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CANADIAN NAVY MAKES RECORD DRUG BUST AT SEA

HMCS *Toronto* seized six tonnes of hashish after stopping and boarding a vessel in the Arabian Sea 30 May.

The seizure came on the heels of four major drug interceptions by HMCS *Toronto* this spring, including half a tonne of heroin on March 29 and shipments of 317 and 200 kilos of heroin discovered earlier in May.

Based in Halifax, HMCS *Toronto* has been in the area since January, as part of an international maritime force patrolling the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The six tonnes of cannabis resin are the largest hashish seizure in the history of the combined maritime forces. DND did not provide details of the operation but past seizures typically involved spotting suspected sailing vessels (called dhows), sometimes with the help of Sea King helicopters, sending a boarding party and searching the ship for several hours. The narcotics are then destroyed with explosives.

Images released by the Royal Canadian Navy of the May 30 intercept show a party of armed sailors, clad in bulletproof vests and helmets, using a rigid-hull inflatable boat to approach the dhow and get on board.

According to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Afghanistan is not only the world's biggest producer of opium but has also become a major producer of cannabis. Western military officials say that maritime seizures such as those conducted by HMCS *Toronto* are counter-terrorism successes because they disrupt the smuggling of illicit drugs out of Afghanistan, which terrorist organisations use for financial support.

"Their efforts represent Canada's continuing dedication toward ensuring a secure maritime environment for legitimate mariners in the region," Defence Minister Peter MacKay said in a communiqué.

The task force says that, in accordance with international law, military ships can board and search vessels that are found to be without nationality.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1130628-dunne-hmcs-toronto-s-mission-misunderstood>

Open above link to read Tim Dunne's article on how some misunderstand the concept and mission of Operation Artemis



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The Chief and Petty Officers' Association is a private self-supporting organization which recognizes the special attributes of former and serving C&POs of the Canadian and Commonwealth Naval services. Through our Veteran's Assistance Society we provide counsel to the families of deceased member, and contribute annually to various charities. Dues are \$25 annually. The Association publishes the *Bulletin* ten times a year as a service to its members.

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The opinions and assertions herein expressed are the personal ones of the authors. Contributions are always sought but are subject to editing as to length and content. Materials should reach the Association by the 20th of the preceding month of issue.

Last Post

Harrison, David, P2FC, 81
Victoria BC

Owsianski, Casimir, P1ER, 92
Qualicum Beach BC

Megaw, Samuel, Leading Stoker, 88
Qualicum Beach BC

Southall, Allan, C2ER, 90
Coquitlam BC



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Various SPCA's across our Fairland are in need of old towels and facecloths. Please get in touch with your local SPCA and they will put them to good use!!

**KEEP THOSE PENNIES, STAMPS, GLASSES
AND LABELS COMING!!!
They all go to great causes!!**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2

Fred Kirke

This has been a very busy time for the Assn. We have secured a lease for our new residence. The new office has been painted, window coverings are in place and industrial carpet laid of which, after some talking, the owner has agreed to pay half.

We will start moving effects by the end of the week and hope to move the heavy office furniture on the 3rd or 4th of July. We will be hiring movers, as most of our members are much too senior to be lifting heavy stuff. It might be a day or two later before we get phone and cable lines up and running.

If you require parking and use the Tudor House parking lot, "**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRST FEW ROWS OF PARKING NEAREST THE PUB, PARK IN THE BACK OF THE PARKING LOT**" I will be repeating this from time to time to get personnel used to the concept.

I'm looking forward to the completion of this move. I thank everyone for their co-operation to date. It was quite a sight to see the cleaning crew; Ed Chadwick, Bill Smith, Lou Peressini and Jim Cockrill doing a scrub out. The mops were moving pretty good. I won't say who knocked over the bucket of soapy water. Hope I didn't miss anyone, Great Job!

COMING EVENTS

15 Sep 13- **RADAR PLOTTER REUNION**
Malahat Legion
2 pm
Contact: Wilf Bauer 250-743-5288 or
joawil@gmail.com

11 Aug 13- **C&PO's Summer BBQ**
C&PO's Mess
Bar 1200h
Meal 1300h
Steak or Chicken and fixin's
\$30/ per person



13,14 Jul 13- **PACIFIC TATOO**
Save On Food Memorial

26-29 Sep 13- **ATLANTIC C&POS' 25th REUNION**
Burlington ON
Contact: Office- 1-902-420-0370
Fax- 1-902-420-0606
Email- acpoa@eastlink.ca

By Ed Chadwick



As you have already heard or have read, we are moving from our present office spaces in the Esquimalt Legion. Our new office will be located at 1253 C Esquimalt Road (V9A 3P4). This move will take place this month and July and hopefully we will be fully settled in by August. We will inform you when the actual date of the move will be officially completed. Our E-Mail and Fax numbers will remain the same. The new location is about a city block from our present location and is very close to the Tudor House whose location is probably imbedded in some of your memories.

It will be heart-wrenching to say goodbye to our old digs which we have occupied for at least 30 years. The Legion has been a great landlord, providing us with good services at a very reasonable price. They have also overlooked the majority of our shortcomings by putting the telescope to their blind eye.



Even though our present accommodation has become a bit grungy through hard use over the years, it will be difficult to leave the setup we have now which has worked very well for us. It will also be difficult to leave behind those 30 years of memories and particularly those memories of some of our illustrious members who have crossed the bar. Unfortunately, or perhaps not, we also cannot take along those fabulous tales of derring-do (mostly true) that have been spun in our reading room. One good point of the move is however, that it has given us a chance to shed ourselves of the extraneous material that we have garnered over the years. In many cases, our office has become the repository for other people's discs.

Our new location will give us very close to the same area as we have now. The location has been painted out and some further cleaning is needed. Telephone and internet connections are being sorted out. We will then take on the task of moving our furniture and other equipment that we require to keep operating. It will take us some time to get ourselves sorted out but we will come out of it smiling. We ask all members to be patient with us as we are certain to encounter a few hiccups. Read your Bulletin carefully for any additional information.

A Happy Birthday

To those members who are 80 years old or older celebrating birthdays this June;

- Alan Bates (31)
- Allan Cameron (30)
- Lavern Cooper (27)
- Ralph Cooper (30)
- Bruce Craigie (33)
- George Dickie (27)
- George Doutaz (22)
- Stewart Drinnan (30)
- William Emberly (28)
- Lloyd Ferguson (33)
- Peter Hatherley (33)
- Glen Hernden (33)
- Orville Holland (29)
- Glen Hutchison (19)
- John Johnson (32)
- Keray Jones (30)
- Howard Laatsch (22)
- Thomas Larkin (31)
- Norris Legh (18)
- Samuel Megaw (24)
- Charles Moser (24)
- Norman Newbold (32)
- Les Oliver (27)
- Alan Parkin (32)
- Lou Peressini (28)
- William Plant (27)
- Norman Pletsch (20)
- Peter Prior (27)
- Robert Robertson (26)
- Anthony Stipkala (28)
- Norman Tapping (24)
- Evan Thomas (21)
- Allan Whalley (28)
- David Young (24)

Apologies to John Radley
April (22)

IT ALSO HAPPENED 80 yrs AGO in JUNE!

-The Soviet Navy activated its new Northern Naval Flotilla as part of its continued growth, the second new fleet created in 15 months. On April 21, 1932, it had created the Naval Forces of the Far East.

-Born: Joan Rivers, American comedienne, as Joan Molinsky in Brooklyn

-Less than three weeks after being paroled from prison, John Dillinger robbed the first of many banks with his gang, taking \$10,600 from the National Bank of New Carlisle, Ohio

-Born: Danny Aiello, American film actor, in New York City

Bob Sears, Sick and Visiting

47 visits made by Bob Sears, Charlie Moser and Rick Devlieger.

BROADMEADLODGE: George Kinch, Romeo Desjardins, Cy Mann and wife, Roland Lavalee, Ernie Jackson, Ed Percival, Bert Watts, George Mannix and Con Nast.

VG HOSPITAL: Mike Whelan, Harry Sylvester and Bud Fell

PRIORY: J. DeBoice

OAK BAY LODGE: Herb Bemister.

ROSS PLACE: Richard Lister, Gary Canning and Wilf Sauder.

GLEN WARREN: George Kilvington.

HOSPICE: W. Russell (requests no visitors)

LOCALLY AT HOME: Jack Hennis, Betty Goodwin, Norm Tapping, Don McCulloch and Frank Pearson.

OUT OF TOWN:

Roger Twiss, Duncan, BC
W. (Red) Kellerman, Surrey BC
Melvin Hiles, Kiwanis Lodge Nanaimo



NEW ARCTIC MEDAL

THE ARCTIC STAR

The Arctic Star is granted for operational service of any length north of the Arctic Circle from the 3rd Sep, 39, to the 8th May, 45, inclusive. The Arctic Star is intended to commemorate the Arctic Convoys and is designed primarily for the ships of the convoys to North Russia and their escorts. Eligibility is as follows:

-Navy and Merchant Navy- service anywhere at sea north of the Arctic Circle to include, but not limited exclusively to, those ships participating in, and in support of, Convoys to North Russia. Fleet Air Arm Personnel, not qualified by sea service may qualify under the conditions applying to the RAF.

-Air Force- will be eligible if they landed north of the Arctic Circle or served in the air over this area. Non-aircrew on operational service in the area, for eg. Ground crew or those sailing with CAM ships, are also eligible.

-Army- serving in HMS ships or in defensively equipped Merchant ships qualify under the rules applying to the Navy or Merchant Navy. In addition, personnel taking part in land operations north of the Arctic Circle will also be eligible.

-Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted into British or, the then, Dominion Forces (eg. Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Australian Navy) are eligible provided the individuals did not receive a similar award from their own Government.

General- eligibility has no effect upon eligibility for WWII recognition previously awarded and does not suggest automatic eligibility for any further awards.

PS You can be awarded posthumously.

Applications for the medal can be made via www.veterans-uk.info/arctic_star_index.htm or write to:

The Arctic Star, MOD Medal Office, Imjin barracks, Innsworth, Gloucester, U.K. GL3 1HW.



Membership- George Robinson

Regular:	787	Associate :	74
Life:	5	Honorary	4
Total	870		

New Members-

Balmforth, James, Ret'd PICD, West Kelowna BC

Dues for 2014
Pay now and avoid the rush!!!

LIFE MEMBERS and the C&PO's MESS

Life membership card must be presented at the door and you may sign in ONE guest. Additional guests must be approved by the PMC in writing. If you wish to use the Mess facilities while viewing the Memorial Wall and Book, check with the Mess Manager at 250-363-3163

01 Jun 1943– HMCS *Conestoga*, the WRCNS training establishment commissions at Galt, Ontario. Originally named HMC *Bytown Division II* when the building was requisitioned in October 1942, her first Commanding Officer is Lieutenant-Commander Isabel Macneill. In that capacity, she becomes the first Canadian woman, other than a member of the Royal Family, to be entitled to a ‘pipe’.



01 Jun 1954– After being converted into Prestonian Class escort, the frigate HMCS *Penetang* (316) re-commissions into the Royal Canadian Navy. She is paid off on 25 January 1956 and loaned to the Norwegian Navy.



Gun shield art showing HMCS *Buctouche*'s unofficial badge

05 Jun 1941– The Flower Class corvette HMCS *Buctouche* (K179) commissions into the Royal Canadian Navy. She is paid off 17 Jun 1945.

05 Jun 1999– The Kingston Class minesweeper HMCS *Brandon* (710) commissions. She is still serving and stationed in Esquimalt, BC.



06 Jun 1944– 110 ships and vessels and 10000 personnel of the Royal Canadian Navy take part in the Normandy landings.

14 Jun 1997– The Kingston Class minesweeper HMCS *Shawinigan* (704) commissions in Trois-Rivières, Québec. She is still serving and stationed in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

16 Jun 1943– HMCS *Waskesiu* (K330), the first of 60 frigates built in Canada for the Royal Canadian navy, commissions at Yarrows Shipyard in Esquimalt BC. She is paid off on 29 Jan 1946.

19 Jun 1951– The destroyer HMCS *Cayuga* (218) sails for her second tour of duty in United-Nations Korean operations.



20 Jun 1923– A Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) Half Company is raised in Saint John, New Brunswick. This unit would later become HMCS *Brunswick*.

23 Jun 1995– The Halifax Class frigate HMCS *Winnipeg* (338) commissions. She is still serving and stationed in Esquimalt BC.



Algerine Class minesweeper

24 Jun 1943– HMCS *Sault Ste. Marie* (J334), the first of the Algerine Class minesweepers commissions. She is paid off on 1 Oct 1958.

24 Jun 1996– The Halifax Class frigate HMCS *St. John's* (340) commissions. She is still serving and stationed in Halifax, NS.



26 Jun 1959– Ships of Atlantic Command take part in the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Thought you might include this in a future bulletin as human interest for those of us who knew Larry Thomas.

To get away from the engine room for a change, one of the most competent individuals that I had the pleasure of serving with was a CIMA who had volunteered to replace our tiffy while he took some leave. Larry Thomas came into the Pink Pussy Cat, our lounge, on Chaudière, where I was relaxing, and asked if I would come to the sick bay. When we were seated, he said, I have been going through your med.docs and I would like an explanation of an incident from you. He went on to read from a form that apparently said that I had appeared at RCNH Stadacona drunk and after sobering up had been sent home. Luckily I have rarely had to go to the hospital at all during my life and could remember the episode he was talking about.

A shipmate from the best coast, PIER Al Greenlees had popped around with his wife and we decided to go to the Chief and Petty Officer's mess for a couple of coolies. In those days you got nine small glasses for a buck and one to the bartender. Within minutes of the first sip, I started to get nauseous, I said, "sorry folks but I have to leave". We gave about fourteen beer to the next table and I went home and lay down and then went to Stadacona RCNH. I was seen by a doctor who looked younger than I was.

In short order I was up and about, no ill effects, the cause was a mystery to me and I said so. I do not remember being on medication. I was very upset that something that had been very worrying to me at the time had been so casually treated by this young doctor. Larry took the offensive document and ripped it in pieces and filed it under G. I was thankful for that. Who needs something like that in their records? But what so impressed me was that a temporary Tiffy would go through the whole Ship's Company's med. docs and bring them in to discuss any anomalies. FANTANSTIC DEDICATION TO HIS CRAFT!!

Ed Hayward

Drive By

A guy broke into my apartment last week. He didn't take my TV, just the remote. Now he drives by and changes the channels. Sick Bastard!!

http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2013/06/11/ghost_ship_of_lake_superior_found_100_years_after_sinking.html

Open the above link to hear about the discovery of the sunken Henry B Smith freighter in Lake Superior.

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DISCOUNTS FOR TRAIN AND AIR TRAVEL

Did you know that VIA Rail Canada offers a 20% discount on the best available fares, in all classes of service, between and VIA stations in Canada for qualifying Canadian Regular and Reserve Force personnel and CF veterans and retirees? You must provide a qualifying photo ID and present it at the time you pick up your ticket. For the list of acceptable forms of identification, you can call 1-888-VIA-RAIL (1-888-842-7245) or visit www.viarail.ca. When you order your ticket(s) you give the attendant, or enter online, the CF personal travel fare discount code, which is 12070.

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YEAR OF THE KOREAN WAR VET

A Canadian soldier's kit included a poncho, 2 pair socks, sweater, towel and shaving gear.



A Canadian infantryman carried 100 rounds of ammunition, 3 grenades, and a pick or shovel.

United Nations ground forces at peak strength: 932,539.

HMCS *Cayuga's* guns can fire shells at a distance of 15 kilometres.

60 Canadian Nursing Sisters served in the Korean War.

Rear-Admiral Bill Truelove

Dear Sir,

As a member of the commissioning crew of HMCS *Saskatchewan*, I am writing to you on behalf of all remaining commissioning crew members. Our 50th anniversary in February is fast approaching and we are planning a reunion. However, as many of our mates now all past retirement age leave Canada during the winter months, we are looking at June 2013, specifically the 14th, 15th and 16th days of that month for our get together in Victoria.

The reason for this letter to you Sir, is to ask if it would be at all possible for one of the new HMC Ships, to sponsor us aboard for a Saturday afternoon tour and a visit to the 4th Squadron Cairn.

We will greatly appreciate any help you can offer to make our celebration a truly memorable one.

Yours in Service,

Ian Williams



91 yr. old Howard Southern, Joe Buczkowski and Ian Williams laid a wreath at the 4th Squadron Cairn



Editor's Note:

On 15 June 2013, 26 members of the Commissioning Crew of HMCS *Saskatchewan* and some family members were able to take advantage of the above granted request.

They were escorted into the Dockyard and to the 4th Squadron Cairn, where a wreath was laid. The names of all of the members who have made their final crossing over the bar were also read out, along with "The Saskatchewan Poem" written by Carol Williams in 1994. This was followed by 2 minutes of silence.



On completion of the above ceremony, the members were escorted down to HMCS Regina, where they were treated to a Ship's Tour, of which all were impressed by the Ship and her capabilities.

That evening, a dinner/reunion was held at the C&PO's Mess where many other crew members met up to dine, mingle and reminisce some good times.

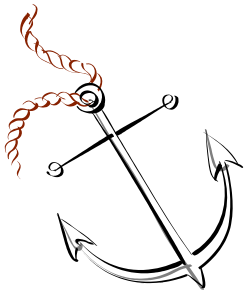
(Thanks to this Month's travelling correspondent Marie Ormistan for the pictures and info.)



*Congratulations to
 May and Fred Hodgkins
 who celebrated their 70th Wed-
 ding Anniversary on 20th May
 2012.*

Also shown in the picture is David Sinclair who is the remaining member of the wedding party.

*Happy 60th Anniversary
 Marjorie and Bill Buchan
 Married July 25, 1953
 Boissevan Manitoba*



*Happy 60th Anniversary
 ROBERT and DOROTHY DAY (C2HT)
 Married St. Alban's Anglican Church
 Victoria BC
 1 August 1953*



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 DAY!!!**

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