

741 (VICTORIA) COMMUNICATION SQUADRON

NEWSLETTER

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Commanding Officer's Christmas Message

Christmas is a special time, an opportunity for unit members to get together with family and friends. At Christmas time we share the hopes, dreams and affection which strengthen our relationships through-out the year.

As always it becomes necessary for each of us to extend a vigilant and protective eye to those comrades and family members, who in their enjoyment of this festive season could jeopardize their safety or the safety of others. It would be tragic indeed if our efforts to meet, talk and celebrate left any of us shocked and grieving over the death or serious injury of someone dear to us.

It has been a good year. All have contributed to the continued growth of our unit and gained personal experience which should serve us well in our future. As Judi, Laura and I gather with our family, we extend to each of you, your families and close friends our very best wishes for a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

VIGOR PER COMMUNICATIONEM



EDITORS CORNER

Throughout the years, you've heard many, many stories telling of this season. All of these stories tell of one event in history. It tells of a babe, who was born in a stable. Now-a-days you wouldn't even hear of this, only of ones born in "Grand Palaces", with great names. What is so incredible about this, is that it happened almost 2000 years ago. All that he taught, is remembered to this day. Christmas is only a highlight, it marks the beginning - it marks his birth. The words of the Apostle Luke help to mark this event, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." So remember to bring joy not only onto yourselves, but onto others. In alot of cases, it the others who need joy more than you.

Being that this month is cut in half, I decided the newsletter should be printed at this time. Though it was only two weeks ago the last issue came out. For some its hard enough to write something up in four weeks, much less in two weeks. I won't mention any names, will I Lt Reilly? Well as SupTp will mention, the Driver Non-Trade Course is finally over. Not only can the driver instructors rest easy, but the citizens of Victoria and Port Renfrew. Before the next DNT course starts, I'm going have a "Monkey" bar installed in the MLVW. That or I'll only instruct on the "Pig". I haven't seen my life flash in front of me that many times in all my life. I really shouldn't say this, but I did enjoy myself. I even might go as far as saying, they were all good drivers. But I won't, don't want to make them too swell headed.

Well in keeping with the season, I'll wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As do my two cats, Prince and Princess. Tell me, what does one get two cats that have everything?

EBENEZER'S OUTLOOK

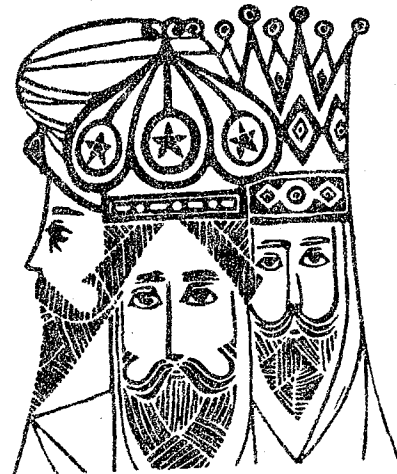
Tis the time to be jolly
So we're told throughout this season
But one must quote what Scrooge would say,
Give me one good reason!

Beggars, scroungers, skid row bums
Prices elevate
Depression sets in throughout the world
Up goes the suicide rate.

Christmas cheer, nice decorations
Lets set up the tree
What, no money for the Presents!!!
Lets try robbery.

Santa comes down your chimney
With presents you can keep
He won't be coming down yours this year
You couldn't afford a chimney sweep.

People buy presents for all that they can
Cause it's the thing to do
But why not keep your money to yourself
It's what Scrooge would do!!!



EBENEZER'S OUTLOOK cont.

To all who read this poem
I hope it doesn't offend
To all of you who liked it!
A copy I will send.

But seriously folks, a joke is a joke
Don't want to carry this to far
Merriest of Christmas's and Happy New Year
From all the hard workers in OR!!!



YOU WANT TO GO WHERE!!

For you adventurous souls who wish to travel to parts unknown, here is the current list of available callouts.

Dates	Place	Qualifications
ASAP - Apr	CommDet Chilliwack	Mepl/Cpl Lineman TQ1
30 Dec - 2 May	74 CommGp Vancouver	404's, Secret, Pte/Cpl
6 Jan - 15 May	NDHQ Ottawa	Cpl/Sgt, Secret
22 May - 28 Jul	Eureka NWT	ATR, Cpl/Pte, M/F
3 Feb - Approx 4 Months	Switchboard Nanaimo	ATR
12 Feb- Approx 4 months	" Penhold	ATR
19 Feb- Approx 4 months	" Penhold	ATR
2 months anytime	CommDet Comox	RTOP TQ 2, Top Secret

If you are ready willing and able, there's continuing opportunity which you can put your name in for at anytime, ask your friendly training staff. Remember to check the file in the front of the trg office to keep current.

OP TROOP NOTES (or "The Further Adventures of Capt Chaos and his Reject Commandos')

We've been busy, down here in OpTp. Don't ask what we've been doing though; between Ex Inspired Whammy, Ex Inspired Wrecker, and Ex Inspired Whooper (tell me sir, who inspires all these names? - ed note), we don't know which end is up! People have been drifting in and out practicing their typing and taking typing tests.

Cpl Paddison recently joined Line Section (why, we'll never know)(sort of like the Bermuda Triangle - ed note) and his uniform should be up to linemen standards any day now. The linemen are working up on the roof for the techs, but nobody (including the techs) seem to know exactly what they're doing. Some theories as to what they've done up there include: a Santa Claus trap (rumors have been circulating that Rob White looks a lot like the Grinch when he puts his combats on), a party penthouse for line section, or just a cage for unsuspection junior officers who happen to wander by.

We've been trying to build up our strength by getting people in here to work for a shift or two at a time, but little do they realize that once drift into the "Black Hole" of the Commcen, few people ever get out again.

Well, we've got a few ... er, um "willing volunteers" at the door now, so I'll sign off for now.



**Best
Wishes**

R-A-D-I-O Tp NOTES

Once again a scintillating news bulletin from the potentially toughest troop in the unit. Right, you guessed it, Radio Tp.

WO Eversfield has been attempting in his own unique way, to instil a sense of morale in the peons, in anticipation of the upsuing in activities in the new year.

Post-inspection, inspections are a good example of a morale building experience. While Op Tp was entertaining themselves in the comcen in the traditional way, Radio tp was out honing their already sharp, yes, oh sh sharp, drill. Sgt Hebb has been observed stalking the troops with her latest acquisition - the T.O.W. drill cane, Mcpl Irish has filed adoption papers for 426, and Pte Duckett has found a system for accumulating Gen Wylie points while watching TV.

Thats all for now, Merry Christmas, and in the immortal words of a former Rad Tp Sgt -

Vigor per Communicatgut

SUPPORT TROOP NOTES

"All military doctrine is intended for level paved roads on pleasant June days. Other situations demand field expients." This sums up most of what was wrong with the driver'S exercise as mother nature exhibited her prowess on our sinuses and caked our vehicles in mud. (Tis the season to be clogged up you know) Bravely facing the elements we motored on to our objective (the infamous Fairey lake campsite) and proceeded on with training. Barring fatalities we reluctantly headed home only to face the horrifying consequences of 'vehicle breakdown'. Ocdt Paxton demonstrated his mechanical finess and diligence in bringing radio van - 423 to a grinding halt. Maintenance informs us we should see it again sometime next year. even with such highlights we eventually did get home (though late).

Meanwhile back on the home front:

Pte Thom - The newest addition to the transport office - is quickly learning the headaches involved in keeping the paperwork in order. Keep up the good work.

The tech shop is busily working on its next project - a 3 month coffee break. But all seriously aside, they are working hard to keep our radioes operational.

QM has finally been found out - Mcpl Harper has been trying to stockpile hordes of ammunition. Latest figure is 12,000 plus rounds. (Jay keep up the good work)

Declining to comment further on that subject Mcpl Harper has left us with these thoughts:

No plan survives contact with the enemy

attack, impetus, weight

reinforce success

a good scout is a dead scout

A final thought from Tpt:

Remember drivers - vehicles are not garbage cans. It is your responsibility to keep them clean and perform proper maintenance. Any questions on the road-worthiness of your vehicles must be reported to Mcpl White RD immediately to effect repairs.

Support troop wishes you all a joyous Christmas season and hope that you spend lots of money to be broke in the new year.

A WORD FROM 3005 VICTORIA SIGNAL RCACC

The cadet corps is heavily involved in preparing for 3 Army cadet provincial competitions.

Training is underway for the biatholon and drill competition in January and in early 1986 the corps is training for the first aid competition in April.

The corps ends the year with 40 cadets, 4 officers and 2 civilian instructors.

A special thank you goes out to unit members for their help and all the best fo the season to all unit members of 741 Communication Squadron.

REMINDERS:

1. Don't forget to come to the unit Christmas Dance on Saturday December 21, which starts at 2000 hrs. It will only cost you "nothing", plus a small Christmas gift, see Mcpl Sambrooke for more details.
2. Don't forget to come to Mcpl Halls Christmas party on Saturday December 14, which also starts at 8:00 pm, at his place - 1249 Esquimalt - 3869594
3. Don't forget JRs, mess dues are due by December 31 and they're only \$20.00
4. Don't forget MCpl Irish is having a hot tub party at her place on December 28, at 1225 Stancil Lane, there are maps of how to get there in the OR, or see Mcpl Irish.
5. Oh Kenny, we know what's going to happen on the 28th, don't we??
6. Henceforth, Cpl Champion will no longer answer to that; its now Cpl Harris or Mrs. Harris.

" STOP THE PRESS, HERE COMES LT REILLY WITH HIS ENTRY!!! "

SEAGULLS DROPPINGS

Alright, so its true that we had to give Dennis CPR when we handed in this article just a minute before he put the Newsletter 'to bed'!

You will no doubt be thrilled to know that as soon as the Christmas stand-down takes effect the Ops shop begins to pick up speed on the preparation for January's burst of activity.

There are two items that everybody should bear in mind during the closing days of 1985:

EX INSPIRED WARRANTY- 4/5 Jan 86 is our very own Comcen ex, a lot of effort has already been put into the planning and Op Tp will be putting its best foot forward.

EX IMPRESSIVE WARRANTY- 19 Jan 86 is the field trg ex where we demonstrate for the group inspection team that we are still the Best; being 'best' has not changed over the years - it still means hard work!

So January will be busy to say the least. Seagull's advice is to check your own individual kit for Ex Impressive Warraty, BEFORE allowing the Christmas 'spirit' to assume total control!!

The Trg Sgt's advice for Christmas and New Year's is to drive safely - and not to do 'ambush drills' when pulling into a roadside check!

So from all of us in Ops and Trg: HAVE A MERRY ONE!

... .. MODEL'S COMBAT: TO FIRE OR NOT TO FIRE.

We will be spending a lot of time on combat intelligence in the near future, mostly time in learning to identify Warsaw Pact equipment and tactics but we must not forget that its also nice to be able to know 'who' is our's and who is their's. So as an introduction to what will follow in '86, here is a quick test of your knowledge to date. Below are photographs of both NATO soldiers and Warsaw Pact soldiers ; If they were in your sights, would you shoot?



If you shot 2, 4, 5, 8 or 10 you are a liability - they are all NATO soldiers. The remainder are Warsaw Pact.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

G D G

O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-

D A D A D G

um-phant, O come ye, o come ye to Beth-le-hem. Come and be-

D7 G D Em D N.C. G N.C.

hold Him, born the King of an-gels. O come let us a-dore Him. O

G D C A D G C G D G

come let us a-dore Him. O come let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord.

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"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
LUKE 2:11

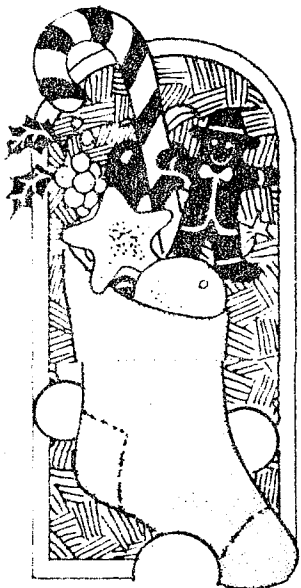


Yuletide Cheer

It's that merry, magical time of the year. We hope Santa is good to you and your loved ones this season!

AWAY IN A MANGER

SEASON'S GREETINGS



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cat - tle are low - ing, the

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Bb F

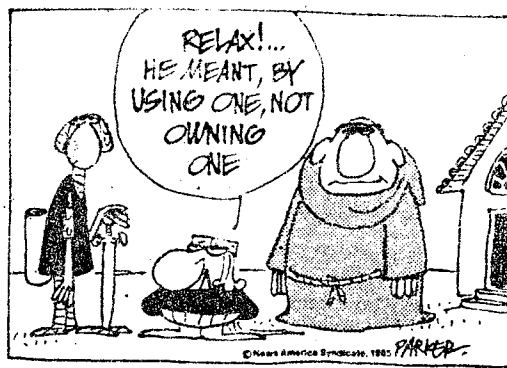
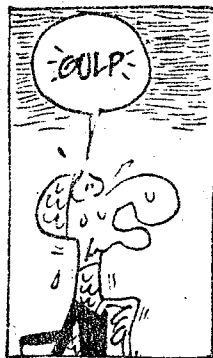
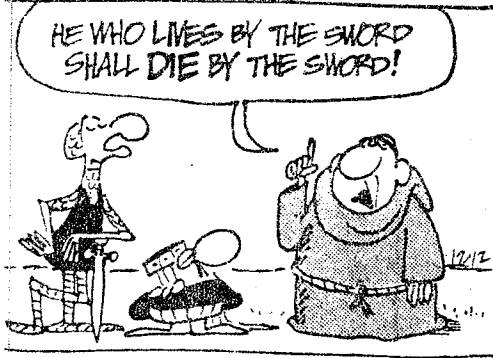
head. The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay. The
makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky; And

C7 F Gm C7 1. F 2. F Fine

lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep in the hay. The
stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

Christmas JOY



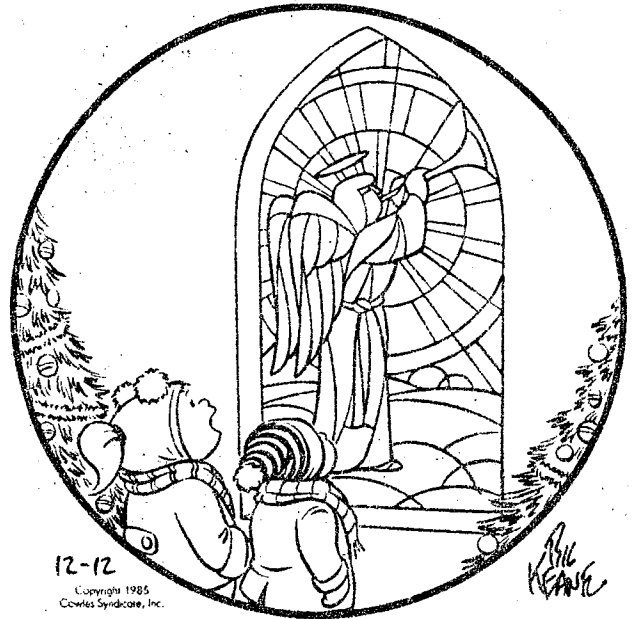


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On A Bad Day.

FAMILY CIRCLE

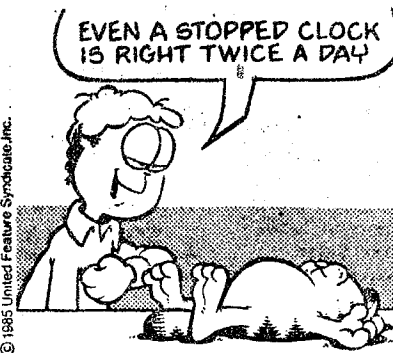


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"That angel's name is Harold."

"Mine is Dennis Hall"

GARFIELD



"Words of Wisdom"
for the
Linemen.

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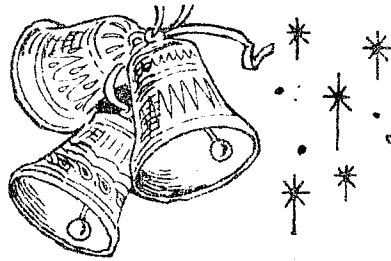
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CHRISTMAS CHEER



May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family.

