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As you may have noticed things have slowed down in the RCDCA so that this is the Newsletter that normally is sent out before Christmas, so what is going on?

First, canceling the Trenton golf was a hard decision because a lot of pre tournament work done by Earl and myself went down the drain, and that set us back a bit emotionally. Next our RCDCA Vice President Col. Morley Deyette asked to step down after many years of good service and there went a corporate knowledge source seldom seen. However no one can be expected to volunteer forever so we had to agree. The good news is That Fred Begin has agreed to step in and Morley will be there for advice as needed. Thanks to both of you. Then a bit before Christmas Earl McFadden decided to step down as RCDCA treasurer. Knowing he has been there for almost a decade there was no way to say NO. Earl will be there to support a replacement. But trucking on we will go slower but still forward. The RCDCA may be slower but it will continue.

Some thank you words follow:

Bill Parker – If you have noticed the great news items about the RCDC in Korea you have seen the work of Bill. Many good RCDC members, re-mustered to the RCDC after serving in Korea in other army roles. Bill was one of these who did and it was the RCDC that gained and now he serves the RCDCA. He has chased names, dug up files, copied photos, crawled thru records and uncovered our past. Take a look at the new way we display the “LAST POST”–its all thanks to Bill. Consider the new feature of looking for old buddies “LOST TRAILS”, again more ideas from Bill Parker. I find it a pleasure to work with him. All of us should be thankful he is so dedicated to our history and volunteers his time and efforts. He has more future news articles in mind.

PS: if you have any info or leads on the Dentals in Korea please pass them on.

I also want to recognize the following that have been very helpful.

Jacques Nadeau –who spent hours tracking down CWO Marcel Beauvais (alive in St. Bruno) and Cpl J Roy who regrettably has passed away.

Plus

Jack Sadler

Mary Gourdeau

Merv Fediuk

Howard Ferguson

Denis Winslow

Will Thompson

All the above gave us help with collecting information about Korea

Finally, thanks to Major Richard Groves of CFDS who is the CFDS rep for the RCDCA who makes all CFDS newsletters available to us .He is always there when we ask for help.

In case you have not met Major Groves here he is



While it is early 2009 and normally RCDCA annual dues time we did not insert an enroll form in this newsletter asking you to pay your dues. Since we are looking for a replacement treasurer (who will handle the cheques), its best to defer requesting dues till our next mailing which will be before June 2009 so we can provide details on the CFDS-RCDCA Golf.

As was mentioned above, the RCDCA Golf CFB Trenton was cancelled and it was a difficult and sad decision for Earl and me, particularly since last years turnout was so good. Regrettably, we had about one third of the numbers needed to make it a GO. Cancellation was the only option.

There is a plan which looks promising

1 Dental Unit and the CFDS will be hosting a Continuing Education Program / Golf Tournament in Ottawa on 11-12 June 2009. They wish to extend the invitation to all former CFDS/RCDC personnel, and all RCDCA members.

The proposed schedule is:

Thurs 11 June: Continuing Education (CE credit letters will be provided) followed by a casual evening Meet & Greet (location TBD).

Fri 12 June: RCDCA/CFDS Golf Tourney at the Hylands Golf Course in Ottawa with a 0800 shot-gun start followed by a BBQ at the Club.

Registration info to follow in early 2009.

At the end of this newsletter you will see a copy of the RCDCA annual financial statement for your information. The conclusion is that we are financially well managed by the excellent work of Earl, and the RCDCA is financially safe and sound.

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We have an ample supply of RCDCA ties and Blazer crests at \$ 15.00 each so if you need a tie or a crest let us know.

We of the RCDCA now have on line access to all the CFDS Newsletters (thru the kindness of Major R. Groves of the CFDS), who holds them on his personal computer.

The latest issue is November 2008 issue #10

Major Groves has posted the recent CFDS Newsletters to his own web site, to allow RCDCA members access to them. The web address is:

http://web.mac.com/rsgroves/iWeb/CFDS_Newsletter/Welcome.html

Instructions are on the page, but you must download and save the file to your computer. If you just clicking and read the newsletters from his you may freeze up your PC or his.

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These files are in PDF format which means you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and read the newsletter AFTER you download it to your computer. Adobe Acrobat Reader is free on line. Go to Adobe.com to get it. You should first make a folder on your computer to accept the download. If you need any help contact _____ at _____

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New feature "LOST TRAILS"

Due to the passing of time, it has become very evident that the LAST POST section in recent RCDCA newsletters has continued to increase in size. We are sadly losing friends. It has been suggested that we adopt a more positive approach and follow the Canadian Legions lead by inserting a "lost trails section" in our newsletters. A good example of the effectiveness of this approach was the update provided by Peter Lobbs' article on the health and the whereabouts of his mom Chris and his father Dick, both veterans of the RCDC/CFDS. The Lobbs have positively affected many dentals over a lengthy period in many different locations. Should you have a former dental type, a friend, and a buddy including dependents or family that you may wish to locate, hear about or to contact please let us know. Just provide the name or names and through the newsletter bulletin contacts and e-mail we will endeavor to provide an answer in a follow-up newsletter, hopefully to your liking. If you have anything please submit all to Peter or to Earl and they in turn will pass to me (Bill Parker).. I am looking forward to starting this new addition to our newsletter and who knows we may just track down and locate those folks and friends that we haven't seen or heard from in many years. Let's do it before old man Time says it's too late.

My Thanks to all,

Bill Parker

Peter adds this note

If you have any information please send it in no matter how minor you feel it is.

Please do not assume that somebody else will have it and send it to Bill Parker.

This happens too often and we hear nothing. My feeling is that if Bill parker is willing to step up volunteer his time his effort, the least we can do is try to help.

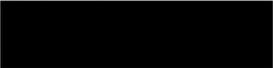
"LOST TRAILS"

As a start we are looking for any information on the following

- #1 Captain Nesbitt former Dental Officer
- #2 Bob Dawe
- #3 MWO Gary Albertson former Dental Assistant
- #4 John Shiner
- #5 Bill Jackson
- #6 Larry Peverall
- #7 Ted Meisner (son of Harry)
- #8 Stan MacLean
- # 9 Don Ray
- #10 Gaetan Lepage

RCDCA E-MAIL GROUPS

We have two e-mail groups one for humor and one for news; I put everybody on them but if you want off just ask. Feel free to pass me news and suitable humor

My email is 

LOST SURFACE MAIL CONTACTS

We no longer have correct addresses for the following
If you can call them or help in anyway please do

#1 Ross Kettys last good address was in Rabbit Hill Court Edmonton

LOST E MAIL CONTACTS

If you see your name here we can't reach you by e-mail so please advise us of a good e-mail address. Use this address prm@rogers.com to contact me

James Yim
Ken Smallshaw
Jacques Parent
Wayne Cudmore
Roy Todd
Ted Strileski
Andre Marcil

LAST POST

Hugh J. McKinnon WO
L.A. Richardson Col
F.C.T. Fennell L/Col
Laurie (Pete) Petley
M.O. Mike McDonald CWO
W.J. (Red) Arnsby Sgt
R.A. (Ray) Veinot MWO
Gary Porteous Sgt
Dr Williams Capt
Gerry Keogh Sgt
Dr Dennis H. Skinner Maj
William Dale Fiolek Capt
Robert Joseph Goodwin MWO

We Will Remember Them

Hugh J. McKinnon WO – After a brief illness, passed away on 17 October 2008 at the age of 78 in Edmonton. Hugh is survived by his wife Shirley and five daughters. He had a long and successful career in dental stores while serving in Western Dental Units. Hugh was not a member of the RCDCA.

Provided by Dick Lobb

L.A. Richardson Col - On April 2, 2008, our father passed away at the Vernon Hospital from kidney failure. He was in poor health for the past five years and suffered from many ailments but enjoyed the company of his family in his last years.

He spoke highly of the many people he served with in the Dental Corps and reminded me last month of the abilities of his peers. He had many RCDC friends and acquaintances like Colonel Deyette and General Wright and mentioned Peter McQueen. Born in Viking, Alberta on October 10, 1925, Colonel Leon Richardson graduated from the University of Alberta in 1949. He was proud of his service in the RCDC and loved the life of travel and adventure until his retirement in 1983. Last week he showed me the RCDC Association newsletter and talked about some of the people in the news but told me that he didn't miss taking up hang gliding. He also enjoyed his tenure as lecturer at the University of Manitoba until retiring in 1990 and was not disappointed that my sister and I did not become Dentists but Engineers instead.

As of today, the service is tentatively scheduled for 1400 hrs on Tuesday, April 8 at the Vernon First Presbyterian Church. Leon was an RCDCA member.

Jim Richardson, P.Eng. of Kamloops, BC
Anne Valentine, P.Eng. of Calgary, Alberta

Francis Carroll Ticky Fennell L/Col - Born July 22, 1919, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. He was a son of the late Frank and Adelle (Carroll) Fennell. He attended Dalhousie University, graduating in 1942 with a dental degree. Upon entering dental school, he was involved with the C.O.T.C. from 1940-42, and upon graduation, joined the Canadian Dental Corps under the rank of Captain. He was a veteran of the Second World War and served as Captain from 1942-1946. He maintained an active part in militia after the war, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1946, he opened a dental practice on Quinpool Road where he practiced for many years. He was not a member of the RCDC Association.

Laurie (Pete) Petley - age 74 of Carrot Creek, Alberta passed away at Edson Hospital on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 following a short illness. Born in Harcourt, New Brunswick, he served 28 years with the RCAF and later with the Dental Corps. Laurie was predeceased by his brothers Earl, Carman, and Carl; as well sisters Jessie Walsh and Bertie Petley. He was not an RCDCA member.



Michael Ossie McDonald CWO - 83, Dartmouth, passed away April 12, 2008. Born in Glace Bay on February 18, 1925, he was a son of Michael J. and Catherine (Steele) McDonald. Surviving are his wife, Johanna Yokubowski; son, David, Dartmouth; adopted grandson, Michael. He was predeceased by his oldest son.

A veteran of the Second World War, Mike served at numerous bases in Canada as well as Germany and Russia. While in Borden, he was a School Chief Warrant Officer at the Canadian Forces Dental Services School for nine years. In 1972 Mike was awarded the Order of Military Merit by Governor General R. Michener. After 35 years, Mike retired as Regimental Sergeant Major. Cremation has taken place. Private burial at a later date in Glace Bay. He was not a member of the RCDC Association.

Walter J. Arnsby Sgt - passed on recently. He was a Dental Technician and worked at the Shaw Laboratory and then became the Sec/Registrar of the Governing Board of Dental Technicians for the Province of Ontario. He retired to Elliot Lake and lived there for about five years. He was a dental Technician in the RCDC and served in Ottawa and overseas as well. I think he had cancer and I spoke to him about twice a week for the last five years. In the corps he was known as Red Arnsby and was a very good Technician. Red Arnsby served with the 20th Cdn Field Dental Unit in Korea. I believe his age was 76. He was very quiet and hard working in the service. He was not a member of the RCDC Association.
Thank you Charles Jewson

Raymond David Veinot MWO - 78, Middleton, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2008, in Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Middleton. Born July 26, 1929, he was a son of the late Clyde and Emma (Gates) Veinot. Raymond served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1958 to 1976. After retiring from the military he continued his occupation as a dental hygienist for many years in Lower Sackville and New Minas. Raymond is survived by his wife, the former Grace Naugler; sons David, Middleton and Robert, Hubley, Halifax Co.; daughter, Donna (Chris) Claridge, Tantallon; grandchildren, Kim and John Claridge; brother, Vernon, New Germany, and sister, Agnes Robar, Middleton. He was predeceased by brother, Ronald. Cremation has taken place. By request, there will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in Fairview Cemetery, Lawrencetown, Rev. Karen MacNeill officiating. Donations in memory may be made to a charity of choice. He was not a member of the RCDC Association.

This sad news is from Ralph Rix I was speaking with Jerry Shand by phone last week and he informed me that

Gary Porteous Sgt - had passed away recently after being diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor last fall. Gary was my first dental assistant upon arriving in Cold Lake in 1969 and he spent most of his career in Cold Lake and Halifax. He was not a member of the RCDC Association but he always enjoyed any news Jerry or I could pass his way. Gary was only 64 and leaves his wife Carol and two sons. It is with deep sadness that I pass along this news as I know there are still many around who will have crossed paths with Gary. I believe that he served a total of 17 years and only got out because he didn't want to leave the farm in Cold Lake. He was not a member of the RCDC Association.

The following was passed to me in April 2008 by Jack Harris, I apologize for the delay. Dr Williams was not an RCDCA member.

Dr Williams - passed away in Toronto on 28 March 2008 he was 84. He served in the UK, Italy, Sicily, France, Belgium and Holland with #1 Dental Corps from June 1941 to 1946. He graduated from the U of T Dental School in 1951. He practised in Clarkson, Ontario from 1955 to 1995.

Ken Wallace advised of the following:

Gerry Keogh Sgt - was a technician in the CADC and the RCDC. I believe that he came into the Dental Corps in the late years of WW-2, and retired in the late 1960's or early 1970's. He ran the Dental Stores at the University of Alberta Dental Faculty in the early 1970's, when I was a student there. Gerry Keogh was a member of 25th Cdn Field Dental Unit in Korea. He died in June 2006. He was not a member of the RCDC Association.

Dr. Dennis H. Skinner Maj- passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of the late Lis Skinner (2006). Dennis proudly served overseas as a member of the R.C.A.F. 426 squadron (navigator). Following his service he attended the University of Toronto where he graduated with his degree in Dentistry. He reenlisted in the Royal Canadian Dental Corp in 1952 and served in the Korean conflict. Dennis completed his military career in 1967, retiring with the rank of Major and embarked on a teaching career at the newly opened University of Western Ontario Dental School. From there he retired in 1992. He was not an RCDCA member.



William Dale Fiolek Capt - DDS, age 67, former CFDS Dental Officer of Truro, N.S., passed away on 19 June 2008.

He was not an RCDCA member.

Robert Joseph Goodwin MWO - 1927-2008 – Bob died peacefully at Kingston General Hospital at the age of 81 years on 28 Nov 2008. Bob was a dedicated member of the Canadian military while a serving member and as proud veteran. MWO Goodwin (Goodie) served in the Navy (RCNVR) from 1944-1946, served as Sea Cadet Officer from 1947-1951, and then joined the Dental Corp in 1951 until retirement in 1973, so that he could become a civilian denturist.

He was an active RCDCA member.

NEW RCDCA MEMBERS

1. Manja Mackley CFDS serving member Ottawa ON
2. Mary Gourdeau Ottawa husband was first DO to Korea
3. Jo Kennedy London Ont
4. Eileen Adams Ottawa ON
5. Sgt C. Theriault CFDS serving member Ottawa
6. A. John Hughes London Ontario
7. Dr Don Bell –Ottawa Ontario
8. Dan Posyluzny –Chilliwack BC
9. Gary Bowser –Amherst, NS

We are happy to have you as RCDCA members and friends

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Sorry if some of this news is not fresh as was said above we have had a few problems arise

Thanks to all who wrote and sent this info it makes the RCDCA newsletter an enjoyable read.

Dr Don Bell Ottawa – I served in the Dental Militia for 28 years before the Dental Reserves were abolished. While serving , I completed the LCol qualification course.

I retired from private practice about 12 years ago . My wife passed away in 2000.

I have two sons and two grandchildren and my current activities are golf, physical fitness several times per week and I enjoy investment activities

Ivor Hamilton

Quite happy with the newsletter as it is. Surviving the Halifax winter – except for a few weeks in South America.

Geoff Iverson

Glad to hear life is good. Life here in B.C. is wonderful. Still miss skating down the Rideau Canal during Winterlude. I have very fond memories of Ottawa. I really enjoy the newsletters. Well done!

As for news from the Iverson family, there are lots of things happening:

Geoff and Gloria are very proud that their oldest boy, Chris, has been accepted at RMC in the ROTP and is taking Civil Engineering. He wants to be a combat engineer. His official enrolment ceremony is being held 1 July in Vancouver aboard the HMCS Winnipeg and he starts at RMC on 3 August.

Gloria is very busy working full time as a Patient Care Coordinator at the Chilliwack General Hospital, completing her Masters Degree in Nursing and training for a half-marathon.

Geoff still looks after the household and the dogs and continues his volunteer work. However, he is now training full time as a triathlete and is doing the B.C. triathlon circuit this year. This year so far he came in second (age group) at U.B.C. in Vancouver in March followed by a 1st place gold medal at the Cultus Lake Triathlon held 11 May where the water was a frigid 10.2 Celcius. Both of those early season events were sprint distance length and Geoff is now training to complete his next triathlon at the Olympic distance (1.5 Km swim, 40 Km bike and 10 Km run) in September. It is amazing how much fun the sport of triathlons is and what a great way for older guys to stay in shape.



Cultus Lake Triathlon May 11, 2008 "First Gold medal"

John F. Mullins

Last winter in Florida I knew things were not O.K. when I was too tired to finish a round of golf even in a golf cart. I would just be a passenger for the last three or four holes. I returned to Ottawa a month early and my doctor sent me to Emergency at the hospital where they installed a pace maker. This provided some improvement.

Gary G. Bowser

Gary reports

1. President of Atlantic Dental Labs, Saint John, N.B. for 20 years 1984-2004.
2. Retired 2004, moved to Amherst, N.S.
3. Linda and I have one son who is 42 years old and is Assistant Manager of Shoppers Drug Mart in Fredericton, N.B.
4. Hobbies are Hunting, Curling, RVing and time at our Cottage on the Northumberland Strait.
5. Other Interests are (1) President of Tantramar Investment Club, (b) Gardening and (c) small engine repair.

John Hughes

I am fully retired. I write (edit) a couple of newsletters for the legion & Korea Vet, London. Enclosed are a couple of items and pictures that may be of interest. When in Korea/Japan, I took over 250 pictures. The negatives were destroyed in a fire. I rescued these 250 (should have taken thousands). An opportunity missed.

Ted McDermott

Thanks for the RCDCA newsletter. It just keeps getting better. I can see the hard work you and Earl and crew are putting into ensuring its success. The pictures of the old days bring back much nostalgia and I'm grateful to all of you involved to memorialize it that way. Ruth and I are doing pretty well for an over 80 couple. Nothing serious medically yet. Travel is a problem as Ruth is a Celiac, so food out is always a concern, particularly while travelling to foreign environments.

I extend our greetings to all surviving RCDCCers and hope all those now departed find peace.

Laverne Hatcher

We moved back to Nova Scotia in January 1998 from our home in Nepean. We continued to golf, cycle, ski, and took up boating, snorkelling and scuba diving. We have done some travelling and have had some ski trips to Italy.

We renovated the 18 year old home we purchased in Chester Basin and added a wharf, put in a couple of moorings, cleared a little more land for a golf pitching area and a garden. We returned to our roots and so we knew numerous old school friends. As with all moves, we met and have many new friends, many of whom we met through musical get-togethers, Lucille's choral group and piano lessons, my guitar lessons and just jamming. We lost Lucille's mother and father as well as our beautiful and faithful boxer Kane. Since those losses, we have gained two new grandsons, Nolan and Graydon, from Lucille's daughter Jennifer and her husband Donnie. We now have a total of seven grandchildren ranging in age from two to twenty-three years with two girls and five boys. Three years after losing our precious Kane, we purchased a mini Schnauzer and last June, another of the same breed.

Until March of 2007 our lives were as flat as a calm sea (few or no ripples) apart from the normal aches and pains of aging bodies! In March, I suffered heart failure (dilated cardio myopathy) just making it to the Bridgewater ER. The next day, I was sent to Halifax ER. My care in hospital (about ten days) and ensuing recovery have been excellent. With daily medication, exercise and diet, I have recovered to basically normal heart function. Most of the individuals I served with may recall my physical fitness regime and sports activity. I attribute my recovery to a great Cardiologist and my overall physical fitness. Oh yes, my condition is suspected to have been caused by an unidentified VIRUS. Take today, it may be all you have.

We currently reside at 336 Borgald's Point Road, Chester Basin, N.S. B0J 1K0. Our telephone number is (902) 275-2235 just next door to 'Cape Cod of the North' - Chester which prides itself on having the largest yacht race north of Maryland, USA. Chester is described as a 'Drinking town with a sailing problem'. Approximately 150 yachts are expected for this summer's 2008 race week.

I must comment on the article submitted by Bev Gilkes in the Bulletin of March 2008. I too worked for Col. R.H.G. Cunningham and I concur with Bev's description of RHG's personality, sometimes hard as a 'brick' and other times soft as melting ice cream. It was always clear where you stood in any situation. While Bev was his last dental assistant, I believe I was his last AO. When he retired, I was never sure whether he really had reached CRA, or he just could not tolerate my ineptness as a new Lt., or, because I occasionally beat him at lunch hour badminton. He was a great player and loved the sport. To all who I served with or met during my career of 37 years, 134 days, ??? hours, I wish good health, happiness and longevity.

We too look forward to each edition of the bulletin and congratulate all officers of the association. "Well done".

Klaus Jennermann

Klaus is still in private practice in Courtenay and still an avid gardener and beekeeper. He is looking forward to an upcoming holiday to Slovenia where he, along with wife Carol and old friends Barb & Sandy Currie will be visiting a world famous bee museum. All three of the Jennermann kids (ages 20, 23 and 26) are into running half marathons which Klaus and Carol enjoy as spectators.

Gerry Macdonald

Well it looks like the winter might be over, however, it might be a while before summer is here. A heating rod burned in the middle of the night two weeks ago. Lots of damage 1st and 2nd floor and it takes forever to get the restoration done. It's good to hear about so many of our members.

Harold Kirby

I enjoy going through the newsletter when it arrives. The last issue had a number of photos which brought back memories – a couple of the fellows now have full beards. I live about twenty five miles from Ernie Everett but have not seen him for some time. Thank you for keeping the news coming. It's good to hear how everyone is doing. All the best.

Gordon Jones

Dr. Gord Jones is living and working in Victoria, BC since retiring from the Military in September 2000. He is working in private practice as well as at the Provincial and Federal correctional institutions which keeps him very busy. He is happily married to Lindsey and has twin boys Quinlan and Zachary who are now 8 years old.

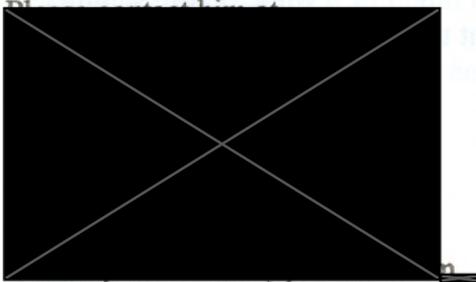
Josephine Kennedy

Enjoyed the Quarterly. Like to hear about people we knew in the service. Keep up the good work.

Jim Thorburn

Jim Thorburn says hello to all his RCDC friends particularly those who served at CFB Cornwallis. He would like to contact anyone who may have base maps ,photos from the 1966-1977 era or news from anyone who served there or the Bear River area.

A good contact for info is museum.cornwallis@hotmail.com or info@churchillmansion.com



In addition Jim is interested in collecting RCDC pre unification, uniform accoutrements and insignia like cap badges, shoulder brass, collar dogs as well as flags and pennants. His contact info is above.

Morley J. Hunter (Victoria, BC)

Condolences to all you Easterners who have had trouble finding somewhere to throw the near record snow fall. We've actually had a good winter! There were only a few days when I couldn't ride my bike because of wind or a little frost on the road (snow isn't allowed!) With gas going up in price I find that riding my bike is not only good exercise but saves money as well. I forgot where the gas tank was!

Recently ran into Denis Hughes – heard he was out here but hadn't seen him. Peter Lobb sent Denis over with a fractured #11 and I've done an implant and immediate temporary for him. I think he is happy. Denis still looks the same and at least he's clean shaven unlike Roy Todd!

Still working too hard. Don't know what Les Hudgins does with all the money. We are off to India end of April. Our youngest, Lindsay, is there for 3 months volunteering in a small hospital. She starts nursing in September and eventually wants to be a midwife.

Cheers to all.

Kerry Mathers (Kitchener, Ontario)

You are doing a terrific job to inform the association of activities and humour. Keep it up.

Ken Smallshaw (Ottawa, Ontario)

Ken reports that in 1942, there was a dental team in Iceland consisting of Major Ab Fyffe, a Sergeant and a Corporal Boots Boutellier. Not sure of spelling. If anyone can confirm or add to this it will help fill in more blanks in our dental past.

Gerald Shand (Cold Lake, Alberta)

No change in our lives here. My wife and I bowl twice a week. I play pool twice a week at the Seniors Drop In Centre and I golf, weather permitting. Say Hi to my old Nova Scotia buddy, Ernie Everett.

Bradley Holmes (Kenora, Ontario)

Hope all is well with you. I miss the trips to Ottawa but I guess "all good things must come to an end". Always enjoy the RCDC Newsletter. All the best.

Euan Swan, (Ottawa, Ontario)

Re possible RCDCA Reunion: I would attend a reunion in Ottawa in 2009. Social events such as a meet and greet and a dinner are important to me. Thank you to all who put the newsletter together.

Galvin Percy (Regina, Saskatchewan)

I knew Ian Hunter (did we spell it right?) from no. 52 Halifax, Stadacona Perigrine. Last time I saw him (long ago) he was going to Charleston, South Carolina to board a ship going to the Pacific. I was transferred to the infantry and returned to Regina for basic training at Dundurn, Saskatchewan, then Shilo, Manitoba for advanced course. The war ended same week as the course completed. Then back into Canadian Dental Corp where I retired. Had heard few years later Ian got the Adjutants job.

Ron (Danny) Danyluck, Kingston, Ontario

I will be retiring from the Commissionaires on the 25th of April 08, after 15 years, with 10 of those years at the H.Q.

Chuck Rheault (Comox, British Columbia)

Son Brian is working for the Bank of Canada in computer security in Ottawa. Son Steven is now in the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand as Counsellor. Maxi still has yearly trips to Germany to visit her mother and siblings, and in Toronto to visit children and grandchildren, with an occasional stop in Vegas. I'm still playing hockey 3-4 times per week and a part-time funeral director.

Thanks for your hard work and perseverance.

Ken Musselman (Wasaga Beach, Ontario)

Re possible RCDCA Reunion: my wife, Lois, and I would love to attend. A golf day would be great with an optional program, museum visit/shopping/sightseeing for the non-golfers. The dinner would be an excellent way to conclude the reunion.

You are doing a great job. Thank you.

George MacDougall (Sherbrooke, Quebec)

Still curling three mornings each week and going cross-country skiing occasionally. Also continue to sing in the St. Andrews's Church choir in Sherbrooke. After all George Beverly Shea is still singing well into his 90's. Missed the golf tournament last Fall because I was travelling just at that time to the Amish country in Southern Pennsylvania. Plan to attend this year. Best wishes.

Jack Sadler (Ottawa, Ontario)

Really enjoyed the Newsletter. Bill Parker's article in particular. Lost Trails is a great idea. The best years of my life were with the Corp.

Some news from CFDS

Change is the word and the following may show just how much has occurred since we all retired. Two recent events have occurred in the CFDS . The appointment of LCol Goheen as CO of 1 Dental Unit is one and the other is where the former CO 1 Dental Unit is headed. Congratulations to both .

Colonel James C Taylor is a CFDS dental officer , a prosthodontist and the son of the former dental officer, Colonel Al Taylor . He was the CO of 1 Dental unit until this summer when he passed the baton to LCol Kevin Goheen.

Colonel Taylor completed the Advanced Military Studies Programme 2002, and then graduated from the National Security Studies Programme in June 2008 . The latter of these two is considered the current version of what some of you will remember as the former National Defence College Programme. He handed the command of 1 Dental Unit over to LCol Kevin Goheen on 07 July 2008 and started on 14 July 2008 in a newly created strategic advisory position as the Military Advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Civilian Human Resources for DND. This position is entirely outside of the CFDS and Health Services, and indeed entirely outside of Military Personnel Command (which some of you will remember as the former ADM Per). Colonel Taylor now reports to the ADM, who reports in turn to the Deputy Minister. His appointment represents the reactivation of what had been a dormant position since the early 1990s, last filled by a Col Rick Hillier ... no pressure there, of course.

So you may ask what is this job all about? The position is intended to function as a point of reference for the ADM, to assess proposed programs and activities as well as to provide insight on the successes and challenges of those currently in place. Colonel Taylor will enjoy full access and opportunity to influence the full range of Civilian HR activities, coordinating the development of Civilian HR capabilities as enablers in support of the Canada First Defence Strategy, the DND Strategic Capability Roadmap and the Departmental Investment Plan and working closely/collaborating with VCDS/Chief of Force Development and Chief of Programme to develop cross-functional Departmental HR actions. Fortunately, the ADM has granted him permission to maintain a two half-days per week clinical practice in the NDHQ clinic.

This would appear to be the first opportunity we have had to have a Dental Officer serve in a strategic-level generic position outside of the Health Services. Although, as you might imagine, some aspects of the learning curve have been rather steep, it is already evident that this is an outstanding opportunity for his professional development in the big world outside of the Health Services, while providing an opportunity for the ADM to have a uniformed in-house advisor to help advance her programmes. Upon completion of his tenure in this position, it is likely that Colonel Taylor will return to the Health Services.



SENIOR PROCUREMENT OFFICERS/DGDS



L Col K. McNally



L Col G. Hamilton



L Col A. Brusso



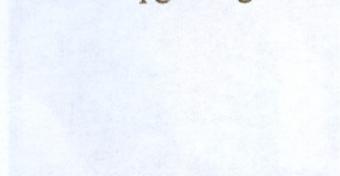
L Col J. Fletcher



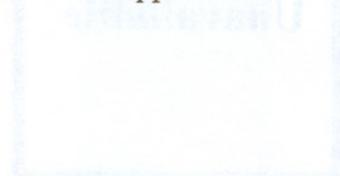
L Col L. Hatcher

The RCDC Senior Procurement officers were responsible for the procurement, accountability, distribution, replenishment, storage, maintenance and repair of dental equipment and supplies, including spare parts for six dental units and the RCDC School and the Corps comprised of approximately seventy-eight clinics, three hundred operatories and thirty laboratories in support of two hundred Dental Officers and seventy five Dental Lab Technicians.

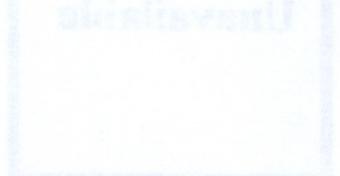
Commanding Officers of Number One Dental Equipment Depot were tasked with the responsibility for the receipt, quality assurance, accountability, packaging, storage, distribution and shipping of dental supplies and equipment including spare parts in support of five dental companies and the RCDC School in Canada as, well as the Field Dental Units in Germany, France and the Middle East. The Depot was also responsible for the on the job, supply officer, storemen and senior level training in both supply and equipment repair trades respectively. This important training permitted the effective and efficient testing, modification, repair, disposal and ultimate upgrading of valuable equipment in support of the Corps.



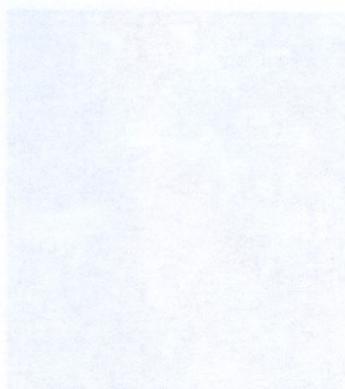
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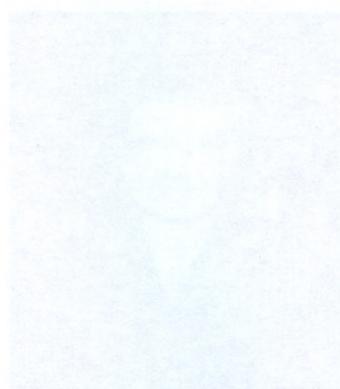
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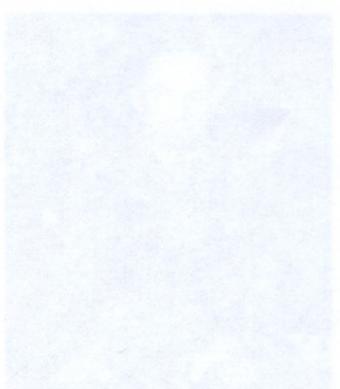
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WO1 M. Park



WO1 V. Bergland



CWO G. Wadden



CWO L. Lawson

WO G. Wadden attained the rank of CWO in the CAR Supply System following the transition of the CDSS Stores Trade

WO1'S/CWO'S 1CDS/1DED

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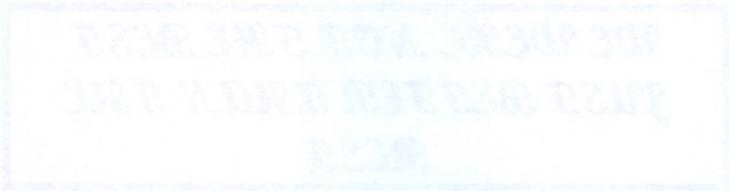
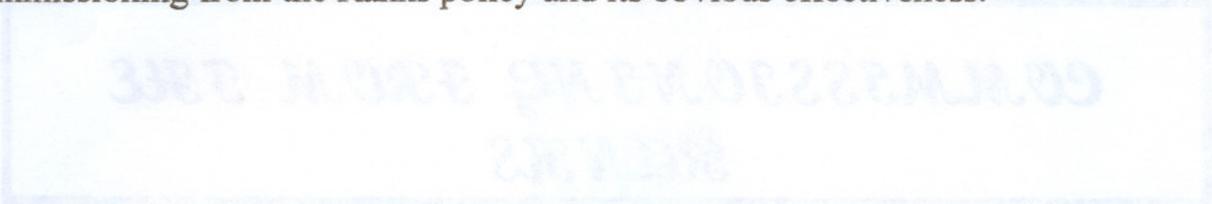
CWO L. Lawson



CWO G. Wadden

WO G. Wadden attained the rank of CWO in the CAF Supply System following the termination of the CFDSS Stores Trade

WO1'S /CWO'S were a very intricate part of the operations of 1DED, primarily due to their experience and expertise gained over their many years of service. It should be noted that of the seven individuals who held this prestigious position, five were commissioned from the ranks, three achieved the rank of major and two commanded the 1 DED. This in itself says reams about the CADC, RCDC and CFDS Commissioning from the Ranks policy and its obvious effectiveness.



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In attempting to "showcase" 1DED's personnel a program was initiated that the Corps recognized, appreciated and fully supported the individual employed to recognize the confidence, experience and expertise of the other ranks.

I am of course referring to the Commissioning from the Ranks (CFDR) policy that was fully utilized by the Corps during WWII. This policy not only recognized an individual's personal contribution and potential but provided the opportunity of advancement thereby creating a positive effect within the applicant's ranks resulting in promotions along the line.

In 1947 the number of other ranks in the Corps was 1,000 (all ranks). Over a forty year period approximately 45 tankmen were CPT's, 10 tankmen were CPT's, 10 tankmen were CPT's and 10 the rank of Major.

In all cases the positions of Adjutant, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Medical, Dental and Repair Officers were an integral part of operations and the overall success of the unit.

The Director, General Manning, of the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia, who supported and endorsed this policy, should be commended for his leadership and vision in making it the success it obviously was.

CFDR List of Approved Candidates

Rank at Appointment	Stars	Active	Final	Current
LC1	1	1	1	0
Major	4	3	1	0
Capt	14	10	10	1
LT	2			



COMMISSIONING FROM THE RANKS

*WE WERE NOT THE BEST
JUST BETTER THAN THE
REST*

CFR

In attempting to “showcase” Dental Stores personnel it became very evident that the Corps recognized, appreciated and fully supported the method employed to recognize the contribution, experience and expertise of the other ranks.

I am of course referring to the Commissioning From the Ranks (CFR) policy that was fully utilized by the Corps during WW11. This policy not only recognized an individual’s personal contribution and potential but provided the opportunity of advancement thereby creating a domino effect within the applicable trade resulting in promotions along the line.

In 1947 the number of other ranks in the Corps was listed 117 (all trades). Over a forty year period approximately 45 tradesmen were CFR’d, of that number 6 achieved the rank of L/Col and 10 the rank of Major.

In all cases the positions of Administrative, Laboratory, Supply, Clinical and Repair Officers were an integral part of operations and the overall success of the RCDC.

The Directors’ General beginning with B/Gen Lotte and all the senior officers who supported and enhanced this policy, should be commended for their foresight and personal contributions in making it the success it obviously was.

CFR Listing of Achievement Level

<u>Rank at Retirement</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Clinical</u>	<u>Repair</u>
L/Col	4	1	0	1	0
Major	4	3	1	2	0
Capt	4	14	7	10	1
Lt	2				



**12 BASE DENTAL
UNIT**

**WWII 1943
WHYTE'S
INVADERS**



L/Col S. Cribb



L/Col J. Whyte



WO1 L. Trayner



CQMS D. Cartwright



Sgt B. Stevens



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Sgt T. McDonald

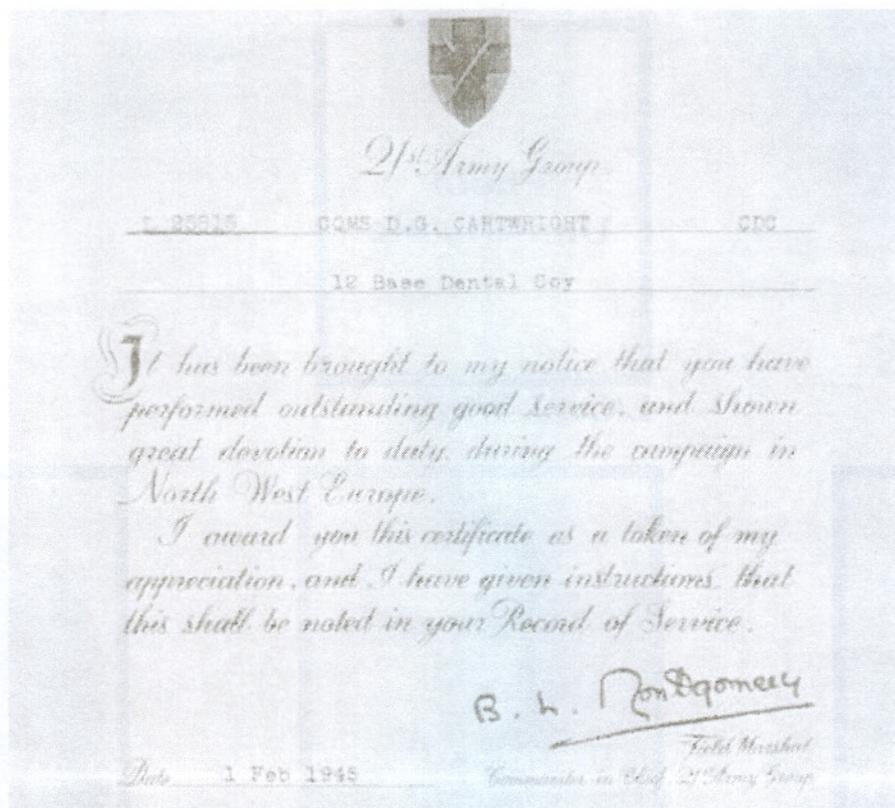


Sgt D. Paquin

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CADC WWII 1943 – BY DAVE CARTWRIGHT

12 Base Dental Unit was formed late in the summer of 1943, stationed under canvas outside Aldershot, England. Our CO was L/Col J. P. Whyte from Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Our Admin Sgt was Charlie Casterton, later replaced by Sgt Des Paquin. I was the new CQMS, we didn't have a captain/QM at that time. Our task was to supply Canadian field hospitals and look after reinforcements from England. One of The early reinforcements arriving was Capt Laurie Craigie. We shipped out from Normandy via London on the Thames River, on d-day plus fifty and landed at Bene-Ser-Mer, France. Our landing coincided with the battle of the Falaise Gap. After approximately a month stop over, we departed for Ghent Belgium, where we operated from rental accommodations, till the end of the war.



Capt L. Craigie



Capt C. Hunt



Sgt C. Casterton



DRAFT LEAVING LANSDOWNE PARK OTTAWA 1942



L/Col E. Wansbrough



Sgt D. Lobb



Sgt H. Bilbey



Sgt D. Robertson



Sgt R. Jackson



Sgt J. Mullins

From an RCR Grunt Korea To the RCDC

by Jack Sadler



Pte J. Sadler
Machine-Gunner



CWO J. Sadler
Dental Therapist

After reading Bill Parker's article on life as a Dental Storeman in Korea, I was impressed, I told him firstly that I thought it was well written and more importantly it was written by a Grunt (Pte Soldier), secondly it was the first time that I became aware of what The Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) actually did in Korea. In all my years in the Corps, the RCDC role in Korea was never discussed at any lengths, to say the least I was impressed. He asked me if I would consider outlining my role in Korea as an infanteer and obviously I agreed.

I enlisted at age 17 wanting to see the world, become a paratrooper and serve in Korea, silly me, the ultimate end sitting in a fire pit on the side of a Korean hill with incoming artillery and mortar shells coming from the North, was not the adventure I originally had in mind.

Following basic and advanced training, at Camps Wainwright and Petawawa respectively, along the way serving digger (detention) time at No. 14 Detention Barracks for striking a L/Cpl, I was ready I thought for the Korean Campaign. I was part of a draft to Korea of the 1st Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) reinforcement Group (Gp) in September of 1952. There was a very crucial requirement for replacements in the 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group (25 CIBG). The urgency of this important situation dictated that we fly rather than travel by sea.

Leaving Vancouver, we touched down in Anchorage Alaska on our way to Shema Island, Tokyo, Japan, then travelled by train to the Seaport of Kure. From Kure we were then transported to The Hara Mura Battle School, to undergo battle conditions training to further prepare us for the situation we would ultimately face in Korea. This training proved to be invaluable, as we soon learned under extreme battle conditions in the line.

The combination of a training accident, resulting in seven deaths and our "B" Company being overrun and driven to the base of Hill 355 in Korea, we were immediately dispatched to Seoul, Korea where we were transported by Deuce and a Half's (2 ½ ton trucks) northward to our "B" Echelon.

At the time of our arrival artillery and mortar shells, theirs and ours, were coming and going. At this point we were provided with a box lunch, 303 cal rifles, a bandolier of ammunition, and a steel helmet and immediately moved up to "A" Echelon where I was assigned to 6 Platoon (Pl) then driven to the Base of Hill 355. The heavy mortar and artillery barrages continued. To say the least I was a very nervous 18 years old.

The Pl/Sgt said and I quote "men this is the Sharp End" and he wasn't kidding I assure you. He immediately assigned me to a "fire pit" that I shared with an "Old Sweat" who had been in and out of the line for three months and knew the routine, which he was tasked to pass on to me. The routine, when in the line in your fire pit, was to stand-to (extremely alert and be aware of everything around you) from 1700 hrs to 0600 hrs and to cover your line of fire, watch, listen, very frequently duck because of artillery shells and mortars. The Sgt or the Lt would check with you twice a stand-to, see if they were not otherwise engaged. To further ensure you didn't become bored or feel left out you also had to carry out your share of patrols into enemy lines. The individual types of patrols designed for specific results were categorized as follows:

- a. Fighting Patrols – engage the enemy;
- b. Snatch Patrols – take prisoners;
- c. Reconnaissance (RECCE) Patrols – observe and record enemy activity/locations;
- d. Outpost Duty – observing the enemy from flank positions; and
- e. Listening Post – moving out 200-500 yds cw/Radio Set. Observing, co-ordinating and conveying artillery/mortar targets back to the unit.

Every effort was made to get rest during the day but bunker and trench repairs combined with stringing barbed wire was a priority. Normal rotation for the Bn would be, in the line for a month, then out for three weeks, to permit more training, a shower, haircut, the odd beer and lay more barbed wire. During one of our rotations out of the line, I was sent south to Uijonbu for booby-trap laying and flame-throwing training. Thankfully I never had to employ them.

On my tour I did time in the line on Hill 355, Hill 187 and The Hook, intelligence told us going to the Hook at this time, things would be relatively quiet, tell that to the 4 killed and 18 wounded we suffered on the Hook this peaceful January. The fear factor was always present, whether in or out of the line. The cold in winter, extreme heat, dirt and dust in the summer contributed greatly to our discomfort.

My biggest complaint throughout my tour in addition to the ongoing danger was the less than acceptable daily rations that we were issued (or should I say not issued). It became rather obvious very quickly, that a very heavy amount of pilfering and ongoing black market operations were the main causes of the required/requested rations never reaching the front and ultimately the grunt. However I did notice that the officers did eat rather well when out of the line. This may not seem too important to some, but I returned home a paltry 118 lbs.

With the signing of the truce I was re-assigned as a driver for a Provost Sgt. and later as a Demilitarized Zone Policeman. In October 1953 we sailed out of Pusan Harbour for Vancouver, then entrained for Good Old Carleton Place my hometown.

While on disembarkation leave, I spent some time with Bill Bennett who also served in Korea in 1951 with 25 Canadian Field Dental Unit (25 CFDU), Bill and I had gone to school together. He asked me what I intended to do in the future. I don't recall what I answered, but do remember his recommendation that I remuster to the Dental Corps. I asked "What would I do in the Dental Corps" and his reply was "They will train you".

Upon completion of my leave and after much thought I reported to Woolsey Barracks in London, where I went before my Company CO, Major Don Holmes, to sign my re-engagement papers. I requested a transfer to the Dents. He indicated that I was in luck as he knew the Base Dental Officer, Major Len Piérce personally and would see what he could do for me. In hindsight I guess it didn't hurt that Major Piérce had previously served in Korea with 25 CFDU. In May 1953 I reported to Major Piérce at the Dental Clinic for on job training. After two weeks Major Piérce said "son get rid of those boots and putties". As a fellow says the rest is history and thanks to Bill Bennett and all the great people I met and served with during my career, The RCDC was the greatest, they took a Grunt RCR and gave him a career that he could only dream of.

The RCR's made a man out of me but the Dent's made me a successful happy man. Thank you RCDC as B.Gen L. G. Craigie always said "The Corps, The Corps, The Corps."



Lt Col I. Millar



Capt B. Marchant



Lt L. Wansbrough



Cpl T. Sullivan



Sgt T. Paquette



Pte G. Jollimore



Pte H. Snutch

27 CDN INF BDE GP 1951 – 1952

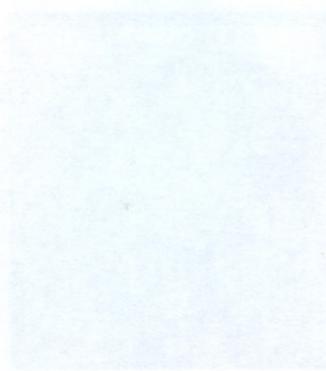
27 FIELD DENTAL UNIT

In 1951 the government added a new infantry brigade group, the 27th, to be largely recruited from militia units, as the 25th had been for Korea, and to serve in Europe under NATO. For the moment this information was to be part of the Special Service as distinct from the Regular Force and militia. This brigade group would have its headquarters, field artillery, armoured squadrons (from the Regular Forces), sappers, signalmen, and other support units in three infantry battalions. This was in addition to the Mobile Striking Force (a Regular Force infantry brigade group) and the two militia divisions serving in Canada, as well as the 25th Infantry Brigade Group in Korea.

Canada's longest peacetime troop deployment began with the arrival of the vessel *Fairsen* in Rotterdam on 21 November 1951, carrying the first elements of the 27th Brigade Group.



Mr. H. Smith



Mr. G. Johnson



Sgt. T. Paquette

CO's 1 DED



Maj J. Fletcher



Maj D. Griffith



Maj D. Cartwright



Maj M. Fisk



Capt R. Savoie

RCDCA Lunch at The Orleans Legion 18 November 2008



V. Lanctis, -F. Begin - H. Amos



M.Fediuk – G.Wadden- J. Mullins- G. Anderson

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P. McQueen- Major Payne - LCol Boyle- Major Groves

LOOKING BACK



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

Looking back



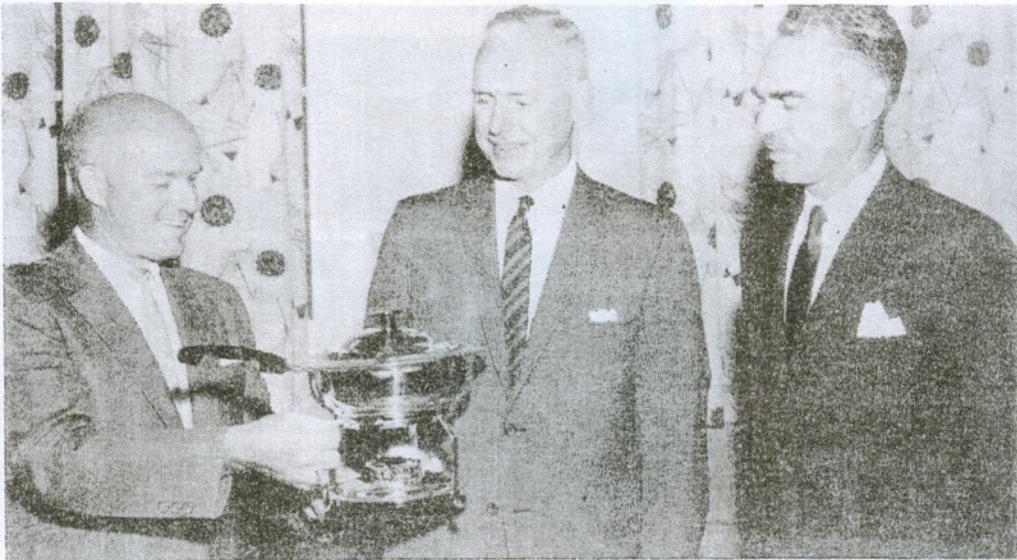
Third Phase Training - RCDC School, Ottawa - May 1949

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

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Col Roger being presented with a silver chafing-dish by Lt-Col NA Batcher with Eric Baird looking on.

1966

Looking back



Dental Laboratory Halifax - 1949
L-R: Sgt Hussey, Sgt Hughes, Capt d'Entremont, Sgt Marchand



MASOR H.P. GUEVREMONT
1965.