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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

These will be my last remarks in my capacity as Commanding Officer. As such, I would like to reflect on the achievements of the last year, offer thanks to those who contributed to the success of this Corps and lastly look ahead to the future.

Thirteen months ago, I outlined three goals for the new training year. Keeping the field gun crew going, fostering the amateur radio programme and establishing a fundraising body for the Corps. I believe that significant progress has been made on each one.

The field gun crew was active, although for a short time, for the November tri-service tattoo. Various individuals and groups within and outside of the Corps have pledged to assist in maintaining this valuable asset. HMCS Chippawa has offered the use of the field gun in exchange for support in raising funds to maintain it. With this partnership, the gun crew will continue to be a significant element of the optional training programme.

The amateur radio station took one giant step closer to going "on the air" with the addition to the Corps' volunteer cadre of Mr. J. Bruce, who is a former Canadian Forces Communications Specialist. He is working on getting the equipment ready for service for the next training year.

Perhaps the most important

achievement is the establishment of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch of the Navy League of Canada. The Branch will work with the officers, parents and friends of the Corps to ensure that there is an effective programme for future cadets into the 21st century (and we hope beyond!). The Branch will work under the coordination of the Manitoba Division and alongside the Greater Winnipeg Branch to support the continued growth of this most unique and rewarding youth programme.

The goals could not have been met without a vast amount of support from many people. Each of the following have made a major contribution to the success of the unit: Ms. Christie Boaler and the Greater Winnipeg Branch of the Navy League of Canada; LCdr (ret'd) Lyla Bilton, The Manitoba Division-Navy League of Canada; the Auxiliary to the Navy League, Mrs. Elsie Edwards, Mrs. Kay Palmquist, Mrs. Olive Hooper, Mrs. Connie Spero (Passed away this spring); the Corps' volunteers, and many others.

In closing, I offer my best wishes to my successor, Lt(N) J. Ruel. With his guidance and the enthusiasm of the entire Ship's Company, I leave the Corps knowing that the tradition and reputation developed over the past 77 years will continue on.

STAND YOUR STATION

LCdr N. Johnston
Commanding Officer

NUMBER ONE

by Lt(N) J. Ruel

When I joined the Corps in 1975, someday being its Captain was not at the forefront of my mind. I was more concerned with such things as shining my boots, learning how to tie my cap tally, and staying in step during the march-past. But now that Change of Command is upon us, I can take time to reflect on the honour of being asked to be the Captain of the best Sea Cadet Corps in Canada.

It will indeed be an honour to be the captain of **RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC**, but the thought of continuing in the footsteps of previous captains reminds me of the awesome responsibility expected of the person in that position. My goal as captain is to leave the Corps a better Corps than when I accepted it. This may not be as easy as it sounds. Each previous captain probably had the same goal, and the Corps has gotten better each time. But it is a challenge I accept and one which I am confident can be met successfully.

John Traver Cornwell VC has a long and well known tradition of excellence. It has a well established officer cadre and a strong Chief's and Petty Officer's Mess. Junior ranks within the Corps are well trained, and most make excellent examples for the newest new entry to follow. The Corps has the support of a dedicated local branch of the Navy League as well as the support of friends of the Corps who assist in countless, less formal, and many times thankless ways. The people and groups that make up the "JTCVC Family" are the strengths of the Corps and collectively make **John Travers Cornwell VC** the

best Cadet Corps. I rely on the continued support of the JTCVC Family to meet the challenge of improving an already great Corps.

I look towards the continued partnership and sponsorship of the Department of National Defence and the Navy League of Canada to assist the

Corps' Officers and Petty Officers in providing a quality cadet programme for the members of the Corps.

The next few years will be an exciting time for me, and I hope that everyone involved with the Corps will find those years just as exciting.



AUTUMN TREK

by Mr. H.D. Riquelme

Get your motor running. Get out on the highway. Looking for adventure or whatever comes our way! It was a cool Saturday morning, when two divisions of cadets embarked on a day hike at Birds Hill Provincial Park. These cadets were a part of the first Adventure Training Exercise for the 1996-97 training year.

Whether it was Mr. Saciuk explaining how to properly pack a rucksack or C2 Jamieson lecturing on the enemies of survival, the cadets enjoyed themselves. Upon completion of the hike, the cadets returned to the base camp for lunch. Cadets brought their own lunches, but the staple of every exercise was supplied by the Corps... "the tube steak".

After lunch, the second

division began their hike, while the first division attended classes. A/SLt DiMartino lectured on how to build a survival site, which was followed by a practical exercise. The practical exercise tested the initiative of the cadets and the leadership of the Petty Officers. After taking a hot chocolate break to warm up, the cadets were lectured on first aid by C2 Edwards and Mrs. Edwards.

Once the lectures ended, an impromptu football game broke out. Led by A/SLt DiMartino and myself, teams consisting of cadets and officers were pitted against one another. Though the score is unimportant, what would a Cornwell exercise be without a good ol' football game? Well, of course we played by **Canadian Football League** rules!

Hope to see more shipmates at our next exercise.

KEEPING THE CORPS IN STEP

by SLt P.L. Shaw

The Band is parading at a healthy 18 cadets at the end of this training year. With five new members this year, it has been all about training. Members of the Band participated in Music Concentrations in November and February, in Winnipeg and in Shilo, Manitoba. Six members of the band were selected for Honour Band. These individuals were, C2 Edwards, P1 Spicer, P1 Polcyn, P2 Sysak, P2 Whynot, QP2 Goncalves. Participation in the Tattoo was a large part of the pre-Christmas training, and the Christmas Service finished off 1996.

In 1997, preparation for the Band Competition took up a large part of training, but due to the flood conditions, it was delayed indefinitely. As part of the Annual Ceremonial Review display, we played a version of the competition piece, arranged by P1 Spicer, RPO of the Band. With the end of this year, we see a large number of band members heading off to camp, at both Quadra and Qu'Appelle and wish them all the best in their endeavours.

TRAINING IN REVIEW

by Lt(N) S. Chadwick

Once again the Corps has completed a challenging and rewarding training year. This past year had a few surprises along the way, but overall everyone pulled together and made things happen.

This year saw the return of some familiar weekend training activities. The Honour guard performed its duties with its usual high standard and flair, but also branched off into some new directions with the additions of display-style Monkey Drill

movements. The band maintained its usual high standards and showed off its talents and the Corps with a variety of performances and competitions. The Drill Team competed in the Lord Strathcona Drill Competition, giving a good show all around. The Range Team participated in a number of competitions, with excellent results in competitions and a first place finish amongst Sea Cadet Corps in the air rifle prone category. The Biathlon Team plunged into specialized training over the winter, giving up one weekend a month to train entirely for this event.

The Corps held a number of weekend exercises this year. The upcoming hike will undoubtedly be as successful as the fall hike and the Albert Beach Winter Exercise. Hopefully it will be warmer than the extreme cold temperatures endured at Albert Beach!

The regular Thursday night training was a combination of mandatory and optional training. From communications to seamanship to drill, the cadets and the instructors worked together to make this a successful training year.

A SHOT RANG OUT!

by SLt R.C. Shaw

The JTCVC Range Team came back with something to prove this year, after more than a three year absence from training. To this end, they claimed first place in the air rifle, sea cadets section of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association's National Postal Shoot.

Tryouts were held in early September and there was a large response. Twelve cadets were selected for the team and practices

began on Saturday evenings. The Range Team used a few different venues until settling into a berth at McGregor Armouries, care of Capt Black, a JTCVC Alumnus, and Commanding Officer of RCACC Fort Garry Horse.

Overall, the Range Team participated in four competitions from January to April. They included the Lord Strathcona Postal Shoot, the DCRA Postal Shoot, Shoulder to Shoulder Competitions, and the Carty trophy Competition.

We definitely feel that the hard work and determination paid off. Bravo Zulu to the entire Range Team for a job well done! Congratulations to QP1 Ulliyot and P1 Mazur whom finished first and second respectively in the team standings for high average.

MILITARY TATTOO

by SLt. P.L. Shaw

Members of the JTCVC Band, Guard, and Ship's Company participated in the re-birth of a military tradition in Manitoba at the Winnipeg Arena on November 9th, 1996. This was also the last public appearance of the Cornwell Gun Crew, who stole the show with two spectacular actions. The crowds would have come to see this alone!

The Tattoo included demonstrations in drill, music, search and rescue, biathlon, RCMP anti-terrorist techniques, pipe bands, and Highland dancing.

This was a voluntary function for JTCVC cadets, yet over thirty of our own were key participants in the Sea Cadet Guard, the Massed Cadet Band, and the Gun Crew.

A highlight of the evening was the playing of the traditional tattoo, which included C1 Ansah and P2 Sysak on the drum line.

BRANCH REPORT

by R.C. Hunt

Since its inception in December 96, the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch has been aggressively pursuing its mandate of providing support to RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC. As we come to the Corps' Annual Ceremonial Review and Change of Command, I reflect back over the past six months and I am pleased with the Branch's accomplishments and association with the Corps. These accomplishments have included:

- *the appointment of the Branch's first Honorary Branch President, Mr. Loren Reynolds--Commissioner Parks Protection and Culture for the City of Winnipeg.

- *the establishment of a fund raising committee, led by Mr. Hugh Walker.

- *communicating the presence of the Branch and the Corps through meet the Branch Night back in March and participation in the Boat Show.

- *raising funds to support the Corps through a meat sale campaign, the very successful Cornwell Comedy Night in April and the raffle draw (to occur at the end of the evening...see Branch table for tickets).

- *a Branch Strategic Planning session, which involved Branch Members and Corps officers.

All these events have contributed greatly to the success of the Branch. This success can be attributed to the hard work, dedication, willingness, and innovation of the Branch Membership supported by the Corps. If this past half year of operation is an indication for the future, I am confident that the Branch will meet the challenge to be associated with the proud and ever successful Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC.

Regarding regular Branch operations. Branch meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at HMCS Chippawa. Regular membership is open to all persons and provides privileges to vote and to assume Branch executive positions. Associate membership allows members to attend all meetings and present items for discussion. All parents and friends are invited to view a branch meeting and to consider joining the Branch to ensure the continued success of RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC. For those wishing further information regarding the Branch and its activities, please feel free to discuss with any of the members.

In closing, as to the conclusion of another successful cadet training year

for the Corps, I wish to pass on the Branch's congratulations to the Ship's Company for a job well done. Additionally, the Branch passes its best wishes to LCdr Neil Johnston, as he hands over the reigns as Commanding Officer, and to express our gratitude and thank you for his sound leadership, direction and guidance to the Corps over the past years. To Lt(N) J. Ruel, the Branch passes on its welcome as Commanding Officer and looks forward to a long and rewarding relationship.

THE COLDEST DAYS ON EARTH

by A/SLt J. DiMartino

Well you may be wondering what the title states. It's an explanation of the conditions at the winter exercise, which our cadets experienced at Albert Beach. A lot of fun was had by the cadets and the officers (especially Bob & Doug). The winter exercise also saw the return of Captain Canada as he saved Bob and Doug from the evil terrorists. (Are there any good terrorists?-Ed.). The cabins proved to be a bigger problem than the weather, as the units kept shorting out and not giving out any heat. The cadets made some excellent sites and proved once again that Cornwell cadets can handle any situation thrust upon them. Other than the bus ride (when we thought we were lost) everything went well. The best cabin was awarded to "No Toilet Paper", the name was originally in Spanish, but I don't know how to spell it. Even after asking a guy from Saskatchewan (Mr. Riquelme), the proper spelling was foreign to me.

- The Big D

COXSWAIN'S REPORT

by C1 N. Ansah

Ahoy fellow shipmates! Well, the end of another successful training year has again arrived. My positions of Regulating Petty Officer and Coxswain have given me the opportunity to become more involved in the training of individual cadets and the various activities which take place within the Corps. As a junior cadet I attended many band courses. As with any course, one quickly learns that everyone must work together to obtain the common goal, to be the best. Through that work, friendships are bonded and experience is gained. I believe what stands out in any training year for most cadets, are not the classes on seamanship or boatwork, but the various activities within the Corps which display our hard work and dedication to the public. The guns' crew, winter games team, drill team, guard, and band all exemplify the impregnable Cornwell standard and spirit. Although the closing down of the main deck and the flood situation hampered our training, we still managed to persevere.

So, as we get ready to end the year and as I get ready to end my last year as a cadet, I would like to wish you cadets, my fellow mess members and officers farewell, goodluck with your summer training, and any future endeavours.

STAND YOUR STATION

Editors' note: We would like to thank all the individuals who contributed articles, making the publication of the Cornwell Quarterly possible.

