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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2020 was a very different year for the RCDCA, as it was for most of you.

The novel Coronavirus 2019 made its impact in Canada just as we were preparing for our first social event of the year. As it turned out, we were unable to host any of the events from our social calendar, and all other events that we attend were also cancelled or held in a virtual manner. For the purposes of this newsletter, much of the content I normally provide just does not exist. I hope you enjoy the alternative content that we have generated.

This year I have put images of the various Dental Corps cap badges on the cover, to commemorate 50 years of the current Dental Branch cap badge, as well as written an article about all four badges. The blazer crest belonged to WO2 Basil McLeod, a dental storesman, and was donated to the RCDCA by his daughter.

2020 also marks the 60th anniversary of the RCDCA Quarterly. A .pdf copy of that first issue can be found on the RCDCA website at <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/1960-04-vol1-no1.pdf>. A recent email from Peter McQueen suggests that this may also be the 25th anniversary of the RCDCA newsletter - Hap Protheroe credited himself as Writer, Editor, Typist, Printer, Treasurer, Correspondent and Publisher! I have included the first page of this 1985 mailing in this issue; apparently the other eight pages was a listing of dental officers with their contact information.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard

***Sanitas in Ore***

Major (retired) Richard Groves, CD  
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## Words from the Colonel Commandant

Greetings to all active and retired members of the RCDC and CFDS!

While traditional Colonel Commandant activities have had to be somewhat curtailed over the past few months due to current pandemic restrictions, regular contact has nonetheless been maintained with the RCDC leadership as well as Health Services authorities to help the undersigned keep abreast of Dental Corps operations during these challenging times and, thereby, remain fully apprised of the extraordinary measures undertaken to effectively address them.

In that context, recent presentations to the graduating candidates of the Base Dental Officer Course (BDOC) as well as to the Dental Technician (RQ Cpl) course, usually held at the Corps Home Station at CFB Borden, had to be carried out virtually using the WEBEX platform. Welcome to the new physical distancing realities of today's world!

Like all of us, the Dental Corps has been living through some rather unusual and daunting challenges. However, that has not impeded in any way its abilities to firmly and energetically apply its now familiar maxim: "Anywhere, Anytime!".

In the face of a plethora of unexpected occurrences, it has indeed continued to demonstrate the characteristic resilience and creativity that have contributed to its enviable status and universal reputation. By firmly and effectively adapting to these drastically changing and demanding circumstances, it has unrelentingly carried out its critical mandate of providing dental health services second to none, regardless of the numerous trials and tribulations involved.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to congratulate our leaders and active members at every level of the organization for their tenacity and innovative work over the past few trying



## Mots du Colonel Commandant

Salutations à tous les membres actifs et retraités du CDRC et SDFC!

Malgré le fait que les activités normales du Colonel Commandant soient récemment partiellement interrompues à cause du COVID-19, ce dernier a sû quand même maintenir un contact assidu avec le commandement du Corps dentaire et des Services de Santé pour se tenir au courant des développements au sein de l'organisation ainsi qu'aux mesures entreprises pour affronter les

défis très spéciaux occasionnés par la pandémie. Par exemple, les présentations aux cours de formation pour les Commandants de Détachement dentaire ainsi qu'aux techniciens dentaires ont dû être présentés virtuellement par WEBEX plutôt que physiquement à la maison mère à Borden. Bienvenue à notre réalité contemporaine!

Comme tous parmi nous, le CDRC a vécu d'emblée des temps difficiles. Cependant, cela ne l'a pas empêché de suivre son dicton bien connu "N'importe où. N'importe quand"!

Face à de nombreux défis innattendus, il a continué de démontrer toutes les qualités de ressort et de créativité qui lui ont valu une réputation et un respect universel. Grâce en effet à son habilité d'adaptation exceptionnelle, le Corps dentaire continue de remplir le rôle important qui lui a été assigné, en prodiguant des soins dentaires hors paire malgré tous les obstacles sur son chemin.

Je voudrais donc féliciter tous les commandants et membres actifs de l'organisation pour leur tenacité et leur travail innovateur durant les mois récents. C'est ainsi que le Corps dentaire continue d'accumuler éloges et admiration, non seulement parmi les Forces armées canadiennes mais aussi parmi les communautés professionnelles civiles, pour sa détermination et sa capacité de trouver des solutions aux problèmes difficiles et innattendus qui surgissent



months. As a result of those efforts, our Dental Corps continues to draw accolades and admiration from all quarters, both in the military as well as in the civilian professional community, for its steadfast resolve in finding and implementing solutions to address the oftentimes overwhelming day-to-day difficulties that can unexpectedly arise. In doing so, it has maintained the strong tradition of excellence that has so vividly characterized and underpinned its operations over the years, and it has done so by building on the ethical framework and can-do attitude of those who came before and upon whose vision such accomplishments have been nurtured and ostensibly made possible.

Serving and retired Corps members everywhere will no doubt eventually recount many personal stories and anecdotes about these extraordinary times. Likewise, it has been a rather daunting period for my wife, Marilyn, and I as well. Having had to prematurely abandon our winter sojourn in the south of France (a fascinating story in itself!), only to return to a self-imposed quarantine and unanticipated stay in the hospital due to a non-COVID related illness, we have nevertheless managed to survive those unwelcome encounters relatively unscathed and now look forward to hopefully resuming a more or less regular winter routine this coming January, albeit perhaps in a very different part of the world!

That having been said, we would like to extend, at this time, to all valued and esteemed Corps members, past and present, our sincerest wishes for continued good health and success over the weeks and months ahead.

Be positive and upbeat but, most of all, be safe!  
Warmest collegial regards,

Brigadier-General (retired) Victor J. Lanctis  
MB, SBStJ, CD, BA, DDS, MFICD, FADI, FPFA  
Colonel Commandant RCDC



quotidiennement de nos jours. Ce faisant, notre Corps a su maintenir les caractéristiques traditionnelles qui ont soutenu ses opérations et sa réputation durant tant d'années. Cela fut possible aussi grâce aux efforts, à l'esprit de travail et à la vision de tous ceux et celles qui ont établi le fondement solide sur lequel il a pu progresser et s'épanouir si

magnifiquement aujourd'hui.

Tous pourront sans doute un jour transmettre leur expérience personnelle concernant le fléau qui nous accable présentement. Mon épouse et moi n'en serons pas une exception, ayant été obligés de quitter prématurément le sud de la France pendant nos vacances d'hiver (assurément, toute une autre histoire!) pour rentrer en quarantaine au Canada et subir quelques jours plus tard une période d'hospitalisation non reliée au virus! Nous avons quand même heureusement survaincu ces perturbations, sans séquelles notables, et nous espérons toujours pouvoir rentrer en France l'année prochaine.

Cela étant dit, nous aimerions profiter de cette occasion pour souhaiter, à tous et à toutes, santé et succès continu durant les semaines et mois à venir.

Soyez enthousiastes mais soyez toujours prudents!

Très cordialement,

Brigadier-général (ret) Victor J. Lanctis  
MB, SBStJ, CD, BA, MFICD, FADI, FPFA  
Colonel Commandant CDRC



## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

What have you been up to lately? Your colleagues would like to hear from you. Please email your submission directly to [rcdca\\_acdrc@icloud.com](mailto:rcdca_acdrc@icloud.com) (it is easier for me to cut and paste from an electronic submission) or include a note with your membership form.

Warrant Officer (retired) **Nelson Highfield**, London, ON. November 2020

I have been living in London On. since 1985. Enjoying retirement very much. My wife (Judy) and I usually spend winters in Florida, but because of Covid-19 that won't be happening this year. So, we will be making the best of it, and try to keep healthy.

I enjoy my walks every morning. During warmer weather, I have a garden at my daughters and I also enjoy maintaining her yard, when they are (as usual) busy. I'm also a Elder at our church "Faith Lutheran"

Life has been very good to Judy and I, and also to our 3 grown children & their spouses. We have 9 grand children & 8 great grand children. I must say, they keep one young !!

To my dental friends, Keep Safe, and ALL the Best in 2021

Blessings

Nelson Highfield

**Michael Bouris**, Victoria, BC. August 2020

Peggy and I, as well as our three daughters and their families, call home BC now... It really is a glorious province to live in.

The COVID-19 era has given us the opportunity to further explore the stunning natural beauty that surrounds us in BC. Our VW camper has been put to good use! Yes it has a few applied hippie stickers but I can confirm that I still have a military haircut. I still enjoy practicing dentistry and do locums here in BC.

The best of times were the military years and we look back on the time with fondness. It is disturbing to see the number of terrific RCDC colleagues who have passed away. Their families should know that I will never forget them.

50 fleeting years ago Peggy and I were married while serving in our initial posting at CFB Trenton. So I thought it appropriate to reminisce. As happens with many of you, we made lifetime friends with our colleagues from that era. For example Sgt Bev Gilkes my very first dental assistant still believes she trained me (she is correct)!

The following are but a few of the cast of great friends and characters posted at CFB Trenton during my introduction to life in the CFDS. As you can see I'll have no lack of stories and yarns for at least a couple of chapters in my memoirs... BGen Wm Thompson, Col RHG Cunningham, LCol W Anglin, Col D Jones, LCol R Fortier, LCol L Hatcher, LCol J Shore, Maj T Mountain, Maj G Zwicker, Maj J Stansfield, Capt P Psaila, Capt D MacKenzie, Capt D Smith, Capt B Percival, Capt J Jury, CWO R Matheson, MWO G Raymond, MWO M Kidd, MWO I MacNeil, MWO G Anderson, WO N Highfield, WO R Linton, WO S Solomon, Sgt P Mahlitz, Sgt E Schell, Sgt R Stenabaugh, Cpl A Violette, Cpl M Daniels, Cpl B Mullins, Pte H Snutch plus Mittzy, Joan, Betty and Val to name but a few! Apologies if I failed to promote anyone.

As you can see, as a young Dental Officer I could not have had better colleagues and mentors, to say nothing of a wonderful social life.

Keep safe and all the best!

**Geoff Iverson**, Cultus Lake, BC. March 2020

My wife Gloria, who just recently retired as a Fraser Health Manager, and I continue our passion of downhill skiing all winter interspersed with trips down south to warm up.

In March we visited Moe & Donna Freedman staying at their winter home in Arizona. While there we met a former Fort Knox, Kentucky GDR classmate from the US Army whom I had not seen in 35 years. Reunions are really great. We also had dinner another night with Beth Brogan. It makes one realize just how fast time flies by.

Last year I finally, at 67 years of age, decided to retire from triathlons in order to preserve my healthy knees for hopefully many more years of downhill skiing. Now Gloria and I are just competing each summer in long distance swimming races from 2-5 km throughout BC. Swimming is a wonderful cardiovascular sport that is very kind to our joints, especially in older bodies. It also burns a lot of calories when one loves drinking wine.

Our three boys are finally all graduates and employed as engineers of various types. Our oldest son Chris (a former RMC graduate) is a Mechanical Engineer working as a civilian for the DND in Defence Project Procurement in Kingston, ON. Our middle son Glen is a Mining Engineer working at the new Lundin Gold Mine in Ecuador, designing the tunnels and ventilation systems. Our youngest son Steven, with a Business Diploma and a Forestry BSc Degree, is working as a Forestry Engineer for the Interfor Lumber Company Headquarters in Vancouver, BC, managing lumber exports around the world.

I would like to thank the current RCDCA Executive for continuing the fine work of the Association and wish all current and former members of the RCDC Health and Happiness in 2020 and beyond.

Captain (retired) **Robert “Bob” Bowes**, Burnaby, BC. November 2020



Dental Officer with Canadian Forces Dental Services at Cornwallis N.S. (1971-73); NDHQ in Ottawa at Gloucester Street Clinic (1973-1976); also Apr-Oct 1975 with UNEF II at Ismailia, Egypt.

Bob and his wife Elizabeth (aka Dib) settled in Burnaby BC nine year ago after Bob retired from his position as a Dental Consultant in Public Health in eastern Ontario. Aside from travel, Dib and Bob keep active with child sitting duties for their 11 year old granddaughter Grace. Dib is also active with the Burnaby Gogos – a volunteer group that raises funds for grandmothers in Africa. Bob volunteers in multiple capacities with the MOSAIC organization – a local agency which assists in the settlement of new Canadians in the Vancouver area. As a result of these efforts Bob was awarded The Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers in 2018. It was presented by Janet Austin, the Lieutenant Governor of BC (photo) at Government House in Victoria BC with his wife, daughter and granddaughter in attendance (photo).

Bob has also recently completed the biography of his wife’s uncle: Canadian War Artist George Campbell Tinning RCA (1910-1996). This bio has entailed research and travels to Italy (Rimini), Holland (Groningen) and England (Hampshire) where Tinning painted during the Second World War, and to areas of Canada – Newfoundland, Saskatchewan and the Okanagan Valley of BC - where Tinning travelled extensively and painted after the war. The book has over one hundred colour reproductions of Tinning’s art and includes extensive excerpts from his war diaries. If any RCDCA member is interested in obtaining a complimentary pdf copy of this book please e-mail a request to [grbowes@hotmail.com](mailto:grbowes@hotmail.com).

**Derek Decloux**, Toronto, ON. November 2020



I recently rejoined the CAF in a reserve capacity via 1 Cdn Fd Hosp Det Ottawa with the hope of helping 1DU sometime in the near future. I am continuing my full time private practice and trying to give back with weekly teaching engagements at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry as well as starting a sedation program for patients with special needs at Mount Sinai Hospital in downtown Toronto. I am a glutton for punishment in that I started an online Master of Science program (just for fun) in Pharmacology and Toxicology that I am about a quarter of the way done. My boys, Remy and Luc who are 3.5 and 1.5 years old respectively, keep Kristyn and I busier than we'd ever thought we'd be! We

are sending positive thoughts to those for whom these past few months have been challenging and I am very much looking forward to seeing some friendly faces as I resume a role as a DO.

**Yves Ayotte**, Montreal, QC. novembre 2020



Bonjour à vous tous,

Je joins une toile sur laquelle j'ai travaillé pendant plusieurs semaines et qui me rappelle Juno Beach que j'ai eu la chance de visiter il y a quelques années.

Besides Covid that keeps us all in check, health is good and allows Maggie and I to fully live our retirement. We had our last trip South last January, still working at improving my violin, and painting. We are still active doing our things as usual but with the prescribed protections, mask, distancing, hand washing, etc. We are fortunate to be close to a lovely park where we take our daily walks at Maggie's speed, which is

much faster than mine. Unfortunately, I had to cancel badminton this year.

Last Fall, we were in central Europe, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary. Was a wonderful trip.

Wishing you all health, fun and peace



**MWO (ret'd) Judy Parker**, Victoria, BC. November 2020

I retired last year at about this time and I don't know where the time went. My little business took some time to close down & sort out stuff from many years of dental hygiene work. I was pleased to be able to donate some of my "gently" used instruments to a non profit clinic . They were most pleased with the instrument( much better than the ones they were using). It makes me smile to know that they are still going to work everyday 😊 .

Over the summer, the Skipper & I took his boat up the BC coast for a couple of trips & stayed away from the COVID cases by anchoring out every night & maintaining that we are the only ones allowed on the boat. We have maintained the same standard to date. I'm busy working with the strata corporation again but on Zoom meetings rather than in person. Hope everyone has a safe & healthy Christmas & best wishes for 2021.

Judy Parker

**Kerry Mathers**, Kitchener, ON. November 2020



Where has the last year gone? I am enclosing a 'Distancing' photo of me and my two grandchildren David and Kerilynn. David, 29, is an insurance broker with Brokerlink in Ottawa and curls Second on Glenn Howards team. Kerilynn, 27, is a real estate agent with RE/MAX Twin City in Waterloo. She has followed in the footsteps of her Gramma Fran,

who was with RE/MAX Twin City for 20 years until her untimely death in 2005. The photo was taken on Remembrance Day 2020.

My good wishes to all for 2021, and hope the 'Ununited States of America' will wake up and protect world democracy.

Now in my 85th year and proud to be a Canadian and RCDC Alumnus.

Kerry S Mathers

**Peter McQueen**, Ottawa, ON. November 2020

Victoria and I, probably like everyone else, are staying close to home and in our own bubble. We keep in touch with family and local friends by telephone/email and during times of nice weather we had periodic get togethers (limited numbers and proper separation ), with a few local friends. Winter will be another matter. No matter the season, to us it certainly points out the value of having social contacts. During the summer I was able to play some golf with Cliff Beauchamp and Bud Budzinski. Fortunately the golf course enforced strict Covid 19 protocols. Regrettably no winter trip to the United States this year.

On the plus side this situation demonstrates the value of family, friends and socializing. I also notice this significant increase of humorous emails, many of which deal with the funny side of the Covid virus, if there is one. It's also an opportunity to do some of those things that were always on the back burner. Once this virus situation passes and I'm sure it will there will be lots of good times together for coffee.



I have been retired over 40 years from the military, and 26 years from active work ..... life has been just great for myself and family. I retired from the military in 1980 when I was forty four. Having joined the Army in 1952, at the age of sixteen as a Soldier Apprentice, it gave me almost twenty eight years of service, but for pension, twenty seven full years for pension purposes.

I worked successfully in real estate until I turned fifty eight, when my COLA clause kicked in on my Superannuation. When I took my CPP, my pension was not really affected, because, I had joined the Army in 1952.

I left the military sooner than I would have liked. Unfair treatment by the chain of command, that was not redressed until it went to the CDS, and the retaliatory treatment that occurred afterwards, inspired me to look for other alternatives.

After three years in Calgary, I received a posting to CFB Toronto Base Dental Clinic. I said to myself, posting me with a wife and four young kids to Toronto wasn't very smart... someone is trying to be difficult. My wife and I decided in the spring of 1979, that if I was posted to Toronto, I would take my release in the near future in my time, and place.

I purchased a nice home in St Catharines, my hometown, and moved my family in in the summer of 1979. I stayed in the Sgt.'s Mess during the week, and went home on weekends. From Sept 1979 to March 1980, I took the real estate course to qualify as a Real Estate Agent. Once qualified, I submitted my letter of resignation to the Commanding Officer of # 13 Dental Unit in CFB Trenton. The next day LCol Taylor called me, asking me to reconsider my release from the military. He stated that he had always heard "good things" about me, and he had heard that someone had put my career on hold. He then stated, that If I recalled my letter of release, I would be made a Warrant Officer immediately, and posted to the Central Laboratory in CFB Trenton, and also would be promoted to MWO in two years. Well WOW!!! After talking it over with Andree, we decided it was better to stick with our plan - we had then been living in St Catharines for the last seven months, the kids were in good schools, and we had a nice home in a good neighbourhood. I called LCol Taylor the next day and thanked him for the proposal, but it was too late.

I took my release earlier than I wanted, but in reality, I know what I can do, and it worked for me. We have a very comfortable life, in our own place, in retirement without any financial worries.

Sgt (Ret'd) Richard "Dick" O'Mara, CD

**Editor's note:** I would like to commend Dick O'Mara for his initiative in inspiring charitable donations to help those hurt financially by Canada's reaction to the corona virus. In his own words:

"Last weekend, after reading and watching the news about all the jobs lost in Canada due to the virus, I thought maybe, I should move my annual donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society forward, because most social charities now, are being hit hard by the demand of the unfortunate. I usually donate yearly at around Thanksgiving time. Then come Tuesday, the Federal Government gave out extra \$300.00 for those people receiving OAS (old age security). That is just great. On Wednesday, I made an appointment with my parish priest of St Julia Church, St Catharines, Fr. Gregory Schimidt. and we discussed how we could transfer some of this OAS grants from people who really don't need it, to social charity groups who help the unfortunate. Many people who are retired, are living quite comfortably, and many have a generous heart. Fr. Greg., who was in marketing before he became a priest in mid life went to work on the project. By Thursday Fr. Greg had it all laid out... It would be called "Helping Hands - Community Outreach, our parish, St Julia is now involved, and information is going out to other parishes within the St

Catharines Diocese, asking them to join in. Also I contacted a good neighbour of mine, who is from St George's Church, and she is going to present the information package to her church group, who are involved in community action. I am also in the process of contacting friends who are in different groups and parishes, and catholic dioceses with in Ontario and Canada, to see, if they would bring forth this program to their communities. We have a one shot effort of gaining this money for helping the unfortunate among us, to see them through these tough times. What I am asking, if you are a senior drawing the OAS, and you receive this \$300.00, and if you are comfortable, and not in need... Please donate these fund to help the unfortunate, either through your faith group, or direct to groups like foodbanks etc .... God Bless to all...."

I know many RCDCA members made similar donations to local charities. The results in his own parish are best expressed by the parish priest, Fr. Greg Schmidt - "Thank you once again for your ongoing support of St. Vincent DePaul – St. Julia Conference. In July, over \$15,000 was donated to several organizations including Start Me Up Niagara, St. Mary and St. Patrick food banks, and Community Care. Additionally, \$3,000 was donated for COVID-19 relief as well as \$1,500 for the Community Care Back to School Program. They are most appreciative of this additional donation. This amount is mainly from the donations from seniors who received the \$300 OAS Bonus."

**Frank Hedley**, Comox, BC.      December 2020

Hello Everyone,

Greetings from Comox, BC to all mainland friends. First, a huge thank you to Richard Groves for his work compiling and creating the annual RCDCA newsletter. Super job once again Richard. And thanks also to Scott Becker in his role as Treasurer for keeping the books balanced to the penny. Well done, Scott.

In local news, "local" was a good description, with no travels off Vancouver Island this past year. Outings to Home Depot and Canadian Tire became something special and worth the lineup. I had flashbacks of basic training with someone always telling me where to stand, when to move, and don't forget to follow the arrows. A recent dental appointment was a notable event as I got to talk to four new people in one day that I wasn't related to. I think we all have similar stories for 2020.



For the most part, I didn't really plan my days. Like a bear salmon-fishing in a river, I found that jobs and projects would come to me. No searching required. Apart from the usual gardening, trimming and home tune-ups, this year I also was pleased to act as assistant proof-reader for my wife's book. Yes, after four years of writing and re-writing, Teresa published *What's Not Allowed? A Family Journey with Autism* on Amazon and Indigo. Turns out that COVID was a great time for reviewing

manuscripts. I got to learn new punctuation rules such as the difference between red and white umbrellas and red-and-white umbrellas. Who knew?

Here's to 2021 via our west coast kayak Christmas photo.



### Life in a German OUTCAN

How does one sum up in a few paragraphs what OUTCAN life is like here in Germany? I feel like after 2.5 years I could write a whole novel. The food; so delicious. The people; so friendly. The travel; so cheap. The alcohol; VERY inexpensive. I now understand why Canadians stock pile their basement with a generous collection of spirits and have it shipped back to Canada. I digress though.

After 15 years of applying for this position, things paid off. We landed in Germany the summer of 2018 for a four year posting. There were two things everyone told us when we first arrived. "Four years is going to go by quickly," and "You are going to get tired of travelling." I'm sorry but did you just say, "Tired of travelling?" Duane and I intended on making the most of every second. We intended to go, go, go... do, do, do... see, see, see. There are castles everywhere.

Germany is home to an estimated 20,000 castles/castle ruins. You can drive to many countries within hours. Imagine you leave your home and a seven hour drive later you are in Switzerland. What!? You book a flight to so many places... Prague, Budapest, Greece, London, Italy, Spain for 100€ return for the both of us. Keep the suitcases packed honey! We are going to become the

European version of the Griswold's!

And then the unimaginable happened. We would be packing for a trip and it was almost as if we just wanted to stay home and not go. This is to be read in a snobby British accent, "Duane dah-ling. I am just tired and not looking forward to airports, flying and sleeping in an Airbnb. I really wish we were staying in this weekend love." So the universe heard my cry of pain and anguish and gave us COVID! That ought to keep her quiet about travel.

When life throws you lemons and muddles your plans, you just re-adjust. So we did just that. Now we pay closer attention to the crops that the farmers yield 365 days of the year. We notice the fresh from the farm to table produce that we receive and the fact that the price does not sky rocket in the winter months. We notice the sheep (and their herders) are always circulating around the various farmers' fields.

The farmer's utilize the sheep

to eat the tops off of the sweet beets before the farmer's harvest. It's a win win for both sheep and farmers. We attempt to speak some German (although the struggle is real) with the locals. We notice the utmost appreciation and respect they have when they find out you are Canadian. Anywhere you bike (which is huge here) you will be enamoured to see highland cattle, copious horses and their riders, donkeys and ostriches. Yes, we live by an ostrich farm! We love the beautiful brick homes with their impeccable little front yards, perfect manicured shrubs and the brick and cobblestone



streets. We are impressed by a multitude of German traditions that have been passed from ancestors through the generations and remain steadfast and unchanged.

Duane and I have settled and adjusted with ease. Although he did not completely retire and has been working on the base since we arrived, I still think he is enjoying his German style "retirement" (you're welcome). There is something that feels like home here. Maybe it's my German heritage, maybe it's the amazing weather. It's one of those experiences that you will tuck away in a very special place in your heart. As always, it is a privilege to wear the CAF uniform and be part of the RCDC. Because of both, I am here living in Germany and writing this.

All the best to everyone. Stay safe, healthy and happy. When the world can travel again, please remember that our home is your home.

**Scott Becker**, Ottawa ON. November 2020

This is my first update so I apologize for its length. One hellava year 2020, and we are not out of this pandemic yet. We are all fortunately healthy and keeping busy. Like most, we have been hunkered down and not doing much outside of our property or family bubble except the weekly grocery run. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and disinfection protocols have become routine. We managed to get our couple weeks on a southern Caribbean cruise in before the pandemic started but there will be no travel excursions for us for awhile.

Our family switched to a WFPB (whole foods plant based) lifestyle about 2 years so we spend a fair bit of time cooking. Denyse has become a super plant-based meal chef to go along with her extensive gardening skills. Gardening was a big activity for us this year. Denyse decided over a year ago to teach herself to speak Spanish and has worked on that everyday. I would say she is functional and working on fluency. Pretty amazing. My son Jonathan is teaching himself to speak French and Arabic. My daughter Kimberley is a project manager with Service Canada in the office that gets out all the CPP and OAS cheques. Having Kim and Jon both in town is a blessing so we can see them at least semi-regularly.

When not gardening, working on the "honey-do" list or making a little sawdust, my two main hobbies have been golf and relearning to play decent chess. Once the golf courses opened this year they were deluged with players and tee time requests. The military club here in Ottawa, Hylands, recorded its highest number of tee times and players in their history. Full tee sheets down to dusk everyday all year. Outdoors and easy to social distance, it was one of the very few safer activities this year. I did get about 50 rounds in this year and at the upper middle age (??) of 62 I played some of the best golf of my life this year and even broke par once recording a 1 under 71. My son Jonathan got me started on chess again earlier this year. I started to take lessons and read the theory books as much as I can. I play on chess.com and have an unofficial rating. Anyone want to play? I hope to improve with more time and practice. I wish I had the same memory capacity I had in dental school or on post-grad those many years ago. I also volunteer on the Board of our local Community Association.

My Treasurer of the RCDCA duties have been episodic but not onerous especially this year with reduced activities and meetings. I want to thank our President Richard Groves for all that he continues to do for the RCDCA. His often behind the scenes work goes unseen by most of the membership but is instrumental in the continuing success of our veterans Association. His single-handed compilation and publication of our Newsletters is a huge job and deserves all our support and appreciation.

Best wishes to all to stay safe and healthy, and I look forwards to gatherings of our extended Dental Corps family once again once this pandemic is under control.

Scott.

**William Budzinski**, Ottawa, ON, December 2020

Retirement provides us an abundance of time for a variety of activities, hobbies, and recreation. I have been "Mr. Fix-it" around the home, for our children and grandchildren. I have been golfing regularly with Peter McQueen, Cliff Beauchamp, and Andy Lecompte (his wife was secretary to DGDS ). Every Remembrance Day I participated in the parade and placing our RCDCA wreath during the ceremony on the cenotaph at the Orleans Legion.

After Christmas celebrations with our family, Jan and I departed for Arizona on a five day journey where we spend three winter months in Tucson . The desert climate can be cold in the mornings but the temperature can warm up to the 20s and higher in February and March (this is the time when rattlesnakes come out of hibernation). Since Tucson is only 90 miles south of Mesa, we exchange visits with Peter and Victoria McQueen. There have been several other RCDCA members wintering in Mesa as well, whom we visited with at a German restaurant reminiscent of those in The Black Forest. During our visits Peter and I golf while the ladies find treasures shopping. This past February, Cliff Beauchamp was our guest, we played some golf and visited tourist sites such as The Old Tucson Studio set where many Western movies and television shows were filmed, and The Pima Air and Space Museum, home to all types and vintages of aircraft on display.

Unfortunately, we were forced to vacate our residence early due to the COVID pandemic and return home to quarantine the third week of March. There was a great rush for other residents to exit to their respective Northern states and to Canada as we have all experienced this past year. During the rest of 2020 we were more isolated and missed our social gatherings, coffee sessions, restaurants and travel. I did however, enjoy golf with Peter McQueen and Cliff Beauchamp. (We are not getting better but enjoy the game). Needless to say, we will not be traveling to Arizona for the winter and our Christmas festivities will be subdued without our usual family gathering and celebrations.

We would like to wish all our Dental Corps friends and colleagues a blessed festive season and hopefully a better 2021.

Best regards to all, William Budzinski

**Mike Kaiser**, Ottawa, ON. April 2020

The photo below was taken at Mike's promotion to Colonel in April 2020. For the first time in many years, the RCDCA had four full Colonels : Dwayne Lemon, DComd CFHS Gp, Martin Brochu, CO 1 Dental Unit, Mike Kaiser, Director H Svcs Strategy, and J-P Picard, Director Dental Services/Chief Dental Officer.





**Mario Bizier, Ottawa, ON. December 2020**

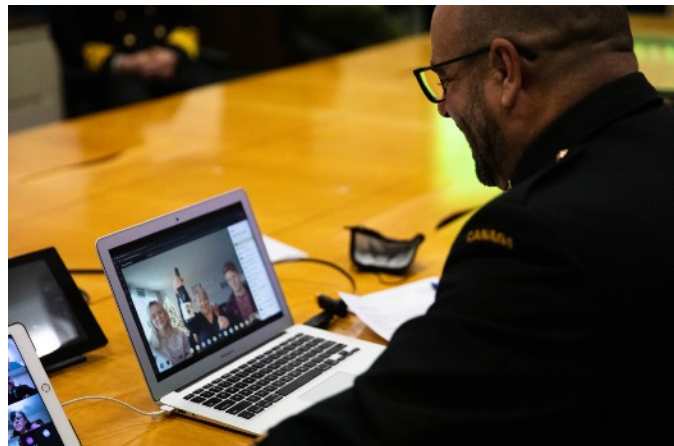
CWO Mario Bizier's last day of military service was on 7 December as he has accepted a Public Service position with the Directorate - Honours and Recognition and has started this new journey on 8 December. The decision to hang up his military uniform after 34+ years of service has been an extremely difficult one to make but after much consideration and advice from his family, mentors and friends, he came to the conclusion that it was the right time to leave, transition to civilian life while still being able to serve the Canadian Armed Forces with pride.

He is extremely grateful for the diverse and rewarding opportunities his military career has afforded him with. It all started off seeing his father proudly wearing his military uniform over the years that he eventually realized that a military career was the path he also needed to take. With his advice, Mario enrolled in the Naval Reserves in Chicoutimi back in 1986, and this is where the passion to serve his country began. What he is mostly proud of is making the decision to component transfer to the Regular Force in 1989 and selecting the Dental Technician as a profession as this has given him the privilege of working alongside the most amazing military and civilian professionals within the Royal Canadian Dental Corps and the Canadian Forces Health Services Group. He will also remember his rewarding and eye-opening experience with the Materiel Group and salutes the professionalism, determination and dedication of all its members. The complexity of their work is key in delivering the materiel requirements of defence and for this, he will always have the highest respect for this organization.

For reasons that you all understand, it was impossible for CWO Bizier to hold an official retirement function. At his request, a virtual Depart with Dignity was held on 7 December where the Assistant Deputy Minister and Officer Commanding the Command of the Materiel Group presented him with his Certificate of Service. His family and friends were also able to attend this memorable day.



Mr. Troy Crosby, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Materiel Group, presenting me my retirement gift consisting of my Senior Appointment CWO rank, 3 coins (RCDC, ADM(Mat) and CF H Svcs Gp) and all of my NCMs ranks.



Mario and family (Anik, Marielle and Nickolas). His two other step-daughters were not available to attend.



Happy New Year's from the recently retired...okay, it hasn't been that recent. With COVID, one day blends into the next and before you know it, it's been 7 months. Back on 5 June I finally took off the uniform for the last time after nearly 36 years in the Corps. I feel blessed to have enjoyed such a wonderful career, thanks in a large part to so many fantastic people I met along the way. Thank you to each and every one of you.

June 6<sup>th</sup> ushered in our next adventure. Unfortunately, travel would have to be put on hold, for a bit, temporarily stymied by this nasty virus we are all having to deal with. Our summer and fall were filled with some fun, local, socially-distanced, activities. We got some camping in at our favorite Ontario Parks, some canoeing and fishing (the fish stocks are quite safe) and some cycling in and around Ottawa with friends. I've also taken to hiking on the Eastern Ontario trails with friends, hoping to tackle (parts of) the Appalachian Trail once the borders (US and Atlantic provinces) open.

The biggest change since retiring is simply being around full time. It has been wonderful spending more time with Christina and the girls, and not being rushed to pack everything into a calendar over-run with work priorities. Our eldest, Grace started her own adventure, heading off to Acadia University in early September. She's loving it! With the Atlantic bubble being what it is, we were so happy to have her home for 2 weeks over Christmas. She's back at Acadia now, in 2 weeks isolation prior to class start-up. Audrey is spiritedly working through the chaotic schedule of grade 12, through the shut-downs, the online, in-class, or hybrid, everchanging schedules. Flexibility is the order of the day. Christina is getting use to me being under foot. The two of us are learning how to redistribute the workload around the house. Wow, it's hard to believe she had been taking on so much while I was working.

I would like to take a moment to thank all those still serving in the RCDC, those in uniform, the civilians, contractors, clinicians, and admin support staff. Thank you for continuing to provide such great health care to our CAF pers, for deploying and volunteering in traditional and non-traditional Dental Corps roles, and for contributing to our country's efforts to battle the Corona virus. Bravo-Zulu!



# LAST POST

## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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**Major (retired) Louis Dombowski.** Age 90, of Mill Village, Queens Co., passed away on October 1, 2018 in Queens General Hospital, Liverpool, NS. Born in Claybank, Sask., Lou was a son of the late Martin and Mary (Bauman) Dombowski. Lou served with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps as a dentist for 28 years in domestic and international postings. Following his retirement from the military, Lou, and his wife Marie, moved to Mill Village where Lou enjoyed restoring and working the property. He also enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. He was an active member of St. Gregory's Catholic Parish in Liverpool. Lou will be lovingly remembered as a quiet, hardworking and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Lou is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marie (Richard) (Schneider); his daughters, Chere Schneider of St. Thomas, Ont.; Lynn (Steven) White of Charlottetown, P.E.I.; his sons, Rick (Colleen) Schneider of Coquitlan, B.C.; Terrance (Joanne Saulnier) Schneider of Fredericton, N.B.; Paul Dombowsky of Ottawa, Ont.; Peter (Tiffany) Dombowsky of Chilliwack, B.C.; six grandchildren; his sisters, Mary of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Leone of Calgary, Alta.; Joan of Ottawa, Ont.; Delores of Edmonton, Alta.; his brothers, Rudy of Calgary, Alta.; Bill of Moose Jaw, Sask. Lou was predeceased by his sisters, Laurie and Clara and his brothers, Martin and Gus. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Chandlers' Funeral Home, Liverpool.





**Master Warrant Officer (retired) Michael Jeremy "Jerry" Craig.** Lost his battle to IPF (Ideopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis) on January 2, 2020. He held hope up to the last days that he would get a lung transplant because he loved life too much to not want to enjoy it even more. Anyone who knew Jerry knew he always had a joke to be served at just the right moment. He was also more than just a jokester, he was one of the kindest and compassionate of men, who loved other people almost as much as he loved dogs, and that is saying a lot! He always knew his neighbours and was always helping. He helped out with many charities and organizations throughout his life, but Elderdogs, Smith's Cove Volunteer Fire Department, the Dental Hygiene organization, and most recently, the IPF Support Group, were ones that held a strong affinity for Jerry. He was knowledgeable about so many things - he was a voracious reader with a photographic memory so he loved bringing up crazy trivia (we never wishingly wanted to play Trivial Pursuit with him as we knew it was a losing effort) and who also loved history. And Jerry, being the consummate,

compassionate jokester, said that after his death his ashes should be put into an egg timer so that he could still help out when needed. That's Jerry for sure. Jerry spent 25 years in the military where he served in the PPCLI and Dental Units (Hygienist and Assistant) retiring proudly as a MWO. He then spent another 25 years working as a dental hygienist in Barrie, Ont. and Dartmouth - both places he considered home. Jerry had many great friends all across Canada and the globe as they lived in Canada and Germany. Jerry was married for 52 years to Vickie Craig. They have a son, James Craig (Cathy), who has two children, Owen Craig and Emily Craig; Jerry's sister, Gillian Valcourt (Gus), who has two children, Jordan Valcourt (Glen Boudreau) and Manon Valcourt. Jerry had many loved nieces and nephews on both sides of their families. Jerry was predeceased by his father, Jack; mother, Lily and brother, Chris.



**Master Warrant Officer (retired) Gary Gordon Bowser.** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gary Gordon Bowser, age 76, on 17th January 2020 of Amherst.

Born on March 22, 1943, the son of Burton Bowser and Florence (Allen) Bowser of Port Howe and where he attended school till the 9th Grade and then graduated from Pugwash District High School.

After graduating he joined the Military where he served for just short of 23 years reaching the rank of MWO before retiring in 1984. He then opened a Dental Lab in NB and was co-owner and President for 20 years. In 2004 he sold his shares and moved to Amherst where we looked after Linda's parents till their passing.

Gary was a hard worker and a very caring person and devoted husband and father. He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Gary was married to Linda Nelson for more than 56 years, the love of his life. They have one son Malcolm (Tammy) of Fredericton, one grandson Kyle (Nicole) of Saint John and two great-grandchildren Liam & Leia.

Gary was predeceased by both parents, his brother Myron (Mae) and daughter-in-law Cathy (Smith) Bowser.

He loved hunting and curling and was a Mason and a Shriner and loved working to help raise money for our Shrine Children.

Arrangements are entrusted to Campbell's Funeral Home, Amherst, and there will be no visitation or funeral as per Gary's wishes.

Charity donations may be made to the Cumberland Shrine Club (to go to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Montreal), VON, Palliative Care or charity of your choice.



**Kristina Lea McEachern.** It is with great sadness and heartbreak that we announce the unexpected passing of our beloved **Kristina Lea McEachern** age 40 of Bedford, NS and formerly of Amherst on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Bedford, NS.

Born January 18, 1980, in Amherst, she was the loving daughter of Jill (Steve) (Mattatall) Yorke, Amherst and Howard and Nancy (McWhinney) McEachern, Bedford, NS.

Kris attended Amherst Regional High School and later graduated from Holland College. She joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2001 serving for 17 years as a Dental Tech. Her career path took her to various locations across Canada. Her most treasured experience was a deployment in 2013 on the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor on a humanitarian mission in the Pacific.

A free spirited soul, Kris loved spending time at the beach, surfing, adventurous walks, painting, biking, soccer and especially spending time with her family and friends. Kris will be remembered for her kind heart and ability to be there for others, and always seen the good in everything. Her bright smile always lit up the room. Kris was an awesome big sister, always looking out for her brothers and an amazing aunt to Mattalyn and Tanner.

Her most prized accomplishment was her daughter Emma, whom she loved and adored more than anything else in the world. The bond between Kris and Emma was inseparable. Both being strong willed, when they had something in their minds, there was no stopping them – they were best friends. Her most treasured experience was a deployment in 2013 on the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor on a humanitarian mission in the Pacific.

In Lieu of floral tributes, memorial contributions in Kris's memory may be made to Soldier On or an Animal Shelter of your choice.



**Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Ernest M Everett.** It is with heartfelt sadness, that the family of Ernest Everett, announces his passing on April 29, 2020. He passed away peacefully, at the age of 89, at the Veteran's Unit, Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton, Nova Scotia.

Born in Digby and formally a resident of Seabrook, Digby County CWO Everett (Retired) was a 30-year member of the Canadian Armed Forces and a Korean War Veteran. He was a member of Grace United Church, Digby, Nova Scotia. Ernie loved nature, birds, gardening, woodworking, reading and helping others, especially his family. He was the son of the late Charles and Mary (Lightfoot) Everett.

Pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 46 years, J. Marie (Ryan) Everett. Loving father to daughter's Martha (Paul) Ritchie of Tillsonburg, Ontario, and Brenda (Brian) McPherson of Chestermere, Alberta. Half-sister, Linda (Wayne) James of Moncton, New Brunswick. Grandchildren, Jason Ritchie of Tillsonburg, Ontario; Allison (Drew) Copeland of Tillsonburg, Ontario and Bryce McPherson of Chestermere, Alberta. Great granddaughter, Aria Copeland of Tillsonburg, Ontario;

Extended family, brother-in-law John (Betty) Ryan of Digby, Nova Scotia; sister-in-law Janet Ryan of Digby, Nova Scotia; sister-in-law Jean (Tom) Amirault of Digby, Nova Scotia; brother-in-law Patrick (Colleen) Ryan of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia Nieces and nephews, Vicky, Billy, Reni, Craig, Shawn, Jody, Jeanne, Tom, Sarah, Keith, Heather, Debbie, Trudy, Laura, Katie, Liam, Leslie and Lori. Pre-deceased by brothers, Digby, Victor, Murray, Chester and brothers-in-law, Keith and Lovett Ryan.

The family extends special thanks to the entire dedicated team at the Veteran's Unit, Soldiers Memorial Hospital, who enriched his final years with outstanding care and support. Ernie was kind, hardworking, and an ever-optimistic soul. He will be very sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all. Cremation has taken place under the care of Jayne's Funeral home, Digby. Private interment at Fairview Cemetery, Digby, Nova Scotia, to be scheduled later. Donations in memory, can be made to Grace United Church, Digby, Nova Scotia, the Veterans Unit, Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton, Nova Scotia, or the charity of your choice. Share a memory or leave a condolence at [www.jaynesfuneralhome.com](http://www.jaynesfuneralhome.com)



**Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) Maurice Freedman.** Maurice (Moe) Freedman passed away on July 31, 2020 with his wife of 45 years, Donna at his side.

He was born in Fort McMurray to Noreen and Joseph Freedman. Raised in Edmonton, he graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Dentistry. He subsequently joined the Canadian Armed Forces Dental Corps and enjoyed a career which spanned 30 years, retiring as a Lt. Col. During his military career he was posted throughout Canada and spent 7 years at the base in Lahr Germany.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna; brothers, Phelan Freedman (Eva), Tim Freedman (Angy); stepchildren, Vanessa Pratt, Laura Pratt (Pierre ), David Pratt (Lisa); 9 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren; his dear aunt, Rosemary Garvey; sisters-in-law, Linda Vantour and Sandra (David) Sims and their families; nieces, Angela and Jessica, their families and several cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

Maurice was passionate about golf, cycling, travel, and his pets. He and Donna enjoyed 24 years of retirement with 20 of them spent wintering in Arizona. When times were quiet, you would always find him with a book in his hands.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Drs. Jassal, Hussein, and Brown, and staff at the University of Alberta Hospital for their exemplary and compassionate care.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, SPCA, or a charity of one's choice.



**Master Warrant Officer (retired) MacKenzie.** John Daniel MacKenzie passed away August 14th, 2020 at the age of 61 at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Born in Paris, Ontario, he was the son of Charles Hugh MacKenzie and Catherine Theresa MacKenzie.

John grew up in Paris, Ontario and joined the military at the age of 17. After 25 years of dedicated service, he retired from the Canadian Armed Forces as a Master Warrant Officer. He was a caring and generous father, friend and brother who was loved by everyone who knew him. He leaves behind countless beautiful memories in many hearts and he will be missed.

John is survived by his father Charles Hugh MacKenzie and his daughter Lisa Catherine Moore, his brothers Charles Thomas MacKenzie and Richard James MacKenzie and by his grandsons Jermain Joseph John Kerfont and James Bill Moore.

John was predeceased by his mother Catherine Theresa MacKenzie and his brother Lawrence William MacKenzie.

No services will be held and we ask that you keep John and his family in your heart and memory.





**Sergeant (retired) Joseph Guy Alain Belhumeur.** September 27, 1959 – October 24, 2020

Passed suddenly on October 24, 2020 at Gatineau Hospital at 61 years of age. Beloved Husband of Michele Daigneault. Loving father of Pascal and Emilie. Alain's brothers Benoit (Kathleen) and Denis survive him. He had a special bond with Cousin Bri Brunelle.

He is predeceased by his Father Guy and Mother Leona.

Alain joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1977 and retired in 2018. Proud member of the 22 Regiment and Dental Corp. He proudly served in Afghanistan. In 2018 Alain joined Canada Corrections Department of Health. Alain served as a Trainer for the 2820 Chutes Chaudière; he was a Master Instructor for St. John's Ambulance.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate that donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society of Canada.

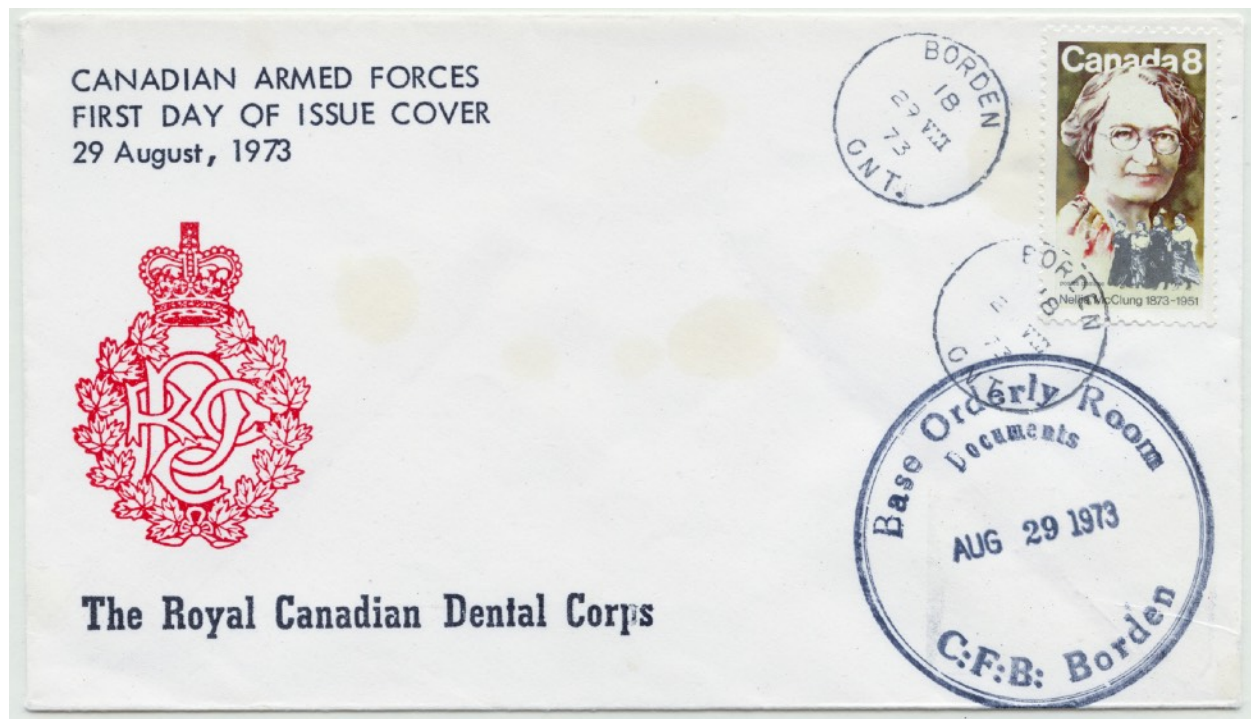


El Amein cemetery, photo by Terence Melbourne

## A Stamp Collecting Mystery

This envelope is a First Day Cover for the stamp honouring Nellie McClung, and is postmarked August 29, 1973, probably at the CFB Borden Military Post Office. This raises several questions... Why is a cover dated 1973 still using the Royal Canadian Dental Corps name and cap badge instead of Canadian Forces Dental Services and the new badge? Was there a philatelist at either the School or the Clinic that generated these? Are there other First Day Covers for other stamps with either an RCDC or CFDS connection?

If any readers can answer these questions or have any more information, please let me know. If more of the story is found, I will share it with a President's Update email and amend the electronic copy of this newsletter with the new information.



## RCDCA Fighter control operators

**Peter McQueen forwarded this old article from the Barrie Advance, dated December 6, 2006**

*The RCDC acquired many female Dent Clin A s from a former RCAF trade Fighter Control operators They were stationed all across Canada at radar bases. Edgar (near Barrie was such a location) Here is a short historical memory that some of the members may find interesting.*

Simcoe County has always had a proud military heritage. Long-time residents of the Barrie area may remember a time when three giant white globes once sat on a hill near the Village of Edgar. These globes once housed powerful radar units belonging to one of Simcoe County's contributions to the Cold War: Royal Canadian Air Force Station Edgar. Although it has a brief 12-year life, RCAF Station Edgar played an important role in the defence of Canada.

RCAF Station Edgar was part of the Pinetree Line, a network of radar stations established in the early 1950s and one of three early warning detection lines that would guard North America against a Soviet air attack. All Pinetree stations were equipped with one Search Radar, one Height-Finder Radar and a third back-up radar. The stations were situated at approximately 150-mile intervals, mostly along the 50th

parallel but also along the east-coast of Canada and into southern Ontario and Quebec. In the beginning, RCAF personnel manned most of the Pinetree stations, but some were manned by the United States Air Force. Eventually all of the USAF stations were transferred to the RCAF.

RCAF Station Edgar, originally designated No. 204 RCAF Radio Station, was the southern most station in the Pinetree Line. No. 204 became operational in September 1952 and one month later, the unit was re-designated No. 31 Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron and the station itself RCAF Station Edgar.

Although Pinetree stations were much smaller than full-size bases like Camp Borden, they were still self-contained cities featuring standard military housing & barracks, a school, a recreation centre with a bowling alley & swimming pool, an infirmary, a chapel, a firehall, a water treatment & distribution facility, a central heating plant, auto repair shops, cafeteria facilities and sports fields.

Unlike most Pinetree stations, RCAF Station Edgar also served as a Ground-Control Intercept station in addition to its primary function as an Early Warning Detection station. It was the job of No. 31 AC&W Squadron to track any incoming Soviet threats and then dispatch and direct fighter interceptors to head-off inbound Soviet bombers or missiles.

Overseeing No. 31 AC&W Squadron was No. 3 Air Defence Control Centre, also located at RCAF Station Edgar. No. 3 ADCC also coordinated the operations of No. 32 Squadron at RCAF Station Foymount, No. 33 at RCAF Station Falconbridge, No. 34 at RCAF Station Senneterre and 912 Squadron (U.S. Air Force) at the Ramore Air Station (later taken over by the RCAF and re-named RCAF Station Ramore). With the creation of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in the late 1950s, No. 3 ADCC was re-designated the Ottawa NORAD Sector Headquarters.

When the Pinetree Line was first established, the RCAF utilized a manual system of plotting the movement of all aircraft on a large plotting board in the Operations Control Centre, situated inside a large reinforced concrete building, with Fighter Control Operators directing this process. In 1961, this system was replaced by the new Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) system. A computer now determined the height, speed and direction of enemy targets and relayed the information to the Sector Control Headquarters. This change of operating procedures also led to No. 31 AC&W Squadron being re-named No. 31 Radar Squadron and RCAF Station Edgar being placed under supervision of the Syracuse NORAD Sector Headquarters.

In May 1963, Ottawa NORAD Sector Headquarters re-located to RCAF Station North Bay and No. 31 Radar Squadron was later put under control of the Detroit Sector.

Continued upgrades in radar equipment led to greater coverage areas for Pinetree stations. As a result, RCAF Station Edgar was deemed unnecessary as neighboring RCAF Stations Foymount and Falconbridge were now able to cover Edgar's area of responsibility. As a result, operations at RCAF Station Edgar were terminated on March 20, 1964 and the station closed at the end of the month. A formal station disbandment parade was held on April 8, 1964, with the RCAF flag being lowered for the last time.

The Ontario Government purchased the property for just over \$218,000 and in 1965, the former station became the Edgar Adult Occupational Centre for handicapped adults. This facility closed in 1999 and the Ontario Realty Corporation put up the property for sale, marketing it for possible industrial or institutional usage. It has yet to be sold.

Today the former station sits vacant. Except for occasional use by various Army reserve units, who utilize the property for training, the security guards guarding the property are the sole remaining occupants. All of the station's buildings remain except for the Operations Control Centre building and the radar towers (they were demolished long ago), but they are slowly deteriorating. It remains to be seen what will finally become of this once important Cold War relic.

As for the rest of the Pinetree Line, in 1985 the Canadian Government announced that the Pinetree Line would be shut down as a part of the North American Air Defence Modernization Plan. By 1991, the last of the Pinetree stations closed and an important era in Canada's military history came to an end.



## A Lost Piece of Dental Corps History Found - Epilogue

by

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Colonel (Ret'd)

**Lieutenant-Colonel Orland Kingsley Gibson O.B.E., M.B.E., DDS**

This short piece is to close out my previous article on the life of Lt.Col O.K. Gibson, the first Deputy-Director of our Dental Corps. I had not, at the time of first writing, taken the time to actually find and visit the final resting place of this important figure in our history. I had found the grave site registration coordinates but had not searched it out in person. This past summer I had the opportunity to finally do just that. I went to Beechwood Cemetery, also the home of the National Military Cemetery, and enlisted the help of one of their staff who had access to a map of the older sections and off we went with map and camera in hand. Social distancing, of course.

The Gibson family plot was right where the map said it should be. He was there with his two siblings and both his wives. The first thing that struck me was his own inscription on the monument as "COL." Of the military records that we

found, they showed all his other rank designations and promotions but never gave any indication of him achieving that rank, which would have been during the same period as Colonel Armstrong, our first Dental Corps Director. My personal feeling is that after the war he was collegially known as "Colonel Gibson" since it was, and still is to this day, common to refer to a Lieutenant-Colonel as just "Colonel," as it was just polite and shorter to say. In recent times it has been common to call LCol's "telephone Colonels," as on the phone you just say Col so-and-



so unless you are making the call and addressing someone of higher rank, in order to initially identify yourself accurately. That being said, I believe he was known informally for so long (over 30 years) around town and in his social circles as “Colonel Gibson” that it just stuck and perhaps the remaining family, without knowing any better, just had that rank inscribed on the grave marker. There may be another explanation but no other records have been uncovered.

You may remember that his first wife Hazel had died at the age of 28 from meningitis while he was overseas in 1915. It is interesting to note that the inscriptions for both his wives include “Wife of O.K. Gibson” as they needed identification as such in the family plot. It may just be the



convention of the day or the family wishes. I also noted that it is his first wife (married 3 years) Hazel's name that is inscribed on the side of the main monument along with his two sisters. His second wife (married for over 30 years and who survived him by another 26 years) is not on the main monument but is instead on a separate flat marker off to the side. I have no idea what family dynamic (if any) or circumstances led to this interesting arrangement.

This brings my account of the life and career of our first Dental Corps Deputy Director, Lieutenant Colonel O.K. Gibson, to a close. As I write this just a few days before Remembrance Day, I cannot help but wonder what things were really like for him and all of those that came before us who served in wartime, what it was really like serving in those times of conflict. Many have served and made the ultimate sacrifice in numerous conflicts since then. It is important that none are forgotten. We shall remember them.



## Some Photos from the Archives:



Opening the new clinic in Bagotville, 1982. With Major Yves Ayotte, Colonel Fred Begin, BGen Jim Wright, Base Commander Colonel C Bertrand, and Major Eric Reid.



DGDS was in #8 temporary building at Dows Lake. This was basically an old H Hut.  
 Back row, l l to R: Clark, McQueen, Chatwin, Craigie, Bagnal, Casterton, Pierce, Protheroe, Griffiths.  
 Middle row, L to R: McDougall, Fletcher, Brown, Brick, Butcher, Harrington, Evans, Richardson, Windsor  
 Front row, L to R: Cunningham, Kearney, Covey, Turner, Cornish





**Third Phase Training - RCDC School, Ottawa - May 1949**

Back row (L-R): 2/Lts J harms, HR Kettyls, KM Thompson, JG MacIntosh, JM Donely, J Hughson, WR Thompson, IAC MacDonald

Middle Row: 2/Lts AG Andrews, WO Mulligan, DH Protheroe, Porterfield, JM Smith, DC Deedrick, PS Sills, Spacklin, Graff

Front row: 2/Lts J Galvin, Cooke, J Harris, Peterkin, SW Muller, Patterson, L Crowley, Banks



***Dental Clinic Staff HMCS Naden, Esquimalt, B.C. - 1947***

*Seated (L-R): Cpl Bradley, Cpl Greco, Cpl Toole, Cpl Shiner*

*Standing: Cpl Bilbey, Capt Murray, Capt Evans, Maj Millar, Lt-Col Drewry*





The location of this photo is unknown to us. Peter thinks it is from about 1955-1960. The officers in the front row are J Turner and Ross Kettys. The fourth man over in the rear row may be Frank Reid. If you can provide more information, please send me an email!



Senior Instructor Course (Lab), RCDC School, 17 February 1961.  
L to R: Earl McFadden, Doug Wood, Bill Hill, Ken Wallace, Bob Goodwin, Jean Raymond, Jerry Jerome.

## 35 Dental Unit 100 kilometer Cross Country Adventure

*By Eric and Cathie Reid*

While doing a little basement de-cluttering this summer, Cathie and I came across her medal for completing the 100km Schonach-Belchen cross-country ski trail in Germany's Black Forest. The medal brought back memories of this "Adventure Training" event, organized by the 35 Dental Unit's Baden and Lahr detachments in February 1987. Similar "training" had been organized and run a number of times prior to our 1987 adventure. A further search of the basement uncovered a box of slides that documented the event, some of which are reproduced for this article.



Start of 100km - Front row: Craig Allison, Euan Swan, Kerry McTaggart, Jeanne Girard, Bernie Isabel.  
Back Row: Mr Smith, Jane Smith, Bob Hart, Francis Lacouvee, Ray Jobin, Gayle McIntyre, Joanne Ippolito, Louise Laliberte, Wayne Garland, Cathie Reid, Eric Reid, Rene Lacasse.

The 100km trail was developed when several of the local cross-country ski clubs realized that without too much trouble, they could connect sections of neighbouring trails together to form what they named the Fernskiwanderweg (Long Distance Ski Trail). It was (and still is) a very popular trail, usually completed in three days with local hotels along the route providing overnight accommodation for skiers. A marathon ski race was held on the route between 1974 and 2006, with competitors finishing the course in the 5-7 hour range!

Our group consisted of several excellent recreational cross-country skiers, a number of downhill skiers like Cathie and me, and other adventurous types! We started out under overcast skies and passed through the rolling hills and villages of the Black Forest. While the second day consisted of the greatest increase in elevation, to the top of the Feldberg ski area, it was a sunny, warm day with deep snow and excellent snow conditions. Day 3 could not have been more different, with fog, wind, and rain making it difficult to take in the scenery; snow conditions were so slushy we often had to take off our skis and walk. Cathie remembers that she was the last to arrive at the finish line and that the first beer tasted awfully good!



*Eric and Cathie Reid*





The trip would not have been possible without the support vans manned by non-skiing members of the dental detachments. The skiers were grateful to them for moving our overnight bags, and for pick-ups and drop-offs at the trailheads. We were particularly grateful to see the vans strategically placed along the trail, knowing that there were hot drinks and food close by.

Of course, looking at the photos from a distance of over 30 years,

there are many faces we can still name and some that are familiar that we cannot name, but we certainly remember the whole experience with fondness.

Snow conditions vary from year to year; between 1974 and 2006, the race was advertised annually but only run 19 times. Since 2006 it has been run as a "Rucksack Race", part of the World Loppet Series. Unlike a marathon, where there is support along the way, competitors in this race must carry their own food, wax, and arrange transport. Men must carry a minimum 4kg pack and women a 3kg pack. The next race is scheduled for 13 February 2021 – we hope they have enough snow!



*Lunch at support van:  
Joanne Ippolito, Jeanne Girard, Linda Crowell*



*At the finish line*



*The pin that started our reminiscing.*

## The Origin of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps

This article is an amalgamation of various excerpts found on the internet and the opening paragraphs of *The History and Heritage of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps: A Century of Military Service*.

The history of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps can be traced back to the Boer War in South Africa, to which Canada sent 7,368 troops. The war was fought from 11 October 1899 to 31 May 1902 and marked the second overseas employment of soldiers of the Canadian Army (the first had been the Nile Expedition of 1884-1885, though these soldiers served in a combat support capacity rather than in a combat role). The war was fought between the British Empire and two independent Boer republics of the Orange Free State and the South African Republic (Transvaal Republic). The war resulted in the two independent republics being absorbed into the British Empire.

Since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, good incisors were vital for soldiers to bite off the top of paper cartridges for their muzzle loaders. Also, rations consisted of tough meat and hard army biscuits, that required a healthy dentition to chew. Reports soon surfaced about troops from all participating countries suffering from defective teeth. As a result, two Canadian dentists, Dr. David Henry Baird of Ottawa and Dr. Eugene Lemieux of Montreal, were recruited in 1900 and sent to South Africa where they served until May 1902. For the first time, Canadian dental surgeons operated in a theatre of war.

Doctor Baird served with the No. 10 Canadian Field Hospital and Doctor Lemieux served with the second Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment. Both belonged to the Canadian Army Medical Corps but had no Army status during this time. They accompanied the Canadian Troops in operations in the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony and the Cape Colony. There they rendered sterling service in tending to the dental needs of the Canadian soldiers, much to the envy of British soldiers who had no dentists available. The great number of soldiers who presented with dental emergencies established the fact that dental services in the field were indispensable. The British experience was that some 2,451 soldiers were evacuated to the United Kingdom on purely dental grounds, and nearly 5,000 men were found unfit for duty because of lack of dentures.

Given that the Boer War had ended shortly before the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) founding meeting at McGill University in September, 1902, it seemed only natural that the dental plight of army troops and the lack of military dentists would be discussed at length during the meeting. Doctor Ira Bower of Ottawa presented a paper entitled '*Dentists in the Army*'. One short excerpt out of ten pages of debate put the issue in context: "Most dentists here could tell lamentable experiences as related to them by our Canadian soldiers who served in South Africa. In one batch of fifty men, who offered to enlist in the Gordon Highlanders, eight who were otherwise fit were rejected on account of their bad teeth."

The following resolution, which was unanimously accepted, set the stage for close ties between the Canadian Dental Association and dentists in the military over the next century: **"The members of the Canadian Dental Association favor the adoption by the Militia Department of provision for a regular army dental staff, which shall be a distinct branch of the service, the members of which shall hold rank as do the general surgeons".**

Most sources claim that Drs Baird and Lemieux had no official Army status, but one report from 10 Can Fd Hosp refers to Dr Baird as a Corporal – "Corporal Baird, in the capacity of dentist, did good work, but illness prevented his remaining with the hospital continuously, I had not one bad man in the lot; all worked exceptionally well, and while, as I say, it is hard to especially mention anyone in particular, I cannot overlook the hospital cook, Sergt. Huot, who was ready at all hours, day or night, with his comforts for the sick, to which fact I think I am not wrong in saying a great deal of the success of the hospital was due. A number of the ward orderlies were qualified medical practitioners and medical students, and were of the greatest assistance on account of their professional training, and I am sure that their experience in South Africa, though in subordinate positions, will be of greatest benefit to themselves and to the Canadian Militia Army Medical Corps, in which organization. I trust the department will see fit to commission them as occasion arises."

### **DID YOU KNOW? WWI vs FWW**

The acronyms WWI and WWII are USA terminology? In Canada, and all other Commonwealth countries, the official names of those conflicts are First World War (FWW) and Second World War (SWW). Since learning this only last year, I have tried to use the correct terms in this newsletter.

The efforts of the founding CDA members were crowned with success when, by General Order No. 98, dated July 1, 1904, establishment of a contingent of 18 dental surgeons in the Army Medical Corps was authorized. Among the first Dental Surgeons to be appointed were the Boer War veterans and now honorary Lieutenants, Doctors Baird and Lemieux, as well as Doctor Bower. Doctor Baird was the father of a future DGDS, Brigadier KM Baird.

When Canada joined the First World war in August 1914, recruiting began immediately for the Canadian Expeditionary Force overseas. It was soon apparent that a significant number of potential recruits were being rejected for dental reasons. There were only 26 dental officers attached to various units, and they could not cope with the demand for the service. Civilian dentists were asked to volunteer their service, so much of the treatment was done by private practitioners.

General Order No 63 was issued on 13 May 1915, authorizing the Canadian Army Dental Corps (CADC) as a separate corps. This is the date we celebrate as the founding of the RCDC. In anticipation of this General Order, on 29 March 1915 authorization was published to appoint "one officer in charge of all dental surgeons, to be attached to divisional headquarters ..., to be designated 'Chief Dental Surgeon' as well as an establishment of dental officers for brigades, divisions, base hospitals and field ambulances. This provided a war-time establishment for the new CADC, with a lieutenant-colonel Chief Dental Surgeon for each division. A few days later Colonel John Alexander Armstrong was promoted, named the Director of Dental Services, and assigned to Canadian Corps Headquarters in London.

The CADC began operations overseas in July 1915 with a strength of 30 Dental Officers and 74 other ranks - a ratio of 1 dentist for every 1400 personnel. In 1915 the first domestic Canadian Military Dental Clinic was established in a stable at the Exhibition Grounds in Toronto. This was the first Military Dental Clinic in the British Empire.

It is costly in money and time to repatriate deployed personnel from a theatre for any reason. Transportation of personnel and equipment and the recruiting and training replacement personnel both consume resources better used elsewhere. Turning down otherwise qualified candidates because of dental issues is also wasteful of resources. Dental treatment in theatre is a cost effective way of minimizing those losses, and dental care to make the troops dentally fit also is effective. This two pronged approach of helping with force generation at home and 'maintenance of personnel' in theatre is still an important part of the RCDC mission today.

105 years later the Royal Canadian Dental Corps not only celebrates a rich heritage and history, but is at the forefront of modern, evidence-based dental health care. The RCDC and the CDA still enjoy a close partnership to this day.

## **2020 Anniversaries**

It seems many Dental Corps milestone events took place in years ending in '0' or '5'. Canadian dentists David Baird and Eugene Lemieux deployed to the Boer war in 1900. The Canadian Army Dental Corps (CADC) was stood up in 1915, and the first dental cap badge was designed. The first RCDC cap badge was first issued in 1950. In 1960, the first RCDC Quarterly was published and the March Past of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps was composed and published by Captain J.M. Gayfer, Director of Music of the Canadian Guards Band. The current RCDC cap badge came into service in 1970. Finally, the first RCDCA newsletter was published in 1995. The previous article on the formation of the CADC covered some of these events; this article will examine the remainder of these milestones.



Before the CADC was formed as an independent corps in 1915, dentists in the Canadian Army served in medical units and wore medical cap badges. Colonel John Armstrong, CMG, CBE, ED was named first Director of Dental Services in April 1915 and taken on strength of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). The cap badge he designed for the CADC followed the pattern of most CEF badges. It consisted of an arch surmounted with a crown, with the word 'Canadian' in the arch and the words 'Army Dental Corps (OS)' between the pillars, all superimposed on a maple leaf. The OS denoted overseas. The badge was issued in bronze for officers and brass for NCOs. The arch was copied from the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch Masons and is symbolical of the mouth, the chief entrance to the human body. This badge was in service from 1915 until 1928.



In 1928, many years after the end of FWW and the CEF, the second dental cap badge was designed and produced. The design simply consisted of the initials CADC intertwined and surmounted by a crown. At the start of the Second World War, the CADC was disbanded, and re-formed and reorganized as the Canadian Dental Corps (CDC). The word 'Army' was dropped from the name, in recognition of the tri-service nature of the dental services. However, the 1928 CADC badge remained in service.



It was in 1947, when His Majesty King George VI granted the Royal Warrant to the CDC in recognition of outstanding service during the Second World War, that the CDC was renamed the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. In 1950 a new badge was issued, consisting of the letters RCDCA in a monogram encircled by maple leaves and surmounted by a crown. The RCDCA still uses this badge as our official crest.

In April 1960 the first RCDCA Quarterly was published. A scanned version is on the RCDCA website at <http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/1960-04-vol1-no1.pdf>.

Canadian Armed Forces unification in 1968 led to new tri-service uniforms and the the RCDCA being renamed to the Canadian Forces Dental Services (CFDS). The design for a new cap badge was

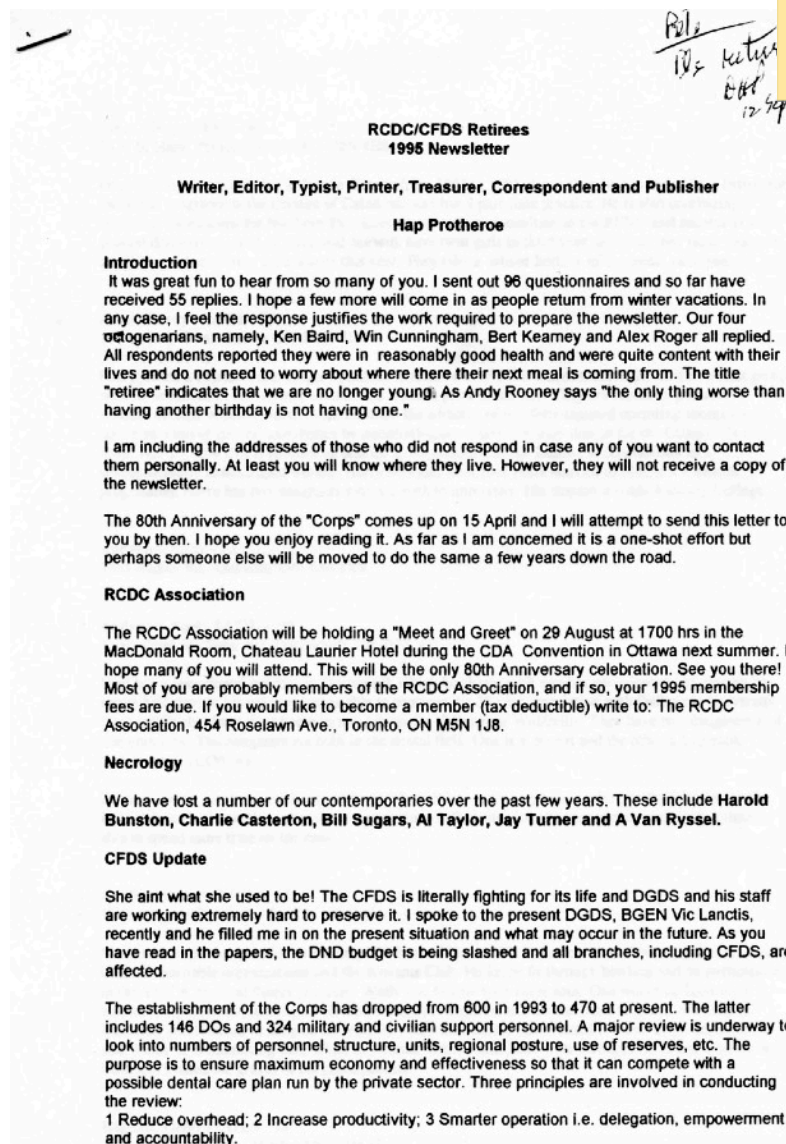
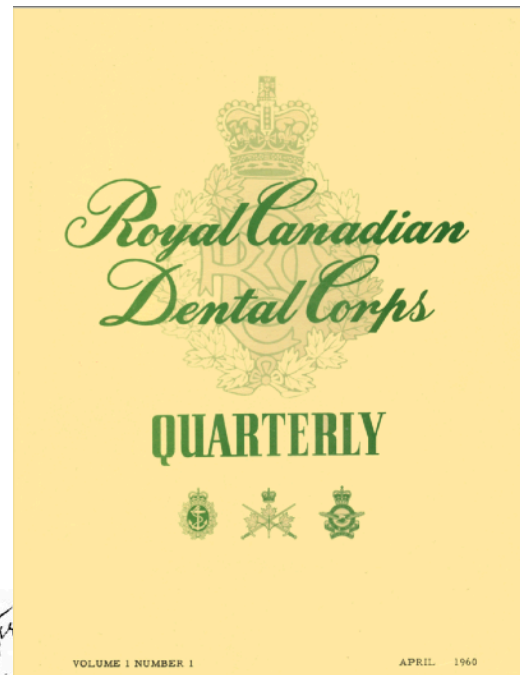
approved in 1969, and the first badges were probably issued in 1970. Photographs from that period often show CFDS personnel with the new badge and collar dogs but the pre-unification uniforms.

Colonel GR Covey, in the Jan 1970 RCDCA Quarterly, articulately described the new badge and its significance as follows: "The wreath of stylized gold maple leaves indicate that it is Canadian and although it has ten leaves, they do not represent the ten provinces by intention but are stylized because the leaf on the Canadian flag is stylized. The gold cartouche or oval ring has no real significance except to hold the 'device'. The device contains three parts. First, the rod of Aesculapius, a rod or staff with a single serpent entwined around, which appears in ancient representations of Aesculapius, the God of healing. Since it is the only true symbol of the healing arts, it appropriately identifies dentistry as one of the healing sciences. Secondly, the Crusader Sword depicts the military environment of the CFDS. Thirdly, the Delta is the fourth letter of the



Greek alphabet which in this emblem represents dentistry. Finally, the Royal Crown Proper ensigns the whole and indicates allegiance to the Queen. Inherent also in the significance of the badge design is the fact that it maintains the general outline of the RCDC badge and thereby provides some measure of continuity. Further, the device is an adaptation of the recently approved Canadian Dental Association symbol for dentistry and finally, since the dental service for all elements of the Canadian Forces will continue to be provided from a single dental source, it is truly distinctive." Fifty years later, the RCDC is still wearing this badge.

Peter McQueen recently provided me with a copy of the first page of the first RCDCA newsletter, printed in 1995. It was a single page of news, with a further seven pages listing names and addresses of serving and former dental officers, which I have reproduced below.



Seeing as how all of our planned 2020 activities were cancelled due to the pandemic, it was fortuitous, for the purposes of this newsletters, that so many anniversaries could be acknowledged this year.





## It's the Most Wonderful Time of the YEAR!

*By Sergeant Valerie Whynot, DCC 1 DU Det GK*

Sometimes, just sometimes, we unintentionally take some things in life for granted. A hot shower, a warm meal, a roof over our head, a safe place to call home. Are we in a world that appears, at times, to be consumed with “keeping up with the Jones’s,” designer clothes, fancy sports cars, mine is better than yours mentality? Have we lost sight of “the best things in life are free?” Health, love, friendships, family... the list continues.

Duane and I both grew up in a low income households. Although money was scarce, love was abundant. Duane and I often joke about how excited we were to wake up Christmas morning and see that Santa had left us an orange and a handful of chocolates in our stockings. Santa was amazing!!! He ate the cookies, drank the milk and left some presents! Sadly, not every child gets to experience this Christmas euphoria.



In 2011(ish), Major Tim Pohlman discovered that there was a local women's shelter in need. It was a safe house where mothers and their children sought refuge from abusive partners. Major Pohlman felt compelled to contribute so that these women and children could enjoy Christmas in difficult times. He inquired how many children and mothers, obtained the children's ages, sizes, boy/girl etc. That Christmas, Major Pohlman and his wife went out and personally purchased gifts for the children. He continued to do so every Christmas during his tenure here.

The tradition then continued with his predecessor, Major Deborah Pawluk.

She personally contributed on her own dime, gifts for the children. When MCpl Carla Prowse and WO Marie-Claude Desharnais arrived and heard of this, they additionally donated. The next year, the clinic found themselves 'casually' reaching out to see if other units/people would like to become involved. And so it began.

Cue Major Nathan Elliott. He arrived and took things one step further. He decided to make it a full on Canadian initiative. The Canadians could experience the importance of helping and supporting our local Host Nation community. He reached out to the local Canadians located at the AWACS, Brunssum and Selfkant Kaserne bases. Children were assigned to various sections to gather gifts, monetary and food donations.



In 2018, I experienced the undeniable joy of being able to contribute and help organize. There was a wrapping party at the clinic where several people from each section would gather. Christmas music played and we had sparkling water and veggie trays. Okay. Who am I kidding! We had homemade hot cocoa, cookies, chocolates, sweets galore. We wrapped gifts, joked, and listened to Christmas music. The spirit of Christmas was alive! I imagined that this what it must feel like to be an elf in Santa's workshop!! The four wheel sleigh (aka van) was loaded and away MCpl Carla Prowse and I went to deliver. On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen...

You cannot put a price on the look of the faces of several of the ladies who work there as we off loaded the van. The touching display of gratitude and thankfulness for these children who might not have any presents under the tree from Santa. Major Pohlman nor Major Elliott have experienced this first hand because men are not permitted at the shelter. They received the appreciation via e-mails from the shelter or from the dental clinic staff who delivered the donations and would relay back messages of appreciation. Of course, this year proved to be a little different. With face masks on, MCpl Christine Good and I delivered a van full of gits and food. Although we could not go inside and enjoy a conversation over coffee and biscuits, we left the shelter with a feeling of inner peace; they would enjoy yet another Christmas.



The shelter has moved since Major Pohlman's first involvement, to a larger and safer house.

The involvement from the dental clinic and local Canadian community extends further than Christmas contributions. We gather new/good quality items throughout the year; clothing, toiletries,

cleaning supplies, dishware. Anything that can be utilized by the moms to help out when they find their new home.

These are details I gathered so I hope I have done this article justice and not missed or skewed details. Major Pohlman started something very special which we will carried on for years to come; as long as the Canadians are here. The excitement and appreciation from all who contribute and are involved is infectious. After all, is this not what Christmas should be about? Helping those who are less fortunate than us. An act of kindness can be the simplest of gifts to change someone's day. I think that Anne Frank summed it up best. "No one has ever become poor by giving."

**Kathleen McLeod donated several photos and some uniform items belonging to her late father, WO2 Basil McLeod.**



**The Fighting No. 13 Dental Coy RCDC HQ Staff. Trenton, Ontario 1961**

L to R: Mr Bill Brampton (retired Dental Repairman), Sgt Bud Lunnin (OR Clerk), Cpl Wolf Wiley (OR Clerk), WO2 Pat Mulholland (Chief Clerk), Cpl John Eady (OR Clerk), Captain Ian Hunter (Quartermaster 13 Coy), Cpl John Kennedy (Storesman), LtCol Alec Leman (Commanding Officer 3 Dental Coy), Captain Ed Tullis (Adjutant), Cpl Carl Schmelzle (Storesman), WO2 Basil McLeod (CQMS), Sgt Billy Weir (SQMS), Sgt Ernie Everett (Dental Repairman)



Ex RCDC members employed at Faculty of Dentistry, UWO, London, Ontario, 1978

- 1 Ken Kennedy
- 2 Jim Stokes
- 3 Dr Baird (retired DGDS)
4. Dr Skinner
- 5 Dr Smith
6. Dr Bunston
- 7 Dr Charles
8. Dr Sills
9. Art Tait
- 10 Tom Batten
- 11 Basil McLeod
- 12 Max Fisk
- 13 Ernie Clark
- 14 Frank Heard



Terry Melbourne shared these photos from his time on HMCS Provider and his 1977 UNEF II tour



Mt Herman, Israel. Syria to the right, Lebanon behind.  
Dental SEV  
Inside the SEV



Wine and cheese party during  
Replenishment-At-Sea (RAS)  
First day aboard







Peter McQueen tells this story:

The training of dental students under the ROTP DOTP plan was in three phases. Phase one was held at the infantry school in Borden. Phase II included trips to Army, Navy and Air Force Bases to expose the cadets to all three services. My Phase II training consisted of Camp Borden for the Army, Gordon Wallace for the Navy and RCAF Clinton, ON for the Air Force. The Air Force tour was a disaster. My class reported it that none of us wanted to work with the Air Force. Clinton had no aircraft and no activity. The RCAF rectified it by sending the cadets in the next year over to Baden Solingen in Germany. This photo shows LCol Hap Protheroe welcoming Colonel Craigie and the phase 2 DOTP cadets.



**DOTP Phase III 1970. Back Row, L-R:** Colin Milne, Paul Greenacre, Wally Donald, Ron Woodworth, Bud Bradley, Brian Schow, Michel Chagnon, Jim Fennel, Peter Darlington, Yves Ayotte, Mike Bouris, Ed Graham. **Second Row, L-R:** Arnie Chesnut, Frank Giesbrech, Larry Holland, Frank Margetts, Pete Wooding, Bob Salois, Dufor, ?, Eric Dalziel, Al Charlebois, \* St. Louis, ?, Henri Ferber. **Front Row, L-R:** Floyd Jackson, Greg Ames, Maj Sid Mueller, BGen L. Craigie, Col. Covey, Doug Meredith, Dave Rowat

## **RCDCA TREASURER'S REPORT FY 2019/2020**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Period  
1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020

### **GENERAL FUND**

#### **Revenue**

Dues	\$2,527.02
Donations	\$345.00
Social Events	\$440.00
Interest	\$15.89
Merchandise	\$515.00
Bank account forwarded from 30 September 2019	<u>\$21,342.02</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,184.93</b>

#### **Disbursements**

Office Supplies	\$342.66
Printing	\$1,321.21
Postage	\$0.00
Meetings	\$0.00
Social Events	\$797.75
Travel	\$0.00
Donations and Memberships	\$800.00
Trophies & Historical	\$0.00
Merchandise	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,261.62</b>

Opening bank balance 1 October 2019	\$21,342.02
Closing bank balance 30 September 2020	\$21,923.31
<b>Net Gain for FY 2019/2020</b>	<b>\$ 581.29</b>

### **SUMMARY**

RCDC Association has current cash assets of \$21,923.31 for FY ending 30 September 2020.

Generous donations from our members have continued during this difficult year. The only substantive differences in the revenue and expenditures from past years was the lack of social events over this summer and fall. Postage costs for mailing the newsletter were included in the printing expenses. Our financial records and the bank records balance exactly. The RCDCA thanks all its members for their continuing support.

## Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association 'Kit Shop' /

The RCDCA is pleased to offer the following items to RCDCA members and to civilian and military serving members of the RCDC. Please order from Major (retired) Richard Groves at [rcdca\\_acdrc@icloud.com](mailto:rcdca_acdrc@icloud.com)

**RCDC Regimental Silk Tie:** Cost is \$35. The length is 60". This tie is for all serving and retired members of the RCDC and CFDS.



L'ACDRC est heureuse d'offrir les articles suivants aux membres de l'ACDRC et aux membres civils et militaires du CDRC. Vous pouvez les commander du Major (retraité) Richard Groves à [rcdca\\_acdrc@icloud.com](mailto:rcdca_acdrc@icloud.com).

**Cravate régimentaire du CDRC faite en soie:** Le coût est de 35 \$. La longueur est de 60 po. Cette cravate est appropriée pour tous les membres actifs et retraités du CDRC et du SDFC.



**RCDC Lady's Brooch:** Cost is \$75.

**Broche du CDRC pour dame:** Le coût est de 75 \$.

**RCDC Blazer Crest:** Cost is \$25. Crest is 2-3/4" x 4". This crest is authorized for wear by all current members of the RCDC and retired members of the CFDS.

**Cimier du CDRC pour blazer:** Le coût est de 25 \$. Le cimier mesure 2-3/4 po x 4 po. Ce cimier est approprié pour tous les membres actuels du CDRC et les membres retraités du SDFC.

**RCDCA Blazer Crest:** Cost is \$25. Crest is 3-1/4" x 4". This crest is authorized for wear by all RCDCA members or members of the RCDC pre-1968.

**Cimier de l'ACDRC pour blazer:** Le coût est de 25 \$. Le cimier mesure 3-1/4 po x 4 po. Ce cimier est approprié pour tous les membres de l'ACDRC ou les membres du CDRC qui ont été en service avant 1968.



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