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75 Years Young – An historic milestone for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton

Initially conceived by an Order in Council as “Royal Canadian Air Force Station Trenton”, Station Trenton was opened in 1931 as a training facility. Flying operations began in September that year with the arrival of two flights from Station Borden. Siskin and Atlas aircraft of No. 1 Fighter and No. 3 Army Cooperation Flights were the first aircraft and units to occupy what has become the busiest Air Force Wing in the Canadian Forces (CF).



Col Andre Deschamps

Today, 8 Wing / Canadian Forces Base Trenton remains at the forefront of military aviation; with its large fleet of heavy / tactical / VIP transport and search and rescue aircraft, our airmen and airwomen are involved in virtually every CF operation. Flights to the four corners of the globe tie this community into the mainstream of international life.

We will celebrate our tradi-

tion of excellence by making our base’s 75th Anniversary the theme of a number of events throughout the year.

The first event to commemorate our anniversary will be the RCAF Mess Dinner on March the 30th at the Officers’ Mess and the Warrant Officers and Sergeants’ Mess. At the dinners we will introduce our special anniversary wine and 75th Anniversary placemats,

suitable for saving as souvenirs. Then in September, our birth month, we plan on celebrating with the Trenton community by re-enacting the (year) Freedom of the City parade to City Hall.

And beginning in this issue of The Contact, we will publish a series of eight monthly articles by our Wing Heritage Officer, Captain Randy Henning, which will trace the remarkable history of our base, one decade at a time. This month’s article remembers our early years - the 1930s.

Read The Contact newspaper and discover the rich history of which you are now a part and take the time to participate in the events that mark our heritage.

Sincerely,

Colonel André Deschamps
Commander 8 Wing/CFB Trenton



Designed by Adriana Galeota-Sheahan

The official logo recognizing the 75th Anniversary of Royal Canadian Air Force Station Trenton.

8 Wing personnel transport PM on first official visit

by Captain Nicole Meszaros,
8 Wing Public Affairs Officer

As Mission Commander, Major Denis Roy, a 437 Transport Squadron pilot, faced some significant challenges in executing a high-profile yet covert operation. The operation of transporting the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, to Afghanistan came to Major Roy at short notice and as a closely guarded mission.

“I wasn’t aware of the manifest until not too long before we had to begin flying,” Major Roy said. “The challenge of the short-notice operation was to have 437 Squadron deliver a high level of service, which is our standard, to our Prime Minister.”

But once the crews were

briefed, Major Roy explained, there was a positive feeling amongst all involved in transporting the Prime Minister on his first international mission. “Our sense of pride was heightened because of whom the Prime Minister was going to see. He was going to see the troops in theatre which made us that more proud,” said Major Roy.

After completing the necessary planning, the mission began with a positive start.

“Prime Minister Harper came to the cockpit and sat in the jump seat for his first official take-off,” recounted Major Roy. “He was very friendly and approachable and as Prime Minister, it was a good feeling.”

As mission commander Major Roy was responsible for the successful execution of the

mission and acted as the liaison between the crew and the passengers. The position of mission commander, held by either a pilot or an air navigator, provides passengers with a single point of contact ensuring for smooth communications between both parties.

The mission Major Roy explained was demanding on all crewmembers involved. “It is not physically hard labour but the very long distances and flying time meant that, more than one crew was involved to safely complete the mission.” Even with a new crew at an enroute fuel stop, the crews were on flying duty in excess of 18 hours.

Despite the challenges the mission was a success as the Prime Minister did have the opportunity to spend time with the troops in Kandahar. During

a formal address to the CF members there he delivered words of encouragement. “On behalf of all Canadians, I want to tell you how proud I am of the work you are doing. You have put yourselves on the line to defend our national interests, ensure Canadian leadership in world affairs, and help Afghanistan rebuild into a free, democratic and peaceful country,” said Prime Minister Harper as quoted from an official news release. For more information on the prime minister, please visit .

Members of 8 Wing/CFB Trenton who are currently deployed as part of the Tactical Airlift Unit, which is based out of Camp Mirage, were also integral to the Prime Minister’s mission. Their story will appear in next week’s paper.



The Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, shakes hands with Corporal Tanya Roth during his first official visit to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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Aujourd'hui, la 8e Escadre de la Base des Forces canadiennes Trenton demeure à l'avant-plan de l'aviation militaire. Elle compte une flotte importante de transporteurs lourds, de transports tactiques et de transports

VIP ainsi que des aéronefs de recherche et de sauvetage. Les aviateurs participent à presque toutes les opérations des FC. Grâce aux vols effectués aux quatre coins de la planète, ils ont pu créer des liens étroits au niveau international.

Afin de célébrer notre tradition d'excellence, le thème d'un bon nombre d'activités qui se dérouleront au cours de l'année portera sur le 75e anniversaire de la base.

Le coup d'envoi de la célébration de notre anniversaire se fera lors des dîners militaires de l'Aviation royale du Canada qui auront lieu le 30 mars au mess des officiers ainsi qu'à celui des adjudants et des sergents. Pendant les dîners, nous dévoilerons notre vin spécial d'anniversaire ainsi que des nappes marquant le 75e anniversaire; il s'agit de précieux souvenirs. Puis en septembre, le mois de notre mise sur pied,

nous prévoyons célébrer en compagnie de la collectivité de Trenton en rétablissant le défilé (annuel) du droit de cité de l'hôtel de ville.

De plus, à partir de la livraison courante du Contact, nous publierons une série de huit articles mensuels rédigés par l'officier du patrimoine de l'escadre, le Capitaine Randy Henning, qui relateront, une décennie à la fois, l'histoire remarquable de notre base. L'article du mois en cours fait état de nos toutes premières années, les années 1930.

Jetez un coup d'œil à la publication Contact, découvrez l'histoire riche dont vous faites maintenant partie et prenez le temps de participer aux activités qui soulignent notre patrimoine.

Veuillez agréer mes salutations les plus distinguées.

*Colonel André Deschamps
Commandant de la 8e
Escadre/BFC Trenton*

Brightening the day of deployed personnel

by Lt(N) LeDrew
8 Wing Public Affairs

Canadian Forces troops often find themselves away from home for months at a time, usually in areas where standards of living are far below those average Canadians are accustomed to. Things taken for granted at home become small luxuries in places like Haiti, Sri Lanka or Afghanistan, where conditions are rugged, poverty is rampant, and work is difficult and dangerous.

Friends and relatives at home know this, and nothing brightens a deployed soldier's day like receiving a letter or a package from loved ones. The small comforts of home can do wonders for a soldier's soul and spirit.

With this in mind, over the years, Canadians have reached out to soldiers in theatres of operations around the world with letters, postcards, and parcels containing anything from coffee for the troops to teddy bears for local children. While all military personnel involved deeply appreciate this generosity and thoughtfulness, the process can be a little daunting

for anyone interested in sending a taste of home overseas.

As anyone can appreciate, the logistics of shipping anything halfway around the world can be complicated and costly. Size and weight must be taken into account, and while every effort is made to facilitate such communications between Canadians at large and deployed troops when possible, proper coordination is essential.

While letters, postcards and small parcels can be dropped off at any Military Family Resources Centre (MFRC), anything more substantial must be submitted for approval through the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA). Anyone interested in sending anything to deployed CF members can contact the CFPSA directly. Anyone interested in donating goods to citizens of the countries where our troops are deployed are invited to communicate with the various humanitarian agencies involved in those countries.

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13th ANNUAL MESS DINNER



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Pictured above are members of the head table at 8 Air Maintenance Squadron's 13th Annual Mess Dinner. The head table consisted of, from left to right: Lt (N) Melchor Talon, Padre ; CWO Manuel Rodrigues, 8 AMS CWO; Honorary Colonel Stuart MacLean; Colonel André Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton; LCol Bill Lewis, Commanding Officer, 8 AMS; Wayne Rostadt , Former Honorary Colonel, 8 AMS; CWO Don Cheverie, Wing Chief Warrant Officer, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton; and Honorary CWO Paul Boucher, 8 AMS.

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Search & Rescue UPDATE



424 "Tiger" Squadron flew three missions in the past week. On Thursday our CC-130 was tasked to try and find the source of an ELT signal near Beauce, Quebec (south of Quebec City). With the help of a high-flying airliner, our crew traced the signal to the airport at Newport, Vermont. There were numerous aircraft on the apron but no distress was observed, and our crew returned to Trenton. On Friday both our Griffon and Herc were sent to the Georgian Bay area for a fishing vessel trapped in the ice and listing in Southampton Harbour. Before our Griffon crew could get to the person on the boat, he was assisted by another vessel on scene, and the Herc and Griffon returned to base. Until next week, stay safe.

Missions for 2006: 19 Missions for Mar.: 5 Persons rescued: 5

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A Great Military Family Support Site on the web

Welcome home, pull up a chair, and tell us about your day!

Knowing that you are appreciated and forever welcome is the feeling you get when you log into Canada's greatest military family support site: Married to the Canadian Forces! Recently moving to a dot com site, this Home Away From Home, as they describe themselves, has grown to a community of over 200 members in a short time. And here, members are not just part of a community, they are part of a family!

Originally an msn groups site, Married to the Canadian Forces has seen many changes in its two year reign moving to a free phpbb site late last year and finally to its new home <http://married-tothecanadianforces.com>. The future outlook for this site knows no boundaries and its success is due in large part to its two owners, Natascha McKay and Louise Morris and its amazingly strong and versatile staff, Jen Gavin, Angeie Zuber, Rebecca Verrall, Kathie Capewell, Paula Donaldson, and the moderators, Lisa Miller, and Sara McKie.

In addition to its warm atmosphere, MCF offers its members links to useful military, business, and personal sites as well as lightening the mood with a humorous game of, "What did you say?" where members posts are purposely taken out of context for hilarity. More importantly, each forum provides updates and articles about things relevant to the section and to military life, like Cycles of Deployment or How Your PMQ Rent is Determined. An accomplished author, Angeie tries to make sure she contributes at least one article a month. Administration prides itself on its continued professionalism and the site's detailed yet organized layout.

MCF can be found on the web at <http://married-tothecanadianforces.com>. More information about MCF can be obtained by contacting Ann-Janette Zuber, MCF Public Affairs Representative, at angeie@married-tothecanadianforces.com.

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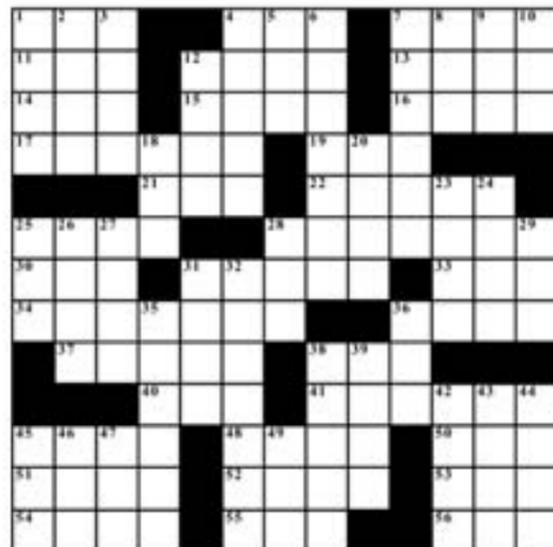
By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

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- 16 Falsehoods
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- 19 Allow
- 21 Eggleton, to friends
- 22 Actress Massey
- 25 _____ pump
- 28 Not famous
- 30 Halladay stat
- 31 Floor, in Francoeur
- 33 Ward preceder
- 34 Hayfield feature
- 36 Portend
- 37 Cy, formally
- 38 Onassis, to pals
- 40 Affirmative reply
- 41 Call of the Wild author or Ontario city
- 45 June honouree, slangily
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This Week in Contact

1996 – Quinte Online, a Belleville company that designs and implements internet websites, approached 8 Wing Trenton Public Affairs in January to set up a real-time chat live with Peacekeepers in Haiti (there are currently 29 personnel from 8 Wing serving in Haiti). With the help of Capt Wendell Deck of Trenton's 8 Air Communication and Control Squadron, who is presently, serving on a six-month tour in Haiti, the Peacekeepers Discussion Page was born.

1986 – Interculture Canada, a leader in the field of International Educational Exchanges, will offer to young students from Brazil, Spain, Japan and thirty other countries, the possibility of continuing their high school education in Canada, during the 1986 – 87 school year. Interculture Canada is searching for 20 families in Ontario who would be interested in hosting these students, aged from 15 to 18 years old.

1976 – In search for possible alternative sources of power, experiments in wind generation of electricity are being conducted by the Defence Department, at Shirley's Bay, 13 miles west of here. Conducted by the Defence Research Establishment, Ottawa, with the assistance of the Canadian Forces, the experiments are studying the feasibility of the wind as a dependable power source.

Created by Lt J. H. MacDonald,
 Compiled by Jason Newman.



A taste of home for troops

by Amber Gooding
Contact Staff

More than 60 gallons of pure maple syrup was shipped to Canadian Forces troops serving in Afghanistan, on March 13.

Dubbed 'Operation: Taste of Home', local residents put out a request in their communities to donate a bottle of maple syrup to any one of the drop-off outlets located throughout the Quinte area.

From gallon jugs to smaller bottles of syrup, and care packages featuring Barb's Truly Canadian Breakfast (with buttermilk pancake mix, maple butter and a small bottle of syrup), the shipment was set to reach the more than 2,000 troops in time for their own maple syrup festival. The

shipment also included 125 pounds of chocolate caramels from World's Finest Chocolates and 50 pounds of hard candies.

Gord Edwards, who has worked tirelessly to help bring this whole thing together, says he has thought about the military personnel and their families throughout all of this, and to be able to ship pure Canadian maple syrup to the troops is his way of showing that he cares, with a reflection of home.

"It might bring back some fond memories in a time where they're faced with such great challenges in their daily missions," he said. "We just want to be able to do something extra to show we care."

Edwards knows the care packages are no consolation, but wanted to do

something special for those on his mind. He had been trying to think about food that was typically Canadian, so-to-speak, and decided that maple syrup was the closest thing, and the most accommodating to have shipped. He hopes the syrup is a signifier, a reminder of where they've come from and where many wish for their safe return.

Edwards would like to thank everyone involved, including area branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, with a special thanks going out to Don McLeod, Eric Simkins from VB Simkins Sewing Machines in Kingston, Valerie Sills, and Capt Mike Sniderham and his wife Wendy, for their efforts in sending a taste of home, at the right time of year.



Photo: Amber Gooding

Approximately 60 gallons of pure maple syrup, along with chocolates and candies were shipped to troops overseas for "Operation: Taste of Home." Pictured are Lt (N) Petie LeDrew, 8 Wing Public Affairs, and Gord Edwards.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO 8 WING

Photos: Cpl David Cribb, 8 Wing Imaging



Patricia Sauvé-McCuan, A/ADM(IM), and Chief Warrant Officer Anthony Fequet, CWO ADM(IM) visited 8 Wing/CFB Trenton on March 8, 2006, to discuss various information technology changes that will occur with the CF Transformation. Pictured above, Master Corporal Jason Haggett of 8 Air Communications and Control Squadron explains the quick deployable setup headquarters and communications ability of the unit to Mrs Sauvé-McCuan.

@ the RCAF Memorial Museum

with Joan Wright

Canada's National Air Force Museum

8 March was International Women's Day - a special day to celebrate the progress made to advance equality for women and to assess the challenges that remain.

This reminded us of an event which took place at CFB Trenton. 1975 had been designated as International Women's YEAR and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Pauline McGibbon, 'came to tea'. History was made as she was met by an all-women Guard of Honour - a first in Canadian military history. In the evening she was Guest of Honour at an all-women's mess dinner; her address was entitled "The Emerging Woman".

During the Second World War, our Canadian women enlisted in all of the three Services. Those who joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) were called WDs. They served as stenographers, cooks, parachute packers, drivers, teletype operators, aircraft mechanics and ground crew. Those who joined as nurses served in the Medical Corps. Others served as civilian instructors in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, teaching our young airmen how to fly.

One little known area in which civilian women pilots also served was in the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA). These women, Canadian, British and American, ferried new aircraft from factories to the airfields where they were needed. They flew fighters, bombers or whatever was required, armed only with maps and the book of instructions for the specific a/c they were flying that day. One such aviator was Marion Orr. She instructed here at Trenton and logged 700 hours ferrying a/c in England. Her favourite was the Spitfire. In 1981, she was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

We have a display on the south wall dedicated to all the women who served during and after the Second World War. We have some of the many different uniforms they wore including those of the nursing sisters - complete with veils!

Looking around CFB Trenton, it would seem that progress has been made since those days. As for the challenges that remain - PER ARDUA AD ASTRA (Through Adversity to the Stars)

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International Women's Day conference inspires potential

by Amber Gooding
Contact Staff

International Women's Day was recently celebrated around the world, 97 years after the implementation of what has become a landmark for women.

Approximately 70 DND civilian and military personnel, along with 20 employees from Warkworth Penitentiary, gathered in the Astra Lounge at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton on March 9 to take part in the "Inspiring Potential" conference.

International Women's Day, takes place annually as a celebration of women's economic, cultural and political achievements. With an impressive line-up of guest speakers and full schedule of events, each woman had the chance to take part in celebrations highlighting the progress and developments of equality, justice and peace on a day that connects all women.

The day's events opened with the insights of LCol Francis Allen, CO ATSS, who has been a member of the CF for more than 20 years. Speaking of her experiences in the military, from a female perspective, and the positive elements the CF has brought to her life, she's quick to point out that Canadian women have quite an advantage over many women all over the world.

"I admire our nation and the women of our past for trying to establish equality," said LCol Allen. "We have overcome great challenges

in our society and in the workplace."

LCol Allen encourages women to take pride in being able to celebrate such a day. Looking back at her own life, the barriers once prohibiting women from entering the workforce are clear to her now that women have moved beyond the obstacles that once stood in their way.

Following LCol Allen's presentation, the ladies took part in 'meet your neighbour bingo'. Instead of numbers on the bingo card, the spaces were filled with interests, accomplishments and hobbies. In order to fill the card, they needed to have signatures from other participants that enjoyed anything from taking apart engines and electronics to scrap booking.

The day proceeded with presentations from a variety of speakers.

Linda Clark, a licensed Brain Gym instructor for more than 15 years, conducted a workshop on how to enhance the quality of life and work, through touch and movement.

Lise Allen, president of Partners in Planning Financial Services Ltd. in Belleville, spoke of her experiences as a female financial professional, her life and finance philosophy.

Rebecca Ryan, from Trenton's Lolly Lodge Spa, shared her inspiring story of change and the importance of taking time every day for yourself. Staying focused and grounded play an instrumental role in the growth and development of today's women, who have increasingly high demands placed on them

in their personal lives and careers.

The final speaker of the day, Chris Vernon, a teacher and amateur writer of issues surrounding women, focused her attention on the importance of a 'women's worth'.

An exercise she conducted at the end of her presentation was as much of an eye-opener for those involved as it was for those observing.

Each person was told to draw a picture of themselves in the centre of a blank piece of paper. From there, they were to surround the image of themselves with qualities, desires, accomplishments and even negative aspects they wish to change. Once the ladies completed the picture they were given a second to reflect.

"You are the women of today's society," said Vernon. "Promise yourself you will take some time for 'you'. You will always be many things to many people but regardless, you will always be you and at the end of the day, nothing is more important."

Lt Andrea Clement, coordinator of the event, believes this year's guest speakers were able to reach the audience effectively, relating to each individual and the group as a whole.

"It was a very inspirational day for myself and others," said Lt Clement. "All of the speakers were engaging and each person brought something different to share."

Lt Clement believes that celebrating International Women's Day an important time when women can get together to celebrate their diversity and highlight the progress made.

"It's a positive day for us and focuses on the achievements made over the last few decades," she said. "It is a reminder for us to be proud of where we have come from and where we are heading."

She feels the day's importance is signified by those who lived through the decades of change, but is also equally important for the younger generation to know where they came from, and to appreciate a woman's status today. As this year's theme indicated, the day helped many to "inspire their potential" and continue moving forward.

Lt Clement would like to thank all those who participated, including the guest speakers. A special thanks for the efforts of Anne Pennington, Celine Alexiuk, Kym McClinton, Jeannette Lane and Cpl Anna Cummings, who proved their endless positive energy and dedication were key to the success of this year's event.



Photo: Cpl Gayle Wilson, 8 Wing Imaging
LCol Allen speaks of her achievements over the last 20 years in the CF.

International Women's Day is sponsored by the Defence Women's Advisory Organization (DWAO), a subcommittee of the 8 Wing Employment Equity Organization. For more information, or to get involved in the DWAO, or the EEAG, please visit the website at http://trenton.mil.ca/admin/EEAG/index_e.htm.



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Sharon Osborne, Mary Johns and Valerie Hemphill take part in a bingo game designed to get the ladies out of their seats and bring them together.

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CF hockey nationals

Women's Flyers

Our 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Women's Flyers Hockey Team represented the Ontario region at the CF National Women's Hockey Championship 4-10 March at Borden. In the semi-finals, our Flyers lost 2-1 in overtime to the Quebec region who eventually won claiming the gold by defeating the Atlantic region 3-1 in the finals.

Stay tuned for photos and details in next week's issue of The Contact newspaper.

Men's Flyers

We would like to wish the best of luck to our Men's Flyers Hockey Team and to our Vintage Flyers (OT) as they set out to represent the Ontario region at the CF National Hockey Championships at CFB Borden 22-29 April and 1-7 April respectively.

Good luck guys!

Squash championship

Our 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Squash Team recently won the team event at this year's Ontario Region Squash Championships held at CFB Petawawa. Team members were: -- Capt Marty Dufour; TRSET -- Capt Carl Charbonneau; 8 ACCS -- Sgt Richard Creamer; 426 (T) Sqn -- Cpl Brian Sharp; MP Section -- Cpl Chris Dufresne; CFB Borden.

CFPU -- Pte Vicky Lefebvre; MET Sqn -- 2Lt Ryan Kean; 426 (T) Sqn. Well done team! Good luck to Cpl Brian Sharp who won gold in the open event and Sgt Richard Creamer who won gold in the masters event, as they represent the Ontario region at the CF National Squash Championships to be held on 6-11 May at CFB Borden.

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Remembering... Our early years – RCAF Station Trenton

by Captain Randy J. Henning

In September 1931 the first two flights of aircraft left Camp Borden to take up permanent residence at what is now 8 Wing Trenton. In 2006 then, our base will celebrate 75 years of continuous military flying operations. This is the first in a series of eight monthly articles that will trace our remarkable history, one decade at a time. This article remembers our early years – RCAF Station Trenton in the 1930s.

On September 10, 1931, the Ontario Intelligencer of Belleville excitedly reported that, "The aviation area on the Trent Road, which has been in the course of construction for the past three years was permanently occupied by (No. 3 Flight of the Royal Canadian Air Force) today, when eleven planes of all types and 50 officers and airmen took up their residence at the training base."

First news of the new flying station had come in early 1929 when the government announced its intention to move RCAF training from Vancouver and Borden to a single airfield somewhere on the shore of Lake Ontario. Trenton had lobbied fiercely, led by then Mayor, later Senator W.A. Fraser, to host the new training base, and on 12 October 1929 the Trenton Courier-Advocate proudly announced, "Airfield For Trenton. Trenton will be the site of Canada's National Flying activities." Expropriation of farmland east of the city proceeded quickly once the announcement was made.

The original writ of expropriation and accompanying survey, signed by the Minister of National Defence, 1929, rests in the display case on the third floor of our Wing Headquarters. It describes the property to be occupied by the new airfield as, "that certain parcel or trust of lands and premises (there were a number of

farm houses and a school on the site) situate lying and being the township of Sydney, in the County of Hastings and Province of Ontario containing 886 acres, more or less," and goes on to identify the actual lots to the north and south of Highway 2. By December of that year, area residents could see teams of horses and large crews of men working on both sides of the highway, clearing orchards and filling in watering holes. Construction was underway!

Construction of the first hangar north of Highway 2 was still underway when Flight Lieutenant O'Brian Saint, the station's first commander, flew in on 3 September 1931. He and a group of 12 airmen set about preparing for the arrival of aircraft and personnel from Borden. There were no accommodations as yet on station, so everyone would have to be billeted "down-town."

No. 3 Army Cooperation Flight, the one referred to by the Intelligencer reporter, flew Atlas Aircraft. Also arriving from Borden was No. 1 Fighter Flight, flying Siskins. The smartly dressed airmen and their exotic flying machines quickly became the fascination of the local community. Flying was still considered a new, exciting, and somewhat dangerous activity in the 1930s, and anyone associated with it, especially anyone in a uniform, was automatically a hero.

The Intelligencer reporter admiringly described them as they arrived, "The pilots as they left their machines were dressed in the French grey of the Air Force, many of them wearing numerous decorations of the Great War!"

Among the first pilots to arrive was Flying Officer (later Group Captain) E.A. McNab, OBE, DFC. McNab went on to lead No. 1 (Fighter) Squadron, the only Canadian squadron to take part in the Battle

of Britain. He and two other members of his squadron, Flight Lieutenant (later Group Captain) G.R. McGregor, OBE, DFC, and Flying Officer (later Wing Commander) B.D. Russel, DSO, DFC (and bar), all earned the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for their outstanding contributions to that historic battle.

And many more heroes would pass through Trenton. Air Commodore (Ret'd) Leonard Birchall, CM, OBE, DFC, CD, OOnt, who became an RCAF icon and was dubbed "The Saviour of Ceylon," by no other than Winston Churchill, took his initial seaplane training here in 1937. (*An impressive display honouring Air Commodore Birchall was unveiled at the RCAF Memorial Museum in 2005.*)

He attended the Air Navigation and Seaplane School that had just moved into the newly constructed Marine Hangar (now Base Transport). By this time three landplane hangars and a station workshop (now the home of 426 Squadron) had also been completed, thanks largely to a depression relief project, along with a number of barrack blocks, married quarters for the Commanding Officer, personnel quarters, an Officer's Mess, and an administration building.

The original cornerstone of the Administration Building, now Wing Headquarters, can still be seen on the building's north-east corner and bears the inscription, "This stone was laid by His Excellency The Earl of Bessborough P.C.G.C.M.G. Governor General of Canada 6th May 1934. Per Ardua Ad Rem (through adversity to the good)."

Those words became almost immediately prophetic, for as the 1930s drew to a close, Trenton was preparing to play a key roll in one of the greatest struggles that civilization had ever faced, the Second World War.



Photos: Submitted

Top: RCAF Station Trenton from the South, June 1936. Marine Hangar is in the foreground. Seaplane operations began in 1937. Among the first aircraft at the Seaplane School was the colourful Vickers Vedette. The building just to its northeast is the new station workshop. **Bottom:** Early construction of the station workshop (now 426 Squadron) 1934. The now iconic water tower, completed in 1931, is in the background.

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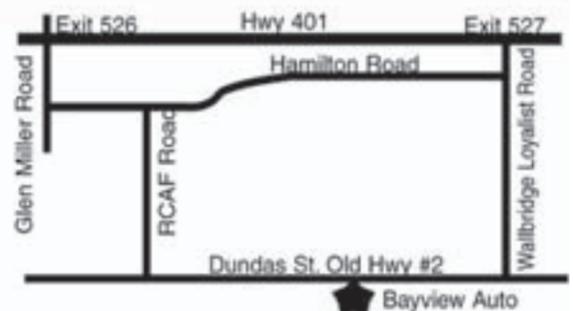
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good fortune surrounds your home and family on the 19th. Overhaul your house or look at potential property. Open your doors to friends and relatives. Take a leap of faith on the 20th - 22nd and try your hand at something you've never done before. You'll surprise everyone, including yourself. Consider making a trip that will enhance your business chances. Don't get emotional on the 23rd and 24th about something that might happen. Focus on the here and now. If you are professional and do your job well, you will get ahead. Perseverance will pay off. Concentrate on what you can do for others on the 25th and good things will happen in return.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do what you can to help a good cause on the 19th. Your contribution will be well received and impress some important people. Networking will bring results. You will be called upon to do something that you may question on the 20th - 22nd. Offer what you can but don't jeopardize your position or your integrity. Position yourself on the 23rd and 24th so that you can get what concerns you dealt with and out of the way. Nothing will stand in your way as long as you are brave and take action. Forget about your financial struggles for a moment. Focus on friendships and the things that really count on the 25th. Don't put limitations on what you can and can't do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll feel anxious on the 19th about something that needs to be finished. Protect your reputation - don't criticize or show anger. Uncertainties may cause you to question the people around you on the 20th - 22nd. Don't jump to conclusions. You aren't seeing the entire picture. Observe but don't make a commitment. You'll be able to accomplish a lot. Look at all your options on the 23rd and 24th and prepare to make a change that will satisfy you professionally and financially. An opportunity will arise through someone you impressed in the past. Don't lend or borrow money or possessions and you won't have any regrets on the 25th.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do something a little different on the 19th. Social activities will turn out surprisingly well. Love and romance are in the stars. A job change or advancement is apparent on the 21st - 23rd. You will make great strides based on past performance and be able to sell yourself and your ideas. You may have trouble with personal judgment on the 23rd and 24th. You may take things the wrong way or give the wrong impression, so keep things out in the open. You'll feel so much better once you clear the air. Check over your personal papers or get your taxes in order on the 25th. You will catch something you left out that could equate to a higher return or a better deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll do better getting out of the house on the 19th. Make plans to do things with friends or to help out an organization you feel passionate about. You need a pick-me-up on the 20th - 22nd that will allow you to expand your creative abilities. You have a chance to be in the spotlight if you want. Your competitive personality can challenge anyone who stands in your way. Be honest with yourself on the 23rd and 24th. Someone who is serious-minded will be entertaining and will spark some ideas you never considered before. Add your opinions to the mix and a partnership is likely. It's better to remain quiet on the 25th than to have regrets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may try to steal your thunder on the 19th but, if you know your stuff, you will prove your worth. Passion is present. Difficulties at home may surface on the 20th - 22nd. Avoid making a decision or a commitment that interferes with your original plans. Someone you least expect may try to take advantage of you financially. You or someone you are close to may be experiencing a change of heart on the 23rd and 24th. Don't spend too much time worrying about what might happen. Extra time and effort put into a job that interests you will lead to substantial gains on the 25th. Money can be made if you invest in something you believe in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mix business with pleasure on the 19th and you will make headway. The more you can promote and present, the further you will go. You'll be considered very knowledgeable by your peers and shouldn't hesitate to share your insight on the 20th - 22nd. You can be proud of your accomplishments and should let others know your capabilities. You are heading toward advancement. Forget about your worries on the 23rd and 24th and get out with friends. You can't change the dynamics of the relationships at home right now, so avoid getting into deep discussions. People from different cultures and traditions will inspire you on the 25th.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Have fun, mingle and get to know other creative people on the 19th. Your unusual insight will fascinate the people you meet. Don't give anyone a chance to confuse you or lead you astray on the 20th - 22nd. Check out a tax haven that you have heard about and make your financial moves swiftly. Consider what you can do to put your creative ideas and talents to the test on the 23rd and 24th. A relationship or creative partnership you have been considering should be discussed in detail. Draw up an agreement. Trouble is brewing at home on the 25th so take precautions or you will get the brunt of it. Do something that will take you away from any turmoil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take things very slowly on the 19th. Someone is probably out to cause you grief so don't put yourself in a vulnerable position. You can make a change on the 20th - 22nd that should help you to secure your financial position. You may have to budget or call in debts owed to you. You will have a brainstorm on the 23rd and 24th that could potentially increase your income. Money matters can be resolved and a little shopping will be in order. Have fun and don't let someone make you feel guilty. You aren't likely to listen to anyone who isn't heading down the same path as you on the 25th.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be questioning your direction on the 19th and you should be pondering your options. Once you realize you have plenty of different choices, you will feel more at ease and able to make a sound and beneficial decision. Don't let anyone in on your secrets or your intentions on the 20th - 22nd. You will have a much greater impact if you can take others by surprise. Hard work will pay off but keep things simple. Relax and stop feeling pressured on the 23rd and 24th. You have plenty of time to consider your options. You will have a very hardworking and ambitious outlook on the 25th so don't waste it. Research will help you achieve your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get upset on the 19th instead prepare to make changes. You may question your lifestyle and the people you have been hanging with. Focus on home and family on the 20th - 22nd. A chance to make a move or changes to your current living space should be part of your agenda. Relationships look positive and a greater understanding of your future together is apparent. You'll be looking for adventure in all the wrong places on the 23rd and 24th. Don't get enticed into secret activities. Use your head. Your kindness and generosity on the 25th will bring about a positive turn of events. Honesty and integrity will make a difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Check out an unusual investment on the 19th that will help you feel secure about your future. Put everything in order on the 20th - 22nd. You can't move forward if you are surrounded by loose ends and unfinished business. Let go of dead-end issues or consider stagnating until you do. You will be unpredictable and extremely changeable on the 23rd and 24th so don't make promises you may not want to pursue when the time comes. Put your money in a safe place and set up a budget. Work at home and you will accomplish a lot on the 25th. Your imagination will lead you in a new direction. Put your ideas down on paper.

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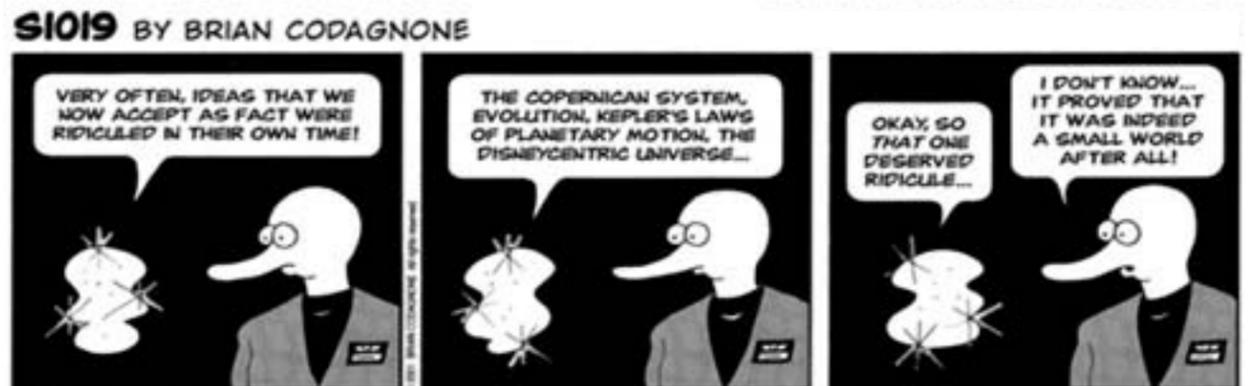
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Tales of woe from my mail bag

it's your Money



Garth Turner

Yeah, I know. I've been neglecting my mailbox lately, which has become stuffed with questions from anxious readers who, like most Canadians, seem incapable of just enjoying their real estate and want to worry about it instead.

Here, for example, is the self-imposed dilemma of a young couple in over-priced Victoria:

My husband and I recently bought our first house in Victoria and we have a variable rate mortgage. We took possession in December and put down 25 per cent, leaving us with a loan of \$363,000 and a line of credit with \$20,000.

For the first three months of the mortgage our rate is 0 per cent and after that it is CIBC Prime minus 0.375 per cent. Our line of credit is prime +1.0 per cent at RBC. Thanks to generous Christmas gifts and bonuses, we have managed to pay our line of credit down to \$10,000 but still have lots of mort-

gage left.

What to do? Our broker said we could refinance with another 0 per cent variable (but pay a small penalty) and have a few more months of 0 per cent - but won't that leave us in the same situation we are in now? (Except with an even higher prime rate).

We would like to do some renos on the place in the fall or early next year. Despite the \$485,000K purchase price this thing is a fixer-upper! We are in a nice neighbourhood with small ocean views that could be much better with some hammers and hard work. Any ideas?

Ideas? How about getting a life, for starters? The bank gave you a mortgage for 0 per cent interest for three months, which means you have been making mortgage payments now for what, two weeks? And you are thinking about paying some bozo a financing fee to break the deal and get another temporary loan for 0 per cent?

Surely when you bought the house you must have budgeted something every month to actually pay for it - which is what most people do. And the bank loan, which is now prime minus .375 per cent, is still in the 4 per cent range, which is hovering close to the lowest point since German U-boats were steaming up the St. Lawrence. So, if you are worried about that mortgage rate, then why did you buy a house? Rest assured, your rate will only go higher in the future, and you'd better be prepared to handle it. And that does not mean writing me again.

Now over to Toronto, where this creep named Hakim has this question:

I am trying to refinance my house which is worth about \$460,000 and has only \$30,000 left on the mortgage. The main reason to refinance is because my wife and I are going to move to that house and one of the lawyers advised me in order to protect me in case of separation or divorce in the future to refinance the house. When you refinance you are allowed to take out up to 75 per cent of the value of the property and invest it and the house value will only be 25 per cent. In case of separation she will be

entitled to get 50 per cent of it (12.5 per cent).

My question is how to invest this money with mild or moderate risk, at least to make that much to pay the interest. If I make more than that, it will be a bonus. I look forward for your professional advice.

Nothing like love, is there Hakim?

My advice to you is that you can borrow a whack of money against the equity in your home at any bank in the land, and get the money at prime. You can then invest in anything you want, but if you pick an investment (like a mutual fund or a triplex) that produces income, then the interest on your loan is tax-deductible. If you dump the money into a risk-free, low-interest GIC, then don't count on tax-deductibility, but the principle will be secured.

Oh, and as for that wife of yours, guess what? -- She already owns your house along with you, whether you are living with her in it or not. It's called matrimonial property and the day you said "I do" she got to say "I have." Hey, why don't you show her this column, just to speed the separation along a little?

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Se souvenir ... Nos premières années – La base de l'ARC Trenton au cours des années 1930

par le Capitaine Randy J. Henning

En septembre 1931, deux premières escadrilles quittent le Camp Borden pour s'établir en permanence à ce qui est devenu depuis la 8e Escadre Trenton. Notre base célébrera donc en 2006 ses 75 ans d'opérations de vol militaire continues. Une série de huit articles qui seront publiés mensuellement retraceront, décennie par décennie, notre remarquable histoire. Le présent article évoque nos premières années et la base de l'ARC de Trenton au cours des années 1930.

Le 10 septembre 1931, l'Intelligencer de Belleville en Ontario signale avec enthousiasme que « Le secteur de l'aviation de Trent Road, qui a fait l'objet de travaux de construction au cours des trois dernières années, a été aujourd'hui occupé de façon continue par (l'Escadrille no 3 de l'Aviation royale du Canada) lorsque 11 avions de tous les types et 50 officiers et aviateurs se sont installés à la base d'entraînement ».

Les premières nouvelles concernant la base de l'aviation commencent à circuler au début de 1929, au moment où le gouvernement annonce qu'il a l'intention de regrouper l'entraînement de l'ARC de Vancouver et Borden à un seul terrain d'aviation situé au bord du lac Ontario. Trenton, ayant à sa tête le maire W.A. Fraser, devenu par la suite sénateur, exerce de fortes pressions en vue d'accueillir la nouvelle base d'entraînement et, le 12 octobre 1929, le Trenton Courier Advocate publie avec fierté : « Un terrain d'aviation pour Trenton. Trenton sera le site des activités aériennes nationales du Canada. » À la suite de l'annonce, on procède rapidement à l'expropriation de terres agricoles à l'est de la ville.



La base de l'ARC Trenton vue du sud, en juin 1936. On aperçoit à l'avant plan le hangar maritime. Les hydravions sont entrés en fonction en 1937. Parmi les premiers avions arrivés à l'école d'hydravion, on compte le pittoresque Vickers Vedette. Le bâtiment situé juste à côté, au nord est, est le nouvel atelier.



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Première construction de l'atelier de la base (maintenant le 426e Escadron) en 1934. On voit à l'arrière le désormais célèbre château d'eau, achevé en 1931.

Le bref d'expropriation original, et le levé l'accompagnant, signé de la main du ministre de la Défense nationale en 1929, est toujours exposé au troisième étage du Quartier général de l'Escadre. Il décrit ainsi la propriété qu'occupera le nouveau terrain d'aviation : « cette parcelle de terrain ou fiducie foncière et les bâtiments qui s'y trouvent (il existait un certain nombre de maisons de ferme et une école sur le site) situés dans le canton de Sydney, dans le comté de Hastings et en Ontario, représentent plus ou moins 886 acres » et ainsi de suite, pour définir le lot actuel, au nord et au sud de la route 2. Dès

décembre de la même année, des résidents du secteur peuvent voir des attelages de chevaux et d'importantes équipes d'ouvriers travaillant de chaque côté de la route, faisant disparaître les vergers et remplissant les points d'eau. La construction commence!

La construction du premier hangar au nord de la route 2 est toujours en cours lorsque le Capitaine d'aviation O'Brian Saint, premier commandant de la base, se pose le 3 septembre 1931. Lui et les 12 aviateurs qui l'accompagnent ont entrepris de préparer l'arrivée des avions et du personnel de Borden. Comme il n'y a encore

aucun logement sur place, tout le monde doit être cantonné au « centre-ville »

La 3e Escadrille de coopération des vols de l'armée, mentionnée par le journaliste de l'Intelligencer, utilise les avions Atlas. La 1re Escadrille de chasse arrive aussi de Borden à bord d'avions Siskin. Les aviateurs élégamment vêtus et leurs machines exotiques deviennent rapidement le centre d'attraction de la communauté. Dans les années 1930, piloter demeure pour la plupart des gens une activité nouvelle, passionnante et dangereuse, et tous ceux qui y sont associés, particulièrement s'ils portent l'uniforme, sont automa-

tiquement consacrés héros.

Le reporter de l'Intelligencer dresse un portrait admiratif des pilotes qui arrivent, « Les pilotes débarquant de leur appareil portaient le gris français de l'Aviation, beaucoup d'entre eux arborant les nombreuses décorations récoltées durant la Grande Guerre! ».

Quant aux premiers pilotes à arriver, il y a au sein de leurs rangs le Lieutenant d'aviation (puis Colonel d'aviation) E.A. McNab, O.B.E., DFC. McNab dirigera par la suite le 1er Escadron (Chasse), le seul escadron canadien à prendre part à la bataille d'Angleterre. Ajoutons que lui et deux autres membres de son escadron, soit le Capitaine d'aviation (puis Colonel d'aviation) G.R. McGregor, O.B.E., DFC, et le Lieutenant d'aviation (puis Lieutenant-colonel d'aviation) B.D. Russel, D.S.O., DFC (et barrette de médaille), ont reçu la Croix du service distingué dans l'Aviation (D.F.C.) en raison de leur contribution exceptionnelle durant cette bataille historique.

De nombreux autres héros séjourneront à Trenton. Le Commodore de l'air (retraité) Leonard Birchall, C.M., O.B.E., DFC, CD, O. Ont., qui devient un symbole de l'ARC et qui est surnommé « le sauveur de Ceylan » par nul autre que Winston Churchill, y suit sa formation à titre de pilote

d'hydravion en 1937. (Une superbe exposition rendant hommage au Commodore de l'air Birchall a été inaugurée au Musée commémoratif de l'ARC en 2005.)

Il fréquente l'école de navigation aérienne et d'hydravion qui vient juste de déménager dans le tout nouveau hangar maritime (devenu section du Transport). À ce moment, grâce en grande partie aux chantiers d'aide sociale organisés durant la Grande Crise, trois hangars destinés aux avions terrestres et un atelier (qui accueille maintenant le 426e Escadron) sont achevés. Il y a également des bâtiments de caserne, un logement familial pour le commandant, des quartiers pour le personnel, un mess des officiers et un bâtiment administratif.

On peut encore voir la pierre angulaire originale sur le coin nord-est du bâtiment administratif, devenu Quartier général de l'Escadre. La pierre angulaire commémorative a été posée le 6 mai 1934 par Son Excellence Lord Bessborough, P.C.G.C.M.G., Gouverneur général du Canada. On y a gravé les mots « Per Ardua ad Rem » ou « Adversité pour le bien », mots devenus presque immédiatement prophétiques, puisque à la fin des années 1930, Trenton va jouer un rôle déterminant dans l'un des plus graves conflits vécus par l'humanité, soit la Seconde Guerre mondiale.



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