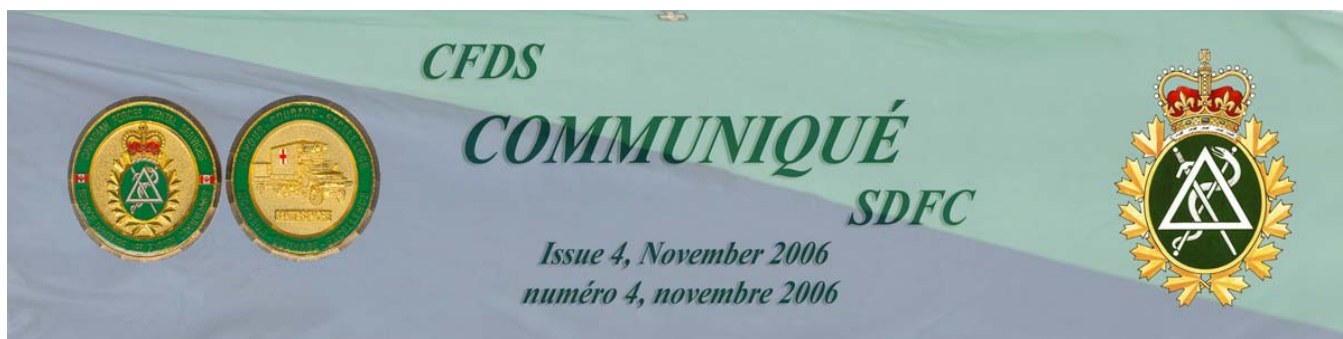




Director Dental Services

By/par Colonel Scott Becker

Directeur - Service dentaire

The Christmas break brings a welcome respite from the all too often frenzied pace of the fall period. It is time to renew ties with family and friends, and remember our brethren serving overseas who will not have the same comforts as us over the holidays, not that they have them at other times either.

I do not remember any period in our recent past when there have been so many initiatives, activities and issues at play. The best news is that by the time you read this, our pay raise should be in effect and back-pay in your accounts for the target date of mid-December.

By far, the most important initiative for the Dental Corps is the Branch-wide establishment review. We now have more than half of the cross-country analysis completed and should have the proposal submitted to CMP sometime in the spring. Our intent is to finally, after many years, properly align establishment, resources, workload, and mission. We will provide what we see as a clear answer to an old problem, but what ultimately gets accepted and approved by the "center" may be another matter. They may feel the price tag is too high, but time will tell. The outcome of this initiative will set the baseline for the CFDS for many years to come.

CF Transformation continues to be a driving force, but it also is a bit of a moving target. The support to a 2nd line of Ops has changed vision to one not requiring HS surgical support so our anticipated OMFS establishment change to 10 has been adjusted down to 5, still up from the existing 3. The HS Field Force Review is gaining momentum, and the HS Strategic Planning exercise is in its latter stages. Interaction with our strategic partners, SDFDS, CDA and CDAA especially, remains active.



Support to operations in Afghanistan retains primacy and the CFDS will be assuming a slightly expanded role in theater.

The much anticipated major shuffle in the senior staff in HS Gp HQ will be extensive including a new Commander in May 07, but does not look like it will affect me or

CO 1 DU. The rest of the news I will save for our Winter Working Group in Trenton.

I know how hard everyone has been working so I ask that everyone maximize the opportunity to take leave, and spend valuable time with family and friends. We do not forget the members of our CFDS family living overseas, and wish them a happy and safe Christmas. Take a minute to send them an email if you can.

2007 will present its own set of challenges and, as always, you have my commitment to represent all of you and our Dental corps to the best of my ability.

Take care over the holidays and return safe and sound.

Scott Becker
Colonel
Director Dental Services.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, sent this Christmas message to the CFDS.



I send to the Director and all ranks of the Canadian Forces Dental Services my warmest good wishes for Christmas.

I am confident that you are up to the challenges that 2007 will bring. At home, Canadian Forces Transformation will demand leadership and problem solving at all levels. Overseas, you continue to make a valuable contribution to the NATO mission in Afghanistan, alongside Royal Army Dental Corps personnel.

I wish you all a safe and happy New Year.

Birgitte

Operation Switchback

*Capt Don Trider
Dent Det Casteau*

Operation Switchback was part of the Battle of the Scheldt fought between Allied forces (Canadian and Polish) and German forces occupying northern Belgium and the southwestern portion of the Netherlands during the North-West Europe Campaign of WW II. The First Canadian Army was given the task of clearing the Scheldt Estuary of German forces. The 4th Canadian Armored Division and the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, assisted by the 1st Polish Armored Division under Canadian command, were involved with Operation Switchback.

After the failure to clear many of the Channel Ports in Sept 1944, the need for port facilities north of Normandy grew acute. Allied troops were moving farther from Normandy resulting in very long supply lines for trucks to transport needed goods to the Allied armies. Antwerp had fallen with its port facilities intact in Sept 1944, however the waterway leading to Antwerp, the Scheldt Estuary was lined with German forces, which included heavy coastal batteries. This prevented any Allied supply ships from approaching the Scheldt and sailing into Antwerp. Operation Switchback saw Canadian troops battle against German defenses for over a month in Oct 1944, through mud and flooded lowlands. The Canadian Armored and Infantry Divisions were instrumental in securing the Scheldt waterway and opening Antwerp for Allied supply ships.

In 2003 the Canadian military community at SHAPE sent a group to Maldegem (a town in the Flemish part of Belgium in the area of Operation Switchback) to participate in a march to commemorate the Canadians who fought and died during Operation Switchback. The 32km march in the area surrounding Maldegem, took place this year, on Saturday 9 Sept 06 and a memorial service, like Remembrance Day, followed on Sunday morning at the Canadian war cemetery. The ceremony was well attended by military and diplomatic representatives from Canada, Belgium and Poland. It also included a representative of the Belgium Royal Family. The local populace and

school children from the three countries (Canada, Belgium, Poland) also participated. There were a few WWII veterans and representatives from the Canadian Legion.

The war cemetery has over 600 Canadian soldiers buried there with a smaller number of Polish soldiers. The cemetery is well maintained and the towns of this area of Belgium continue to remember and honor our war dead in gratitude for their sacrifice in liberating their homes and country.



The 2005 group after the memorial ceremony
(Capt Trider front center)

Every member of the group took a turn leading the group while carrying the Canadian flag. The CF marchers were accompanied by a group of Belgium school children and a group of Belgian military cadets for the last segment of the march. The cadets provided a continuous chorus of their marching songs, in English, which kept us entertained, and of course, we joined in the singing. At the end of the march, the flag was donated to the Canadian War Museum with a short ceremony and raised on the Museum's flagpole.



Professional Opportunity
for
CFDS Dental Assistants
Clinical Practice Evaluators

The Clinical Practice Evaluation (CPE) is an evaluation tool developed and delivered by the National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB) at various locations in Canada. Applicants must sign a confidentiality agreement. Information is available on the NDAEB website: www.ndaeb.ca.

The NDAEB invites dental assistants serving in the CFDS to apply for the position of Clinical Practice Evaluator. Full training will be provided and evaluators receive remuneration for their work. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- ☐ hold the NDAEB certificate
- ☐ provide proof of current practicing license in their province (***CFDS members not licensed/certified in a province are exempt from this requirement***)
- ☐ submit a letter of reference from your unit which includes the contact information of your supervisor
- ☐ be familiar with the role of the National Dental Assisting Examining Board

Applicants are invited to submit their CV and cover letter, along with the information stated above to:

Chief Administrative Officer/Registrar
National Dental Assisting Examining Board
Suite 208, 1750 Courtwood Crescent
Ottawa, ON
K2C 2B5
Telephone: (613) 526-3424
Fax: (613) 526-5560
Email: office@ndaeb.ca
Website: www.ndaeb.ca

Cmdt 1^{re} Unité Dentaire / CO 1 Dental Unit

by/par Colonel James Taylor

MILITEM PRAEPARAMUS

Honorary Colonel Nomination Announcement, Dr Claude Lamarche

It is with great pleasure that this HQ announces that the Minister of National Defence has officially approved the appointment of Dr Claude Lamarche as the first Honorary Colonel (HCol) of 1 Dental Unit. Dr Lamarche is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the Université de Montréal and his CV and photograph are attached below.

In order to provide some background as to the history of the Honorary Colonel appointment, the following excerpt from the "Honorary Appointments of the Canadian Forces" booklet is quoted as follows; "The Canadian tradition of appointing honoraries to units originated with the British military but has only been in practiced in Canada for a little over a century. Early in the 20th century the Prime Minister of Canada, Sir Robert Borden, described the practice of appointing honoraries as: "the greatest advantage to the Military to be able to enlist the interest and sympathy of gentleman of position and wealth by connecting them to Regiments". That sentiment remains true today. The Honorary promotes the unit's identity and ethos and serves as an advisor to the Commanding Officer on virtually all issues excluding operations. Although the movement originated with the army, over the years the practice of appointing honoraries has evolved and we now have Honorary members representing Units in all the environments and major components of National Defence Headquarters. Honorary members work behind the scene and provide needed support that would not otherwise be available.

HCol Lamarche is a well-known and highly-respected leader in the Dental Community in Canada, and indeed around the world; I am proud of the fact that he has agreed to join and serve our organization in this capacity. Please join me in welcoming him to 1DentU.

Announce de la Nomination de Colonel Honoraire, Dr Claude Lamarche



C'est avec grand plaisir que ce QG vous annonce l'approbation du Ministre de la Défense Nationale pour la nomination du Dr Claude Lamarche en tant que Colonel Honoraire (ColH) de la 1^{re} Unité Dentaire. Le Dr Lamarche est présentement le doyen de la faculté de dentisterie de l'Université de Montréal et son CV ainsi qu'une photo sont en attache.

Afin de fournir un aperçu concernant l'historique de nominations de Colonel Honoraire, l'extrait suivant de la brochure « Les Nominations honorifiques au sein des Forces canadiennes » résume bien : « Au Canada, la coutume de désigner des personnes à titre honorifique auprès des unités remonte à l'Armée britannique, mais elle ne s'exerce que depuis un peu plus d'un siècle dans notre pays. Au début du XXe siècle, le Premier ministre du Canada, sir Robert Borden disait de la coutume des nominations honorifiques qu'elle était « très avantageuse pour la Milice car elle permet de susciter l'intérêt et la sympathie d'hommes fortunés et en vue dans la société, et de les associer aux régiments ». Ce sentiment est encore vrai de nos jours. Le titulaire d'une nomination honorifique est tenu pour le gardien des traditions et de l'histoire du régiment, il fait valoir l'identité et la philosophie des unités et agit comme conseiller auprès du commandant sur pratiquement tous les sujets, à l'exception des opérations. L'initiative vient de l'Armée de terre, mais la coutume de désigner des titulaires de nomination honorifique a évolué, et à l'heure actuelle, des titulaires représentent l'ensemble des armées et les principales composantes du Quartier Général de la Défense nationale. Ils travaillent en coulisse et assurent un soutien nécessaire dont on ne disposerait pas autrement.

Le ColH Lamarche est un leader bien connu et très respecté au sein de la communauté dentaire canadienne et, en effet, à travers le monde. Je suis fier du fait qu'il a accepté de joindre et servir notre organisation à cet effet. Prière de me joindre pour l'accueillir au sein de la 1^{re} Unité Dentaire.

CIQ 2006 Merit - Master Warrant Officer Roberge

Mérite du CIQ 2006-Adjudant-maître Marina Roberge

Congratulations to MWO Marina Roberge, Sr Dent Tech-Hygst, who was the recipient of the CIQ Merit Award. This award of excellence was presented to her on October 28th, 2006 during the OHDQ Professional Conference Gala evening in Laval QC, with the presence of the newly appointed 1 Dental Unit Honorary Colonel, Dr. Claude Lamarche. More than 900 people attended this Gala event.

The CIQ Merit Award was presented to MWO Roberge by M. Claude Leblond, Social Worker and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the *Conseil interprofessionnel du Québec (CIQ)*. The CIQ Merit Award represents a recognition of prestige for the professional to whom it is given. The CIQ grants this award upon recommendation from the Professional Colleges for one of their members who has distinguished herself by her outstanding dedication to her profession as well as to her Professional College. The CIQ regroups the 45 different Professional Colleges within the province of Québec. Only 10 CIQ Merit Awards were given by the OHDQ amongst all of its members since 1975.

MWO Roberge was recognized for her outstanding dedication to the dental hygienist profession as well as her contribution within her professional college, the Ordre Professionnel des Hygiénistes Dentaires du Québec (OHDQ). The Secretary of the CIQ Board of Directors highlighted her 23-year dental hygiene career, emphasizing how she excels and strives for perfection in her duties as a hygienist and how it has contributed to the growth and development of the profession. He talked about her commitment as an active member of the College, as well as a member of the board as a Trustee of the OHDQ Trust, her contribution and outstanding efforts regarding the development of her profession in the CFDS organization as well as the endless hours to rekindle the profession and her passion for this "Life Long Skill" profession.



Félicitations à Adjum Marina Roberge, Hygst-Dent Tech Sr, qui fut, récemment, nommée récipiendaire du «Mérite du CIQ.» Ce prix d'excellence lui fut remis lors du dernier Congrès Professionnel de l'Ordre des Hygiénistes dentaires du Québec (OHDQ), pendant le Souper Gala, du 28 octobre 2006, qui s'est tenu à Laval, QC. Le nouveau Colonel Honoraire de la 1^{re} Unité Dentaire, Dr Claude Lamarche ainsi que plus de 900 personnes, étaient présents lors de cet événement.

Le Mérite du CIQ fut présenté à Adjum Roberge par M. Claude

Leblond, Travailleur Social et Secrétaire du Conseil Administratif (CA) du Conseil Interprofessionnel du Québec (CIQ). Ce Mérite du CIQ constitue une reconnaissance de prestige pour le professionnel à qui il est accordé et est décerné par le CIQ sur recommandation des ordres professionnels. Le CIQ regroupe les 45 Ordres Professionnels de la Province de Québec. Depuis l'existence de l'OHDQ, soit depuis 1975, il n'y a eu que 10 récipiendaires du Mérite du CIQ.

Adjum Marina Roberge s'est distingué, entre autre, par son apport exceptionnel à sa profession ainsi qu'à son Ordre professionnel, l'OHDQ. Lors de son allocution, le Secrétaire du Conseil d'administration du CIQ, M. Leblond, a fait mention des points saillants des 23 ans de carrière d'hygiéniste dentaire d'adjum Roberge, en insistant sur son dévouement et sa contribution au développement de sa profession. Il insista également sur son implication en tant que fiduciaire de la Fiducie de l'OHDQ, son action remarquable touchant au développement de sa profession au sein de sa propre organisation (SDFC) ainsi que le travail acharné et la passion qu'elle démontre à raviver cette profession.

Order of Military Merit – MWO Mike Wilson

MWO Mike Wilson chats with the Chief of Defence, General Rick Hillier, at Rideau Hall shortly after receiving his MMM. His wife Connie and two sons were there to share in this prestigious event.

Well done, MWO Wilson!



Basic Dental Officer Course 2006 Cours Élémentaire pour Dentiste Militaire 2006

On 6 October 2006, Col Taylor, CO of 1 Dental Unit, presided over the graduation ceremony of the 2006 BDOC. During the ceremony, he had the privilege of presenting two awards:

- Top Overall Candidate Award: Capt George Forrest, of Det Petawawa; and
- Top Field Candidate Award: Capt Reagan Meadows, of Det Shilo.

Congratulations to both!

Le 6 octobre 2006, le col Taylor, cmdt de la 1re Unité dentaire, a présidé la cérémonie de graduation du CÉDM 2006. Lors de la cérémonie, il a eu le privilège de présenter deux prix:

- Prix du Meilleur Candidat : Capt George Forrest, Dét Petawawa; et
- Prix du Meilleur Candidat en Campagne: Capt Reagan Meadows, Dét Shilo.

Félicitations à vous deux!



*Capt G.W. Forrest &
Col J.C. Taylor*



*Capt R.L. Meadows &
Col J.C. Taylor*

Br CWO Comments

CWO/ Adjuc Pat Leitch
CFDS Branch CWO / Adjuc de la Branche du SDFC

As this year comes to a close, I have come to the conclusion that Dental never slows down. When I first became Clinic Coordinator years ago, I remember being told to 'wait for it, we have our busy times but then it slows down'. Wait for it? Slows down? Maybe I blinked and missed it.

In all seriousness, it makes me proud to see how, when you are busy at the clinics and field units or short staffed for whatever the reason, you still step up to the plate and support the numerous taskings that come up throughout the year. I know that it is, at times, very hard to say 'yes' especially when it means doubling up on the duties back at the workplace.

This was quite evident this past fall with not only trying to staff the QL6A Dent Tech course but also to fill the full complement of 16 seats. Not through lack of effort from a number of people, from the Career Manager to 1 DU HQ to Detachments/Units, the updated bilingual course commenced with 13 candidates. Because this was a bilingual course and classes ran simultaneously, it also meant doubling up on incremental staff. Once again, I have to commend everyone for their support and cooperation--the staff and incremental staff for their hard work in course preparation, including new lesson plans, as well as the personnel left behind at the workplace picking up the slack there.

I had the pleasure of escorting LCol Levesque who was Reviewing Officer for the QL6A Dent Tech and QL3A Med Tech graduation parade held at Dyte Hall on 1 December. Congratulations to all who graduated. Sgt Tracy Gauthier received Top Overall and Sgt Marie-Christine Ouellet received the CFDS CWO Shield.

When I ended off the last newsletter, the two dental teams, Maj Costa Batsos and Sgt Andy Plante from 1 Fd Amb and the Det Ottawa OMFS team of Maj Claude Guimond and Cpl Amy Kowalisyn, were just returning from a 6-mos deployment at the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit in Kandahar. The replacement team of Maj Larouche (2 Fd Amb) and WO



Jacques Tremblay (1 Cdn Fd Hosp) are currently on the ground. If ever we needed an eye-opener to realize our role and how we deploy have changed, this was it. Col Becker and Cmdre Kavanagh were among those that met the plane in Trenton that carried the returning troops and the bodies of four soldiers, including one of our Med Tech colleagues from Edmonton. It was a very sad and moving but proud moment for our returning personnel and their families.

The CDAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference was held in Calgary this year, 28 Sep – 1 Oct. A number of our folks were able to take part in an excellent ContEd program this year. The keynote presentation was by writer, David Irvine, who spoke on *Transformational Leadership: Accountability and Change* and *Personal Leadership: The Power of Authenticity*. Once again, CFDS was requested to coordinate the flag ceremony for the President's Dinner, evening of 30 Sep. NCMs from the Det Edmonton, along with the President of the Calgary Dental Assistant Association, did an excellent job of marching in/out the flags. Members of the flag party were, MCpl Andrea Plante (flag officer), MCpl Leona Kerr, Cpl Janet Hazen, Cpl Kara MacKintosh and Ms. Angi Johnson. Well done!



This year AMSUS was held, 5-10 Nov, at San Antonio Texas. At the invitation of SGM Richard Orona, DENCOM SGM, we (CWO Giroux, MWO Wilson and I) provided the U.S. Army NCMs a one-hour briefing on the CFDS, operations and training. It was a week of making new connections.

SFC Katherine Carrasco, newly posted to the position of DENCOM Operations/Detachment SGT, gave us an excellent tour of their training academy where MWO Marina Roberge was there the week before, checking out the Preventive Dentistry Specialist course.

We also had the opportunity to say good-bye to MG Joseph G. Webb Jr., Deputy Surgeon General while at AMSUS, not only enjoying a barbeque at MG(R)



Sculley's ranch, but also attending the retirement of his banner ceremony. The banner was wrapped on the pole and retired to the museum at Fort Sam Houston.

As this is the last newsletter before the holiday season starts, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and yours a safe and happy holiday. I hope you all find the time to relax and spend quality time with your friends and family.

Director Dental Services Commendation to the Canadian Dental Assistants' Association

Col Becker presented a Director's Commendation to the CDAA for their initiative this summer in providing oral health care kits to the troops deployed in Afghanistan. The commendation reads:

Having provided meritorious support to Canadian Forces troops deployed in Afghanistan.

Your dedicated efforts in the generation and compilation of over 2000 oral health care packages during Dental Assistants' Recognition Week 2006, and subsequent assistance in ensuring timely delivery to the operational theatre was very much appreciated by all the deployed personnel, as were the letters and other items that came with the packages from private citizens offering their support.

The CDAA is commended for its efforts and support to deployed Canadian soldiers in providing a little comfort from home while also promoting the oral health of our troops.



Retirement, Sgt Lucie Côté

Sgt Lucie Côté retired on 18 Oct 2006. She graduated Dental Hygiene Course from CEGEP Xavier-Garneau in Québec city in May 1977. She worked as a civilian dental hygienist until she joined the CF in the direct entry program in May 1984. She was posted to Gagetown, Lahr, Baden and St-Jean. She is now retiring after completing 22 years of loyal service. She is first planning to rest, than study in secretary/archivist field and enjoy the pleasures of life with her common law spouse Michel.

Congratulations to to the following CFDS members on their recent promotions!!

- MCpl Melissa Pomeroy, Halifax
- Maj Don Trider, Casteau
- Maj Luc Langevin, Fort Hood
- Maj Jodi Shaw, Halifax

USNS Mercy

*By/par CWO Dan Giroux
1 Dent Unit HQ UCWO / Adjuc U QG 1 Unité dentaire*

Over the last summer, many of our folks lived a tremendous experience that will be forever etched in their memory. In fact, three Dental Officers and Technicians had the opportunity to serve onboard USNS Mercy (Hospital Ship) for a humanitarian mission in the Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Timor.

This mission unfolded three phases as follows:

first phase, from 19 of May to 24 June, Maj Pohlman (Dent Det Toronto) and Sgt Bouchard (Dent Det Gagetown) served in the Philippines;

second phase, from 23 June to 7 August, Capt Belcastro (Dent Det Borden) and MCpl Lamoureux (Dent Det Bagotville) served in Bangladesh and on the Indonesian coast; and

third phase, from 5 August to 4 September, Capt Caouette and MCpl MacEachern (Both from Dent Det Ottawa) served on the Tarakan Islands, in Indonesia and in Oriental/Occidental Timor.

I asked the six participants to share their experiences. Here is what they reported:

First phase

This mission provided the opportunity to work side by side with US/Philippines Forces personnel as well as with non-governmental organizations.

After the initial training and orientation sessions, most days were spent in the Dental Department: cleaning, packaging and sterilizing instruments. Workdays were anywhere from 10 to 14 hrs depending on the number of teams/locations that were scheduled for the following day's mission. The remainder of the time was spent in bi-daily cleaning of stations and working chairside onboard ship. We had one official day of rest, June 10th, which was much appreciated.

Plusieurs membres de la 1^{re} Unité dentaire auront vécu, cette année, une expérience qui restera longtemps gravée dans leur mémoire. En effet, trois officiers dentaires assisté de trois techniciens dentaires ont eu l'honneur de servir à bord du navire hôpital de la Marine américaine, le USNS Mercy, pour un voyage humanitaire dans les Philippines, le Bangladesh, en Indonésie ainsi qu'au Timor.

Cet exercice s'est déroulé en trois phases :

La première phase dans les Philippines, du 19 mai au 24 juin, impliquait le maj Pohlman (Dét dent Toronto) et la sgt Bouchard (Dét dent Gagetown);

La deuxième phase au Bangladesh puis sur la côte indonésienne, du 23 juin au 7 août, impliquait le capt Belcastro (Dét dent Borden) et la cplc Lamoureux (Dét dent Bagotville); et

La troisième phase sur les îles de Tarakan, Indonésie puis le Timor occidental/oriental, du 5 août au 4 septembre, impliquait le capt Caouette et la cpl/c MacEachern (Tous deux du dét dent d'Ottawa).

J'ai demandé à ces six personnes de me faire part de leur expérience. Voici ce qu'ils m'ont rapporté :

Première phase

Cette mission nous a donné l'opportunité de travailler côte à côte avec nos alliés américains, des philippines ainsi qu'avec d'autres provenant d'organisations civiles non gouvernementales.

Une fois notre entraînement initial et session d'orientation complétés, nous passions la plupart de nos jours à la clinique, nettoyant et préparant notre matériel dentaire. Nos journées de travail variaient facilement entre 10 et 14 heures par jour, dépendamment du nombre d'équipes disponibles et de locations planifiées pour le travail du lendemain. Lorsque nous n'étions pas impliqués avec des tâches à l'extérieur du navire, nous demeurions dans l'embarcation et travaillions à la chaise. Notre premier jour de repos « officiel » fut le 10 juin; quelle détente!

We went ashore on 3 different islands, sometimes travelling by helicopter, by boat or by convoy and always were escorted by armed personnel. At every location, the public offered a warm welcome and even though the fact language was often a barrier, a smile went a long way. We also held 3 Med/Den CAPs (Civilian Action Project) onboard whereby the patients were brought to the ship by boat (Band Aid 1). The Dental Department, assisted by some dentists of the host nation, treated close to 2000 patients, both afloat and ashore, and performed a total of 3706 dental extractions. This was generally carried out in Elementary Schools; using student desks. Cidex was our only means of infection control.

Nous sommes allés sur trois îles différentes par hélicoptère, par bateau ou convoie, et étions toujours escortés par du personnel armé. Nous étions chaudement accueillis à chaque location où nous allions malgré les différences linguistiques; c'est fou ce qu'un sourire peut faire! À bord du navire, nous avons aussi soutenus trois CAP « Civilian Action Project » où les patients nous étaient envoyés par bateau (Band Aid 1). Le département dentaire – accompagné par dentistes locaux – a traité près de 2000 patients et effectué un total de 3706 extractions dentaires. Le total de ces opérations a principalement été effectué sur le navire et au sol (sur des bureaux d'étudiants). Les patients provenaient d'écoles élémentaires. Nous utilisons du Cidex comme moyen principal de désinfection.

Together, we offered hope and relief to some of the least fortunate people of the world. At the end of each long and tiring day, there was a lot of personal satisfaction resulting from our accomplishments.

Ensemble, nous avons procuré espoir et soulagement aux plus démunis du monde; nous en retirons une immense satisfaction professionnelle.



The Philippines



Cidex Disinfection

Second phase

After boarding in Singapore, we left for Bangladesh and Indonesia. On average, we stayed 8 to 10 days on each island, performing a different mission on each of them. In Chittagong, Bangladesh, our goal was to perform the maximum amount of surgery to correct cleft lip and palate. Most of the surgeries were performed onboard the ship due to a delicate political environment.

Our next port of call was Simeulue Island, Indonesia. It was our first time off the ship since we had left Singapore. What a cultural shock to see so many people living in poverty but yet so much happiness! Our mission was to provide immunizations, dentistry, eye exams and glasses service, corrective surgery for malformation, etc.

Then we were off to Nias Island, Indonesia. Even though this island was severely hit by an earthquake approximately a year ago, the population was showing no effect of this major disaster. This was probably due to the fact that they have grown accustomed to these types of disastrous events. The goal of this mission was to provide primary care to the locals.

Our last stop was in the island of Banda Aceh, Indonesia. The closer we got to the shore, the more we could see the devastating effects of the December 26, 2004 Tsunami. Even after 18 months of reconstruction, this island still looked like a disaster area. Most of the population was living in refugee camps or in makeshift shelters set up on their old land. We were there to provide primary care to the locals, fix any medical equipment and also to share our knowledge and expertise with all local military and civilian medical staff.

On a personal note, MCpl Lamoureux stated that this mission has changed the way she used to perceive things. "Seeing so many poor but generous and warm-hearted people living with illness made me appreciate the every-day little things we usually take for granted. My highlight during this mission was when I met a 6-year-old boy named Mohamed. His father told me, with tears in his eyes, that all they had were each other. Mohamed had lost his mother, brothers and sisters during the tsunami. He himself barely made it... His father rescued him while he was holding on to a tree branch. You could tell a lot just by looking into his eyes. The courage and composure that he was displaying was overwhelming. I will cherish this mission in my heart forever."

Deuxième phase

Nous avons commencé notre mission à Singapour, où nous avons rencontré le navire pour ensuite partir pour le Bangladesh et l'Indonésie. Nous passions en moyenne 8 à 10 jours sur chaque île. Chaque endroit où nous sommes arrêtés représentait une mission différente. À Chittagong, Bangladesh, le but était d'accomplir le maximum de chirurgie pour corriger les palais et les bords de lèvres. Due à la situation politique, la majorité des interventions ont été effectuées à bord du navire.

Notre prochain arrêt était sur l'île de Simeulue, en Indonésie. Ce fut notre premier arrêt depuis que le navire avait quitté Singapour. Quel choc culturel cela fut de voir tous ces gens vivant dans la pauvreté, bien que tellement heureux! Notre mission à cet endroit était de fournir la vaccination, la dentisterie, l'ophtalmologie, des chirurgies pour corriger des malformations, etc.

Nous avons ensuite quitté pour l'île de Nias en Indonésie. Cette région fut sévèrement ébranlée par un tremblement de terre l'an dernier. Malgré cela, la population ne semblait démontrer aucun signe du tragique incident. Ceci était probablement dû au fait que les gens sont habitués à de tels bouleversements, ayant grandi dans ce type d'environnement. Notre mission dans cette région était de fournir des soins élémentaires à la population locale.

Notre dernier arrêt fut sur l'île de Banda Aceh, toujours en Indonésie. À mesure que nous nous approchions de la côte, nous pouvions constater les dommages causés par le tsunami du 26 décembre 2004. L'île reflétait toujours un état de catastrophe, 18 mois après ce désastre. La plupart de la population vivait dans des camps de réfugiés ou des abris de fortune. Notre mission était principalement de fournir des soins de santé élémentaires à la population, de réparer leur équipement médical brisé ainsi que partager notre connaissance et expérience aux militaires et civils locaux oeuvrant dans le domaine de la santé.

La cplc Lamoureux nous partage, sur une note un peu plus personnelle, que cette mission a complètement changé sa vision dont elle percevait les choses auparavant. Elle affirme : « Le fait de voir tant de gens vivre avec la maladie et avoir si peu mais, en même temps, être si chaleureux et

Mohamed



capable de donner si généreusement, m'a fait réaliser à quel point nous devrions apprécier les petites choses que nous prenons pour acquis sur une base quotidienne. Le point culminant de cette mission pour moi fût de rencontrer un jeune garçon de six ans nommé Mohamed. Son père me partageait, avec larmes aux yeux, que tout ce qu'ils possédaient était l'un et l'autre. Mohamed a perdu sa mère, ses frères et sœurs lors du tsunami. Il l'a échappé belle! Il a été secouru par son père tandis qu'il se tenait accroché à une branche d'arbre. Son regard en disait tellement! Le courage et le calme qui transpirait de lui étaient époustoufflants. À jamais, je garderai les souvenirs de cette mission dans mon cœur.»



*Where is MCpl
Lamoureux?*

*Où est la cplc
Lamoureux?*

Third phase

Treatment provided to locals was limited to consultations and dental extractions. Everywhere we went, hundreds of people were waiting to receive treatment. On our third day in Kupang, we saw 187 patients and performed over 254 dental extractions. All of that was performed under canvas with a team made of three DOs/Techs.

Troisième phase

Les traitements dispensés aux habitants locaux se limitaient à des consultations et des extractions dentaires. Partout où nous allions, des centaines de personnes nous attendaient afin de recevoir des traitements. Lors de notre troisième jour à Kupang nous avons vu 187 patients et extrait 254 dents et ce, avec une équipe de 3 dentistes et 3 techniciens dentaires sous une tente.

MCpl MacEachern's main duties onboard ship consisted of clinical duties similar to the ones in our dental clinics. Her secondary duties were the ones of 2 I/C clinic coordinator and various cleaning duties. Ashore, Dental Technicians were responsible for managing the site set up, running it and tearing it down. MCpl MacEachern stated that being a participant in the US Navy's "Crossing the line" (Equator) ceremony was great fun.

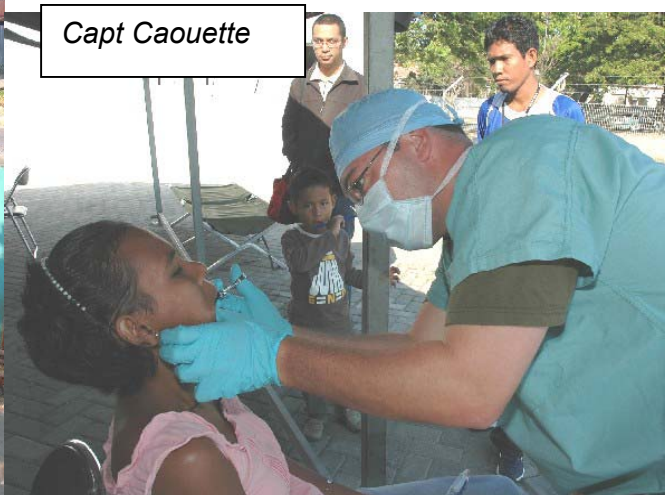
In Kupang, we attended an opening ceremony that involved Malaysians, Indians, Indonesians and Americans colleagues. We also saw a traditional Folk dance during that time and were provided with an excellent meal as well as with an artisan hack as a courtesy gift. Capt Caouette stated: "I was very proud of being Canadian since we are so appreciated and respected in the entire world. This experience allowed me to recognize the value of other cultures, to make new friendships from people living in different countries and to be more grateful for little things I used to take for granted."

Quant à la cplc MacEachern, ses tâches principales à bord du navire étaient semblables à celles que nous avons en clinique. Ses devoirs secondaires consistaient à être l'adjoint du coordonnateur de clinique ainsi que plusieurs tâches de nettoyage. Une fois à terre, la tâche principale des techniciens dentaires était de superviser le montage du camp, son opération ainsi que son démantèlement. La cplc MacEachern affirme que de participer à la cérémonie de la « US Navy », lors du passage de l'équateur, fût très agréable.

Nous avons participé à la cérémonie d'ouverture à Kupang avec des confrères malais, indiens, indonésiens et américains. Nous avons aussi eu droit à une démonstration de danse folklorique, à un excellent repas ainsi qu'à une écharpe de fabrication artisanale en guise de cadeau de courtoisie. Le capt Caouette ajoute : « J'étais très fier d'être Canadien car nous sommes très respectés et appréciés partout dans le monde. Cette expérience m'a permis de découvrir d'autres cultures, de me faire plusieurs amis parmi différentes nationalités et d'apprécier davantage les petites choses de la vie quotidienne que je prenais auparavant pour acquis. »



MCpl Sherri MacEachern



Capt Caouette

Words from the UCWO

If given the opportunity to participate in a similar activity, would you?

Mot de l'adjuc U

Comme nous sommes enrôlés dans le FC pour servir notre pays, seriez-vous prêt à faire partie d'une telle équipe, si une opportunité semblable venait encore à se présenter?



CFHIS Update

by Major Nathalie Morin, D Dent Svcs D DP-3



CFHIS; the saga...

Just before the Holiday Season, it is time to bring you up to date on the CFHIS Project. November has been an interesting month on that regard. Dr Miles, a well-known oral radiologist, and a guru of dental digital imaging, invited Major Richard Groves and Bruce MacLeod to visit the digital radiography installation at the Arizona School of Dentistry. There, they were able to witness the use of digital imaging equipment and discuss various issues, which will help in the writing of specifications for the purchase of digital equipment for the CFDS. The imaging component of the software should be piloted in the spring of 2007.

Also, a visit to the Adstra Company located in Toronto was an occasion to meet with the software development team, and to confirm some of the interesting improvements that will be brought to the software in the year 2007. The Trenton meeting will

be the opportunity to reveal some of these forthcoming enhancements.

As many of you already know, the dental software was first piloted in the Ottawa, Esquimalt and Edmonton dental clinics, and then the rollout started. By the end of December 2006, 9 dental clinics will be operational with electronic dental records (Ottawa, Esquimalt, Edmonton, Valcartier, Kingston, Trenton, North Bay, Petawawa, and Toronto). All remaining sites should be trained before the summer of 2007, with implementation to follow shortly.

The CFHIS training team looks forward to meeting all of you, as they really like training dental clinic staffs. They consistently report how well organized and enthusiastic dental services people are. Keep up the good work, and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

QL 6A Dent Tech Course, CFDSS

*Warrant Officer Mark Horodecky
Dent Trg WO, CFMSS/CFDSS*

This course ran from 16 Oct to 01 Dec 2006, which was one of the first bi-lingual courses to run at the school. The Course Director was WO Dave Southall and Course Warrant was WO Mark Horodecky. This extensive course was filled with many exams, long nights of studying and seven days in the field. As luck would have it; there was lots of sunshine that helped with group morale. The course was capped off by a Graduation Parade with a Medical QL3 course. The reviewing officer was LCol Levesque, D DPP and he also presented the award for Overall Top Candidate to Sgt Tracy Gauthier, I Dent Det Winnipeg. Also, a member of the inspection party, CWO Leitch, Dental Br CWO, presented the CFDSS Chief Warrant Officer Shield to Sgt Marie-Christine Ouellet, 5 Fd Amb. Well done to all the students.



AN IMPORTANT STEP MARKED IN HISTORY OF 1 DENTAL UNIT

UN GRAND PAS DANS L'HISTOIRE DE LA 1^{ÈRE} UNITÉ DENTAIRE

Adjudant-maitre / Master Warrant Officer Sylvain Luneau

Last September 7th marked a very important day in the history of 1 Dental Unit and the Canadian Forces Dental Services: The Change of Appointment Ceremony between Chief Warrant Officer P.G. Leitch and Chief Warrant Officer J.L.D. Giroux. The ceremony was presided by Col J.C. Taylor, Commanding Officer of 1 Dental Unit.

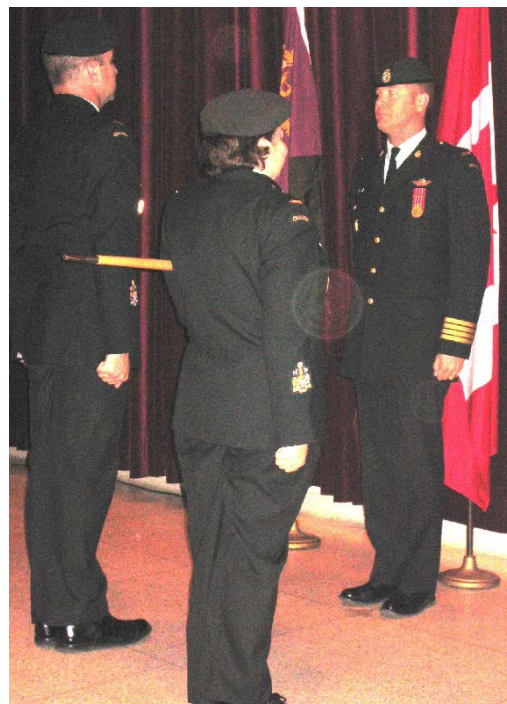
The Ceremony, the first of its kind, saw the outgoing Unit Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Leitch symbolically present the 1 Dental Unit Chief Warrant Officer's cane to the Commanding Officer. In turn, he presented the cane to the incoming Unit Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Giroux. CWO Patricia Leitch was the first Unit Chief Warrant Officer to be appointed to this position and she held the position for three years.

The Ceremony took place in the auditorium of the Canadian Forces Health Services Centre in the presence of Colonel D.E. Hogberg, Deputy Commander, who represented the Commander of Canadian Forces Health Services Group. Colonel S.A. Becker, Director of Dental Services, and his staff, along with members of the Senior Council and Headquarters of 1 Dental Unit were also in attendance.

Le 07 sep 2006 dernier a marqué un jour important dans l'histoire de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire et le SDFC. Une cérémonie de passation de fonctions entre l'adjuC P.G. Leitch et l'adjuC J.L.D. Giroux était présidé par le Commandant de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire Colonel J.C. Taylor.

La cérémonie était la première de la sorte où l'adjuC sortant Leitch a symboliquement présenté la cane de l'adjuC de l'Unité au Commandant Colonel Taylor qui s'ai tourné vers l'adjuC Giroux pour lui remettre en main symbolisant son entré en poste. Étant la première a avoir tenue le titre d'Adjudant-chef de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire, l'adjuC Patricia Leitch a tenue ce poste pour une période de trois ans.

La cérémonie a eu lieu dans l'auditorium du Centre des Services de Santé des Forces canadiennes en présence du Commandant Adjoint, Col D.E. Hogberg qui représentait le Commodore M.F. Kavanagh, chef du Gp Svcs S FC. Le Directeur du Service dentaire, Colonel S.A. Becker, son personnel, les membres du conseil senior et ainsi que les membres du QG de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire y étaient aussi présents pour l'évènement.



During his address, the Colonel Taylor reminded the audience of the importance of traditions and how symbolic events such of this one contributed to the preservation of our culture.

Following the ceremony, all enjoyed coffee and cake in the 1 Dental Unit HQ's Conference Room. Everyone felt very proud to have been a part of this memorable occasion.

Outgoing UCWO June 2003-July 2006

Chief Warrant Officer Patricia Leitch was born in Chicoutimi, Quebec, where her father served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. In May 1977, she enrolled in the Canadian Forces and completed her recruit school and training as a Musician at the Canadian Forces Music School in Esquimalt. In 1979, after completing QL3 and QL4 training on French horn, she was posted to the Air Command Band, Winnipeg. Upon completion of JLC in 1980, was promoted to Sgt.

Upon a voluntary occupation transfer in 1986, CWO Leitch held several positions throughout the normal rank progression within the dental clinics such as caporal chairside in Cornwallis, floor supervisor in Esquimalt, coordinator in Dent Det North Bay, Cold Lake, Petawawa and Ottawa.

CWO Leitch has always been involved in the local community. She has participated in many volunteer organizations such as the Canadian Cancer Society, the local High School Bursary Fund, the local women's shelter, and is a supporter for the March of Dimes. She was also an avid curler and a member of the North Bay Women's League Curling Association.

Some of her military training involved the General Military Training Recruit Instructor course, QL6A Dental Clinic Assistant Supervisor, ILQ and Advance French Language Training. She participated in several TDs and exercise such as RV89 in Wainwright and VIP driver for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Vancouver.

After assuming the position of 1 Dental Unit Chief Warrant Officer for last three years, she has now moved onward to assume the Canadian Forces Dental Services Branch Chief Warrant Officer's position, where she also represent the NCMs on the Canadian Dental Assistant Association's Board of Directors.

Le commandant de la première Unité dentaire, Col Taylor a rappelé à audience l'importance des traditions et des événements symboliques comme celle-ci.

Suite à la cérémonie, tous ont été invités à partager gâteau et café dans la salle de conférence de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire. Nous nous sommes tous sentis fier de faire parti d'un tel événement mémorable et je suis content de le partager avec vous tous.

L'adjuc sortant juin 2003- juillet 2006

L'adjudant chef Patricia Leitch est née à Chicoutimi, Québec, où son père servait dans la Royal Canadian Air Force. En mai 1977, elle s'enrôle dans les forces canadiennes et compléta son entraînement de base et son entraînement de musicienne à l'École de musique des Forces canadiennes d'Esquimalt. En 1979, après avoir complété ses qualifications niveau 3 et 4 sur le Corps français, elle fut mutée au sein de la fanfare du Commandement de l'Air de Winnipeg. Après avoir terminé son cours de cplc en 1980, elle est promu au grade de Sgt.

En 1986, adjuc Leitch effectua un changement d'occupation volontaire en tant qu'auxiliaire dentaire et occupa une variété de postes à travers une progression normale à des grades comme par exemples, assistante dentaire à la chaise à Cornwallis, superviseur de plancher à Esquimalt, coordinateur de clinique au dét dentaire de North Bay, Cold Lake, Petawawa et Ottawa.

Adjuc Leitch sait toujours impliqué dans la communauté en tant que volontaire active au sein de la Société canadienne du cancer, au Fond de la bourse de l'école secondaire et à la Maison des femmes et fut une supportrice du *March of Dimes*. Elle a aussi été un membre de l'équipe féminine dans l'association Curling de la ligue des femmes de North Bay.

Son entraînement militaire a inclus une série de cours dont le cours d'instructeur de recrues et entraînement militaire générale, le cours de superviseur NQ6A, cours de QIL et le cours de langue seconde avancé. Elle a participé à plusieurs DT, tel que, RV89 à Wainwright et en tant que chauffeur de VIP à la rencontre des têtes dirigeantes du Commonwealth à Vancouver.

Après avoir tenu le poste en tant que l'adjuc de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire durant les trois dernières années, l'adjuc Leitch a été mutée dans son poste actuel et assume les fonctions de l'adjuc de la Branche dentaire des Forces canadienne où elle représente aussi les MRs sur le conseil d'administration de l'Association des assistants et assistantes dentaires canadiens.

Incoming UCWO

Born in Montréal, Québec on 26 December 1962, Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Giroux has had a very fulfilling career. After joining the Canadian Forces in November 1980 and completing his training as an Infantryman, he was posted to the Royal 22^e Régiment at La Citadelle de Québec where he served until 1987. During this time, he deployed with the UN in Cyprus, from September 1981 to April of 1982

Upon his voluntary occupation transfer to Dental Assistant, he was posted to the Valcartier Detachment. During this time he held several positions from the rank of Corporal to Sergeant within the detachment which brought him to serve with the 90 Communication Squadron in Bahrain and worked onboard USNS Mercy as a Maxillofacial assistant during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. He also served in ex-Yugoslavia (CANBAT 2) as a Dental Assistant.

CWO Giroux's postings and positions included Canadian Forces Dental Services School as Standard Sergeant, Dent Det Edmonton and Dent Det Ottawa as Dental Clinic Coordinator and 1 Dental Unit Headquarter as Regional Master Warrant Officer (West). He assumed his current position last July.

CWO Giroux is married to Doriane Simard and has three children: Samuel, Patricia and Geneviève.

Entrant en poste

Né à Montréal, le 26 décembre 1962, adjudant-chef Giroux a eu une carrière bien remplie. Après son enrôlement dans les Forces canadiennes en novembre 1980 et après avoir complété son entraînement de fantassin, il est muté au Royal 22^e Régiment de la Citadelle de Québec jusqu'en 1987 où il servit avec l'ONU à Chypre de septembre 1981 à avril 1982.

Après avoir son transfère d'occupation comme assistant dentaire, il est muté au sein du détachement de Valcartier où il occupa diverses positions du grade de cpl à sgt et qui lui permit de servir avec la 90^e Escadre de Communication à Bahrain où il travail à bord du USNS Mercy en tant qu'assistant au chirurgien maxillo-facial durant l'Opération Bouclier du désert et Tempête du désert. Il fut aussi déployé en Yougoslavie (CANBAT 2) sous l'emblème de l'ONU en 1995.

L'adjudc Giroux a aussi tenu diverses positions comme par exemples sgt des normes à l'École des Services Dentaire des Forces canadienne, et comme coordinateurs de clinique dentaire au détachement d'Edmonton, Ottawa et comme adjudant-maître régionale(W) au Quartier-Générale de la 1^{ère} Unité dentaire. Il est promu à son grade actuel en juillet 2006 et assume la position d'adjudant chef de la 1^{re} Unité dentaire.

Adjudc Giroux est marié à Doriane Simard. Ils ont trois enfants: Samuel, Patricia et Geneviève.

