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**RCDC/CFDS Retirees  
1995 Newsletter**

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**Introduction**

It was great fun to hear from so many of you. I sent out 96 questionnaires and so far have received 55 replies. I hope a few more will come in as people return from winter vacations. In any case, I feel the response justifies the work required to prepare the newsletter. Our four octogenarians, namely, Ken Baird, Win Cunningham, Bert Kearney and Alex Roger all replied. All respondents reported they were in reasonably good health and were quite content with their lives and do not need to worry about where their next meal is coming from. The title "retiree" indicates that we are no longer young. As Andy Rooney says "the only thing worse than having another birthday is not having one."

I am including the addresses of those who did not respond in case any of you want to contact them personally. At least you will know where they live. However, they will not receive a copy of the newsletter.

The 80th Anniversary of the "Corps" comes up on 15 April and I will attempt to send this letter to you by then. I hope you enjoy reading it. As far as I am concerned it is a one-shot effort but perhaps someone else will be moved to do the same a few years down the road.

**RCDC Association**

The RCDC Association will be holding a "Meet and Greet" on 29 August at 1700 hrs in the MacDonald Room, Chateau Laurier Hotel during the CDA Convention in Ottawa next summer. I hope many of you will attend. This will be the only 80th Anniversary celebration. See you there! Most of you are probably members of the RCDC Association, and if so, your 1995 membership fees are due. If you would like to become a member (tax deductible) write to: The RCDC Association, 454 Roselawn Ave., Toronto, ON M5N 1J8.

**Necrology**

We have lost a number of our contemporaries over the past few years. These include **Harold Bunston, Charlie Casterton, Bill Sugars, Al Taylor, Jay Turner and A Van Ryssel.**

**CFDS Update**

She aint what she used to be! The CFDS is literally fighting for its life and DGDS and his staff are working extremely hard to preserve it. I spoke to the present DGDS, BGEN Vic Lanctis, recently and he filled me in on the present situation and what may occur in the future. As you have read in the papers, the DND budget is being slashed and all branches, including CFDS, are affected.

The establishment of the Corps has dropped from 600 in 1993 to 470 at present. The latter includes 146 DOs and 324 military and civilian support personnel. A major review is underway to look into numbers of personnel, structure, units, regional posture, use of reserves, etc. The purpose is to ensure maximum economy and effectiveness so that it can compete with a possible dental care plan run by the private sector. Three principles are involved in conducting the review:

1 Reduce overhead; 2 Increase productivity; 3 Smarter operation i.e. delegation, empowerment and accountability.