



Director Dental Services Comments

by Colonel Scott Becker, D Dent Svcs

I would like to welcome everyone back from summer leave and hope everyone enjoyed the warm temperatures experienced across the country this year. I hope everyone is rested and recharged for another busy season.

Things have been busy on the strategic front since the spring communiqué, with the highlight definitely being our visit with our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, in London. The Colonel Commandant, Br CWO Burton and myself had the honour and pleasure of meeting with HRH in Kensington Palace, and also met with the DG RADC, BGen James, the previous day. The visit could not have been better; it was an excellent first meeting in building our relationship with HRH. Colonel MacInnis has written a more detailed account in his newsletter column.

CF Transformation continues to drive the activities at NDHQ and the Health Services. As a big ticket item, HS has had its fair share of attention and pressures. DGHS had a recent meeting with the CDS to discuss some of the specific pressures on the Health Services and it turned out to be a positive exchange. Similarly, I was recently granted a private meeting with RAdm Pile, our new CMP, to discuss establishment and

resource problems within the Dental Corps. I found him very quick to understand our issues and frustrations, and he was willing to engage with us in finding solutions. I left the meeting feeling the most positive I have in quite some time. We are currently

working together to try and get a Dental Branch establishment review to AFC for consideration, as we did in the past with CFDS REFORGER. Although the CF fiscal climate remains tight and restrained, I am more hopeful than in recent times.



Everyone needs to understand that the hands of DGHS are tied when it comes to the flood of resources we all

see on the medical side of the HS house. The CFDS was never part of the Rx2000 charter and all the monies and positions are closely controlled and dedicated to PMB approved Rx2000 initiatives. There is no legal flex to spend it on anything else and, unfortunately, that includes us. The VCDS has declared that any unspent monies on projects across the CF must be returned to the center for reprioritization, and cannot be used for other internal initiatives. Neither DGHS nor myself can do anything about that, despite the fact we would like to make some internal adjustments.

So, we find ourselves feeling like we are on the outside looking in, and I can promise you that none of you are more frustrated by the observed disparity in HS resourcing than I am. The ongoing fight for a dental establishment that appropriately supports the current reality (and all of you) continues, and as I said above, I feel like we are now closer to seeing some significant movement on this front. This is my number one focus right now, and I will keep you posted. I will definitely have more news when I see you at the WWG in Trenton the week of 19-23 Feb '07.

The Auditor General of Canada is currently conducting a review of the CFHS, including the Dental Services. This is not an ominous threat as it was more a case of just 'our turn' as another governmental dept. I/we have had 2 interviews so far. The CFDS has nothing to fear from this and I encourage everyone who may encounter the team as they visit certain Bases and Wings to be completely frank and open with them. If you have issues and frustrations, and I know you do, let them know about them.

Our friends to the south in the USADC have had some changes as well. Colonel Russ Czerw (pronounced 'Surf') whom many of us met at the last WWG is now MGen Czerw and the new Chief of the USADC with the retirement of MGen Joe Webb. Their Corps SGM Spadero has moved over to be the *Medical* Corps SGM, being replaced by SGM Orona. Best wishes and congrats to all our friends there.

We said our farewells to Br CWO Burton at her retirement dinner, which turned out to be quite an evening. Don't believe the rumours you heard about me singing at the dinner. I'm not sure what it was but it hardly qualified as singing. We all did have a memorable evening and I know Leslie appreciated the level of sentiment from the Branch. I will certainly miss her as my friend and CFDS leadership partner. I have every confidence that our new BCWO Pat Leitch will represent us, and assist me, in a

similarly professional and effective manner. Welcome to the big chair Pat!

On a more serious note, on the evening of Monday 14 Aug, DGHS, the Surgeon General and myself, among many others including the MND and the CDS, had the distinct privilege to welcome home some fifty plus health services personnel who were returning from Afghanistan. Among this group were 5 returning dental cap badges in Major Guimond, Cpl Kowalysyn, Major Batsos, Sgt Plante, and CWO Shirley. This was an occasion of mixed emotions as among the returning was one of our Medics, Cpl Andrew Eykelenboom of 1 Field Ambulance, who gave his life in service of his country. The ramp ceremony on the flight line was a moving experience and was what seemed appropriately punctuated at the end by the skies opening up with rain as the coffin was being loaded into the hearse. It was the first rain seen by the group in many months. After the ramp ceremony we had the opportunity to greet our returning troops who had all clearly had an arduous but ultimately rewarding tour of duty. I echo the Commander's sentiments that it remains difficult for those of us who have not been through the Afghanistan experience to fully relate to the challenges they had to live through, but we all take pride in their accomplishments and appreciate their sacrifices. A constant responsibility and challenge for the leadership is for us to take the time to listen and learn from them so we can better prepare those who will follow in their footsteps.

Best wishes to all, stay safe, and see many of you in Trenton.



Visit To Dental Branch Colonel-In-Chief London, England, 2 June 2006

By Colonel Bill MacInnis, Dental Branch Colonel-Commandant

Fortunately, having done a “recce” the day before, and having established how to access Kensington Palace in the proper manner, Colonel Scott Becker, D Dent Svcs, CWO Leslie Burton, Br CWO and I arrived by taxi at the security gate to Kensington Palace at 1030 for our 1100 hrs appointment with the Duchess of Gloucester. After a review and verification of our identification and appointment with the Duchess, the taxi was directed to park within the restricted area. We were then escorted by the security guard toward the palace through a side garden until we reached an impressive black door where the guard rang the doorbell for us.

We were greeted by Mrs. Sandra Gee, Deputy Private Secretary for the Duchess, who led us down a ground floor hallway to a receiving room. The hallway was particularly interesting as the walls displayed a large number of paintings, photographs and mementos – many of which had been presented to the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester over the years.

Mrs. Gee was very helpful in preparing us for our audience and she provided valuable guidance on a number of administrative details relating to obtaining the Duchess’ signature on the official photograph of her which Colonel Becker had brought to the palace.

When the Duchess was ready to receive us, Mrs. Gee led us up a staircase, through two open receiving rooms and on through French doors into the Duchess’ office. The Duchess came to the door and warmly welcomed us to Kensington Palace and invited us to join her for coffee at a

rectangular table. After we were seated, a steward served coffee and cookies.

The Duchess began by saying that she was honoured by the request to become Colonel-in-Chief, but as she had never been to Canada, she questioned why the Canadian Forces Dental Branch would think of her in this role. As well, the Duchess indicated that she wanted to take advantage of our visit to discuss the nature and expectations the Branch had for her as Colonel-in-Chief.

Col Becker responded that the Dental Branch had been interested in filling the Colonel-in-Chief position for a number of years and felt the time was now right to do so, and that the Branch wanted to ensure we approached the “right” individual. Colonel Becker went on to describe the relationship that has developed over the past several years with the Royal Army Dental Corps and their leadership. Their current DG, BGen Chris James, had spoken very highly of the Duchess of Gloucester who is the Royal Dental Corps Colonel-in-Chief. General James went on to say how much the Duchess enjoyed reviewing the Corps troops and she was especially interested in talking to the individual soldiers, spouses and children.

The Duchess asked many thoughtful questions about the Canadian Dental Services Branch – the number of active troops, current deployments and the reporting structures with the Medical Branch. The Duchess asked about the number of soldiers from the Branch who volunteered to serve in deployments like Afghanistan and she was obviously

impressed to hear that the Branch has a waiting list of those eager to serve.

Questions about formal exchanges between the Canadian Forces Dental Services and other countries were raised. The Duchess indicated that in an era where so many multi-national initiatives are operational that these endeavours would be greatly assisted by shared experiences with other countries and cultures. The Duchess encouraged the Canadian Dental Services to consider more associations with the Royal Army Dental Corps.

We then engaged in a broad discussion on the treatment requirements and specific strategies in place to manage high-risk groups for oral disease, such as young children and the elderly. The Duchess was eager to hear about the current, evolving and potential outcomes from the latest advances in material science, implant supported restorations and the future ability to regenerate lost or damaged structures through tissue engineering.

The Duchess was also interested in Canada's commitment to bilingualism both in the military and throughout all the provinces in Canada.

As part of the preparation for the visit, Colonel Becker developed a Canadian Forces Dental Services album as a gift for the Duchess. The album has a beautiful Dental Branch carving on the cover and includes text and photographs illustrating the richness of the Branch's history. The Duchess was extremely interested in the

contents of the binder and she asked a number of questions about the history of the Branch.

CWO Burton presented the Duchess with a white maple Branch shadow box and described and explained the various items included in the box: Branch flag, cap badges, buttons, shoulder flashes, collar dogs, Branch coin, and the Branch Core Values.



Kensington Palace

The Duchess was particularly interested in the level of oral health care in Canada, both in the military and in the country as a whole. The Duchess related her pride, as a Dane, in the long-standing commitment of Denmark to oral health and she contrasted that to her observations during her early visits to hospitals and health care institutions in the United Kingdom.

The Duchess was obviously pleased to receive the shadow box and took great interest in looking for a way to hang the gift in an “appropriate spot.” Following CWO Burton’s presentation, the Duchess engaged CWO Burton in a discussion about her Health Service Badge and pursued a detailed explanation of CWO Burton’s medals. The Duchess asked many detailed questions about CWO Burton’s role and responsibility in the UN mission in Bosnia.



The purpose of the visit to meet the Duchess was to forge a relationship with the Duchess and the Canadian Forces Dental Services and to explore the potential for a visit to Canada by the Duchess. The Duchess expressed her pleasure in taking on her new responsibilities and looked forward to developing further understanding of the expectations of the relationship.

We found the Duchess to be an exceptionally warm and gracious lady, interested in the Branch and its history, well informed, thoughtful and engaging. The Duchess of Gloucester is, without doubt, the

perfect individual to serve as the Colonel-in-Chief for our Branch.

At the conclusion of our visit with the Duchess, Mrs. Gee led us back to the receiving room. Colonel Becker took the opportunity to present gifts to Mrs. Gee and the Duchess’ Lady-in-Waiting in recognition of their assistance in making the visit with the Duchess so successful. On our exit from the palace, Mrs. Gee agreed to take some photographs to commemorate our visit, made some suggestions of things to see and do in London and then wished us a safe trip home.

Congratulations:

Retirements:

Maj Sylvie Lavoie
Maj Steve Molyneaux
CWO Leslie Burton
WO Chris Ingersol
Mrs Judy Krajnc

Promotions:

LCol Tom Anderson
LCol Robert Hart
Maj Annick Gingras
Maj Frédérick Ferron
Maj Annie Larouche
Maj Tim Pohlman
CWO Dan Giroux
MWO Cantwell
WO Angie Martineau
WO Richard Asselin
WO Jacques Tremblay
Sgt Dawn Ingram
Sgt Marie-Christine Chubbs
Sgt Dan Norry
Sgt Shaun Molyneaux
MCpl Glenda Martens
MCpl Christine Jack
MCpl Crystal Cool
MCpl Lori Decker
MCpl Wanda Gulliford
MCpl Corrine Burghardt
MCpl Raeleyn Kinslow

History of the CFDS Branch Chief Warrant Officer

By CWO (retired) Leslie Burton

After lengthy discussions with some of the CWOs listed below I was able to put a few pieces of the puzzle together. The history goes like this:

During the first DGDS/Chief Warrant Officer's Conference held in Ottawa on 3 May 1983 the suggestions was brought forward that a CFDS CWO be appointed and serve on the staff of the division of Dental Services.

In July 1992 the Director General Dental Services, General Lanctis appointed CWO Mark Arbour as the first CFDS Br CWO. CWO Arbour was posted to CFB Halifax where he was double hatted CFDS Br CWO and CFDS Snr Lab Tech. In May 1995 CWO Peter Paige was appointed as the CFDS Br CWO. He was also double hatted as the CFDS Br CWO and the CFDSS School CWO. In Aug 1996 CWO Lamb was promoted, posted to CFB Borden and appointed as the CFDSS School CWO and double hatted as the CFDS Br CWO.

When the establishment of the CFDSS CWO downsized to a MWO in 1996/1997 a decision was made to move the CWO position to Ottawa at the Directorate. Another influencing factor was that the serving Br CWO and the Director Dental Services felt that the position was better placed in Ottawa where all the action was happening. CWO Lamb was posted to Ottawa in July 1997 and the CFDS Br CWO became an established position. The CFDS Br CWO position remains in Ottawa today at the Directorate.

Canadian Forces Dental Services Branch Chief Warrant Officers

CWO J.M.M. (Mark) Arbour, CD	July 1992 - May 1995
CWO P.D. (Peter) Paige, CD	May 1995 - Aug 1996
CWO D.B. (Dave) Lamb, CD	Aug 1996 - Nov 1998
CWO A.T. (Andy) Baird, CD	Nov 1998 - June 2002
CWO L.M. (Lorraine) Shirley, CD, MMM	June 2002 - Feb 2004
CWO L.G. (Leslie) Burton, CD	April 2004 - July 2006
CWO P.G. (Pat) Leitch, CD	July 2006 - present

In memoriam. Colonel (retired) Harold (Hal) Brogan, CD, OMM passed away in Dartmouth, NS on August 2, 2006. Colonel Brogan served with the RCDC/CFDS for 39 years, retiring as CO 13 Dental Unit. Until his passing he continued his dental career as a professor at Dalhousie. CFDS representation at the memorial service included the Colonel-Commandant, Colonel Bill MacInnis and Dent Det Halifax Det Comd, Maj Lee Chamberlain.



CWO Leslie Burton retired from the CF after 25 years of service. At her retirement dinner, her husband Jean presented her with her new uniform in preparation for her new career. Leslie and Jean have moved to Calgary to expand the Cora's restaurant chain out west.



*Dent Tech QL5A graduation 28 Apr 06.
Cpl Oake – Dent Det Trenton receives trophy for Top Overall Candidate from Major Robert Hart*



*Dent Tech QL5A graduation 28 Apr 06.
Cpl Cegledi – Dent Det Edmonton receives RSM Award from MWO Sylvain Luneau.*



*Dent Tech QL5A graduation 28 Apr 06.
Cpl Giroux - Det Valcartier receives trophy for Top Field Candidate from Maj Robert Hart*



News from the School The Family is Getting Bigger

By Major Annick Gingras, OC Armstrong Coy



For those who haven't spent any time at the school lately and don't know what Armstrong Company is, here is a quick explanation of the history and role of the Company.

The official announcement of the name change from Dental Training Company to Armstrong Company took place on 28 Apr 06 at CFMSS, during a reception held after the graduation parade of the Dent Tech Direct Entry Course Serial 0006. Armstrong Coy was named after Col John Alexander Armstrong who, from 1915 to 1918, served as the first Director of Dental Services. This occasion was an excellent opportunity to remember a pioneer in our profession.

Armstrong Company's family is now getting bigger as Field Ops Medical and Ryerson course (HCA) joined Dental training in the company on 11 July 06. This puts in concrete form the amalgamation of CFMSS/CFDSS. Our mandate remains the same; train Canadian Forces Health Services personnel in validated, evidence



Armstrong Coy staff (Cpl Bonnie Morris, WO David Southall, MWO Mike Wilson, Maj Alain Ouellet, Capt Blair Dalgliesh and MCpl Shaun Molyneaux) celebrate the Dental Corps Birthday and the renaming of Dental Training Coy to Armstrong Coy

based, medical and dental protocols and doctrine, the application of which will ensure that Canadian Forces members are medically and dentally fit, and capable of immediate and sustained deployment.



Our latest activities were to prepare and proceed with courses for dental and medical personnel. The dental section had a good summer since only two clinical courses were held at CFDSS. LCol JP Picard directed the Periodontal Clinical Course from the 8 – 19 May 06 with the help of an exceptional team of incremental staff. Later, from the 29 May – 9 June 06, LCol Martin Brochu was back as Course Director of the Endo



Perio Clinical Course, May 2006

Clinical Course. Once again we appreciated the hard work of everyone on the team of incremental staff coming from everywhere across the country and abroad. Col Anthony Joyce from the US Army Dental Corp was, one more time, happy to share his knowledge with us.

The next few months will be very busy for the dental training side of the house, conducting important courses like the ADOC, BDOC and the Dent Tech QL6A. Graduating on 1 Sept 06, the new ADOC qualified Dental Officers will return to their respective detachments with more knowledge and will be ready to run their clinics or assist Det Comds in their often very complex job. Our new graduates attending the BDOC from 13 Sept- 6 Oct 06 will also learn some new concepts and will discover more about the military dental profession. The team of instructors will make sure that the new generation of dental officers is ready to commence their careers in the Dental Corps.

As OC Armstrong Company, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our appreciation to all the incremental staff that have served or will serve in the future to support the instruction of our members in the various courses we run throughout the year.

Big Bike Ride

By Major Richard Groves

1 Dent Det Ottawa, 1 DU HQ and D Dent Svcs staff participated in the Big Bike Ride to raise money for heart and stroke research. 'Mighty Molars' Team Captain Karin Plourde and Asst Captain Josée Lalonde recruited a team of 29 riders and ensured we were all outfitted with matching team shirts. Col Becker wrote our team cheer, and Maj Nathalie Morin served as our team mascot, dressed up as the tooth fairy and passing out toothpaste to the spectators. This display of morale, and our unbeaten time around the course, led to the Mighty Molars winning the Team Spirit award.



Josée Lalonde and Karin Plourde with Team Spirit Award

Dental Branch Anniversary

By CWO (retired) Leslie Burton

The Director Dental Services recognizes the 13 May 1915 as the anniversary of the Dental Branch.

The Dental Branch originated on 13 May 1915, when the 'Canadian Army Dental Corps' was authorized to be formed as part of the Non Permanent Active Militia. (General Order 63/15 dated 13 May 1915). General Order 63/15 also appoints Captain J.A. Armstrong from the Corps Reserve, 43rd Regiment (The Duke of Cornwall's Own) as the Chief Dental Surgeon with seniority of 2 April 1915.

On 31 August 1939, it was authorized a Permanent Active Militia component and redesignated 'The Canadian Dental Corps'. It was redesignated: 'The Royal Canadian Dental Corps' on 15 January 1947; 'Canadian Forces Dental Services' on 2 May 1969; and 'Dental Branch' on 27 August 1971.

In previous years there has been confusion over an April

and May anniversary date for the Dental

Branch. The confusion with the April dates is probably a result of a misunderstanding between organizational authorization and occupational employment/rank seniority.

For example, Militia Order No. 162 - CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE - DENTAL SERVICES dated 29 March 1915 states: "Where practicable, steps are to be taken to have the teeth of all officers and men of the Expeditionary Force examined and put in proper condition to the extent of

all extractions and amalgam [sic] fillings before the contingents leave Canada for overseas service, and temporary appointments should be made for this service as occasion requires. To ensure that the men's teeth are kept in proper condition during the period of the war, the following details are authorized for employment on this service." The remainder of the order details that there shall be a Chief Dental Surgeon attached to each Div HQ and how many dental surgeons are authorized at brigades, hospitals, etc.



NCR Dental Staff celebrated the Corps birthday with a volksmarch along the Rideau Canal

The CF Heritage Officer RCDC provided the following statements: *"Although there were officers fulfilling the role of dental surgeons prior to 13 May this has no effect on the lineage of your branch"* and *"To confirm, I researched a secondary source titled The Quarterly Militia List of the Dominion of Canada (Corrected to October 1915). This official publication also gives the authorization date as 13 May 1915."*



Dental Hygienists Celebrate 50 Years of Service

by MWO Marina Roberge, CFDS Senior Hygienist



Canadian Forces Dental Hygienists, both civilian and military, are celebrating 50 years of service to military members in 2006. It's a small but vibrant team with only 26 established Dental Hygienist positions in the CF Dental Service at this time.

In 1956, the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) employed the first two Dental Hygienists, Flight Sgts PE Savage and CMB Torrens who had received their dental hygiene training in England. That same year, the first two graduates Sgts RH Daw and H Thorsson successfully completed the "Dental Technicians Clinical Course" at the RCDC School in Ottawa.

In his book *Forty years of Progress, RCDC and CFDS*, Ret'd Colonel Hap Protheroe described the introduction of Dental Hygienists into the Dental Corps in 1956 as "one of the most important events in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps' history". He says that without the contribution that these dedicated men and women have made, it would have been impossible to have introduced the very successful Preventive Dentistry Program into the RCDC and CFDS where dental hygienists played a key role. Their contribution to the provision of dental services to the CF should be a source of PRIDE.

During the early years in the trade, dental hygienists were referred to as "Dental Technicians Clinical". Although the Technician Clinical course was extremely difficult, it wasn't accredited until years later because at the time, civilian dental hygienists received their training through only university programs. CF Dental hygienists received their training at the school in Ottawa until 1958 and later in CFB

Borden until that school closed the program in 1993.

Between 1981 and 1986, because of the worst shortage of military dental hygienists since their establishment, over 20 Direct Entry Dental Hygienists were enrolled under the Direct Entry Program.

Currently, Advanced Training List – training for military dental hygienists – is done through a two-year Dental Hygiene Program at Algonquin College, La Cité Collégiale and Georgian College, all in Ontario.

Dental Technicians who meet the criteria for the Dental Hygiene program, can apply through the Dental Headquarters in Ottawa for selection to the two-year Dental Hygiene Program. Annually between one and five candidates are selected for this training.

This course has been described as very intensive and graduating Dental Hygienists should be proud of their accomplishments. In addition to military Dental Hygienists, there are numerous civilians, full and part time, to whom we are grateful for helping us with our preventive dentistry goals.

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary milestone during National Dental Month in April 2006 with each CF Dental Detachment undertaking dental educational briefs and information booth. Also, we are going to celebrate our 50th Anniversary milestone during the Canadian Dental Hygienist Association (CDHA) 17th Annual Professional Conference in Edmonton, in June 2006.

So, don't forget to wish your Dental Hygienist a "Happy 50th Anniversary" during your next Dental Hygiene visit and Smile.

New Faces at D Dent Svcs

From the incoming DDPP, LCol Gilles Lévesque

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all CFDS members of my new appointment in replacement of LCol Eric Reid after having assumed the G4 position at CF H Svcs Gp HQ last year. This position proved to be a challenging employment and a great opportunity for professional growth with a primary responsibility of HS support to operations, especially with the deployment of the Role 3 HS facility in Kandahar. I am looking forward to the challenges in my area of responsibility and to contribute to our mission in the upcoming months.

Du DPPD entrant, Lcol Gilles Lévesque

Suite à mon emploi comme G4 au QG Gp S San, j'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour vous faire part de ma nomination remplaçant le Lcol Eric Reid. La position du G4 fut très enrichissante et fut une bonne occasion de développement professionnel alors que ma responsabilité première était le support au Service de santé en opérations, particulièrement avec le déploiement de la facilité du Role 3 à Kandahar. Au cours des prochains mois, j'anticipe relever les défis associés à mon secteur de responsabilité avec grand intérêt et contribuer à notre mission.

Major Mike Moser is new Dental Plans and Requirements-3

Major Moser has taken over as D DPR-3 from Major Margaret Cupples. Mike graduated dental school in 1995 from the University of Saskatchewan. His first posting was to 8 Wing Trenton where he spent 2 years before being posted to 1 Field Ambulance in Edmonton. His five years in Edmonton included a year in 1 HSOTU and an operational tour to Bosnia on Roto 6 as

well as numerous TD trips to Calgary, Yellowknife and CFB Suffield. Promoted to Major in 2002 he was sent to 17 Wing Winnipeg to be the Dental Detachment Commander. During his four years in Winnipeg the detachment twice hosted the CFDS Winter Working Group. In 2005 he went on a 3 month deployment with the US Navy on board the USS Tortuga, which traveled to the Baltic Sea to participate in the multinational exercise BALTOPS 05. Mike took the reins as D DPR-3 on 24 July 06 and is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of his new position in the Directorate.

Also joining the team at the Directorate this summer were LCol Michel Maltais, D DPR, CWO Pat Leitch, Br CWO, Lt(N) Kris Knight, AO, and Sgt Dawn Ingram, Asst to Br CWO.



Col Becker and LCol Dwayne Lemon in the front row of the Big Bike

Branch CWO Corner

By CWO Pat Leitch, CFDS Br CWO

Time has flown and much has happened since CWO Leslie Burton's update in the April Newsletter. Dental NCMs have been very busy either in training, providing training or participating on boards to update training requirements. In this article I will highlight a few of the activities our NCMs have been part of.

NCM Activities: In April, a group of nine NCMs from Dets Petawawa, Ottawa, Kingston and Trenton, led by WO Haley, traveled to Fort Drum to participate in a one-day training exercise on the Engagement Skill Trainer with their U.S. Army Dental NCM counterparts.

CFMSS/CFDSS put through the first bilingual QL5A Dent Tech Direct Entry course, which graduated on April 28th. Congratulations to the sixteen graduates, with a special mention to Cpl Oake (Det Trenton) for receiving the Top Overall award, Cpl Giroux (Det Valcartier) for Top Field and Cpl Cegledi (Det Edmonton) for receiving the RSM Award. Bravo Zulu to MWO Wilson, his staff and all the Incremental Staff for all their hard work and dedication to putting through another successful course.

In May, twelve NCMs attended the week long Casualty Treatment Training in San Diego, a number of NCMs provided assistance to both the



Canadian, U.S. Soldiers train side by side on post

By Spec. Mark B. Matthews
27th Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers from Fort Drum made new friends when they hosted their Canadian counterparts for training April 25 on the Engagement Skill Trainer.

"A couple of U.S. noncommissioned officers attended a dental conference in Canada," said Staff Sgt. Early Wheeler, Fort Drum Dental Activity training and operations NCO. "So we thought since we had the opportunity to train with them, they could train with us."

The EST is designed to simulate real-life combat by producing more than 200 different scenarios onto a large screen. Soldiers can then accurately engage enemy targets and review their performance afterwards. The EST can support up to eight different weapon systems.

Training like this helps to maintain a good relationship with America's northern neighbors.

"It is very important for the U.S. to be able to train with other countries like Canada because it establishes a rapport," Wheeler said.

"And reminds us that we are all in this war on

terrorism together," Wheeler added.

U.S. Soldiers and Canadian soldiers seemed to enjoy working, training and learning from each other.

"The Canadians are great," said Spec. Stephen Wroblewski, Fort Drum DENTAC medical logistician. "They are soldiers just like us who share common goals and training methods."

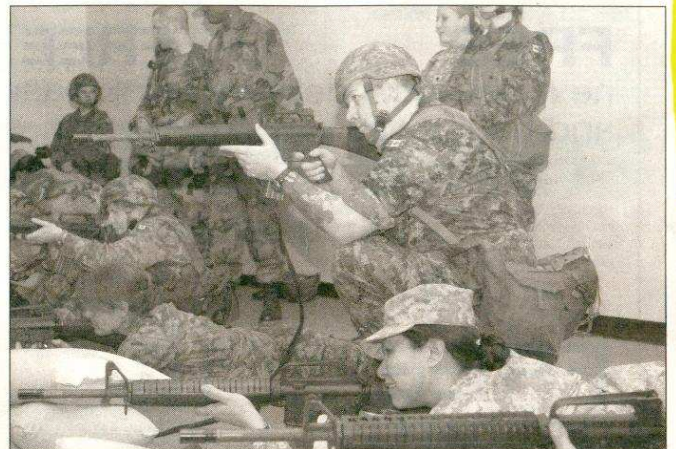
For security reasons, a solid relationship between the two countries is a must.

"Our countries have the largest unmaned border in the world, so there is a huge trust factor there," said Master Cpl. Marsha Dearman-MacIsaac, 1 Dental Detachment Petawawa, dental technician. "So it is also very important that we share the same goals."

Because these two countries are neighbors, it is not uncommon for the troops to work and train together.

"Right now we are deployed in Afghanistan, and Canadian soldiers are working side by side with U.S. Soldiers," Dearman-MacIsaac said.

U.S. and Canadian soldiers expect to continue learning from each other, keeping the bonds between the two countries strong.



Canadian and U.S. soldiers train side by side April 25 on the Engagement Skill Trainer at Fort Drum.

Clinical Endodontics and Periodontics courses at CFMSS /CFDSS, there was participation in Exercise Maple Guardian, and the first phase team of Capt Pohlman and Sgt Bouchard departed for a one-month tour on the USNS Mercy.

The USNS Mercy commenced a five-month humanitarian assistance mission to the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia in April 2006. The first CFDS team sailed from 21 May – 24 Jun, the second team of Capt Belcastro and Cplc Lamoureux from 23 Jun – 7 Aug and the third team of Capt Caouette and MCpl MacEachern from 5 Aug – 7 Sep.



BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (July 28, 2006) –Guylaine Lamoureux of the Canadian Armed Forces and a crewmember of the U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), shows a local military dental tech the proper way to load a syringe at the Kesdam Military Hospital. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communications Specialist Don Bray

In June, Sgt Moore went off to ADEC training and MWO Roberge, WO White, WO Aldrich and Sgt Choquette attended the CDHA Conference in Edmonton.

Ongoing and Updates: As part of the Hygiene Get Well Program, there will be three new starts this year: Sgt Marla Buchanan, Algonquin College; MCpl Anna Gnurlantino, George Brown College; and

Cpl Adams, Georgian College. Congratulations to Sgt Lisa Sheppard who graduated from Algonquin College this spring and was posted to Cold Lake.

This year we have one AVOTP start. Cpl Dawn Reid will commence the dental assisting program at Columbia College, Calgary this fall.

The QL6A Supervisor Course will run 14 Oct – 1 Dec with 16 students. This updated course will run in bilingual format.

CWO Burton mentioned in the Nov 05 newsletter that an establishment change had been actioned to move the WO position

from LCMM to the Directorate, to work with the Br CWO and Directorate staff. After much discussion it was decided that this WO position would be better utilized in the Ottawa Detachment. An EC was actioned to exchange this WO position with a Sgt position from the Det. Sgt Dawn Ingram was posted into this new position, titled 'Br CWO Assistant'.

QS & TP Boards. As you know, the QSWB for QL6A Supervisor course, which sat in February, recommended a number of changes to the current program. Because of this, it was then necessary to

convene a Training Plan (TP) board, which sat 24 May – 23 Jun in Borden and was chaired by CWO Giroux. One of the major changes was to remove MMLDC from the course. There has been talk of this course being added to ILQ but, even so, Sgts can request this course through their chain of command.

The QSWB for QL5A convened in 1-5 May in Borden, chaired by CWO Giroux. I will contact HS Trg Dev this fall in order to identify a convenient timeframe to run a TP board.

Over the past year the Branch has been working very closely with Mme Gagne and Capt Beaudoin from HS Trg on the MOSART Project for Dent Tech and Dent Tech-Hygst. This has involved identifying and writing job descriptions for the different position numbers, identifying those that are the same or similar, and those that are different. If you look at the current JBOS, it indicates four *Occupational Jobs*. Needless to say, this made the job of school difficult when it came to teaching QL courses, specifically QL6A, since the jobs specs were so narrow and encompassed a large range of ranks. Approximately 34 *Occupation Jobs* were identified within the occupation and, after much work over the past year from various personnel within the Branch, a Dent Tech JBOS Sect 3 Working Group convened the week of 4-7 July to put the final touches on the document. This is one small part of the project but expect to see changes once it has been approved. Capt Beaudoin chaired the working group with SMEs CWO Burton, CWO Leitch, MWO Wilson, MWO Roberge, WO Cantwell, WO Desmarais and WO Haley.

There were a lot of postings and promotions for NCMs this APS. Congratulations to everyone. Good luck to MWO Cantwell and WO Haley who depart for second language training. I'm sure they will do well.

CDA Update: With me stepping into the Br CWO position, I also assumed a position on the CDA Board of Directors. When CWO Dan Giroux stepped into the 1 Dental Unit CWO position he assumed the position of Corporate Member, representing all uniformed Dental Technicians.

I recently received from the CDA two large boxes of toothpaste samples that will be forwarded to the troops in Afghanistan.



Presentation of pace stick and cabinet on behalf of CFDS personnel

Final Words: As I was coming up the ranks, I had always heard about posting slumps and how things slow down even more as you get closer to retirement. Let me tell you, I was very much disillusioned watching our past Br CWO. CWO (Ret'd) Burton did not slow down one iota, in fact, on her last afternoon of work she attended the Director's weekly meeting and **still** preceded to take notes! In all seriousness, she will be missed. The retirement function of the 23rd of June was an evening of fun, laughter and surprises for the seventy who attended and especially for Leslie.



From Col Becker, a photo montage spanning CWO Burton's career



From 1 Dental Unit, a beautiful stained glass lamp in dental colours, embedded with CFDS collar dogs

There were tributes to her in the form of messages, gifts, PPT photo display and in song. I would like to thank all, military and civilian, who contributed towards the gifts presented to her.

Congratulations to CWO Dan Giroux for his recent promotion. He brings a lot of experience and fresh ideas to his new position of Unit CWO.

For myself, I would like to thank 1 Dental Unit personnel for the beautiful cane and display stand. Needless to say, it came as a complete surprise and I was totally shocked. It is amazing how fast three years have flown by and it has been an experience that I will take with me. Thank you all for your support. As Dental Branch CWO, I hope to continue on where Leslie has left off and continue to work in support of our NCMs and the good of the entire CFDS.



A tribute in song, Col Becker with the Choir



CWO Dan Giroux presents cane to CWO Pat Leitch on behalf of 1 Dental Unit

1 Dental Unit Detachment Esquimalt News

by WO Karen Nelmes

Greetings from the keepers of the sandy bottom sailors! Like many other clinics, our clinic has gone through a rather large change, starting with a few promotions. Secondly, the land *cameth* and *plucketh* much of our staff; however, the sea has washed in some new and fresh keepers. Lastly, we would like to welcome the newest members of our dental family.



Congratulations to:

Clinic Farewell to Maj Ferron, Judy Krajnc, Sgt Tousignant, Lorilynn Julien, LCol Anderson & Sgt Sinclair

Marriages:

April - Capt Sandeep Dhesi and his wife Gurminder

May – Capt Aaron Cooper and his wife Rebecca

Baby News:

MCpl Shawna Thornhill gave birth to a baby girl named Halley in April.

Darla Gibbins gave birth to a baby boy named Aidan in May.

Retirements:

Mrs Judy Krajnc, after 20+ years

Op Cougar

Capt David Lalande and MCpl Patrick Leblanc participated in Op Cougar Salvo with 11 Field Amb, 408 Tactical Helicopter Sqn and 39 Brigade Group from 8 to 18 Mar 06. Also joining this team was Maj Greg Mohr, a Reserve Force Dental Officer from Edmonton. The exercise took place in the foothills near Kamloops, BC as it offered a desert-like landscape similar to that of Afghanistan.

Along with dental emergency treatment, the dental team joined in on mock triages, helicopter casualty extractions and simulated rocket propelled grenade attacks.



MCpl Patrick Leblanc and Capt David Lalande

Capt Lalande had the opportunity to fly as a passenger and as a mock casualty with 408 Sqn in a Griffon, while MCpl Leblanc worked side by side with the reserves and local civilian emergency agencies (Fire Dept, Coroner's Office and paramedics). Most notably, MCpl Leblanc was personally presented the Commander's Coin from Commodore Kavanagh, DGHS, for his devotion and enthusiasm displayed during the exercise.

Oral Health

In March, WO Karen Nelmes, Sgt Melanie Tousignant and Cpl Line Plante gave oral hygiene lectures to the students at l'ecole Bedard. The students were from grades one to eight. Sgt Tousignant, who organized the event, explained that it took a lot of research to vary the lectures for such a wide age group, but it was very well received. The

children had a lot of questions and particularly enjoyed the video with the dancing toothpaste, toothbrush and floss. The principal personally thanked Sgt Tousignant and stated, "it was the first time in his tenure as principal that their school had dental health care professionals lecture the children in French". Overall the event turned into a great success.

In April, WO Nelmes and Ms Bonnie Hay participated in Dental Health Month by setting up an "Oral Health is Good Health" display during the lunch period for all to see at Nelles Block on the base. They offered dental advice to both military and DND employees. This included a visit from both the Base Commander and Base Chief. Bonnie stated, "I enjoyed this great opportunity to meet and instruct members on OH outside my normal environment."



Sgt Melanie Tousignant, WO Karen Nelmes and the grade 7 students from l'ecole Bedard