



# 741 (Victoria) COMMUNICATION SQUADRON

Newsletter

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SUNRAY SPEAKS

Just a short note this edition. We have had a busy schedule these last few weeks, and the weeks ahead are full as well. Being a reserve is a commitment to say the least. Many of us have full time jobs or heavy loads in terms of studies and or family responsibilities. It is difficult to find the time or often the energy to meet the challenge of our military involvement. The motivation or driving force must be the people who depend on us to do our share, carry our load. We cannot always produce the best work or meet the standards set by our regular force counterparts. We can though produce the "best work" possible in the time we have. If in our hearts we know we have given our best then we have done all we can to further the unit and contribute to society as a whole. It is important to resist becoming a part time part-timer. Each one of us has an important job to do in our unit and for the most part we are participating effectively. Those who are not should review their reason for being here and make the changes necessary so others are not doing their job of work.

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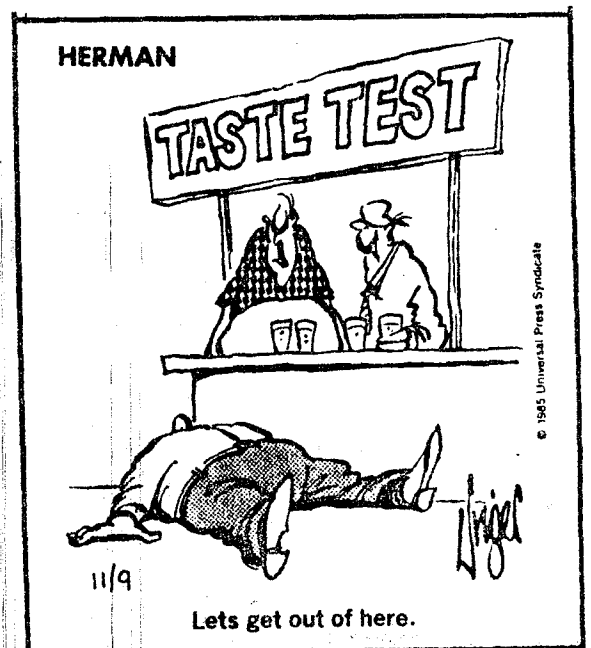
EDITORS CORNER

Well another month is history and what do we have to show for it? For starters the CPX in Vancouver, which WO Dave Rennie played the part of "Den Father" for the weekend. Radio Tp held a one day radio exercise, in conjunction with our cadet corp on a weekend ex, hosting a Vancouver cadet corp. No doubt they showed the cadets just what we can do. Cpl Simons and myself took turns taking on the Katimavik, teaching them basic VP and the 25 set.

People must be getting bored, because the "higher ups" just had a game of musical chairs. Just when you get to know your Tp O or Sgt, you have to break in a new one. On that note, may I welcome Sgt Jim Hough as a new Orderly Sgt. Though not all troops were effected, only half of them.

For all those people that still don't know it, Lt Dave Whittier is no longer with us. For he has gone onto greater glory with the Regular Force, as an Officer. Well Dave we shall miss you and that truly comes from my heart and a reminder from Angie that I should have done this last month. So if you are planning to leave the unit, please inform the newsletter staff at least two weeks in advance of the months deadline date.

Seeing that I can't think of any more news worthy points or comments, I'll take my leave of you. So till next time, remember you can't go anywhere until you turn the key.



O.R. NOTES

Boy, time sure goes quick when you're busy. Oh no! Here comes Mcpl Hall asking for another newsletter entry. Not again, didn't we just give you one a while ago? You mean a month has gone by already. Okay, okay! We'll take time out of our busy schedule to give you something, but only this once. If you come back this afternoon it should be ready. Is this enough Dennis? Could you please let go of my arm, its starting to hurt and its hard to write with it twisted behind my back. Anyway, Cpl Dan Mayo is looking for workout partners during lunch hours. The qualifications needed are:

1. female
2. easily dominated
3. have lunch hours free
4. must be able to lift more weights than Dan
5. shorts worn must have no side seams
6. into S&M (sweat & muscles)
7. must be egotistical

Anyone interested may submit applications to the OR.

Note: Mcpl White RD - your application has been rejected, due to unwillingness to give up your lunch hour.

RADIO TROOP NOTES

As you all may not know Lt Whittier has left this unit, to join the wonderful life of the Regular force. If you believe that last line, I have some land in Florida. In place of this fine young officer, we are getting Lt Gibson with her vast knowledge. We are also losing Sgt Hough to bounce upstairs to work on the right hand of "God". Now the ? news (you take a guess). In his place we have Sgt Snider, to take on the huge tasking of this interesting troop. Huh, well let me think about that.

ATTENTION - Mcpl deJong has bought his round (finally). If you missed it, tough luck.

SUPPORT TROOP NOTES

What? You mean it's time for another newsletter! Oh well. First of all, we would like to wish Lt Gibson a fond farewell. She is going to take command of (oh no!) Radio troop! We wish her all the best there.

Second, Mcpl White RD wants the unit to know that all the vehicles are back, so try to take care of them.

Mcpl Harper has nothing to say, because he's busy with the TQ 2 course.

The Techs have lots to say, but Cpl Farquhar is sick. He may have the measles (is everyone immunized?). This means that he won't be sending any more round trip memos. That should make Jay very happy.

Well, that's the way it is for Feb 31, 1986, this is Walter Cronkite, good night.

OP TROOP NOTES

(Mmmm! Ho Humm! Yawn. I guess Op Tp isn't going to submit anything to the newsletter this month. But low and behold, "Super Sig" has returned.)

UNIT DRUG EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR (UDEC)

One of the comments about the UDEC input in the last newsletter was, ..."too formal, Jack!" From now on I'll try to keep it light remembering that most of us do realize that the misuse of Drugs and Alcohol can be very serious. Point well taken.

As we follow in the path of our "Web footed friends" to the south, we the "Beavers" of the North will soon be obliged to take a Urinalysis as part of our military medical indoctrination. Why? Well just ask any professional athlete how effective this process really is to detect drugs in the body and you have your answer.

We all know the obvious dangers of Heroine, cocaine and LSD, but what about marijuana? Many of us believe there aint nothin' wrong with a little grass on the weekend. The CAF however don't really believe that and as UDEC I can provide you with mounds of evidence to back them up! Come on down.

Here are couple of facts that should interest you. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the active ingredient in marijuana and even after smoking one joint, traces can still be found in the urine up to 18 days later. A random check by the MO could have serious consequences eh? Something else, it is known that sudden periods of stress or excitement can release this stored THC into the blood stream. Voila, your instant high! Marijuana can slow down and distort your perception of time and space. It shouldn't take a university graduate to understand the full consequences of that statement but worst of all, users don't even realize it.

So ... before you get into a heated discussion on the pros & cons of our new CAF policy, drop in to the UDEC office (in the coffee room) and read up on it!  
CUL.



FLOOR HOCKEY NEWS

To date the unit floor hockey team is having a successful season. Presently we're half way through and enjoying first place with four victories. The team is making arrangements to get into the Pacific region hockey tournament this April. If anybody would like to see the team in action, please come out we cherish your support.

PROP BLAST

There are only two kinds of people in the world today:

1. Jumpers
2. and those who want to be jumpers

### THE SPORTS END OF IT ALL

All pers who have borrowed equipment from the sports lockup, please return it to Cpl Homuth (Sports NCO), ASAP.

There will be a Fun Shoot held at the Bay Street Armouries on a non training day (date TBA). Dress will be combats. Pers participating will not be entitled to sign in for the day. All interested pers are to submit their names to the Sports NCO, Cpl Homuth ASAP.

### TECH - NICKELS

Being a few cents worth of wisdom from the tech shop.

1. Rivers are handy to wash your truck in.
2. If in doubt, say "An officer made me do it"
3. A great dessert can be made from a can of frozen condensed milk and jello. Just blend together at high speed and pour into a dessert glass - it really is delicious.
4. There is still room for more students in the James White college of recieving great backrubs.

### NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When I got my new Suzuki Samurai I use to was it all the time, and people would say to me "no matter how much you water it, it won't grow". Well I've got news for you. It seems the water of the Isolum River is special. After submerging my truck in it, it grew six inches taller! So Ha on you all.

### BIRTHDAYS, BIRTHDAYS, BIRTHDAYS

The following people will be celebrating their Birthdays in March. "Your assignment should you choose to accept it, is to find out how old these people will be on their Birthday."

Sgt Ellis - Mar 1  
Lt Gibson - Mar 10  
Mcpl Furdal - Mar 12  
LGen Clark - Mar 17  
WO Eversfield - Mar 21

### RESERVIST OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Well this month 7 people were nominated for this title and it was a tough decision. But in the end Pte Koivukangas prevailed. You may ask why, it is because he had two weeks off in Germany (still getting paid, mind you) and finding a way not to enjoy it. Oh well Dave, better luck next time. But to remind you of this great occasion, you will be receiving a neat, swell certificate. Keep it up Dave.

Coming a super close second is Mcpl Ken Milling for achieving two consecutive shut-outs in floor hockey. Good work Ken.

Though he isn't a reservist, I think Cpl Dan Mayo should get special mention. What would a day be without seeing his bright smiling face to greet you in the OR?

### REMINDERS

1. JRs don't forget to attend the next mess meeting on the first Thursday of March. Any changes will be announced.
2. The JR mess is now open for business of Saturday after work and on Sundays.
3. Don't forget to pay your mess dues (JRs), they're only \$20.00 for the year.

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR, AWAY THERE WAS A LONG PLANET KNOWN AS SIGNAL 052

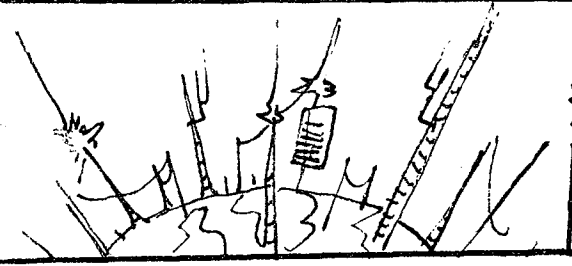
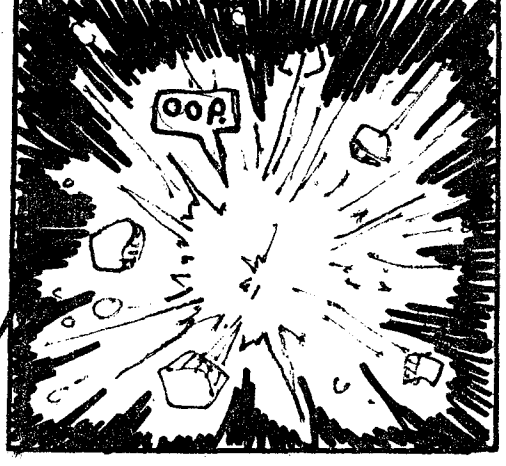
UPON THIS PLANET LIVED TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE CALLED JOREL AND MARTHA MALOCH. THESE TWO PEOPLE HAD A SON WHO THEY LOVED VERY MUCH.



BUT SIGNAL 052 WAS DESTINED TO DOOM BECAUSE THE UNYIELDING RAD-OP GOVERNMENT WAS CONSTANTLY IGNORING JORELS PLEAS FOR THEM TO GROUND THEIR RADIOS PROPERLY.

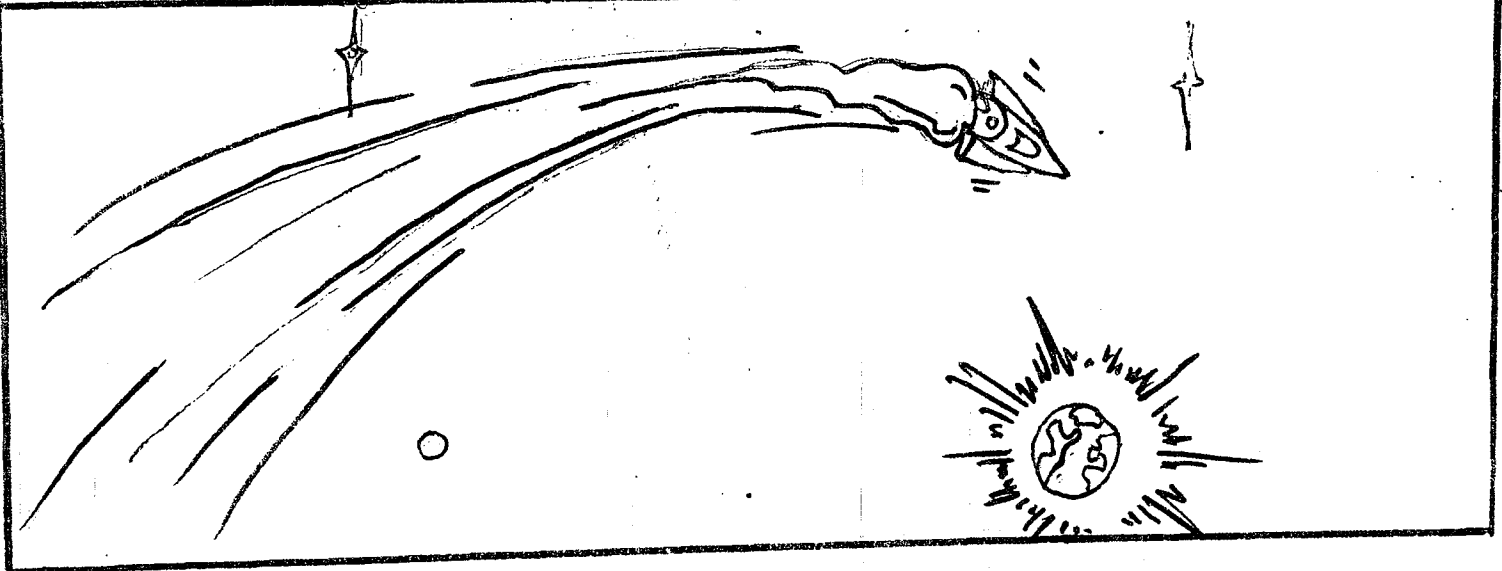


SOON ENOUGH THOUGH THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED. A MASSIVE ELECTRICAL STORM STRUCK...

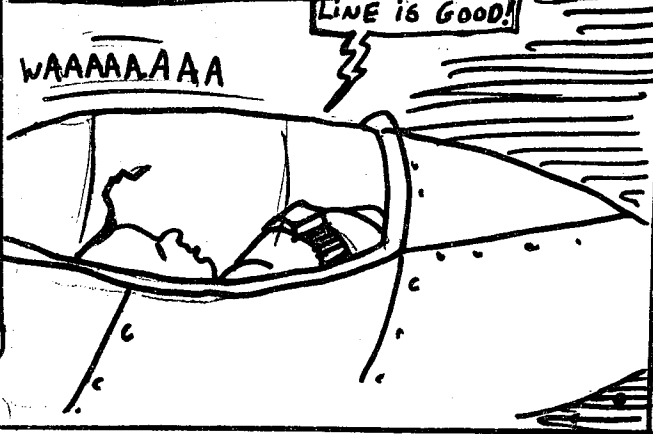


SO HE BUILT A SPACESHIP FOR HIS SON TO ESCAPE IN

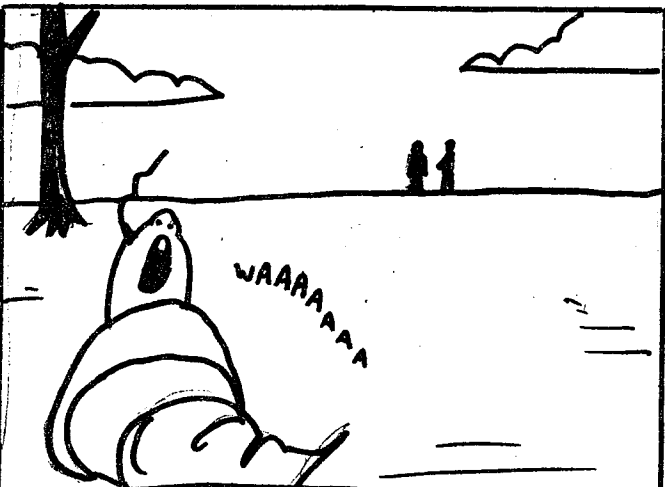
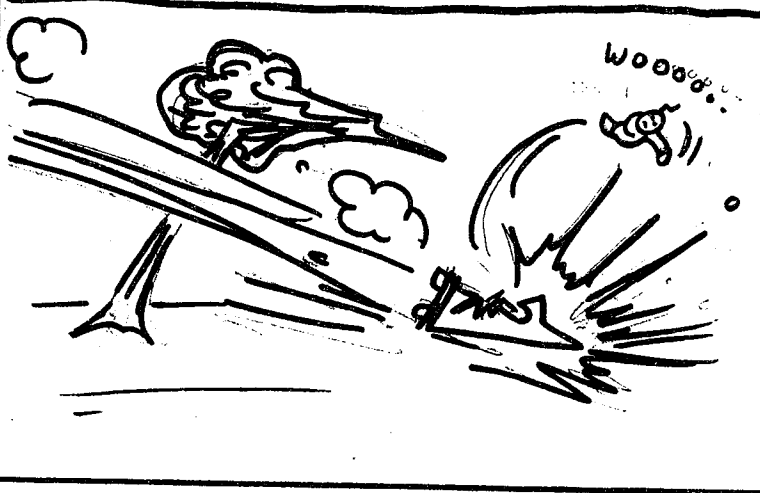
AND SO JIMMY TRAVELLED THE LONG JOURNEY TO A SHINY PLANET CALLED EARTH.



AS JIMMY TRAVELLED HE WAS EDUCATED IN THE WAYS OF SIGNALS AND LINES BY HYPER-CASSETTES.



FINALLY THOUGH IT CAME TO REST IN THE SMALL TOWN OF KINGSTON



SOON THOUGH HE WAS FOUND BY A KIND AND GENTLE COUPLE



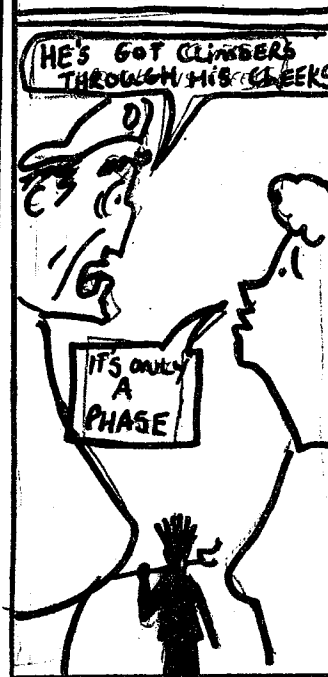
AND JIMMY WAS RAISED BY THE GOOD PEOPLE.



HE WENT THROUGH SCHOOL...



AND THE NORMAL TEENAGE PROBLEMS



SO THEY MADE HIM JOIN THE ARMY



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