



*Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association
L'Association du Corps Dentaire Royal Canadien*



NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN
December 2010

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UNPAID RCDCA ANNUAL DUES

We note that quite a few RCDCA members are not paying their annual dues and we cannot keep mailing to those who do not pay their fair share. A personal letter will be mailed to those individuals later in 2011, advising them of their dues status and asking if they want to stay in the RCDCA or if they want to leave us. In the mean time please look at your dues status (it is written on the mailing label of the envelope that held this newsletter). If the label shows 2009 it means that is the last year you paid your dues. A return envelope is included as is the 2011 RCDCA enrol form. If you are all paid up feel free to recruit a new member using the enrol form.

Please send all checks to the RCDCA treasurer, Cliff Beauchamp.
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Please keep in mind the Dental Corps 100th Birthday will be in 2015 so start looking for old photos as we plan to gather as much of our history as possible.



Colonel James C. Taylor, CD, QHDS, BSc, DMD, MA, Cert Prosth

Director of Dental Services / Directeur du service dentaire

Congratulations from the RCDCA to Colonel Taylor on his appointment as the Director of Dental Services

REGIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION/GOLF/CURLING

Golf and Curling each year are back and the CFDS is running them with RCDCA input. These annual events will be run across Canada in association with six major C.F. Bases (Halifax-Valcartier-Ottawa-Petawawa-Edmonton-Victoria. Dental Continuing Education (C.E.) is the focus and Golf or Curling are included. All RCDCA may attend the CE and the Golf or Curling.

Here is the latest info on the next event Golf and CE at BFC Valcartier this summer. There will be no military accommodation available.

Dates: 8-9 June 2011

Location: Quebec City

Recommended accommodations: Hotel Sepia, www.hotelsepia.ca

Schedule:

07 June 2011

Meet and Greet

Location: La Citadelle Officer's Mess

8 June 2011

Continuing Education Lectures (Ortho, Endo, Oral Surgery, Operative Dentistry)

Location: Hotel Sepia

9 June 2011

Golf Tournament (Shotgun format) + BBQ

Location: Club de golf Castor, CFB Valcartier

Registration to be completed via 1 Dental Unit web site in April 2011, <http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/health-sante/1du-ud/default-eng.asp>

The above is just a heads up as details will be released later. While there will be no military accommodation I am aware that Gerry Gosselin (an RCDCA member) may have some cottages available in the area

Please contact him for details. 418 659-3221 gosselingerald@hotmail.com

CFDS publishes newsletter which is like the old RCDC –CFDS Quarterly and we (RCDCA), have access to it on line.

To see the latest and back issues of CFDS Newsletters go to:

http://web.mac.com/rsgroves/CFDS_Newsletter/CFDS_Newsletters.html

There you will see the newsletters. These newsletter files are in Portable Document Format (PDF); which means you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and read the newsletter. Adobe Acrobat is free on line. You should first make a folder on your computer to accept the download. Download the newsletter file you want, do not try to read it on line you may freeze up your PC and block others.

PC users: Please ‘right-click’ on the links (the icon of the issue you want and choose ‘Save target as’ instead of trying to open the file directly. Then left click to save it to the folder you created on your computer. **Mac users:** Please ‘right-click’ (2-button mouse) or ctrl-click on the links and choose ‘Download Linked File’.

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Ces bulletins de nouvelles sont sur le Web avec la permission du Directeur - Service dentaire afin de faciliter l'accès aux membres de SDFC ainsi qu'aux membres de l'Association du CDRC.

Ces dossiers sont sous format PDF ce qui veut dire que vous aurez besoin du programme Adobe Acrobat comme lecteur pour ouvrir et lire le Bulletin de nouvelles après avoir téléchargé ce programme.

Adobe Acrobat est gratuit sur l'Internet. Vous devrez créer une filière qui acceptera le programme une fois téléchargé. N'essayez pas de lire le bulletin sur le Net vous pourriez "geler" votre ordinateur.

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We have several articles “On the Go”; so if you have contributed but have yet to see yours in an RCDCA Newsletter, please be patient ...its been a busy season we will print it soon.

If we have forgotten , overlooked or missed something sorry -please remind us

RCDCA E-MAILS

From time to time the RCDCA e-mails that are sent come back indicating the address is no longer valid or that your e-mail box is full.

There are three RCDCA e-mail groups:

#1 RCDCA News

#2 RCDCA Humor

#3 RCDCA Military Matters (documents, pictures and short videos of military equipment and events).

If you are supposed to be on all or any of these groups but you are not receiving them, please tell me.

If your name is on the following list the RCDCA e-mails that are sent to you are bounced back to me with a message that says your e-mail address is either wrong or non-existent. It is up to you to send me an e-mail to provide a good e-mail address

- 1. Andre Marcil**
- 2. Betty Toporowski**
- 3. Frank Lovely**
- 4.**

I am at prm@rogers.com

LOST SURFACE MAIL CONTACTS

From time to time RCDCA newsletters are returned to us by Canada Post with notes like “address unknown” or “moved”

We don't like to “lose” RCDCA members due to a move or a changed address. If you move, be sure we have the correct address.

LAST POST



Cartwright David G. Major
Franklin Elliot M. Claude Major
Bourque Joseph D. Major
MacDonald Gerald J. (Gerry) MWO
Muir John A. (Sandy) Sgt
Ferguson Howard A. Major
Chartrand Harvey J. Major
Graham Edward W. Lt/Col
Jermain Ernest A. (Ernie) WO
Black Russel S. MWO
Posyluzny Daniel (Dan) MWO
Kidd Vernon R. (Mickey) MWO
Deloughery Thomas J. (Tom) MWO
White Pamela, (Pam) Cpl

We Will Remember Them

Cartwright David G. – David Cartwright passed away peacefully Thursday June 10, 2010 at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario in his 93rd year. Dave is survived by loving daughter Barbara, son-in-law Jerome, granddaughter Sarah and her husband Brett and grandchildren. Dave, a RCDC Veteran of WWII served in the Corps until his retirement in 1971 as CO of 1 DED.



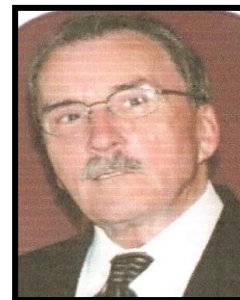
Franklin Elliot M. Claude – Claude Franklin passed away Nov. 8, 2001 in Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Fredericton N.B. after a courageous battle with cancer at age 81. The son of the late William and Pearl (Vidito) Franklin. He was predeceased by wife Eleanor (Gray), sisters Merritt Schiff, Helen Grainger, Doris Schneider and brother Avar. Survived by son John (Maureen O'Neil) Franklin. Claude was born in Digby N.S., was a decorated RCAF pilot in WWII and a distinguished Dental Officer in the RCDC.



Bourque Joseph D. – Joe passed away June 1, 2010 at age 89. Predeceased by parents Hilaire and Ida (Sampson) Bourque and brothers Ernie and Claude. Survived by loving wife Margaret Maude (Boudreau), daughters Shelia Stewart, Catherine Moulton, Rosemary Enman, sons Douglas and Danny and sisters Frances Digout and Marie Boucher. Dr Joseph Daniel Bourque of River Bourgeois, Cape Breton served in WWII with the RCNVR and in Korea with the RCDC.



MacDonald J. Gerald (Jerry) - Jerry passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit of the Prince Edward Home, Charlottetown on Wednesday May 12, 2010 at age 80. Predeceased by wives Louisa (Rossiter) and Irma (Oliver), brothers Leo and Athol; and infant son Ian. Survived by sons Rod, Doug and daughter Jane, three brothers and one sister. Jerry served in the RCDC as a Dental Hygienist retiring in 1984 outside of Charlottetown continuing in private practice in the Dental Field.



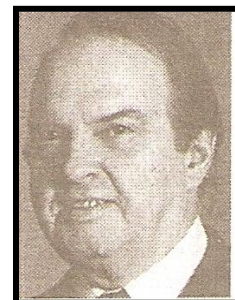
Muir John A. (Sandy) – Sandy passed away Monday August 9th 2010 in his 65th year, at Parkwood Hospital, London, Ontario. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Sonia Muir, sons Dirk, Jeffrey and brother Jim Muir, Predeceased by his father John (Jock), mother Nellie Muir and sister Claire Baker. Sandy served in the Armed Forces in the RCDC for twenty years, retiring with the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service he worked in the security industry until his retirement in 2009.



Ferguson Howard A. (Howie) – Howard passed away suddenly at home, August 2nd 2010, in his 86th year. Predeceased by his loving wife Mary (Payette). Survived by son Doug, daughter Nancy and her husband Barry Lavender. Howard served with 25 Cdn Fd Unit in Korea in 1952.



Chartrand Harvey J. – Dr Chartrand passed away peacefully at The May Court Hospice Thursday, September 30th at the age of 90 years. Predeceased by his loving wife Marie Chartrand (nee Crooks), brother Redmond, sister-in-law Lucille, parents Dr Harvey A. Chartrand DDS and Mary Theresa (nee Redmond). Survived by son Harvey Jr, daughter Cynthia (Graham Bird) and brother Maurice(Margaret). Harvey served in the Dental Corps from 1948 to 1954 at which time he entered private practice.



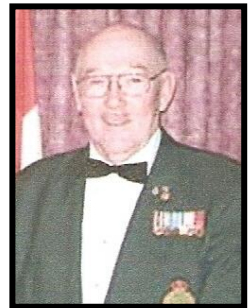
Graham Edward W. – Edward passed away on September 28th 2010 in Victoria B.C at age 68. Ed is mourned by wife Patty, daughters Andrea Graham, Dawn Graham (Pat Ainsworth), sons Mathew (Dyana) and Owen (Lee Ann) Graham and sisters Sam Duke (Richard) and Cloe Cameron. Ed served 30 years with distinction in the Canadian Army Branch.



Jermain Ernest A. – Ernie A. Jermain passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Sensenbrenner Hospital, Kapiskasing, Ontario at age 77 years. He is survived by spouse Dolly Popadynetz and stepsons Tony (Ann Marie), Thomas (Kathryn) and three grandchildren. Predeceased by mother Olive, father Frank, sisters Francis Newberry and Helen Stasiuk. Ernie was a member of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps for 25 years serving in both Korea and Egypt (UNEF).



Black Russel S. (Russ) – Russ passed away on 30th October 2010 in Victoria BC. Born April 3, 1943 in Windsor, Ontario. Survived by his mother Jean Black and sister Tammy Hollett (Rick). Russ joined the RCASC Soldier Apprentice plan in 1959, then in 1965 became a dental Lab Tech. He retired in 1995 as a Master Warrant Officer after 36 years service.



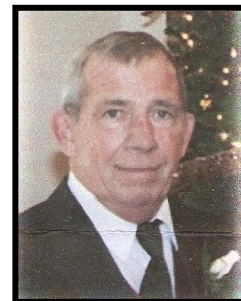
Posyluzny Daniel S. – Dan passed away suddenly on Sunday 14th November 2010 in Chilliwack BC. He is survived by wife Jan and two daughters. Dan retired from the RCDC in 1971 as a Master Warrant Officer in The Dental Equipment Maintenance Trade after 21 plus years service that included a tour in Korea.



Kidd Vernon R. (Mickey) – Mickey passed away suddenly Thursday 18 November 2010 in his 78th year. He is survived by his wife Marie Kidd (McGowan), predeceased by Eleanor Kid (Blanchard), also survived by daughters Catherine Toth (Don), Margaret Barriage (Gary), Michael Clarke (Glenn), son Robert Kidd (Janice), brother Gregg and sisters Marjorie, Mavis and Sylvia. Predeceased by parents John and Viola Kidd, brothers Kenneth, Irving, Arnold, Edison, John, Donald and Malcom. Mickey retired in 1977 after 25 years as a Dental Hygienist in The Dental Corps.



Deloughery Thomas J. (Tom) – Tom passed away peacefully at home in Petawawa, Ontario Oct. 26, 2010 in his 73rd year. Survived by loving wife Marian Deloughery (Charette), sons Mark (Arlene) and Tim, daughters Erica and Kelly (Warren Larocque), brother Robert (Dora) and sister Francis Foisy (Victor). Predeceased by parents Ernie and Mildred Deloughery . Tom a Dental Hygienist in the Dental Corps, retired in 1986 as a Master Warrant Officer after 25 years service.



White Pamela (Pam) – Pamela passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 30th May 2010 in Nanaimo, B.C. Pam was a member in the RCAF who served as a Dental Assistant with the Corps for several years in many locations throughout Canada.

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NEW RCDCA MEMBERS 2010

Welcome/Bienvenue

- 1. Ivan Wambera Kanata ,ON**
- 2. Cheryl Boone Kingston,ON**
- 3. Lucien Bosse Dorval, PQ**
- 4. Cpl Norine Ebel Trenton ON**
- 5. Beth Brogan Dartmouth NS**
- 6. Doug Cormie St. Malo MB**
- 7. Barbara Cartwright Ithaca, NY**
- 8. Doug Davies Trenton ON**

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Gary Bowser

I hope all is well with you all. I am enjoying my retirement spending my winters curling and helping out at a Masonic lodge and I take over as President of the Shrine Club January 2011.

Major Corinne B Leek

Still foolishly pursuing a new career as a volunteer bookkeeper for two churches. Doing some art. Studying both Greek and Hebrew. Glad to receive all the news.

Cheryl Boone

I have a home-based bookkeeping business. I work a few hours a week for Bob Gillis (financial). I have a small (40 acre) farm within the city. I have a couple of horses, a donkey, a couple of pot-bellied pigs, 6 cats and 4 dogs.

CPL – retired Norine Ebel

After being medically released in 2004, I immediately joined PSAC at 1 DUHQ and remained until August 2009. I retired fully at that time due to ongoing eye problems at the age of 46. I presently am undergoing my 10th eye surgery but am very happy here in Trenton with my husband of 27 years. I have two sons 25 and 23.

Capt. Ivan C. Wambera

I am married, work part-time. I am an orthodontist. I have 3 children – 4 grandchildren – all over Canada. I am as sporty as I ever was. Not as crazy as before – 3 marathons – 1 World loppet Master. Professionally, I have served 1 term as Ottawa area rep on the Royal College of Dentist Surgeons of Ontario Board. I have lectured on orthodontics at Algonquin College and at various seminars, especially with Col. Amos in Vail, Co. on surgical orthodontics. I also have 4 step children and 3 grandchildren. U of T graduate 1965 and orthodontics 1972.

L.Col Ken Musselman

Hello from Wasaga Beach. Lois and I are still living at this fine beach for the time being. Lois finally retired after teaching secondary school for 42 years. She taught in Nova Scotia, Germany and Ontario.

Now she plans to spend most of her time travelling to Vancouver to visit our first grandchild and Cape Breton where she grew up.

As for myself, I did a dental maternity leave in Parry Sound from October until February. Although I only worked three days a week, I was very happy to see the end of the term. I have come to the conclusion that it is time to fully retire even though I do enjoy doing dentistry and find that the profession is so interesting with the new technology.

In the Fall, Dr. Dave Tisch (retired Maj) and myself had the good fortune to attend a Base Dental Officer Training mess dinner at Borden as guests of LCol Bob Hart. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening which brought back many fond memories to us. The only item lacking was

completing the evening with a serving of “Egg-in-the-Hole”. However, as Dave had a 5:30 a.m. spinning class and I was just tired, we called it an evening at an early hour.

As I am still emphatically interested in dentistry, I attended the Toronto Academy Winter Clinic (TAWC) as well as the Pacific Dental Convention in Vancouver. At the TAWC, I had the pleasure to hear an excellent presentation by Major Antonella Trache on Afghanistan, as Seen Through the Eyes of an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. The dental/medical work that is being done by the members of the Canadian Dental Services is second to none. It is unfortunate that the public is not aware of this humanitarian contribution to the Afghanistan society and the NATO forces that the Canadian Military is providing. The attendees at this presentation were so impressed with Maj Trache that she received a standing ovation at the end of her lecture. In my 37 years as a dentist, I have never seen any clinician receive a standing ovation at a convention.

Also, while in Vancouver for the Pacific Dental Convention, I had the pleasure to attend a reception by the US Consulate General to honour the men and women of the Afghanistan conflict. What an enjoyable evening to mingle with these individuals and again be reminded of the outstanding work that the Canadian Military is doing and greatly appreciated by the United States.

In February, Lois and I attended the winter Olympics in Vancouver. What a blast! It was such a treat for us to wander the streets of Vancouver and Whistler and be part of the continuous party atmosphere. The events were exciting but the street parties with so many interesting people made for an extraordinary experience; an experience that I was pleased to witness. Also, Lois and I did bike the 42 mile ‘Five Borough Tour of New York City’ which was an unbelievable fun experience. We found that the drivers of the motor vehicles in New York City were most respectful to the cyclist than the drivers are in Ontario.

Finally as a reminder that I should take more time to play, this Spring I received my gold pin from the University of Toronto as a 50 year graduate from Physical and Health Education. How time flies!

For the time being, I continue to enjoy life and keep busy by travelling, biking, skiing, and playing pathetic golf. Of course, in my spare time I visit my daughters in Hong Kong (soon to be moving to Singapore), Vancouver and Toronto.

As these summer months seem to be flying by, I am now planning my Fall/Winter itinerary. Hopefully, I will meet up with many ex CF personnel to reminisce our unique CF experiences that we were so fortunate to share.

David Jones

Janet and I really enjoyed our visit to Ottawa and our opportunity to visit old friends.

Jacques Parent

Je demeure en Floride (Davie) avec mon épouse 5 mois par année durant les mois d'hiver. Je pratique encore la Denturologie sur une base partielle lorsque je suis présent au Québec (Breakeyville), et encore en bonne santé. J'apprécie beaucoup votre newsletter/bulletin. Keep up the good work guys

Carolyn Bresee, CDA II

Certified Dental Assistant, CDA II. At CFB Kingston and the Royal Military College (RMC), Kingston, Ontario. I enjoy working with the Canadian Forces Military Dental Unit. Helping DO's and Civilian Dentists to treat CF Members to be fit from a dental perspective and ready for deployment. Being a part of 'the big picture' makes me feel like I have contributed. Volunteer member with the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command – Upper Rideau Branch 542. Going into my 21st Continuous Year of Service.

Both of my parents were active in WW II. My dad, Wesley Cavendish Sweet (dec. Aug. 1988), served with the First Hussars Canada. My mom, Harmina (Mientje) Sweet (nee Dykstra), served with the Dutch underground and was a courier. After the war ended, they wrote back and forth for about a year. Mom came to Canada and they married. I am so proud of my parents for their many sacrifices. Therefore, I have a great appreciation for our past, present and future Canadian Forces.

Del Bresee

Retired teacher, thirty-three years with the Ottawa Public School Board and Ottawa Board of Education. Taught academic classes for a short time, then taught Industrial Arts, followed by Special Education Shop classes at Borden School, Bronson Avenue, Ottawa. In 1967 I joined the Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary as a Probationary Constable. The O.P.P. Aux. is a volunteer organization whose members act as the second person in the police cruiser. When I retired from the Auxiliary sixteen years later, it was with the rank of Auxiliary Inspector responsible for thirty-three members under me. I have my amateur radio licence (VE3ABB). I have been actively supporting my local federal Member of Parliament while I lived in Leeds/Grenville Counties. We lived near Westport until last April. While teaching in Ottawa, I enjoyed barbershop singing with the Capital Chorus.

Major Ted McDermott

Hello to all ...well as they say getting old isn't always easy, how true where does it all go and on the funny side memory doesn't always work the way it used to. The sad part I find is that I'm losing many of our old friends to the point that it's sometimes hard to get a foursome for bridge, but let's look at the bright side , Ruth and I are still getting along with life pretty well. My best to all my comrades

LCol Ian MacDonald

Greetings to all members of the RCDC Association down East -Halifax to be specific ---Sheila and I are quite well and continue to spend 5 to 6 months of our summer cottage in Stanley and Bridge, PEI. It's all closed up now and we are huddled down in Halifax for the winter. Had a good summer lots of visitors, gardening and of course me playing golf, and three games a week is the norm. I have good choices for quality courses within 10 to 15 min, and at risk of bragging, I was able to play my age on several occasions, and yes I counted every stroke.

Also, I curl during the winter ...couple times a week.... and it was thrilling for me to participate with CF DS curling at CFB Halifax in 2009. There were not many old-timers present only Stanley McLean , Ches Shave, Doug Eisner and myself. I keep all RCDCA newsletters as I like to re read them from time to time. Congratulation for continuing to do such a wonderful job best regards in closing and said no I regret to inform you that the passing of Jerry McDonald in May of 2010.

Justin McNeil and Sally/Alyson (somewhere warm on a boat) Edited)

Hi Everyone,

Well the past two months in Florida were interesting and fun.

The weather was wonderful for the first month and we got a lot done on the boat that needs good weather; painting and such.

Then the weather turned very cold. Central Florida broke records for cold and it has been the coldest December on record so far. So that moved us to inside jobs. Luckily we do have heat and a lot of Floridians do not. So we were lucky.

We also took some time to get to know the Titusville area, which includes the Kennedy Space Centre. The name of our marina is Kennedy Point Marina. Of course, it is the perfect spot for watching the Space Shuttle go up, and Discovery was first scheduled to go up on November 5, then it was postponed time after time. Now, it is scheduled to go up on February 3, and wouldn't you

know it, we won't be there. We plan to head over to the Bahamas as soon as we return to Florida from our interim trip back to Canada (urgent family matters edited out by peter))==the end of January. Time is an issue, as you have to wait for a really good day to cross over as we travel through the Gulf Stream which can be extremley unpleasant if the wind isn't from the right direction. Since the current runs north, you do not want a north wind. Sometimes people wait 3 weeks to make the crossing.

We drove to PEI arriving yesterday. We will be celebrating Christmas with Justin's sister, Cathy.) we will leave next Sunday, Boxing Day and head for Oakville for family matters . There is absolutely no snow in PEI There was snow in North Carolina and a lot in Maine. We are having a Nor'Easter here, though--strong winds and lots of rain. Not very Christmasy.

We wish each and every one of you and your loved ones, a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing most of you in the New Year.

The Second RCDC Contingent of the in Korean War

By Bill Parker

This article has been prepared in acknowledgement of the Dental Personnel including Dental Officers, Assistants, Lab Techs Admin Clerks and Storemen in addition to RCEME Electrical and Mechanical Techs, Service Corps, Cooks and Drivers who were an integral part of the Dental Unit and mobile teams, all of whom provided a high quality and very essential service under very poor and trying war-time conditions. The following is a very condensed outline of the respective dental teams, the units they provided treatment for and designated locations after Dental Detachments of No 25 Cdn Fd Dental Unit arrived at their forward locations, both North and South of the 38th parallel. The mobile clinics attached to the combat units i.e Infantry, Armoured and Artillery were located with "B" echelon of their Battalions and Regiments respectively. Clinics were also located at Dental Headquarters, No 37 Cdn Fd Ambulance (Hospital), No 37 Advanced Aid Dressing Station (forward location) and No 25 Cdn reinforcement group in Kure Japan. The clinic at No 37 Cdn Fd Ambulance though generally operated as a static clinic also was very mobile and on a regular basis providing treatment to the following Cdn Units within a 60 mile radius:

No. 25 Cdn Ordnance Fd Park
No. 191 Cdn RCEME Workshop
No. 54 Transport Coy RCASC
No. 25 Cdn Provost Coy Seoul

Due to the heavy workload and sometimes less than ideal driving conditions this clinic necessitated a constant rotation and scheduling of Dental teams. The clinic at No 25 Cdn Reinforcement Group established in Kure Japan was responsible for the treatment of Royal Canadian Navy personnel serving on the three Canadian Destroyers (HMCS Athabaskan, Cayuga and Sioux) which were operating in support of UN and Cdn troops. Additionally the clinic provided services to reinforcements from Canada as well as those Cdns returning home. This clinic also required a constant rotation and augmentation of Dental teams to meet the workload. It is essential that I acknowledge the extensive input into this article by Ernie Everett and by Merv Fediuk the longest serving member of the RCDC in Korea for providing excellent details, that have made this article possible.





Headquarters Korea 1952/53



Maj Ross Covey
CO



Capt Jim Fletcher
ADJ/QM



WO2 Ben Gareau
Camp Sgt Major



Sgt Ed Moore
Senior Admin Clerk



Cpl Red Palmer
Admin Clerk



S/Sgt Mac McLeod
NCO i/c Stores



Cpl Gerry Adams
Storeman



Pte G. Costello
Storeman



Sgt Lullam - Tpt Sgt



Cpl - Veh - Mech



Cpl - Cook



Cook



No 25 Cdn Fd Dental Unit HQ Central Lab Sect 1952/53



**WO2 Ben Gareau
Snr Lab Tech**



Sgt John Hughes



Sgt Tony Bourgeois



Sgt Herb Bilbey



Sgt Gerry Murphy



Sgt Stan Madge



Pte Marcel Beauvais



SECOND RCDC CONTINGENT OF THE KOREAN WAR



1Bn PPCLI KOREA 1952/53



1Bn PPCLI



Capt Howie Ferguson



Pte Bill Hill



Pte Scotty Volkes

1Bn R22eR KOREA 1952/53



1 Bn R22eR
191 Wksp RCME
54 Tpt RCASC
37 Fd Amb RCAMC



Capt Will Thompson



Cpl Ron Shields



Pte R. Ladrue

C Sqn LDSH (RC) KOREA 1952/53



C Sqn LDSH (RC)
HQ 25 CFDU
37 Fd Amb ADS



Maj Wally Anglin



Cpl W. Hutton



Pte R. Brown

1 Bn RCR KOREA 1952/53



1 Bn RCR
HQ 25 CFDU
1 RCHA Regt



Major Ed. Fraser



Sgt Larry Lavictoire



Pte Bill Baxter

1 RCHA Regt KOREA 1952/53



2 RCHA Regt
25 CRG
37 Fd Amb ADS



Capt Ross Kettlys



Pte H. Gethings



Pte W. White

HQ 25 CFDU KOREA 1952/53



HQ 25 CFDU
191 Wksp RCME
54 Tpt RCASC
37 FD Amb RCAMC
25 Ord Fd Pk



Major A. Smith



Cpl Stan MacLean



Pte Jim Kirkness

37 Cdn Fd Amb KOREA 1952/53



37 Cdn Fd Amb ADS
37 Cdn Fd Amb Hosp
191 Wksp RCEME
54 Tpt RCASC
25 OFP RCOC



Capt Andy Andrews



Cpl A. Borsholt



Pte J. Smith

1 Bn R22eR KOREA 1952/53



2 Bn R22eR



Capt F. Lavoie



Cpl W. Fougere



Pte M. Laveseur

25 CRG Kure Japan 1952/53



25 CRG
HQ 25 CFDU
Hong Kong



Capt Len Pierce



Sgt Don Piché



Sgt John Hughes

Miscellaneous Korea



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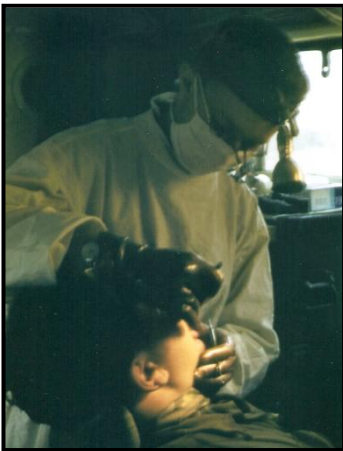
Majors Covey and Fraser



Shorty and Capt Fletcher



Bill Hill and Capt Ferguson



Ferguson Operating



L. Kettyls, Lavoie, Andrews, Ferguson
Fletcher, Gareau, Thompson



Ferguson at Home

More in our series “Flyers who Enhanced the Corps



1941-1945



1950-1972



1972-1979



Distinguished
Flying
Cross



Col D.H. Protheroe
DFC, CD, DDS, MPH, FICD



RCAF
Navigator

Colonel David Harrison “Hap” Protheroe was born in 1922 in his home town of Elnora, Alberta. In October 1941 at the age of 19 he enlisted in the RCAF and following extensive training he graduated and was commissioned in the rank of Flying Officer. In 1943 he was posted to England entering WWII, where he was a navigator, flew twelve Sorties with No. 100 Squadron before transferring to No. 265 Squadron. On 11 August 1944 Flying Officer Protheroe was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross by King George VI, awarded to him accompanied by the following Citation “Flying Officer Protheroe has taken part in many operational sorties, attacking some of the most heavily defended targets in Germany. He has had to face very adverse weather conditions on occasion but each time his skillful navigation has guided the aircraft to the target and back safely. On one occasion in January, 1944 his aircraft lost height from 19,000 feet to 3,000 feet in an uncontrolled dive while over Germany. Despite severe structural damage to the aircraft this Officer navigated it back to England where he gave his Captain every assistance in making a crash landing. Throughout his tour Flying Officer Protheroe has maintained a high standard of courage, cheerful confidence and devotion to duty.”



With a very strong reluctance to talk about his experiences, Colonel Protheroe rendered a short, precise version of the hair raising occasion that resulted in his being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. His brief description went as follows: “We dropped sixteen thousand feet in ninety seconds and as a result, I lost all my navigational aids. That man Barney Magee should have been decorated, he made a helluva landing at 200 mph without ailerons, with his wheels down. We used all the runway and a mile of sand after it. The plane was a write-off “.

Despite the fact that his Lancaster Bomber was shot full of holes by German night fighters and flak over such hot spots as Schweinfurt and Mannheim and ignored the order by Australians to the crew of six to bail out Flying Officer Protheroe navigated the Lancaster back to base against remarkable odds.

It should be noted that J14679 Flight Lieutenant David Harrison Protheroe’s Log listed thirty four missions, his last on 25 February, 1944 over Augsburg Germany. His bomber was attacked by German fighters, but saved by two RAF Mosquito’s. His closing statement in the log was “finished, we were absolutely exhausted and stressed out, and happy to have survived.” Flight

Lieutenant Protheroe enrolled in the University of Alberta’s Dental Programs and graduated with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1950 at which time he re-enlisted in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. In March 1954 Captain Protheroe arrived at Headquarters 25 Canadian Field Dental Unit, Korea. His first assignment was with ‘A’ Squadron, Lord Strathcona Horse (RC). As a result of not having the benefit of their own Dental Team during their service in Korea, many members required extensive dental treatment, involving extended hours of work. He received great deal of cooperation from the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers enabling him and his team (Dental Assistant, Pte J.F. Kennedy and Driver Pte Scotty Volkes) to



accomplish a great deal in a relatively short period of time. He was pleasantly surprised one morning while arriving at the clinic to note a huge sign attached to it the van proclaiming “Painless Protheroe.” Following his assignment with The Lord Strathcona Squadron Captain Protheroe was transferred to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen’s Own Rifles, subsequently relocated to No 37 Field Canadian Field Ambulance, (Field Hospital) and Royal Canadian Artillery Regiment Locations respectively and finally to No 25 Canadian Field Dental Unit Headquarters and appointed Second-in-Command and promoted to Major. After completing his Masters Degree in Public Health he was posted to Director General of Dental Services and appointed Directorate Public Health Officer. In 1964 he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and in 1965 appointed Chief Instructor at the RCDC School. In 1967 Lieutenant-Colonel Protheroe was appointed Commanding Officer of No 35 Field Dental Unit Lahr, Germany. He was appointed Base Dental Officer, CFB Esquimalt in 1971. In 1973 he was promoted to Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer of No 12 Dental Unit, Halifax and subsequently in 1977, Commanding Officer of 14 Dental Unit, until his retirement in 1979. It should be noted that prior to his retirement in December 1979, Colonel D.H. Protheroe was the last serving member in the Regular Forces to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross. In summary, a very distinguished Officer with a very distinguished career in both peacetime and wartime conditions.



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60th Anniversary of the Korean War

Korea re visited -----by a dental soldier who was there

April 25, 2010



Mervin Fediuk (left) and LtCol (Ret'd) Andre Therrien, MC, salute fallen comrades during playing of the Last Post at the Canadian Memorial Peace Gardens at Naechon, near Kapyong, facing the Canadian War Memorial. The gardens overlook the former battle positions of the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. The Patricias fought in the Battle of Kapyong 59 years ago on April 23-25. Colonel Therrien served as a young lieutenant in the Royal 22e Regiment of Canada and later in his career was appointed Canadian Forces Attache in Brussels. The photograph was taken on April 16, during the inaugural veterans revisit program marking the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. In Korea the war is not referenced with start and finish

dates but as the 6-25 occurrence. South Korea was invaded by troops from North Korea on June 25, 1950. Fifty-nine years ago this day, April 25, 1951, the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was relieved from its positions in the vicinity of Hill 677 and other features near Naecheon, during the Battle of Kapyong, by units of the 5th Regimental Combat Team "5th Cavalry" of the US 1st Cavalry Division. The American force soon launched an attack against the enemy to help the Patricias hand off their positions, some of which were still receiving fire.

Out of the ashes of war, a school built out of love

By Yoav Cerralbo/The Korea Herald

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This article about the recently completed Commonwealth veterans revisit to Korea was written by Canadian expatriot Yoav Cerralbo. A Canadian journalist from Montreal, Quebec who has been writing popular columns and news features in Korea for the past four years. Mr. Cerralbo accompanied veterans from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom to all venues in the week-long revisit program. He did a very laudable job of chronicling their experiences and embracing historic facts connected with the Korean War they fought in six decades ago. Mr. Cerralbo also has been a commentator, host and producer for CBC in Canada.

“Sinclair was a lover of people and the children, that’s why he did it,” said Canadian Korean War veteran Mervin Fediuk, explaining the reasons for building a primary and middle school in Yeoncheon. In 1954, shortly after the armistice agreement that halted the Korean War, members of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade pooled together to build a school for the region’s children.

Since then, over 1,500 children have graduated from the small countryside elementary school situated 300 meters south of the 38th parallel.

During the Canadian veterans of the Korean War’s visit recently, one veteran, a corporal at the time, visited the school he helped build to donate important historical pictures and documents from that tumultuous era. During that time, Canadian Lieutenant Colonel W. M. Sinclair “begged, borrowed and stole” everything needed to build the Nogok Primary School at Jinmokcheong, the Paikhak Middle School, a storage shed and a chapel.

“The children are so dear to my heart and I have pictures of them still,” said Fediuk while holding back a tear.

“They basically had the same drive that these (today’s Nogok Primary School) children have but they never had the opportunity then. They were smart but dressed in tatters.



**Canadian Korean War veteran Mervin Fediuk donates English books to Nogok Elementary school during a visit last week to the school he helped to build -
*Photography by Yoav Cerralbo/The Korea Herald***

They would come to our lines and we would give them love, food, and in turn they gave us someone to talk to which helped with the loneliness and helped to keep us grounded and human,” he told The Korea Herald.

While the Canadian veterans visited the school, the Canadian Embassy donated 300 English books about Canada, its people and history, giving the students the opportunity to learn about a people and country that had helped their village and earlier peers receive an education.

“We’re happy to make this presentation to the school in the hopes that the students here will practice their English and will learn a little about Canada,” said Canadian Defense Attache Colonel Stephen LaPlante.

But building the schools was not without its difficulties.

These were horrible times, Korea was decimated, disease was rampant, the country was among the poorest in the world and morale was low. The only way out of the shackles of poverty after 1953 was for everyone to band together and help rebuild the country.

To build these two schools, Sinclair set up a special committee with Fediuk as the head to “raid the other ranks” for donations.

Sinclair would regularly visit the Officers’ Lounge, the Sergeants Mess and, as Fediuk described, “Sinclair would tell them ‘you will give it to us voluntarily or we will take the money.’”

While it might sound a bit crude, Fediuk explained that Sinclair had a certain diplomatic knack in this regard.

“So we got the money, but what saved the bacon was the Americans who donated heavy equipment to level the ground, they also donated some supplies and equipment,” he said proudly.

“We cannibalized so many things, we begged, borrowed and stole,” he added.

The Nogok School was supposed to house five rooms per grade but because of the shortage of teachers in those days they could only find two. Hence, the first two big classrooms of the Nogok School were born.

But that kind of generosity did not sit well with the higher brass back in Ottawa, Canada’s capital, who believed that soldiers where in Korea not to help rebuild but to defend against another possible invasion from the North.

“Sinclair used to tell us to get rid of those darn weapons and take out the plough shears,” Fediuk said. “It’s touching.”

“I have so many fond memories of this area,” he said. “Coming back and seeing the school children and their parents and all the work they have done, it makes me proud.”

Today’s school stands in the same location as its predecessor, overlooking a valley of farms and rice fields.

The differences are many. The Nogok School was rebuilt in the early 1970s; the school only has about 80 students including a kindergarten but has a fully stocked computer lab, science lab and an English teacher from California.

Well done Merv Fediuk====thanks from all of us!-

Strange but happy Story

One day while checking the RCDC membership list, it was noted that RCDCA mail to a certain member was returned and it was a name that I didn't recognize. Must have been some short service dental officer –WRONG! By calling the post office in the small Ontario town where he had lived and finally got in touch with a (captain), Mr. Eric MacNeice. Still no clue who he was!!! He said he could not remember me either!!!

He asked me, where did you serve and I said I'll pretty well all over, Rivers, Manitoba Ottawa, Camp Borden, Halifax and Lahr Germany. Eric said me too I was in Germany and asked where and he replied lots of places mostly at 10,000 feet dropping bombs from Lancasters. I decided my career was not going to be part of the conversation!

His story was incredible and here it is.

Life History of Eric James McNiece

Born April 20th 1921 in Ottawa. Lived at 374 First Avenue opposite Glebe Collegiate campus. Moved to Toronto in 1935. Attended Humberside Collegiate for secondary school. Enlisted in RCAF 1941 to 1945. Was attached to RAF and flew as a bomb aimer from 155 squadron Mildenhall 3 group bomber command in Lancaster bombers. Completed a tour of ops, “30 missions” over E.T.O. (European Theatre of Operations) mainly France and Germany.

Most of the excitement of my military career centered on my airforce life. No doubt Andy Andrews a classmate of mine at U of T could have told you about the same experiences I had. Andy served in the Canadian 6 group while I served in the RAF 3 group in 15 squadron lancasters at Mildenhall UK



German Barrack Blocks strafed by Typhoon or Thunderbolt A/C . Was formerly used by Wermacht at Bucholz (Hanover) later used by Canadian Brigade Group in 1950-53



**The Lancaster crew and ground crew
sitting on bombs to be loaded at RAF 15
Sqn Mildenhall UK**

F/O Eric Mc Neice is at far left

I returned to Canada in 1944. Honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of flying officer.



**1953 Returning to Canada aboard the
Columbia . Captain Eric McNeice
extreme right dress blues with wings**

I then enlisted in University of Toronto faculty of dentistry in 1945, graduating in 1950. Joined the RCADC (later RCDC) serving in Canada and Germany from 1952-53. Retired from the Army in 1956 and started a private practice in Etobicoke. Retired from dentistry in 1992. Moved to Bolton in 1976 and built a house in the outskirts of Bolton where I live at the present time. My hobbies at present are bridge, and woodcarving. Throw in a bit of gardening and an avid interest in history and religion, and you have the essence of my 88 years of existence.

Now for some post wartime details

After I graduated in 1950 from dentistry at Uof T I joined the dental corps and was posted to AFHQ in Ottawa. Major Carl Purdy was the OIC of the dental clinic and Liv Millar and Al Gardner were the oral surgeons, Colonel Baird headed up the dental school and Brig Wansborough was the CO of the RCDC. It seems to me that Major Carl Purdy was the only other dental GP at HQ. The dental lab consisted of Charlie Loken and red (Palmer????)

As my memory allows it seems that the other HQ staff included Cols Marsh and Meldrum plus two others whose names elude me.

While in Ottawa (Base Uplands) , I encountered Capt. Maurice Gourdeau and we later met up at camp Borden. I liked him when we first met although hello I thought he was cold and I thought he was anti-Anglo. It turned out he was just the opposite , a warm outgoing fun loving guy a bit of this practical joker who found humor in everything. I also met Harvey Chartrand who was a person with a drawl and an outrageous sense of humor but truly of bon vivant. It seemed to me that all the French-Canadians I made were unique. Eric Shait, Frank Nesbitt and I arrived in Ottawa at the same time, Eric Shait I never saw again. From Ottawa, I was posted to Germany in about 1952 ,it was interesting to see the fantastic amount of damage that the bombing raids that done which was still unrestored. The banhof area of Hanover still had some burned out rail cars on the side rails. For miles, germans were living under plywood covered basements. Later in Hamburg some parts were untouched , but the east side was still a 6 foot deep pile of rubble as far as the eye could see. My duty in Hanover was a piece of cake as I was posted to the clinic of the first Canadian Rifles whose CO was Col. John Delamere . I joined in regimental activities coaching swimming etc. I recall one occasion when I had to accompany a "Rifles " subaltern to collect our daily food rations at the Service Corps depot. When I insisted I watch them weigh our meat allotment the Depot OC said we don't do it that way .But I insisited, which did NOT make me popular with the Service Corps. . The reader can guess what was going on!. But as news of my actions spread thru the Rifles rank and file (now getting full ration entitlements) , I became very popular with them.

Dental parade was daily at 0800 and I did the fillings extractions as needed and perhaps a denture a week.



Left photo Left to right Captain McNeice (DO) , Pte R Robinson (driver),Cpl L. Thorsen (DA)

Right photo Left to right Captain McNeice ,A.Alfred& R.Degrosbo both 1st Canadian Rifles

Later I was posted back home to Camp Borden and since the war in Korea was on Capt Maurice Gourdeau and I did one heck of a lot of extractions.

Retirement sent me into private practice in Etobicoke , Ontario during which time I moved to Bolton , (near Toronto and south of Borden) and I should mention that Len Pierce and his wife Teresa were very good friends it was a great pleasure when it was discovered that Carl Purdy and Charlie Lokum were on staff at the University of Toronto though I was just a part-time associate at the clinic it was nice to renew relationships.

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