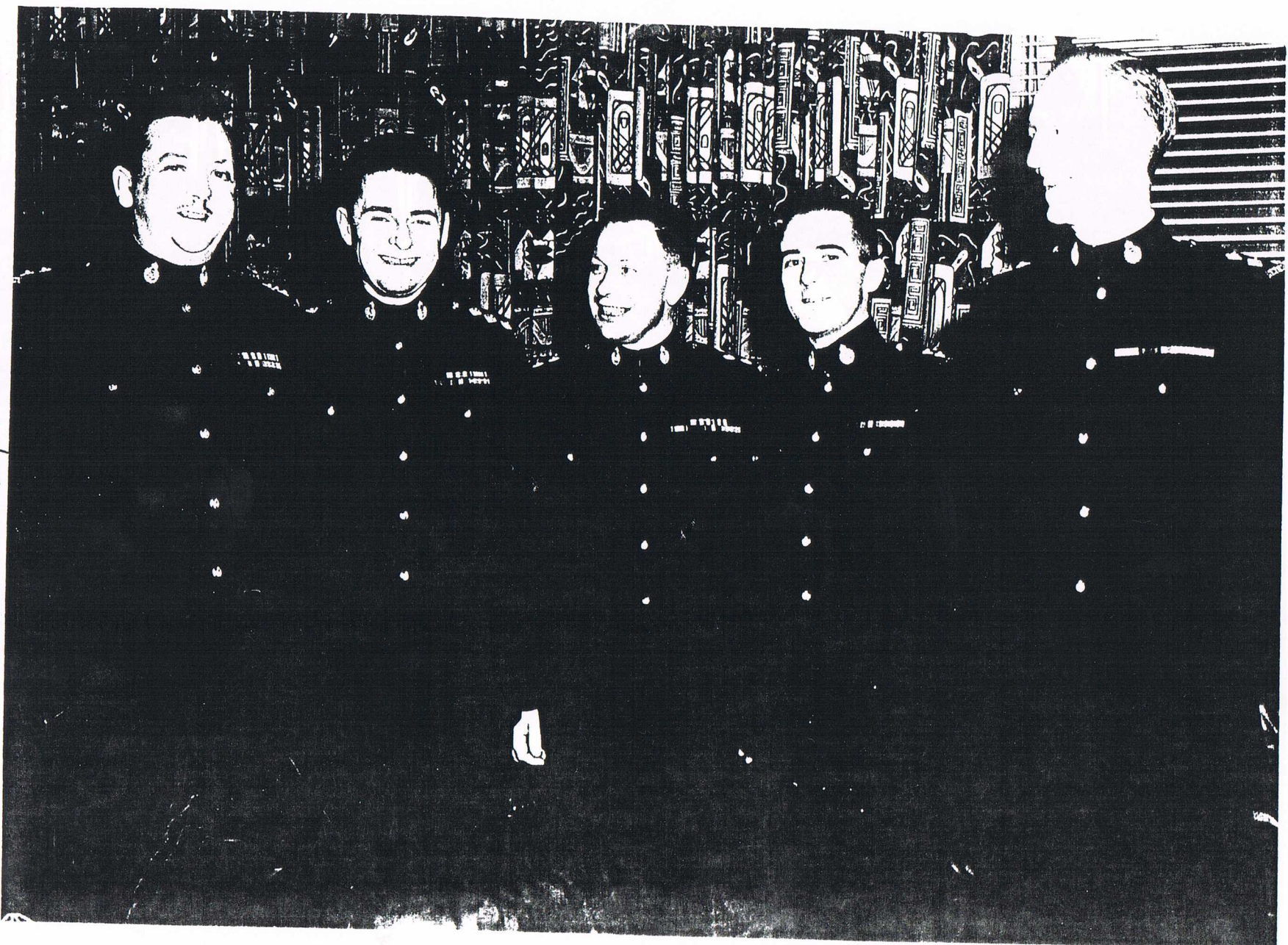


Photo # 4 No. 1 Dental Equipment Depot Petawawa 1953



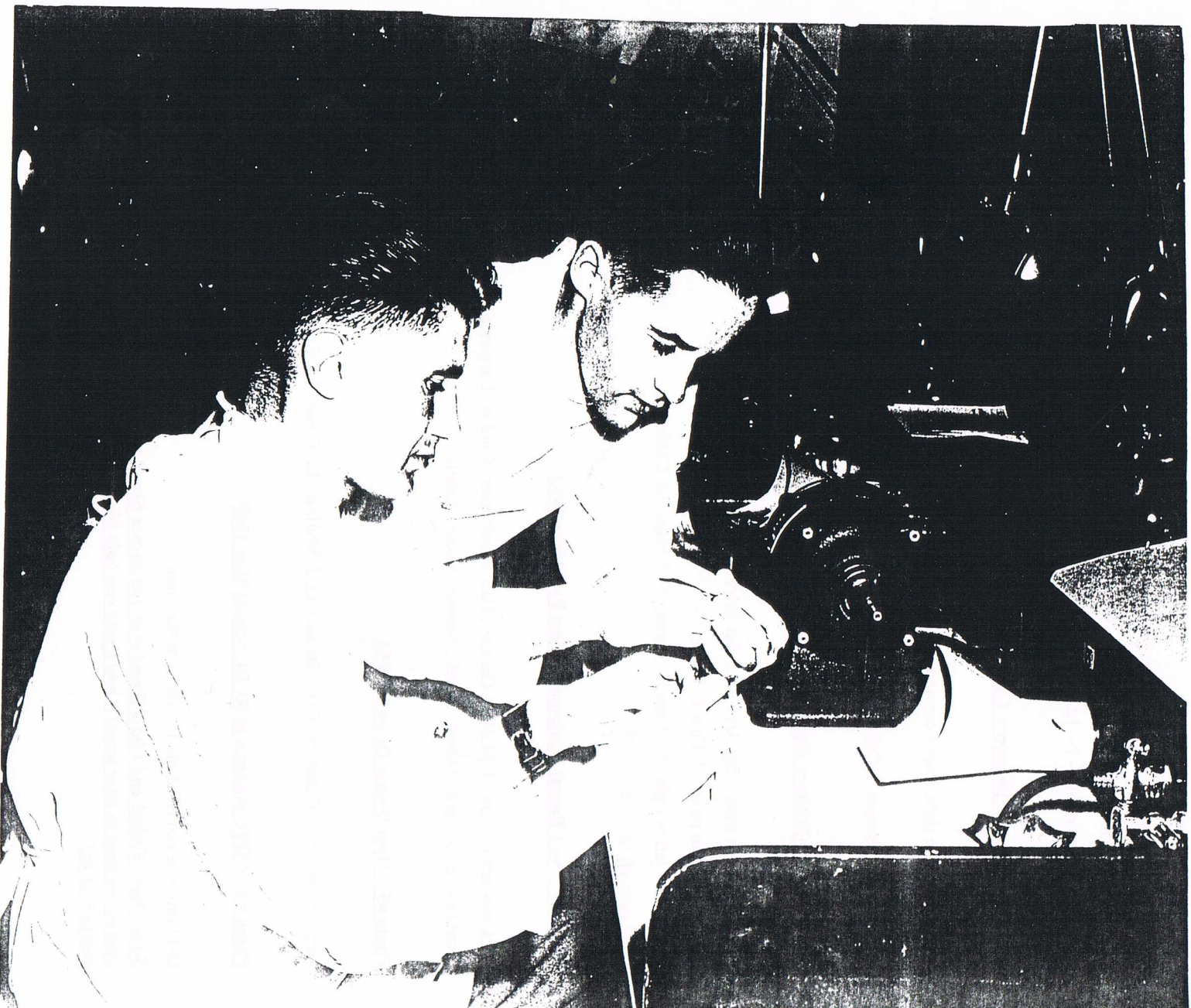
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Photo # 5 Mess Dinner Ottawa 1953



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Photo # 6 COTC students at RCDC School May 1949



And here is all that we know about them.

Photo #1 QM Course RCDC School Montreal 1953

Back row left to right: ? - ?- ? Lt D. Evans

Middle row left to right: ? -? - ? - Capt D. Wright

Front Row left to right: ?- ?- Lt. Ernie Clarke , Lt. Charles Casterton, Lt. Jack Mullins

Photo #2 General Dentistry Course at CFDSS Borden Feb 1981

Back row left to right: Capt Corrine Leek, Capt Jean Melanson , Capt Gary Cousens, Capt Gilles Brissette

Front row left to right: LCol Mike Bouris, LCol Eric Cragg, LCol Bill Gray, LCol Harry Amos

Photo #3 HQ Military district #6 Halifax 1946

Back row left to right: Sgt Art Cross, Sgt John Mullins -?

Third row left to right: ?- Capt E. Fraser, ?- ?

Second row left to right: ?- Capt E. Fraser, ?- ? Major SK Oldfield

Front row left to right: ?-?-??-?

Photo #4 No 1 Dental Equipment Depot Petawawa 1953

Back row left to right: J. Mullins, Gardner, Hall, Hutchinson, Conkey, Carpenter, Church

Front row left to right: Morris, Powell, Stewart, Nixon, Lubitz

Photo #5 Mess Dinner Ottawa 1953

Left to right: Lt. C. Casterton, Capt , Brusso, Lt. J. Mullins, Lt. Evans, Lt. E. Clarke

Photo # 6 COTC students at RCDC School May 1949

DH Protheroe and HR Kettys ranks at that time ??

So far Merv Fediuk and I have found over 100 photos like these at NDMC so if this is of interest we need to hear about it and if you can help identify names , faces, ranks and places please help us!