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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS

The old address was prmcqueen@home.com

The new address as of 30 November 2001 is


We have two e-mail groups in the RCDCA one for news and one for humor. If you are not on them why not try them -just contact me at the e-mail address below. If they don't suit you just ask to be removed. If you are already on them and seem to have been dropped be sure to e-mail me at the new address . There are now 102 members on the RCDCA newsgroup and 87 on the RCDCA humor group

Unpaid 2001 Annual Dues .

Our new policy is to collect annual RCDCA dues one year at a time with the annual dues rate set at \$15.00. We will announce when dues are payable usually in a newsletter at the end of each year and we will insert a return envelope plus an enrolment form. Those who do not respond will get a personal reminder by surface mail in the spring. Those who do not respond to our second reminder will be dropped. Anyone can rejoin by paying the dues. We we had to "drop" 16 members in 2001.

Thanks

Thanks to Earl, June, and Gilles Brissette for envelope stuffing and mailing of this newsletter , and the 2001 AGM letter.

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of the RCDCA: LCol Hank Griesbach, MWO Tom Deloughery, MWO Russel Black, Major Jeff Piekarsky and Major Robert Gillis.

Last Post

William Edmund Hill, 'Bill' died in an Ottawa hospital on 28 July 2001 at the age of 73. Bill was a former dental laboratory technician.

Dr. Elliot M. Claude Franklin, BSc, DDS died on Thursday, November 8, 2001 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. He was an RCAF pilot during World War 2. Following the war he attended Dalhousie Dental School and practised dentistry in the Canadian Forces. Dr. Franklin later joined the faculty of Dalhousie Dental School. He moved from Halifax to Fredericton in 1994.

Trenton Golf Unfortunately our annual planned golf tournament scheduled for September had to be cancelled almost at the last minute due to the fact that many serving CFDS members were on possible standby to be of service in New York for possible forensic identification of those killed in the terrorism attack on New York on 11 September. We mailed out one hundred per cent of the refunds and barring anything unforeseen will plan on having the event next year.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Tom Routledge is still in private practice in the suburbs of Vancouver and is doing more forensic work - identifications for BC Coroners' Service. His eldest daughter just finished her first year at University of Toronto (Arts) and younger daughter just finished grade eleven. Tom continues to collect dental corps uniforms, insignia and memorabilia.

Gilles Brissette was a major at BFC Bagotville a few years ago and made friends with a fighter pilot named Chris Hadfield, they took a few CF5 trips together and remain in contact. Just before a space flight this year Gilles wished him good luck and mentioned the RCDCA. Gilles had the following message from Canadian Astronaut Chris Hatfield Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2001

Dear Gilles - please pass my greetings and best wishes to the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association. Please assure them that in orbit I brushed twice a day, with a fluoride toothpaste. Without gravity (and thus no sink), however, I had to swallow the toothpaste - not a highlight of spaceflight. Take care, Chris Hadfield Col, Astronaut

Talk about friends in high places !!!

Joe Walsh says that he's still slaving away in St. Anthony with frequent visits to Labrador. At the time of his writing, the salmon fishing season was just starting there, so he was looking forward to his next trip to Labrador, where there are some excellent salmon rivers. Americans go up there to fish salmon for \$500 US a day. Joe can fish salmon all season with a \$25 licence.

Ivor Hamilton reports that he's been travelling a bit when not enjoying the social life of Halifax. Last year visited Cuba, then Ireland, Wales and London. This was interrupted by some abdominal surgery, then back to Europe - Iceland, Copenhagen, Paris, London and Glasgow. This year the plans are to visit Cuba again - for the sun, followed by two visits to Europe - Holland, France and the United Kingdom.

Gordon Chisholm thought that he'd give us a quick SITREP, by saying that he's still soldering on and happy to report that all is well. In an esoteric way he's involved with Regimental (Seaforth of C) Senate matters and other affairs concerning the Royal Canadian Legion which is trying to revitalize itself. Professionally, he divides his time between teaching at the University of British Columbia and associating part time. He sends best wishes to all.

BGen Ken Baird recently sent in a most generous donation to the RCDCA for which we thank him! He states that he's hanging in there and still enjoys most aspects of the life of a very senior retired officer. He expects to reach a big milestone in a few months - his ninetieth birthday and with that should be eligible for a few more bars to his CVSM! He now has to employ the services of a 'walker' for his exercise which slows him down a bit but otherwise can still navigate fairly well, and is able to drive to the local food stores and the LCBO. Over the years, his family has grown in numbers, and has reached a total of twenty-seven members, he now has eight grandchildren and eight great grand children!

We get periodic handwritten letters from General Baird with news for the newsletter, support and praise for what we do- we appreciate his comments. Incidentally his letters are neatly hand written and put all of us scribblers to shame- Thanks General Baird!

Bob Burgman writes that Kay is doing just fine after her hip operation in June, and that by the end of the year he hopes she'll be able to do a bit of dancing and golfing. They just got back from Ontario, where they attended the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Bob's twin brother Bill and his wife Enid, who live in Cambridge. While in Toronto, Bob managed to get in a long chat with Chuck Sivell who told Bob that they are both having health problems. Bob says that he is fine and that he spends every day golfing when they are at home. This year they are leaving for Arizona in mid October, returning in mid March, and will not be flying back for Christmas.

Tom Deloughery tells us that he and Marion live in Black Bay on the water (in the Petawawa area of Ontario) where they enjoy fishing and swimming and just 'loafing around'. Tom golfs every day, says that he's not getting any better but is having lots of fun and relaxing times with his friends. In winter, Tom spends his time on wood working and is getting into something called intarsia which is a mosaic of wood fitted and glued into a wooden support. Apparently this form of art was popular in Italy in the fifteen century. It's small, a lot of detail - much like working in dentistry, in fact he uses many dental instruments.

Hank Griesbach reports that they are healthy and happy, but they are missing their daughter Christina who is presently studying for her Master's in Communication and Culture at Ryerson in Toronto. Hank wonders if she'll ever return from the centre of the universe?

Back in August, **Corinne Leek** wrote that she, Brian Walker, and Tami Parks had their First Annual Cornwallis/Greenwood Retired CFDS Luncheon at a local Chinese restaurant. Apparently Tami is doing well and looking great and Brian seems happy as the proverbial clam. They tried to "recruit" Corinne into joining their practice but it was a no go as Corinne is a happy retiree! At the time of writing, Corinne was about to participate as an artist in Annapolis Royal's Annual "Paint The Town" - a big fund raiser for the Arts Council with seventy artists taking part. We haven't heard if she sold any of her efforts but she was successful in selling one at the Maud Lewis Festival in Digby earlier!

Eckart Schroeter mentions that he loves to 'surf' the net and keep in touch with his children by e-mail. His daughter Signy has a position with a television communications company in Toronto. Sons Markus and Stefan have been residents of Australia since the beginning of this year. They applied for a working-holiday visa and have embarked on a fantastic adventure. Eckart says that his best times are spent at the cottage at 'Shampers Bluff' - located at the junction of the Saint John River and Bellisle Bay - the property borders on two hundred acres of Nature Conservancy land - it is a great place to get in touch with creation.

Peter and Mel McQueen were in France visiting their daughter (who lives there now) and granddaughter who is now two years old. Weather was great, Peter was given a black beret (it was Basque Country). Now he's wondering how to wear that thing !

The start of their trip was a bit nervous, being late September after the New York attack, and as luck would have it they were booked on Air Transat (Peter's offer to bring ten litres of JP-4 aboard was rejected). Then they were delayed an hour as a passenger and his luggage were removed before take off (false customs declaration) Other than that no worries at all--ha!

Peter did get to Lahr, and is sad to report that the Schwarzwald Stubbe is no longer a place to eat. It has been purchased by a lady from Chicago who married a local farmer. The farming is doing well, but the Gasthof meal was a great disappointment. Not so with the Lowen in Lahr- same excellent food and service and it was packed. The DamenMuhle in Sulz is now a pizzeria- ouch!! All the PMQ's are well painted, window flowers in place and while locals said the loss of Canadian money was felt , none appeared to miss Canadians.(Were we rowdy ?)

The airfield is little changed (lots of buildings torn down) but its final use is still being discussed. The Caserne is a mess of weeds, broken windows, rusty barbed wire and grafitti, but there is hope. As he walked in Peter saw the German Red Cross (Rote Kreuz) starting to fix up the first building in the Caserne (K-1) = looks like it will get better. At that point someone said **halt eintritt ist verboten!** Ah yes back in Germany,!!! Peter said **Ja Wohl** and left

Peter discovered one trace of Canada there called Canada Haus(was the former Der Kanadier Office), and there was Trish Cornforth still at work. (for those that knew her) They maintain a few books and things about Canada. There are rumors of a Canadian Reunion in Lahr in 2004. and Peter plans to monitor that

If you wish to contact Canada Haus try this web site www.derkanadier.de or e-mail

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Mel and Peter also got to Freiburg, a nice nostalgic trip specially the market platz , also Munich !! Finally, the German trains, taxis, beer, food, wine, coffee and wurst with brotchen are same as ever and they tried them all. Even one aspect of German toilet paper has changed - it now comes in several colors !!! The other quality is the same (industrial strength) - bring your own. hahahahahaha Peter is eager to get back!

BGen Lanctis and his wife Marilyn have enjoyed a relatively sedate summer after their whirlwind tripping of last winter and spring (Hilton Head, Cancun, Greece, Turkey, Munich, etc.). Aside from a number of delightful wine tastings, jazz festivals, Porsche Club projects and outings and a 35th dental graduation convention, life settled down to a very reasonable pace... However, that didn't last for too long, with the resumption of volunteer commitments taking place in late August. Travel associated with the Presidency of the International College of Dentists took them to Kansas City in October and to Rockville, MD in November. The year 2002 promises to be an extremely active one with monthly and, in some instances, weekly commitments to participate in a variety of meetings and functions around the world. Otherwise, they are keeping fit and in good health.

Bill MacKenzie finds it hard to believe that he's been 'out of dentistry' for ten years now although he still makes time to attend the Ontario Dental Association and the Toronto Academy. He likes to look around the commercial exhibits but finds that the crowd has changed to say nothing of the equipment and techniques. He's also remembering fewer of the names now but says quote: "God bless em all, the long and short and the tall". Bill closed by saying he's doing ok, (he thinks), and jokes that he can't remember.

Yves Ayotte submitted the following.... Salut les amis du RCDCA et de la grande famille du SDFC. Since I retired for an easy job with Health Canada in June 1998, I have had very little time to do anything but survive... Finalement, je sens que je reprend le dessus. Apprendre un travail à cet âge noble, ce n'est pas toujours facile, surtout lorsque l'on doit travailler avec une clientèle aussi différente des militaires, nos amis autochtones. Cette remarque n'est pas nécessairement négative! Je dois dire que je suis très heureux dans mon nouvel emploi. J'ai appris énormément des Premières Nations et Inuits du Canada and I have (thank God) left behind many prejudices about them. I have realized the many inequities that our "civilisation" has created upon them under the pretexts of faith, civilisation, modernisation, technology, etc... Don't worry, I have kept still a practical look at today's situation and I do not believe that our government has been the only cause for their problems... but we must recognize that we have not been always as "good" as we would like to pretend... So, this job has a highly political profile and for those who know me, la politique a toujours été mon talon d'Achille! Coté famille, j'assume que les mauvaises nouvelles ont rejoint la majorité. En effet, France et moi avons rejoint le groupe statistique des "... en recherche d'une autre âme soeur..." depuis quelques mois. Les enfants eux se portent très bien. Jocelyn et Annie nous ont fait grands parents de deux magnifiques petits enfants, lui, il est présentement en Angleterre où il poursuit une formation en reconnaissance des photographies par satellite. He has transferred from the " famous vandoos " to the intelligence last year and moved to Ottawa. Marylène is working for an international company after leaving Aldo Shoes and travelling some months à la recherche de son âme... I have also a rock group created by the next four of my group of seven...: Frederick, drummer, Sebastien, basist, Guillaume, guitarist and Sophie, singer (she has it from her mom!!!) They are working on their second demo of their original creations; and finally, Violaine who will be 17 in November will be completing her high school this year. She just came back from a trip to Cuba and has found her first summer job... So, she is quite excited. She lives with France in Quebec City while I manage here in Montreal to keep the others above water and wipe their noses once in a while (with dollar bills). I try to keep in touch through the Association or active members du SDFC et je suis très fier et heureux de voir l'évolution de l'équipe du colonel see next page

John Currah. Même si nous avons des idées différentes sur quelques sujets, il en demeure que je suis avec lui et son équipe et je reconnais en eux les bâtisseurs du SDFC que nous avions à un moment rêvé de retrouver.

Il est sur la bonne voie bravo zulu à tous les membres du SDFC pour un travail extraordinaire dans des situations extrêmement difficiles (sauf pour ce qui est de la solde!!!). Finalement, j'ai aussi essayé de participer un peu plus activement à l'intérieur de l'Association, mais des paradigmes dépassés m'en ont découragé. Je crois que comme retraité avec un expérience valable, nous avons droit à nos idées et que nous devrions pouvoir les présenter sans l'influence de l'organisation hiérarchique qui veut se prolonger en dehors des cadres du SDFC. Quoique je respecte leur opinion et leur vue, j'attends à ce que les miennes le soient aussi. Sur ces mots je vous quitte en disant au général Lanctis que j'ai grandement apprécié son article Military Brass Easy Targets. Il est d'ailleurs affiché sur le mur de mon bureau et Noël Audet, Jocelyn Lemieux et Jean-Luc Pouliot avec qui j'ai l'honneur de travailler, ont été tout aussi impressionnés par la plume comme la pertinence du document.

Sanitas in Ore, Yves Ayotte, lieutenant-colonel à la retraite.

Gen Gunther and his wife Cathy made a trip to Moldova back in September of this year. The following is Gen's report.

State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Moldova, 14 - 29 Sept 2001

by Genadi Gunther CD, DDS, FAGD, FICD

Editors Note Moldova is in eastern Europe in case you want to look it up

HVO planned to recruit four educators to provide lecture/demonstration/liaison to the dental department of the State University of Moldova as well as aid in treatment and teaching to fifth year dental students.

As a Canadian and a member of the Canadian Dental Association - an affiliate of the ADA - I was recruited by Dr. Stephen Mackler as the first dentist to provide this liaison. Unfortunately this was a few days after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Everyone we met expressed great degree of sympathy to us for the victims and the American people for this tragic event.

After a personal week spent in Vienna, my wife and I took an uneventful flight with Moldovan Air to Chisinau, the capital of Moldova. After a slight delay, we were met by Dr. Genadi Minescurta (professor and head of paediatric surgery) and our liaison/interpreter - Dr. Marianna Evans, a recent graduate of the dental school and fluently bilingual, who had accomplished the preparatory work of finding accommodation, co-coordinating our schedule, translating the lecture material and a thousand other tasks with thoroughness and dedication. After locating us in our apartment and purchasing a few needed groceries, we were hosted by Dr Minescurta and a translator/friend for the evening meal at a local restaurant.

On Sat 15 Sept we met Dean Pavel Godoroja and other university dental staff at the Republican Children's Hospital, had a tour of the hospital and clinics, discussed some cases, and reviewed some of the material I was prepared to present to see how it could best be scheduled. This meeting was to end before noon but ran well into late afternoon.

Sunday was a day off so we walked to church, the only Catholic church in a city which is mostly orthodox. We walked the main street Stephan cel Mare (a Moldovan hero) and to the American Embassy where people were standing in silence and laying flowers.

On Monday Dean Godoroja gathered students and staff to my slide presentation on IV sedation, pre-prosthetic surgery, and surgical anomalies. The material was well received with pertinent questions particularly from the staff wishing to discuss implications and technique of the surgeries. My interpreter a recent graduate, Dr. Marianna Evans was not only necessary but outstanding in the exchange of information. At 11 AM we had a meeting with the president of the Republican Hospital for Children, Dr. Gorsu, who explained some of the difficulties he is experiencing in administering what used to be a 650 bed hospital and is now a 350 bed facility due to budget restrictions. He is expected to run this facility on a budget of the equivalent of 300,000 USD per year. Consequently the 100 doctors work for the equivalent 35 USD per month and the 350 nurses receive 15 USD per month. The extra remuneration required is made up by university appointments and a form of private practice. A great injection of funds was donated from Japan in 1995 which provided much needed emergency equipment. The National Guard of North Carolina also contributed many boxes of glucosemeters but not the chemicals required for testing - so these boxes are sitting there until the chemicals arrive.

In the PM we had an appointment with the Rector (President) of the state University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Dr. Ababii, who told how they struggle with limited resources and are pleased with the support we were giving his Stomatological department. The university has been partnered with the University Of North Carolina having received aid from them and expecting to exchange staff. Under the soviet regime they were shut out of even information exchange with the west and now they are dealing with severe financial restrictions.

The following day I was invited to observe the extraction of a mesio-angular impacted third molar, done without assistance or suction. In the OR under deep sedation using ketamine and fentanyl a coronal cyst involving most of the body of the mandible was removed with the second pre-molar which was involved. The chairman surgery performed a frenectomy on a 4 year old. All procedures were performed with considerable care, skill, and judgement.

I was consulted on the diagnoses of treatment to be rendered a 55 year old male who had an impacted maxillary cusped with all incisors missing. It was suggested that the tooth be orthodontically moved into function - I expressed my opinion that with the patients past dental neglect it would be a waste of time and effort - the patient preferred my suggestion asked if I would do the extraction - I agreed.

The following day I was invited to give a lecture to the dental students after we met with many of the heads of departments of the dental faculty. I presented "Advanced Restorative Crown and Bridge" and "Surgical Anomalies". The audience consisted of staff and students accommodating 120 people. I believe the material was well received by the questions that were asked. In the afternoon we toured the dental facility which is a large building of three floors, the treatment rooms are filled with 5 to 7 chairs with a professor supervising. The equipment is dated and in need of repair.

There seems to be a shortage of patients and consequently many of the procedures are not practiced by the students only demonstrated by the professors. The best I could determine undergraduates number about 400 with another 160 post graduates. The specialty of periodontics does not exist and there are no hygienists in Moldova. The faculty does have a department of "Fisiotherapy" which includes magnetic therapy, ion stimulation, laser and microwave treatment - to increase circulation, promote healing, treat periodontal disease, disinfect a root canal, absorb overfilled canals and treat TMJ.

I observed a professor place two mandibular implants- good technique skilfully performed. He is one of 5 or 6 dentists doing implants in Moldova and must purchase his own supplies and equipment and pass the cost on to the patient. In the dental school laboratory both acrylic and crown and bridge were limited. I discovered how "pressed" crowns and bridges are made to look like gold.

On Thursday we were hosted by the University to a tour of the State winery at Cricova. Along with a USA peace corps visitor, an ENT doctor from Sweden and ourselves we were driven about an hour out of town to the most amazing underground city I have experienced. 150 kilometres of underground roads, 60 kilometres used for storage of wines. Five of the most magnificently appointed tasting/meeting rooms. We were invited to taste six of these very acceptable to outstanding wines.

Friday 21 Sep at 9 AM the patient I saw earlier for the consultation on the palatally impacted cuspid was appointed for me. After much preparation the OR was ready and with about 15 students and staff I put on gown and gloves and performed the operation. I was invited to observe the first stage of a soft tissue palatal closure on a 10 month old by the chief of surgery for the children's hospital. The operation was carried out with care diligence and a considerable amount of skill. Afterwards Dr. Lupan was willing to openly discuss the blend of techniques he was using from the Russian to European with his own experience. Other operations observed that day was a bony biopsy of a 7 year old boy with fibrous dysplasia and keloid removal from the ear lobe of a young burn victim. In the evening we enjoyed a ballet of Swan Lake performed by the national company with excellent seats for the price of 10 Lei (about 80 cents).

The weekend was on our own but on Sunday we were hosted by our translator and her American husband with a trip to a monastery in a unique area outside the city where Christianity survived because of persistence of these brave monks who hid in caverns with a history that extends to the 4th century AD. In the evening we enjoyed a superb meal at their home.

On Monday it was back to work. I met the chief of the emergency hospital and some of the department heads. I was once again invited to give my surgical lecture. to a smaller group of about 20 residents and staff. The questions this time were very pointed and incisive. These doctors were very interested in discussing use of large flap vs. mall flap, use of systemic antibiotic vs. local antibiotic, reasons for sequester formation whether due to local analgesic use or an infective process.

We were privileged to visit an orphanage about one and one half hours drive out of Chisinau. We rented the rector's car and took a dental student ,my translator/guide (Dr. Evans), some instruments for the purpose of providing treatment to these orphans. We were met by the director of this institution and taken on a tour of the facilities. The children appeared to be well looked after and happy. They were bright and only too happy to welcome visitors and demonstrate their abilities and projects. The focus of the visit was the medical dental/building constructed by the national guard of North Carolina as a gift to the people of Moldova and opened in August 2000. Here we found a well constructed two story building housing a small hospital and dental clinic - fully equipped with an Adec unit and compressor as well as many instruments and supplies. The building generally as well as the dental clinic appeared to be greatly under utilised. The instruments and supplies we brought with us were set up here and Dr. Evans and the dental student treated many of the children that presented for treatment in the presence of the dentist assigned to this position. A lot of these orphans are economic orphans - meaning that their parents cannot afford to look after them and place them in this facility where they will be fed, housed and receive an education.

I had the opportunity to speak to the fifth year dental students who expressed their anxieties on earning a living in this new more open economy. They were very interested in how their training measures up and what dental practice is like in North America. Their professors and other practitioners were also interested in methods, materials and practice as it relates to their field.

Although I saw dated and poorly maintained equipment and instrumentation I did feel an academic pride and expertise in what has been accomplished with limited resources. Some, few private practices have very modern equipment including digital radiography. State institutions on the other hand appear to be grossly underfunded and the staff and doctors greatly underpaid. They compensate by a form of private practice and gratuities from patients.

This was a most rewarding experience from my perspective and I hope I gave as much as I received. I cannot overemphasize the most critical assistance given by Dr. Evans - my translator, guide, scheduler. She was knowledgeable, diplomatic, accommodating, and much success ascribed to this mission is due to her commitment of time and talent.

C'est l'histoire de 3 chauffeurs d'autobus retraités.

Le premier dit: "Je suis bien content d'être à la retraite, je conduisais un autobus d'écoliers et je n'en pouvais plus d'entendre crier les enfants."

Et le 2ième dit: "Moi aussi je suis bien content, je conduisais un autobus d'handicapés et je n'avais plus la capacité physique d'aider les handicapés à embarquer et débarquer de l'autobus."

Le 3ième dit: "Moi, j'aimais bien mon travail, je voyageais beaucoup, je visitais, et c'était agréable".

Les 2 autres lui demandent "mais pour qui tu conduisais?" Ah je conduisais des Tamalous". Les 2 autres lui demandent "Qu'est-ce que c'est des Tamalous?" alors il répond "ce sont les personnes de l'Age d'Or, ils se demandent toujours les uns les autres "T'as mal où ?"

La blague du jour !

Quel est la meilleure forme de controle des naissances après 50 ans? - La nudité

Quelle est la différence entre une petite amie et sa femme? - 45 lbs.

Combien de femmes faut il pour changer une ampoule? - Aucune elle restent assise dans le noir et chiale après leurs maris!

Quelle est la facon la plus rapide d'atteindre le coeur d'un homme? - A droite du sternum avec un couteau bien tranchant!

Pourquoi les hommes veulent marrier une femme vierge? - Ils ne peuvent endurer la critique!

Pourquoi est-il si difficile pour une femme de se trouver un homme bon, doux et joli? Parce que ces hommes ont déjà un petit ami!

Quelle est la différence entre un nouveau chien et un nouveau mari? - Après un an le chien est toujours exité de vous voir!

Qu'est-ce qui fait que les hommes courent après) des femmes qu'ils n'ont absolument pas l'intention de marier? - Ca c'est comme les chiens qui courent apres des voitures qu'ils n'ont absolument pas l'intention de conduire!

What to do on a Rainy Day-

Letter rearrangements - these are exceptionally clever, whoever put these together must be deadly at Scrabble!

Dormitory: When you rearrange the letters Dirty room

Evangelist: When you rearrange the letters Evil's agent

Desperation: When you rearrange the letters A rope ends it

The Morse Code: When you rearrange the lettersHere comes dots

What to do on a Rainy Day- (continued)

- Slot Machines: when you rearrange the letters Cash lost in 'em
- Animosity: When you rearrange the letters Is no amity
- Mother-in-law When you rearrange the letters ----->Woman Hitler
- Snooze Alarms When you rearrange the letters ----->Alas! No More Z's
- A Decimal Point When you rearrange the letters ----->I'm a Dot in Place
- The Earthquakes When you rearrange the letters ----->That Queer Shake
- Eleven plus two When you rearrange the letters ----->Twelve plus one

CFDS NEWS

Year 2000 Co-Recipients of W.R. Thompson Trophy

At a CFDS Mess Dinner on Feb 26, 2001 during the Winnipeg Winter Working Group meeting, BGen (Ret d) W.R. Thompson presented the trophy that bears his name to Captain Mike Moser and Sergeant Cathy Dwyre.

Supporting Narrative by Maj G.W. Austin (former OC 1 Fd Amb Dental Platoon)

As the former OC of 1 Fd Amb Dent Platoon, I wish to nominate the dental team of Capt Mike Moser and Sgt Cathy Dwyre for the W.R. Thompson Trophy for their significant contributions to the operation role of the CFDS. For the past three years, Capt Moser and Sgt Dwyre have held positions in the operational units of 1 Fd Amb and 1 HSOTU, which culminated in a six month tour during OP PALLIDUM Roto 6 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. During that time, both these highly dedicated individuals have performed admirably, sometimes above and beyond the call of duty.

Capt Moser and then Cpl Dwyre were posted to 1 Fd Amb Dent Pl in Sept 1997 during its initial stand up of the platoon. Starting up a dental platoon within a field medical unit presented some unique challenges and barriers to overcome. Both Capt Moser and Cpl Dwyre played key roles in the integration of the dental platoon into 1 Field Amb. Upon its formation, the dental platoon was given 4 incomplete Dental SEV units in various states of disrepair along with 5 unserviceable diesel generators. Capt Moser oversaw the repair and re-equipping of the Dent SEV kits back to a state that they had soon become the best in the CFDS fleet. Cpl Dwyre, although initially having little mechanical

knowledge concerning MLVW and diesel motors, soon overcame this barrier and could often be found covered in grease while working side-by-side with the mechanics to repair and service the dental platoon s vehicles and field equipment.

Capt Moser and Cpl Dwyre distinguished themselves during OP RECUPERATION, the Montreal ice storm, with their personal acts of dedication and unselfish devotion to duty. Capt Moser was originally at CFB St-Jean for second language training when the ice storm hit the area. While other students and some other CFDS personnel left the area to be with their families, Capt Moser along with a few other dedicated CFDS personnel, remained behind. Capt Moser assisted in organizing the remaining students into work parties to assist with the influx of refugees fleeing the aftermath of the storm. The megaplex in St-Jean was hastily converted into an emergency shelter for the local population and remained such for a period of three weeks after the ice storm. For the first week, Capt Moser was the team leader for one of the work parties that had the dubious honour of being responsible for janitorial duties. Capt Moser worked along side his teammates cleaning bathrooms, scrubbing toilets and mopping floors. He preformed these tasks, without hesitation or complaint, because he wanted to help in any manner he could and realized that this unpleasant task had to be done. His selfless actions during this time were even more impressive considering that Capt Moser was recovering from a recently broken collarbone and any upper body motion caused him considerable personal pain and discomfort. When the regular custodial staff returned to work during the second week, Capt Moser found himself without a task and quickly requested to re-join his own unit of 1 Fd Amb which had arrived in St-Jean a few days earlier. Though his shoulder injury precluded him from doing routine dentistry, he quickly volunteered to fill the role of a dental assistant in order to ease the workload on the small dental team from 1 Fd Amb. This allowed the 1 Fd Amb Dent Pl to provide 24 hour dental treatment for the following two weeks of OP RECUPERATION.

Cpl Dwyre s performance and unselfish dedication to duty during OP RECUPERATION were no less impressive. Although originally tasked as part of a small two person dental team to augment the existing St-Jean dental detachment, Cpl Dwyre arrived in St-Jean after a sleepless night s journey to find a non-functional dental clinic and herself to be the only available dental assistant. Her new living quarters and bedspace consisted of a few square feet of cold tiled floor between the wall and the hydrobath tub in the hospital physiotherapy room. A borrowed dental SEV kit arrived the next evening from 5 Fd Amb and the only functioning dental treatment center in the area was quickly set up by Cpl Dwyre. Later that same evening, potential disaster struck when the dental diesel generator quit shortly after midnight. The outside temperature that night hovered around

minus 25 C with a strong north wind that drove the wind chill factor in excess of minus 40 C. Despite several attempts, Cpl Dwyre could not get the generator re-started. She realized that given the extremely frigid conditions, the diesel heater on the SEV was inadequate to keep the dental shelter properly heated and precious dental equipment and supplies could be damaged. After contacting the mechanics and stressing the urgency to get the dental generator on-line again, Cpl Dwyre completely drained the dental SEV water system and removed all the temperature sensitive dental supplies to a heated area. Her quick actions avoided potential disaster and resulted in no loss or damage to expensive dental equipment or supplies. Cpl Dwyre then spent the next several hours in the frigid temperatures, sometimes working with bare hands, assisting the mechanics in stripping down the dental generator's entire fuel system, which had become blocked with ice. It was later determined that the generator's fuel tank had unknowingly filled with water-contaminated diesel fuel from one of the less reputable local fuel dealers. The generator was restarted at approximately 0400 hours and appeared to be working well. Despite the lack of sleep from the previous few days, Cpl Dwyre remained with the SEV to ensure the generator would not fail again. Cpl Dwyre would not leave her post until ordered to do so by the Dental Platoon Commander. Her dedication and quick actions in this incident are commendable.

Capt Moser and Sgt Dwyre again proved themselves valuable team players in the 1 Fd Amb Dent Pl later that same year during Ex Prairie Ram. Ex Prairie Ram was the largest concentration of CF forces in the past decade and involved some 11,000 regular and reserve personnel. Cpl Dwyre was assigned to one of the two dental sections that provided 24-hour dental care during the exercise. Cpl Dwyre was instrumental in orienting a new dental Captain to the field routine and dental SEV setup while enduring scorching heat, dust storms, threats from grass fires, torrential rainfall, and infestation of red beetles. Capt Moser, although still unfit for field duties due to his slowly healing collarbone, was the OC of the rear party back at 1 Fd Amb. He performed this task very well and was even able to co-ordinate an air MedEvac of a seriously injured soldier to a civilian hospital in the middle of the night. With little assistance and no immediate medical guidance, he overcame several major civilian administrative barriers and was able to co-ordinate the medical air transport, obtain landing clearance and have the civilian hospital treatment team meet the military helicopter.

Capt Moser and Sgt Dwyre again teamed up as members of 1 HSOTU and participated in a six month tour during OP PALLIDUM Roto 6. Sgt Dwyre's performance during Roto 6 was outstanding and earned high praise from the Officer Commanding ASC. Her dental

duties were carried out with professionalism, efficiency and to the highest level of technical skill throughout the tour. During the dental officer's absence on his HLTA, Sgt Dwyre was responsible for emergency dental coverage of the entire Canadian AOR by herself for 19 days. She screened patients, placed temporary restorations when required, and formalized a plan to refer those patients she could not treat to the British dental facilities. In addition to her own dental duties, Sgt Dwyre also filled the supervisory position of Hospital WO for a period of two months. Many times she could be found doing dentistry by day and administrative duties far into the evening hours. She eagerly learned new medical skills and fulfilled a variety of paramedical roles to become a very valuable member of the trauma team in the ASC. When Sgt Dwyre became aware of the critical shortage of driver qualified personnel in the ASC; she volunteered as a driver and drove a variety of military vehicles throughout the Canadian AOR. On those occasions when Sgt Dwyre had some free time, she often rode along with C Battery on patrol in the Coyote reconnaissance vehicle. During these patrols, she would bring along toothbrushes to give out to the children that they met. Often she would also give a brief oral hygiene lesson on tooth brushing techniques, since many of the children had never seen a toothbrush before.

Capt Moser's performance and outstanding dedication during Roto 6 earned him praise from the TFBH Commander. He provided dental services at the ASC and the four different camps in the Canadian AOR. He participated with other members of the ASC in trauma scenarios and was prepared to respond to any dental/medical emergency in theatre. In addition to his primary role of dental support for NATO personnel and entitled civilians, Capt Moser had multiple secondary duties that occupied most of his free time. He was responsible for the daunting task of scheduling ASC personnel on R&R and HLTA, which became quite a dilemma with personnel assigned in two different geographical locations. With extreme diplomacy and personal initiative he was able to satisfy the needs of all the ASC personnel for their holidays. Capt Moser was also tasked as the sub-unit visits officer and was responsible for preparing all details for medical VIP visits in the AOR. He planned and organized a very smooth and successful visit for the DGHS, Surgeon General, and medical Branch CWO.

Over the past three years of operational postings, major military exercises, aide to civil power, and operational deployments, Capt Moser and Sgt Dwyre have repeatedly proven themselves to be highly dedicated, highly motivated, professional individuals. They have become very valuable members of their operational units and have both performed above and beyond the call of duty on numerous occasions.

Although their individual achievements and past histories of selfless actions in the line of duty are impressive, these two talented individuals appear to work best as a team and exemplify the team spirit of the CFDS. It is only fitting that these two deserving individuals be jointly considered for the W.R. Thompson Trophy for outstanding performance in the field.

We have another very large report 2000 on the CFDS, too large to attach here but if you have high speed internet access we will pass to you on request.

Good News or Bad

Barbara Walters did a story on gender roles in Kuwait several years before the Gulf War. She noted then that women customarily walked about 10 feet behind their husbands. She returned to Kuwait recently and observed that the men now walked several yards behind their wives. Ms. Walters approached one of the women and said, "This is marvellous. Can you tell the free world just what enabled women here to achieve this reversal of roles?" "Land mines," said the Kuwaiti woman.

Sooner or later ...

In a full week of playing on a tough course, the golfer lost his two golf balls supplied by the hotel. At check-out time, he could not help but ask how the hotel expected to remain in business. Then, as he inspected his bill, his face went white. "What's this? He choked, "Two lost golf balls, \$750 each, \$1500!!?" "At the other hotels," replied the clerk, "they get you by the food; the rates; the blackjack; the green fee. Here . . ."

What is it?

Schwarzenegger has a big one. Michael J. Fox has a small one. Madonna doesn't have one. The Pope has one but doesn't use his. Clinton uses his all the time. Mickey Mouse has an unusual one. George Burns' was hot. Liberace never used his on women. Jerry Seinfeld is very, very proud of his. We never saw Lucy use Desi's. What is it? The answer is: "A Last Name."

And you thought we'd print a dirty joke???

And finally

"There are many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart, pursue those."

**Have a Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year
(pay your dues and send us some news)**

Peter-Earl-June -Morley-Gilles