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## IROQUOIS AWARDED THE LOCKHEED MARTIN EW INTERCEPT TROPHY

The **NESOP NEWSLETTER** is published by and for the NESOPs of the Canadian Navy. It's purpose; to keep members current with items that reflect the **NESOP community**, by **supplementing information provided by formal sources and acting as a forum for sharing unit-level items of interest. This newsletter is only as strong as the members it supports, as it is they who provide the content...**

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... Editor

The HMCS Iroquois NESOP division is the first to be awarded the EW Intercept Trophy for their collection success in 2001. The trophy was presented onboard IROQUOIS by Capt(N) Sweeney on 10 Oct 02.

This annual award has been graciously sponsored by Lockheed Martin, and consists of an impressive crystal trophy on a wooden base. Provided to the Naval Electronic Warfare Centre (NEWC), the award is presented to the unit submitting the most quality intercepts in a calendar year. Please note the term "quality" above, and not quantity. Although many units submitted numerous reports, more points went to those containing complete and accurate data.

Determining the most successful unit was not an easy task for NEWC. A minimum of 100 intercepts had to be submitted by a unit

to initially be considered. All intercepts were analyzed, evaluated and awarded points over the twelve-month period. On completion a little number crunching was all that was left to reveal the winning ship.

Understanding that NEWC's requirements for intercept reporting changed in 2002 with the addition of new equipment, so will the criteria for determining the most successful team in future years.

The main trophy provided by Lockheed Martin will be displayed in Marlant or Marpac, depending on the winning ship, in a location accessible to all NESOPs (possibly the schools). Each winning unit will also receive a smaller replica of the trophy to be kept onboard for their own display cases and bragging rights.

On behalf of Lockheed Martin, CFMWC, NEWC and all 276ers, congratulations IROQUOIS NESOPs!

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... Le directeur

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**Capt(N) Sweeney presents the EW Intercept trophy to Capt(N) Maddison and PO1 Comeau.**



**The proud recipients.**



## *From the Career Shop*

by **CPO2 Jim Wessel**  
Leading Seaman & Below Career Manager



**CPO2 Prowse** – I guess someone actually sent that SASE to CPO1 Dumont, because I'm writing this not from DMilC2, but from NEWC. After three years and the phone calls, emails, plans, messages, etc that go with it, I can offer one bit of advice. If you're ever offered the Career Manager job, RUN LIKE YOU'VE NEVER RUN BEFORE... **kidding.** Jump at the opportunity. It'll be one of **THE** busiest jobs you'll ever have, but well worth it. Everyone take care. Be gentle with Chief Wessel ☺

**CPO2 Wessel** - As you are aware by now, this summer CPO2 Terry Prowse was posted out of DMilC2 (Directorate Military Careers 2 (Navy) to NEWC (Naval Electronic Warfare Centre) in Ottawa. I would just like to wish him luck in his new position and thank him on behalf of all of you for the excellent job he has done. I'm CPO2 Jim Wessel and it is my honour to be the new Career Manager for NESOP/TASOP/NCIOP LS and Below. I am an NCIOP by occupation and have sailed on the West Coast since joining in 1981.

Other than the positions that are normally filled by NCIOPs throughout their career, I have also served as Senior Instructor, Coxn HMCS Moresby, CFFSE CI Section CPO and most recently as NCIOP SME for the Naval Combat OA. Enough about me. As we are all aware since 9/11 we have seen a "slight" increase in Op Tempo. This, in hand with the shortages that are being experienced in the fleet has meant that a lot of you have had to take up the slack and you have performed remarkably. I would like to let you know that there is relief in sight but although we are seeing an increase in enrolment, it will be some time before it will be felt at the LS level.

### **ELECTRONIC SELECTION BOARDS**

The promotion and terms of service boards are presently underway. The results are expected to be approved for release late Oct or early Nov. I must take this opportunity to remind everyone the importance of making sure that his or her PEOPLESOFT information is up to date. Ensuring that your information is current is the only way to ensure that when the selection board looks at your file or I look at loading courses and posting that you get credit where credit is due. The biggest single omission usually is language ability. Unless personnel are

PSC (Public Service Commission) accredited you will not be given the extra points when it comes to promotion. This can make a big difference at the top of the promotion list where it is usually very close. I can not stress how important it is for all to review your MPRR on a regular basis and ensure that all the information is current and accurate.

### **CAREER MANAGER VISITS**

Similar to last year, this years visits have been scheduled for 2-13 Dec in Halifax and 13-24 Jan in Victoria. There will be a general brief where the general issues affecting promotion, terms of service and the MOC will be discussed. Because of the limited time that is available and the number of interviews that have to take place in such a short time it is very important that you all attend this brief. I would like to see all of you even if you think that you have nothing to discuss. If not just to be able to put a face to a name you would be surprised how many times issues do come up that would be of interest to you. In closing I would like to wish you all the best for the rest of this year and for 2003.

## ***MOC Manager Notes***

**CPO1 Randy Smart (Outgoing)**

**CPO1 Dave Brennan (Incoming)**

**NESOP/NCIOP MOC Manager**

The MOC Manager is responsible to both the NCI OP and NES OP MOCs for the tracking off and management of the positions held by each MOC. Unlike the Career Managers we do not control or deal with postings or promotions, but work in conjunction with the CMs and Coastal Advisors to ensure that when new positions become available, the appropriate trade and qualification fill them. A main function of the position located within the D Mar Pers organization is, with the aid of computer modelling, determining the Terms of Service Rate (TOS) for coming years, that is to say what contracts are offered to the MOCs after the completion of an Intermediate Engagement (IE). At present the NES OP MOC is currently 5% below its Preferred Manning List (PML). The percentage appears to be greater, but when you account for the personnel on medical

category, those attending training, then numbers reflect the correct percentages of the PML. After having said this, I will point out that when you look to each coast separately our West Coast brothers are 10% below their coastal PML, which in itself is flagged as being quiet high! Present recruiting initiatives are focusing on the Naval Combat Operator trades.

In June 02 your Career Managers, MOC Manager and Coastal Advisors will meet in Esquimalt to discuss previous initiatives and their progress, and any new items submitted to the Council.

D Mar Pers 3-3-5 hopes to contribute more positive articles to the newsletter as issues related to the trade become available.

As the posting season is upon us and by the time this article hits the presses, I will have left this position and moved on to the next. I would like to thank those who have supported me in the past and given

of their time and experience. Special thanks to CPO2 Terry Prowse for keeping up the Newsletter and prodding me for the odd article. I would like to finish by welcoming into D Mar Pers CPO1 Dave Brennan(NCI OP 275), Chief Brennan has a wealth of experience and naval history to his credit. He will depart as Cox'n of MOG-5 to take up the watch here in Ottawa in mid-April.

Again thanks to all and may we continue to maintain a good watch.

*Editor Update – as you may be aware, CPO1 Brennan has deployed, although he is officially posted to the MOC Manager position. Until his return, the MOC Manager functions for the 275 & 276 MOC's is being performed by CPO1 Fred Singer, the TASOP MOC Manager.*

## ***MOC Manager Notes***

**by CPO1 Fred Singer**

**Interim NESOP/NCIOP MOC Manager**

At present the NES OP Occupation is experiencing shortages at the PO1, PO2, MS and AB/OS rank levels. The numbers are such that they are bordering at distress levels. To date NES OPs have received 5% of the recruits asked for.

Spec Pay issue is still on going. The Pay Review has been completed at the LS/MS level and results are forthcoming.

QSP Boards have been held for QL3 training and the remainder of the QSPs will be done in the Newyear (03). Serious consideration needs to be given to a refresher course for returning Directors or for 6Bs who wish to strengthen their skills.



## News From MARPAC

The "News From" columns are included in the Newsletter to assist in "bridging the 5946 Mile gap". They do this by providing a place for members and units of each coast to submit articles of interest to the MOC as a whole. This may include congratulatory messages, retirement notices, challenges etc. The only guidelines for this column are that submissions are "tasteful" and provide content that relates directly to the NESOP MOC or it's members (items more general in nature have their place within other DND publications). Use the column and enjoy !

....Editor



### *West Coast Advisor Report*

by CPO2 Paul White  
MARPAC MOC Advisor

# Gone Hunting



### *News from "The Rock"* AWWTC CAYUGA

Hello again from Black Rock. We have had a busy year here at the Rock. We completed 2 NULKA operator courses, also we have trained almost all west coast NESOP's in Seasearch operating procedures. So far

this year we have released 14 new rackets in to the fleet and we are currently running a Francophone QL-3 pilot course. A first for AWWTC. We are currently ramping up for one more QL-3 course commencing in Oct, as well

as another in Jan 03. As well, this year marks a first for AWWTC with the running of a West Coast NESOP QL-5 course. In order to improve the

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quality of life the QL-5 students will now complete their Academic phase here in AWWTC and travel to Halifax for the equipment phase. This was only made possible with a great deal of cooperation and great teamwork between CFNOS Halifax And CFFS(E). As most of you know the QL-3 QSP board sat this spring and they compiled a new and improved QSP for Junior ESOP course, therefore all the instructors have been busy designing new lesson plans for the pilot course that will run in 2003. PO2 Penner has been hard at work bringing the CBT lab up and running which is now in operation.

There has been several face changes here at the school as well. PO1 Jim (Mad Dog) Percival has been promoted to CPO2 and posted out, congratulations CPO2 Percival. Filling his big shoes is now PO1 Tompkins posted in from HMCS Calgary. PO2 Brydon is currently on his QL-6B course and expected to return in October. Also MS Barker has just returned from a wonderful stay in Halifax where he attended his QL-6A course which I am happy to report he passed. Congratulations MS Barker. Other new faces at Black Rock are PO2 Robins, PO2 Langford and MS Duhamel.

The future for AWWTC is looking bright. There are several projects on the go here at the

school. One of these projects is SEOSS.

This project (Shipboard Electro-Optical Surveillance System) has been progressing for some time.

### SCOPE

SEOSS is a high-tech, low-maintenance COTS solution originally derived from a 1991 SOCD relating to ship surveillance ability under less than optimal environmental conditions (fog/rain/snow/darkness/range). As such the system being procured, and the associated concept of employment, is solely related to augmentation of optical surveillance capabilities beyond the purely visible spectrum. This primarily means the bridge team and secondarily the ORO in a passive mode. It is not related to any deficiencies in optical weapons direction for warning shots or otherwise - Other projects will be bringing this capability to 57mm and CIWS, but not this one.

### CONCEPTS

In essence, SEOSS will be delivering a system looking roughly like this:



It will be installed on the bridge top of HAL/IRO class vessels with a remote control on the bridge. In both form and function, the current Xenon searchlight is an excellent analogy to keep in your mind ( it may in fact even be replaced entirely by SEOSS). This mounting will incorporate a wide-beam laser illuminator and camera (not a range finder), infrared camera, and normal visible spectrum and low light camera with zoom optics. The sight is stabilized and has an automatic gate-tracking capability. There will also be attached/integrated COTS analog video recording capabilities and a lens wash/wipe function. It will be controlled by a joystick/panel and have displays both on the bridge and in Ops. All of this is proven technology already in use with many US government and civilian agencies (did you see the OJ chase on TV?) including USN P-3C, S-3B and USCG HC-130H aircraft.

The system installed at Black Rock will be utilized for junior Officer training and possibly intelligence team training.

Other projects include return of Seasearch system for QL and continuation training, installation of CIWS block 1B and also a building expansion to accommodate the equipment and personnel.

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**CPO2 Jim Percival hides his excitement after receiving his recent promotion from Cdr Adamson. CPO2 Paul White beams with fatherly pride on the left.**



## HMCS ALGONQUIN

After over six months of preparations HMCS Algonquin sailed for a seven-month deployment on Op Apollo on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002. The ships had participated in TGEX 2-01/Marcot while assisting HMCS Vancouver with their workups before they joined the USS Stennis carrier battle group. January and February of 2002 was filled with Ops team training at the Warfare training division and weapon certification training. The first two weeks of March were spent at sea in the Socal area conducting workups and a SM-2 missile shoot. We very successfully fired two Standards and six chaff against two BQM-74 targets. After an 8-day rest at home we sailed for Op Apollo.

During the five-day transit to Hawaii, Algonquin was issued its NBC IPE gear and conducted NBC exercises. The weather was rough the first few days but things smoothed out after Hawaii. After a brief fuel stop in Hawaii we set sail for Saipan. Two - OS Madgin and Valera - were the last two to make it though security and onboard. The ship was 1 in 4 for the transit from Hawaii to Guam so people were able to relax after the busy previous few months. Most of the NESOP section started working out. Some lasted longer than others, some only one day, some three, but most have continued to work out regularly until the end of the deployment. Some made plans to start working out and they still have plans to start. (We see you PO1 Hassen) Others made plans to quit smoking. Stbd watch only had two smokers; one very successfully quit after Penang, the other was less successful in his attempt to quit after the first visit to Jebel Ali (You can't hide either OS Madgin - thanks for the twenty bucks, Smith invested his \$5.) We can't forget the pleasure we had installing RAMPADS prior to our arrival in Penang. LS Falconer sunburned his bandana to the top of his head.

Algonquin arrived in the box late in the evening of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We started to hail vessels as soon as we arrived in the Gulf of Oman, even before we were actually tasked to do so. We completed our first boarding the very first morning. CCFP and his staff, still on the Ottawa, were surprised to see a ship so keen. We had a brief stop in Fujairah to land some gear, store some other stuff and embark the Commodore and his staff. HMCS Ottawa must have been pleased to get rid of them. They had had them for over a month and a half and were still a few weeks away from the end of their first patrol.

During Algonquin's four patrols, the majority of the NESOP time was taken up gathering info for each vessel that we hailed. This info was disseminated to CCFP, the other coalition ships, and everyone else on the planet, in messages and gathered in our databases. It helped to pass the time - at first.

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Our time in the Gulf of Oman was most noteworthy for the searing heat. May was spent watching the temperature near 50°. June, July and most of August was spent watching the temperature hover well over 50°. Just past the midpoint of August the temperature started to come back down. It only hit 49°. Most of the free time on watch was spent discussing the best time to work out. Stbd watch had the forenoon and long first so some worked out during the afternoon off when the thermometer appeared to be completely red. The humidity alone could knock small birds out of the sky. One, PO2 Walker, worked out at 5:00 in the morning. The crowd at that time was small, and grew smaller almost every day. The spin class was entertaining - once. But the spin class and the aerobics class don't exist anymore. NESOPs rule the gym; it's their turf now.

We were hoping, and needed, to get our own chat just like everyone else. That now kept another person busy on watch. Other than that, our time was taken up with the evidence gathering team, doing RAS's at least every four days and meeting the Inchcape launch every few days. The Bravo Zulu's kept coming in for our efforts from the fleet chief NESOP, the Captain, the Commodore, BGen Gauthier, and CTF 50 the Admiral in command of the carrier group. We tried.

The most noteworthy occurrence during the first patrol was the promotion of MS Churchill. We wish him congratulations on his promotion and a job well done.

Our first visit to Jebel Ali and Dubai came in late May. Six days there saw plenty of people stashing Persian rugs, gold, spices, jewellery, silver ware, and other things. There was plenty of good shopping to be found in the UAE, as well as plenty of sand. Clouds are a rare sighting; the sun burns down almost exactly 24 hours a day. Only in the UAE can you get sunburned going for a walk at night. The camels wear SPF 99 to keep from spontaneously combusting. They store the lotion in their second hump. Did you know that the UAE was the last country to discover shade? It wasn't discovered until 1954. That, not oil, brought the first population explosion.

The watches switched for the second patrol, so now Stbd watch had the long mids and the afternoon watch. Most continued to work out, some still talked about it and the others resisted temptation. Most worked out just before the long mids, in the coolness of late evening, while some worked out after the long mids. The second patrol was noted by the NESOP challenge of doing pushups on watch every evening. Most faded away as the leg went on, only PO2 Walker did push-ups every night. MS Viau joined in the fifth night and thereafter did push-ups every single night as well. As for the rest... they ate duff. Except for the four who started the "duff bet". Shortly after the beginning of the patrol, OS Sweeney, LS Smith, LS Mumford, and PO2 Walker swore off the duff. The first one to eat duff had to pay each of the other three \$10. The second to succumb had to pay the other two, and the third had to pay the last guy. The last guy would be the winner. But no one cracked during the second leg and the bet was called off for the duration of the RAMP visit to Jebel Ali. The second leg also witnessed the World Cup pool. Unfortunately not one single world cup game was shown on CFRT. But that didn't stop us. OS Madgin turned out to be the "Amazing Kreskin" during the first round of elimination, correctly naming the winner of the first seven games. But Winn, who professed little knowledge of the game and guessed at most winners, correctly guessed that Brazil would beat Germany in the final so won the pool quite handily. PO2 Walker, who professed to know the game and actually followed the game, finished second last. The final few games were while we were in Dubai, so those so inclined were able to watch the games ashore. Most were buying more rugs, gold, spices, jewelry, silver ware and other things. Can't forget the time lounging in hotel rooms and haunting the malls - all in an attempt to avoid the heat. Wild Wadi was a common stop for some. The water roller coasters were fun, the water was cooling, and the scenery was sometimes not too bad to look at. But 10 days alongside was a long time and we were happy to leave to get the third patrol underway and bring us a bit closer to home. Our departure was delayed for several reasons - none of them NESOP related - so we had time to re-install the RAMPADS that were taken down for the RAMP period. We sailed for the third leg freshly painted and looking good. Local artisans painted the ship's hull, most of the non-skid on the upper decks, and most of the upper deck fittings. They did a fine job and we looked good. The second port visit saw the NESOPS collecting trouble like hockey cards. The ones without the gum. Some were late, some were wearing garish sunglasses, some were reading, some were listening to music. All were in trouble. Let's just call it "character building" or "team building."

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The third patrol saw the duff bet resume, but no one cracked. All of the good duff seemed to be on the second patrol, so it wasn't too hard to stay on the anti-duff diet. Near the end of the patrol it was decided, by democratic vote, to end the bet. There was one absentee, but the other three were unanimous. Duff was enjoyed by all, except one who waited until the third visit to Dubai to surrender to the pleasure of desserts. But none of the betterers had to cough up any money and the bet was quickly forgotten.

We had another six-day visit to Dubai and everyone bought up all the items they had been eyeing the previous visits, or finally made decisions after shopping around for the best bargains. Plenty of puzzle rings ended up on board; the merchants seemed to have more available each time we arrived in town. Seems they figured out that Canadians like these things. Silver is near junk in the UAE and is hard to find in the gold souk, but silver puzzle rings could be had for a mere eight dirham. Two US dollars or three Canuck bucks. PO2 Walker came back with eight. Anyone want one? Only nine dirham each.

Further congratulations to AB Valera and AB Madgin on their promotions, AB Madgin to successfully passing his QL 4 Fleet exam, and to OS MacIntosh and OS Sweeney for completing their OJT QL4 packages.

Several people went for the desert safari. A good time was had dune-bashing. The camel ride was a slightly less good time. I can say that I rode a camel. For a minute. It hurt. I recommend everyone ride a camel at least once in his or her lifetime. Only once. For no more than a minute. Because it hurts. Watching camels stand up with someone on their back is like watching PO2 Walker lift weights. It looks ugly, there's got to be a better way and probably isn't doing them much good. The hind legs go up first, all the way up, before the front legs begin to move. That leaves the camel at a 45° angle and the rider desperately pushing back on the horn of the saddle to keep from sliding down the camel's neck. The camel lies down in the reverse of that so it's equally thrilling. The dinner that was served was great and the belly dancer was very entertaining.

The fourth leg began with us hoping that the time would go fast. We're still hoping. We're still filling out reports, but Algonquin has had other taskings so our numbers have dropped considerably. But our number of boardings is still way up there. So far we have done 50. We have also done quite a few "small boat inspections." During the third leg we did find and apprehend two suspected Al Qaida members. We also took two more suspected terrorists from the Guepratte and handed all four over to the carrier JFK. We did spend two days early in the fourth leg as plane guard ship for the George Washington. That meant we had to leave the GOO and spend some time out in the Arabian Sea. The temperature dropped down to the low 30's and the high 20's. It helped cool the ship off inside and people stopped wearing shorts and some even wore jackets on lookout. The seas were rougher as well, so it was good to get back to the GOO with its welcoming warmth and calmer seas.

We are still in the middle of the last leg. The days seem to be slowing down and they no longer blend into one another. It is soon that we will be collecting all the crates so that we can store the RAMPADS for the next ship that comes out and needs them. We are looking forward to removing and washing them to store them. We have two stops in Fujairah to drop off the RAMPADS, IPE and other kit, and then to drop off the Commodore and his staff. The ship will be a ghost town once staff, the homeport duty watch and those members taking HLTA for the first leg are all disembarked. The meal line-ups will be shorter and there will be even less people in the gym. But that's not what we are looking forward to. We are really looking forward to putting the spurs to our gray steed and getting the hell out of Dodge. Home waits. With it's near freezing temperatures hovering around 20°. We wonder at what temperature water would freeze in Dubai. 15°?



## HMCS CALGARY

As I sit here typing away on this borrowed computer in the Calgary shore office I begin to plan the daily routine for the Nesop department. All of a sudden I am brought back to reality by the Regulating office PO (PO2 Dolbec) as he hails out a pleasant "Good Morning NESOP Department". At this time I realize that I am the NESOP department and we are without a PO1 NESOP. PO1 Tompkins is posted to Black Rock. As I stated earlier, PO2 Dolbec is in the Regulating office so his time is spent correcting the Routine Orders for the next day. Absent of any Master Seaman around at the moment, we only had one but MS Baker has been traded for MS Macinnes from the Winnipeg

until they return in 03. LS Halliday is soon returning from his QL-5 course in Halifax. LS Churchill has been posted to Algonquin but on the bright side he has gained his promotion to Master Seaman. LS, yes you didn't read it wrong, LS Day and OS King are returning to us in October both loaned to the Regina and both QL-4 qualified NESOP's. AB Derry will be returning in December after his parental leave is completed. Fresh out of Black Rock is OS Crouse, who has been loaned out to Vancouver for his first sea going trip to the ever so Beautiful Hawaii. I am sure he will fit into Calgary's NESOP section. LS Kenny is also here from the Winnipeg until completion of his QL-5 course then he will be a permanent member of the team.

...PO2 Lamky



## HMCS OTTAWA

Since deploying for OP OPOLLO on February 17, OTTAWA's NESOP Section has been a beehive of activity. Creating and updating databases, putting together Recce packs, EOB's and a thousand other things have really kept us on the go. Memorandums have been submitted for the implantation of USB ports directly into the brainstems of all OTTAWA NESOP's thereby creating a more efficient number-crunching machine and eliminating our continued requests for more computers.

Our transit to our area of operation flew by like a flock of Sea Kings on muscle relaxants; with port visits to Pearl Harbour (again), Guam (a lovely four hours), Hong

Kong, (we all spent about a month there one night), and Phuket Island, Thailand (enough said). We finally arrived on station for a short (where's that rope?) 55-day patrol in the box.

Highlights included a 57mm gun shoot with PFHE vs. EBITS (one down, one to go), and daily fly-bys by our old friends the Iranians in their Papa 3 Foxtrot. OTTAWA's Sensor section has done more fingerprinting out here than the Fort Lauderdale Police Dept. during spring break.

Personnel-wise we welcomed OS Vince "Carnie Hands" Matt (aka Joda -junior OD afloat) who found himself suddenly thrown into a pack of vultures waiting to pick his bones clean, learning the world of Guns and Numbers. He's still scratching his head and thinking "Hey! This isn't like the recruiting poster at all!" Welcome aboard sucker!! OS "Sideways" Mike Comboye, (aka Soda) did an excellent job putting together our EOB. Just stay off the stage please Mike. LS Randy "Sully" Sulyma, now officially posted to OTTAWA became a true blue hairy-bag upon his successful completion of his OSUT package. Don't you miss those cold mud-puddles and rat packs now, Sully? LS Troy Stickley received an accelerated promotion to Leading Seaman from Able Seaman in late April. He has been honing his briefing skills by dazzling the Commodore daily with his in-depth knowledge of AREPS, and eye catching slides. Well done Troy! LS Johnny Rodgers who also received an accelerated promotion, has spent more time on the bridge than the Captain and is close to receiving his Bridge Watch Keeping certificate. In between snapping pictures of sea life ("National Geographic here I come"), he's even managed to get a few intelligence photos for us. Well done Johnny! LS Marie Malbranck showed off her Fire Control knowledge by supervising her first gun shoot; with trials involving new small boats defence tactics. LS Lisa Lefort has been working hard preparing

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for upcoming courses, creating a war diary for the section, and honing all of her skills. LS Brian "Mac" MacMillan spent the first half of the deployment so far spearheading the "Search for Knowledge of the SeaSearch" initiative, and the second half slapping us all in the back of the heads. "Collect Stupid"!! LS Natalie "Sinead" Scalabrini raised an impressive amount of money by taking the initiative to start a "shave-your-melon for charity" event. Well done Nat, and don't worry it usually grows back. MS Johann "Dandyman" Dandrade was promoted from Leading Seaman in mid-April. His watch continues to shine under his watchful eye, and uncompromising leadership ability. Congratulations Johann, much deserved. MS Lloyd "Boots" Boutillier, despite his efforts to intimidate with his increasingly bizarre appearance and behaviour, has filled into his new boots quite nicely, and is continuing to teach us all the meaning of Sea Madness. Congratulations to PO2 Rick Manuel and his wife Susan on the birth of their new son Connor Thomas. He is eager to meet his new boy and lull him to sleep with "interesting" tales of EW. Once again Congratulations! PO2 Sylvain Jaquemot has kept busy picking up some spare time getting a little experience in the SWC seat, and providing us all with tutelage, especially "Bizarro Boots" Boutillier. Last, but certainly not least is our fearless leader and SWC, PO1 Todd Green who shocked us all with his uncanny likeness to Colonel Klink after shaving his head for charity. BZ!

To sum up our deployment to date, we've all become accustomed to the bowel-loosening heat and excruciating tediousness of life in the boxes, but all members of OTTAWA's Sensor section have shone in one way or another to make up what is arguably the best NESOP team currently afloat. We are all looking forward to our transit home to once again be re-united with friends and family, and to raise a glass with all fellow NESOP's. One thing not to forget; Old NESOP's never die; they just become statistics in a database.

*... LS J.O. Rodgers*



**OS Matt and his ongoing battle with the rigours of "NESOPery".**



## HMCS PROTECTEUR

Hi everyone from HMCS Protecteur's NESOP section. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the newly established NESOP Section onboard; we presently are at full Remar with a director and 4 operators, which were posted to Protecteur in mid Dec 01.

Our senior NESOP PO1 Al Baillargeon, previously from CFFSE NESOP Standards; MS Clay Andrist new arrival in Apr 02 from CFFSE, LS Steve Lavigne from Calgary, LS Thomas Patterson from Regina and last but not least LS Richard Pearce from Winnipeg.

I did not mean to forget our senior NESOP on board, our Coxn CPO1 Paul Helston and our CBTCH CPO2 Bret Tisdale. Chief Helston's previous posting was Athena, he took over as our Coxn in mid Dec 01. Chief Tisdale is the only NESOP from pre-DWP, he was posted in upon his return from the East coast.

This is our new section, since coming together we achieved quite a bit. We completed Weapons Certification, Work Up's and are now deployed to the Gulf Of Oman in support of the Canadian effort against terrorism, Op Apollo. We departed from our home port in late May 02 and proceeded Westward to the OPAREA, with a short visit to everyone's favourite second home Hawaii (to disembark STG). After spending 5 days there we were on our way to the South China Sea and the Pirates, to explore the sites and sounds of Singapore. Leaving there we headed straight for our objective, the Northern Indian Ocean and the Op Apollo operation area. Here we have remained for the last three months. Mid October we will begin the transit home with three well-deserved R&R ports. Looking forward to spending Christmas with loved ones and friends. We patiently await the arrival of Montreal and are hoping to cross paths with the Winnipeg during our transits.

To all of our friends and fellow NESOPs we wish for Fair Winds and Following Seas.

*... Roger Out, From the NESOPS of HMCS Protecteur*



**Left to Right CPO2 Tisdale, PO1 Baillargeon,  
LS Lavigne, LS Pearce, CPO1 Helston  
Front MS Andrist  
Inset LS Patterson**



## HMCS WINNIPEG

As the ship slips the jetty, and we waive good by to our loved one to head off to the Gulf there is no rest in sight. After a busy summer of Weapon Certs, OTT and MRI, not to mention all the other work required getting the ship ready to sail and DWUP looms ahead. Nine days to Hawaii where we can bid a fond farewell to Sea Training Staff Pacific. But can we relax yet no, as we are along side Hawaii long enough to get the MISSILEX brief, pick up the range staff and then off we go. The up side is that this is the first real tactical firing for a Canadian Warship. That is right folks, we will do

all the regular checks and then once we get to the final count down only the Staff, CO and WSO will know when and where the BQMs are coming from. Could be in 5 minutes or 5 hours. Hopefully all will go well the first day and we will at least get one day along side Hawaii to relax prior to heading out. On the bright side only 192 days and we are home.

*... PO2 P.A. Living*

The day was 04 May 02 and I was reporting to HMCS Winnipeg with both apprehension and anticipation. Not because I didn't know anybody, but because this would be the day that I found out I would be deployed on Operation Apollo to help fight the war on terrorism. The months prior to our departure would be filled with training and drills. Not only would this be my first deployment but this would be my first opportunity to go through drills and procedures to prepare for an operational deployment. Our ship would begin the process with an extensive period called weapon certs shortly followed by OTT. Weapon certs would be a week filled with drills and tests to prepare us for any situation that may arise while on our deployment. Shortly following this period would be the ships opportunity to go on leave. Allowing for the optimum opportunity to spend valuable time with our friends, loved ones and families. When I had finished my leave I would realize that the weeks to follow would be long and draining. With this being my first opportunity to go overseas I had come to the conclusion that the next six months apart from my family would test my emotions more then anything else ever had before those unfortunate attacks of September 11th 2001. When we actually stop and think about it, Canada's devotion to help others was brought out in all aspects when members of a terrorist group named Al Queada bombed the World Trade Center in New York City. So as the months before our departure turned to weeks, the ships routine turned its focus to storing the ship with food, supplies, and various other items to prepare the ship to be self sufficient for a long period of time at sea. Currently on transit to the Arabian sea my experience so far has been filled with ups and downs, and an anticipation for our role to Operation Apollo to come to an end. I look forward to our safe return to both our friends and family who are standing by us on the other side of the world. Not knowing what lies for us is difficult but what we do know is that workups, and training prior to and during transit has given the NESOPs aboard HMCS Winnipeg the ability to be combat ready for any situation that we may be called upon while on Operation Apollo.

*... OS Pollard*

# News From MARLANT



## *East Coast Advisor Report*

by CPO1 Ken Fisher  
MARLANT MOC Advisor

Having just recently assumed the duties of East Coast MOC Advisor I find my first privilege is to make an entry in the NESOP Newsletter.

Before I begin my tenure I wish to thank my predecessors CPO2 Bob Massia and CPO2 Wayne Tansley, who have performed the job of East Coast MOC Advisor for the last year. They have done outstanding service and have agreed to stay on as co-advisors to assist me. If you have questions or problems please make them known to us through your senior NESOPs.

I would also like to thank the people who have contributed to this newsletter over the years. I encourage you to stay involved and encourage others around you to either stay or get involved as well.

I believe I speak for many NESOPs. I wish to thank CPO2 Terry Prowse for the time and effort put forth in keeping this paper going. Sometimes it has been like pulling teeth for you to get input from us Terry but your end result has always been outstanding. Thank you.

I have just returned from the Selection Board in Ottawa and am putting together a power point presentation to explain the process, as it exists now.

As many of you are aware CPO1 Fred Singer who is the TASOP MOC Manager is filling the NESOP/NCIOP MOC Manager position. You can imagine how busy he is looking after three trades vice the one that he is mandated for. His intent is to hold a MOC Council meeting in March 03, as the consensus is that we have many items to discuss and need to come up with a way ahead.

Spec Pay is now at CMS level and awaiting final CDS approval. They are working out the final details and announcements will hopefully be made prior to Christmas.

There will be a meeting held 27 Nov 02, location TBD, for all East Coast Chief Petty Officer NESOPs. This will be followed at a later date, before Christmas, by a general NESOP meeting at which we will update the trade and present the selection board process.

## *CFNOS Halifax*

By MS Jonathan Garnett

With the completion of summer leave all of us NESOPs here at CFNOS came back to the school ready and eager to SERVE THE FLEET and we had a few changes to the staff up here at the NESOP "Think Tank".

Over looking the whole gang from his throne high on the

mountain is CPO2 Tansley. His two right hand men are PO1 Hamilton heading up the theory side of the house and PO1 Farouse who is the head equipment instructor. PO1 Farouse is currently on his SLC course and is due back in early fall.

The CT or EOB cell that easily has the hottest office in the school is

made up of PO2 Harrison who came to us from HMCS TORONTO, and MS Hillier who came from HMCS HALIFAX. Assisting those two gents is LS Doyle who helps out in every way and ensures that the

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## CFNOS HALIFAX

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pepperoni bins are full!!

In the Theory cell we have PO2 "Chico" Arseneau, PO2 McNamara and MS Garnett who just came up the hill from HMCS TORONTO. Their Equipment counterparts include PO2 Carmichael, PO2 Morton and MS Murray.

The NEWT cell, which teaches the ever-popular AREPS, consists of PO2 Tye and PO2 "Sully" Macleod.

Over the summer we have said good-bye to PO2 Dennis Burton, and PO2 Helpert and also getting more gray hairs on his

QL-6B course is PO2 Smith.

Talking about courses we have had two QL-5 go through the school since the summer finished and the QL-6A 0202 course in half down the mega phase. Already getting through the mega phase was syndicate one consisting of MS Lowthers, MS Keeping, MS Barker and MS MaCelwain and stepping up to bat for syndicate two will be MS Thiverge, MS Lalonde and MS Peek. QL-5A 0201 graduated with Ls Carew from the HMCS St. John's taking top student. He graduated alongside of LS Weatherell, LS Lynch, LS Winter, LS Leblanc, LS

Waite, LS Farrel, Ls Savoie and LS Gillard.

QL-5A 0202 graduated with LS Ezio taking top student. Also graduating with her was LS Albert, LS Dyck, LS Frigon, LS Hunt, LS Gray, LS Halliday, LS King, and LS Pelletier.

Coming off of summer leave we are always willing and able to help serve the fleet. Plenty of room for refresher training and we are always a call away or a walk up the hill to help out with any queries that the fleet has.



LS Carew was awarded the TOP STUDENT AWARD for the NESOP QL5 0201 from CDR Switzer on 12 Jun 02.



LS Ezio was awarded the TOP STUDENT AWARD for the NESOP QL5 0202 from CDR Switzer on 27 Sep 02.



**PO1 Gerry Dautre ((Golden Bear - Little Ray (now Base Chief CFB Halifax)) was awarded the TOP STUDENT AWARD and his PO1s for the AWWD 0201 from CDR Switzer May 02.**

**All Staff and students of CFNOS would like to pass on a BZ to these NESOPS for their recognition and efforts on course. Best of luck in all endeavours that you may encounter.**



## *CFNOS Halifax NESOP Standards Update*

*by CPO2 Joey Smallwood*

While the parking lot here at Stad sits empty with everyone away on their much deserved summer leave, it's a good time to sit back (again) and reflect on the goings on over the last 12 months since I returned from the OA in Ottawa. The highlights include conducting an internal review of the QL6A & QL6B QSP's, attending two EW Tiger Team meetings and sitting as a member of the QL3 QSP Board in Esquimalt. Add on two Mega Phases, saying good-bye to PO1 Marcel Brisson and PO2 Archie Archambault, saying hello to the incomers PO1 Alan Blake and PO2 Glen Osmond, and attempting to establish myself as the new strike-out king at the NESOP C&PO's vs MS & Below softball challenge and you could say it's been a very busy but productive year.

The QL3 QSP Board sat in Esquimalt 29<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> May. The QL3 course was redesigned based on the new NESOP Occupational Specifications and resulted in a longer but more focused training package. The final approval of the Board's recommendations should be following soon from DMTE in Ottawa and it is anticipated the first new QL3 course will run sometime early in 2003. The internal reviews conducted on the QL6A & QL6B courses resulted in updated timings for many Enabling Objectives (EO's) and reduced course durations of 87 and 117 training days respectively.

For those who attended the EW Seg videoconference back in December 2001, you will remember that there was a recommendation made to stand up an EW Tiger Team that could work on current EW issues in the Fleet on a timelier basis than the EW Seg is able to do. The first team meeting took place in Esquimalt in January of this year and the terms of reference and composition of the team were established. The second and perhaps more fruitful meeting took place at NEWC 03 to 07 June. Representatives from both coasts and Ottawa were at the meeting and many issues affecting you at the pointy end were discussed. This team is looking at everything from equipment placement / operation to training at all QL levels. You will begin to see the fruits of their labour over the next year as more specific guidance wrt EW Operations are established and published. It's timing coincides with the OA implementation phase and as the QL5 and above QSP Boards sit over the next year-and-a-half, their recommendations wrt training will be implemented in the training packages.

PO1 Blake joined us here in April and was just in time to watch syndicate two doing their thing in the Mega. After some surgery (had to convert his way of thinking from sea to shore) he was off to San Antonio Texas to attend the SRD 503A/504 factory course. The information and training package that were obtained will be incorporated into various levels of training over the next 12 months.

PO2 Osmond joined us here in early May and has quickly removed all traces of those who came before him over the last eight years (our Ollie North had quite the workout). He's currently working on the inclusion of the Sea Search as part of the Fleet Exam and can be contacted if you need a copy of the Check sheet that will be used. Glen has also assumed the duties of our East Coast Retirement co-ordinator. In just two-and-a-half months he has arranged five or more retirements and has questioned which of his duties is actually his primary one!

The next year will prove to be as busy as the last. We will have the standard two Mega's, a QL5 QSP Board in February, a QSP Board for the new MS FC/Chaff course in the April to June timeframe, Fleet Exams and other activities too numerous to mention. That being said, we're never too busy to discuss the NESOP training conducted here at CFNOS or the Fleet Exam. Feel free to stop by here on the third deck of S-17 at any time or give us a call at: CPO2 Joey Smallwood 8469, PO1 Al Blake 8396 (if you can get him off the phone) and PO2 Glen Osmond 6586.

I would like to take this chance to thank PO1 Marcel Brisson and PO2 Archie Archambault (both now addressed as Mister) for their outstanding efforts while here at the NESOP Standards section and throughout all of their careers. We were all well served by both of these gentlemen and their friendship and professionalism will be well missed.

In closing, I'd like to take this opportunity to dispel any rumours that are circulating wrt me having taken over the "Strike-out King" title from last year's recipient. Up twice - struck out once and popped up once. As for the few that got by me while playing second base - that's why I don't play goalie in Hockey!



## HMCS FREDERICTON

The past months have seen a flurry of activity within the fleet as the members of each department on every ship meet personal and professional priorities to continue support for the now well established anti-terrorism campaign waged in Afghanistan. Our responsibilities within the Gulf precede all others and sharp emphasis is placed on operational efficiency and safety. The very thought of red ball caps bobbing up the brow threatens every sailor with a headache. But preparation is crucial for deployment so we do what we must. The Fredericton NESOP Section is no exception, though keeping track of our agenda and personnel through these preparations has been taxing. Several members have been posted out recently, including PO1 Murphy, PO2 Lawrenson, PO2 MacNamara, LS Fletcher and LS Long. Members posted in include, PO1 Doutre, PO2 Chaisson, MS Masters, MS Schleihauf, LS Burgoin, LS Wood, AB McQuilken, OS Chapman, OS Compagnon and OS Vandenberghe: basically our entire NESOP Section.

There have been three promotions recently. Congratulations to PO1 Doutre, PO2 James and PO2 MacNamara. Their recent efforts within the department are appreciated.

Congratulations are also offered to LS Leblanc on the birth of his baby boy.

Fredericton's upcoming schedule has been laid, but as Commander Harsch (Commanding Officer) reminds us often, nothing is set in stone and everything could change with a politician's whim. It seems even he has difficulties obtaining irrevocable dates, resorting to his "betting man" opinion, which is no doubt quite accurate.

Nevertheless, Fredericton's upcoming months will be very busy with Weapon Certification, Leave Period, and OTT1. The challenge (some would claim nightmare) really begins in late summer with Work-Ups, with OTT 2 scheduled soon after. Deployment for OP APOLLO will be in the fall, which we are all looking forward to.

The NESOP Section is just coming together, but we have a great team and plenty of time to train and prepare for deployment. Everyone can expect a degree of tedium and frustration over certain necessary tasks (those damned rampads!), but nothing is ever easy. Ultimately, the NESOPS will be ready to sail...whenever that may be.

"Stalker of the Seas" HMCS FREDERICTON.

*...OS Vandenberghe*



## HMCS TORONTO

Yep, there are some swell guys who helped make ROTO Zero OP APOLLO such a success. HMCS TORONTO NESOPs, here displaying *Excellence and Vigour*, are chipping in by performing duties like MIO, LIO, Plane Guard, tanning, etcetera; the list is endless. Our junior operators have found the experiences of our first 6 months to be invaluable (ie. more socks and underwear next time). For our more seasoned members of the branch, it's just another 6 months away from home (Hey PO! Are you almost finished with your email yet?). Out here in the NAG, SAG, and GOO, I'm not even going to elaborate about what I thought that meant before I got out here, team TORONTO pulled up it's sleeves and dug in. When we first arrived out here, we conducted a turnover with HMCS HALIFAX. It was a quick ordeal for which the NESOPs on Halifax were well prepared. We eagerly relieved them of their Golf (oops-I mean Gulf) duties and in return; received a patrol box in the AOR. It was a prime example of NESOP team work, HALIFAX gave us months of experience in a box -Thanks Guys!!

One of our OP APOLLO "claims-to-fame" is the seizure and sinking of a "Hash Dhow", the equivalent to a "Mushroom Dhow" on the west coast. This was followed up a few weeks later with the seizure of a smugglers Dhow that was full of booze. Needless to say we were on the look out for the next Dhow which

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to our disappointment carried only sheep. Well Luc was happy.

The Crew: KAK the Kreitzer earned his promotion to Leading Seaman. LS Bennett shaved off his beard for the first time in ten years. LS Smith feet wet finally, beats TRINITY eh? OS O'Neill, excellent first trip if you don't count WUPS, you've started at a run. LS Kennedy lost 20lbs and fifty bucks, he meant to loose 40 and get fifty, congrats anyway. Ms Lowthers and Ms Thivierge are going to challenge the NESOP QL6A course, Good Luck!! LS Jensen earned an outstanding *advanced* promotion, one year ahead of schedule, CONGRATS! (when's the Wet Down?). LS Robidoux joined the *elite* Boarding Team or "Arabian Knights", as they are yet to be dubbed, transforming him to day worker (membership has its privileges eh Steve? Nice tan). And like Culligan's Island; The Rest!

This situation has taken us away from our homes and families. 9/11 has effected everyone throughout the world. Our mission tempo and obligations have reflected that fact as nothing else could. For the first time in a long time, we are seeing the East Coast and the West Coast working together in theatre. I have witnessed first hand the professionalism of HMCS VANCOUVER, and after all is said and done, we're not so different after all.

... LS Kreitzer



Left to Right: AB (AKA:LS) Kreitzer, LS Kennedy, MS Lowthers, LS Garnett, PO2 Culligan, LS Jensen, LS Entwistle, PO1 Steen, MS Thivierge, LS Smith, OS O'Neill, LS Bennett, PO2 Harrison, LS Robidoux



## HMCS ST. JOHN'S

Well since the last time we placed an entry in these hallowed pages much has changed for HMCS ST. JOHN'S. We are currently in the middle of the wonderful Middle Eastern bar-b-que they call the Gulf of Oman, which I am sure many of you can relate to, or will relate to in the future. During the height of the summer the temp can get upwards of 50 celsius with the humidex. So, you want to be on the Boarding Team huh? Aside from being halfway around the world we have had other changes as well. OS Jamie "soon to be a civie" Snow and OS Jody "captain punctuality" Baker just completed their QL4 packaged and fleet exams. We've also had some departures and arrivals since our last entry. LS Jason "withdrawal" Trepanier has moved on to bigger and better things on board HMCS MONTREAL (Merry Christmas) and LS Mike "I'll get the roni" Doyle has moved ashore to the cozy confines of CFNOS. We have also had one new arrival, that of LS Mike "just call me Gogie" Goguen who arrives to us from HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN. We have undergone a few other changes that can be contributed to heat fatigue, I think. The entire STBD watch has

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shaved their heads bald and call themselves the "Cueballs." Well, as you can all imagine, what a sight that is. Tony Tremblay (Gulf War vet, CD), Android Maule (you should see the head on that!) Jamie Snow (just doing what I was told) and Dan Curlew (can you imagine?)

That's all from us from this end of the atlas. Someone keep some wets on ICE for us at Slackers.

PS. Some handsome devil also topped his QL5 course.

... LS Carew

Snr NESOP Notes:

On a more serious note, we have been blessed with much connectivity for this deployment. E-mail is a fact of life and communication back home and across Canada for that matter, is a daily thing. We have learned that with this ability does come some responsibility. We have learned that passing details, via the appropriate channels of course, back to the SMEs ashore has been immeasurable in maintaining our operational readiness. We have liaised with shore agencies on a number of issues daily and the turn around time for information has sometimes been hours. This is critical in keeping the "sword sharp." It is no longer acceptable for people not to be informed. Thanks to all who have assisted us and answered our questions. It is good to know we are being looked after while deployed. Bottom line: "Keep the information flowing."

P.S. Yes, what a sight bald NESOPs are!

## The GUNNER

Provided by ST. JOHNS

The following is an extract from "THREE BOOKS OF COLLOQUIES CONCERNING THE ART OF SHOOTING IN GREAT AND SMALL PIECES OF ARTILLERY," which was written in Italian, by Nicholas Tartaglia, and has been translated into English by Cyprian Lucar.

It concerns the properties, Office and Duty of a Gunner.

A Gunner ought to be sober, wakeful, lusty, hardy, patient, and a quick-spirited man; he ought also to have a good eyesight, a good judgement, and a perfect knowledge to select a convenient place in the day of service, to plant his ordinance

where he may do most hurt unto the enemies, and be least annoyed by them.

Also a Gunner in time of service ought to forbid with meek and courteous speeches all manner of persons other than his appointed assistants to come near his pieces, to the end that none of his pieces may be choked, poisoned, or hurt; and he ought not for any prayers or reward to lend any piece of his gunmatch to another person, because it may be very hurtful to him in time of service to lack the same.

Also every Gunner ought to know that it is a wholesome thing for him to eat and drink a little meat before he doth discharge any piece of artillery, because the fume of saltpetre and brimstone will

otherwise be hurtful to his brains, so it is very unwholesome to him to shoot in any piece of ordinance while his stomach is full.

Every Gunner which shall serve upon the sea in any ship ought before his going to sea to write with good advertisement in a paper book for the owner or captain of the vessel in which he shall serve the weight and price of so much gunpowder, and of so many fit pellets, as will be enough to charge all the pieces in his vessel forty times over, and also the price of ten barrels of more gunpowder, which he ought to have for the only making of fireworks.

## The Rum Ration

Provided by ST. JOHNS



Before the XVII century, the ration of drink in the Royal Navy was one gallon of beer or wine a day. Owing to stowage difficulties, Admiral Blake introduced brandy instead of beer in about 1650; rum replaced brandy in 1687 following the conquest of Jamaica. The ration then was half a pint of rum twice daily - half that quantity for Boys. Before brandy or rum were drunk by the sailors, beer was the accepted ration drink provided. In their days, Hawkins and Frobisher said they could cruise as long as the beer lasted.

But the beer must have been terrible stuff - according to William Thompson, who addressed an "appeal to the public to prevent the Navy being supplied with pernicious provisions" (1761). It "stands as abominably as the foul stagnant water which is pumped out of many cellars in London at the midnight hour and the sailors were under the necessity of shutting their eyes and stopping their breath by holding their noses before they could conquer their aversion so as to prevail upon themselves

in their extreme necessities to drink it". In 1634 Nathaniel Knott, in his "Advice of a Seaman" wrote that "The brewers have gotten the art to sophisticate beer with broom instead of hops, and ashes instead of malt, and (to make it more lively) to pickle it with salt water so that, whilst it is new, it shall seemingly be worthy of praise, but in one month wax worse than stinking water".

In 1740 Admiral Vernon (commonly known as "Old Grog" because of the cloak he habitually wore which was made of a coarse kind of taffeta called Grogram) introduced the watering-down of the sailors' rum.

Grog is the mixture of one-eighth of a pint (1 gill) of rum with one quarter of a pint of water (i.e., 1 part rum, 2 parts water) issued as a daily ration to all ratings below Petty Officer of and over the age of 20 years who desire it. CPOs and POs draw their rum neat. Two-water grog replaced three-water grog early in 1937. (i.e. 1 part rum to 1 part water) Men entitled to the rum or grog issue who do not draw it receive *Grog Money* in lieu. Officers are not entitled to the daily ration of rum or grog. Grog money was increased to 3 pence per day in 1919; prior to then it had been 1 Shilling and 7 pence per month.

The watered rum accordingly soon achieved the name of 'Grog'. In 1740 the issue was 1 pint of rum mixed with 1 quart of water, issued in the forenoon and again in the evening; the evening issue was stopped in 1824 and the ration of rum reduced to one gill (eighth of a

pint) per man per day in 1850.

Admiral Vernon's actual instruction about grog is contained in a letter dated from *HMS BURFORD* at Port Royal, Jamaica, 30 August, 1740; it directs that the daily allowance of 1 pint of rum per man is to be mixed with a quart of water 'in one scuttled butt kept for that purpose, and to be done upon deck, in the presence of the Lieutenant of the Watch, who is to see that no man is cheated of his proper allowance'. (A 'scuttled butt' is a barrel with one end removed)



### U.A. (UNDER AGE)

A rating below the age of 20 years is not allowed to receive the daily rum ration; he is accordingly marked in the ship's books with the letters U.A. (= Under Age). He is similarly debarred from drawing grog in which to splice the mainbrace. The expression is sometimes used offensively by an older rating to a youngster to emphasise his youth. Twenty years as the minimum age for drawing the

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spirit ration was introduced in November, 1881.

### **PLUSHERS**

Naval unofficial name given to the residue remaining in the grog tub after the daily issue has been made, or in the mess fanny after each man has had his share; from the French "Plus". That which remains in the grog tub is required by the regulations to be thrown overboard.

### **SPLICING THE MAINBRACE**

An extra issue of one-eighth of a pint of rum to each officer and man of an over the age of 20 who desires to take the rum, lemonade for others. The rum

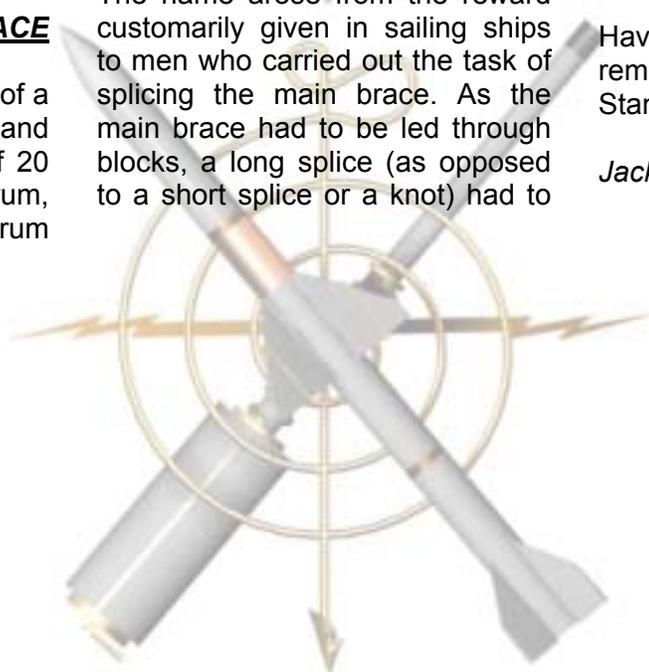
is mixed with water into grog for all ratings below the rank of Petty Officer. Ratings marked "T" in the ship's books may draw rum or grog or lemonade when the main brace is spliced; no money payment in lieu is allowable. The order to make this extra issue may be given only by the Sovereign (or a member of the Royal Family) or by the Admiralty. Splicing the main brace is the only occasion when officers may be issued with service rum.

The name arose from the reward customarily given in sailing ships to men who carried out the task of splicing the main brace. As the main brace had to be led through blocks, a long splice (as opposed to a short splice or a knot) had to

be made in it when repair was necessary, and the ship had to remain on the one tack until the job was completed. Thus the work had to be done at great speed and in whatever conditions prevailed at the time since the ship could not be steered effectively with a broken main brace. The ship's best Able Seamen normally were chosen to do the work under the supervision of the Boatswain. *HMS VICTORY's* main brace was of 5" hemp.

Have a fine Navy Day! And remember Dark Blue sets the Standard!

*Jack sends.....*



# News From THE NCR



## CFEWC

What is CFEWC? We are a tri-service unit, responsible for providing support to the CF in Electronic Warfare. To do that, we maintain the Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare DataBase (CFEWDB), provide deployable pers to support operations and threat analysis trials.

We hang our hats on the west side of Ottawa in Shirley's Bay. Co-located with organisations, such as the Defence Research Development Centre Ottawa, Communications Research Centre and the David Florida Labs of the Canadian Space

Agency. We are located in a park-like setting with parking available and weekly BBQ'S among other events.

This year, there has been many changes in personnel, starting with the posting of Cdr Thamer, who left us to wear the Red Hat of CO of Sea Training Atlantic. We have welcomed Cdr Jean who was promoted and posted from HMCS Iroquois.

PO2 Eric Demers, has achieved one of his life long ambition by becoming a 280 lady and relieving PO2 Saunders who has arrived at CFEWC and was initially mistaken as a member of a tour as he does not appear old enough to shave, let alone be a PO2.

PO2 Steve Gracey has finally seen the light and headed west to HMCS Regina. Steve had to be dragged from CFEWC kicking and screaming as he had become a piece of fitted equipment here. (Your euchre buddies miss you Steve).

Several more pieces of fitted equipment include CPO1 Moger, UCPO, PO1 Rob Gallant, SEI/SA Supervisor and PO1 Gary Reid, Para/Non Parametric QA Supervisor (who are you supervising Gary now that Steve is gone?)

MS AL Howlett, MS Larry Moses and MS Maurice (Moe) Beaudoin (just returned from 40+ degrees and lots of sand) are still here as well and are now members of the deployable EWOS section.

Congratulations to PO2 Featherstone on his promotion to PO2 in Jun 02, and now employed as a Non-Parametric Supervisor.

Also posted in is MS Steve Long from HMCS Vancouver.

CFEWC is always looking for dedicated personnel who are self-directed and wish to move into EW analysis. If you want to be posted to CFEWC, complete the EA 183- Math for SIGINT package and get your supervisor to ensure you are EA 279 qualified. Talk to your career manager and ensure he is aware of your wishes. We always prefer volunteers rather than voluntolds. Remember, no duty watches or other "Navy" stuff.

The following pictures were taken at CFEWC's annual CO's games, dubbed "OP Fit Crow", held at the Connaught Ranges Primary Training Centre and consisting of such Non-Naval tasks as a 3k relay, Obstacle course and a Tug-O-War. Of course a steak BBQ and libations followed.

So until next time keep the immortal words of Ralph Waldo Emerson in mind when he said " The wonder is always new that any sane man can be a sailor".

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*Gary doing what Gary does best...*



*"It's been so long since I sailed last, what do I do with this thing?"*



*CPO1 Moger hanging around...*



**NEWC OTTAWA** *(Techno Vally North)*

Hello everyone and greetings from NEWC. A lot has happened here since our last submission to the NEWSLETTER. We have greeted some new arrivals, said goodbye to some old friends. Well, I guess first things first, We said a fond farewell to MS Fred Gushue, who was promoted only a short time ago, as he left for a (hopefully) rewarding career in the public service. Also to leave was PO1 Derrick Moore, who also left us for a tenure with the public service. As was quoted by both " A thousand bucks a month for life, FANTASTIC".(isn't retirement wonderful) Our DCPO CPO2

John Henriksson left us for CFMWC as liason (they must have offered perks) and we welcomed with open arms CPO2 Terry Prowse into the billet, who we hear was just heartbroken to leave the career shop. We lost our resident tekkie-type MS Patricia Flynn, who went and became an Officer Cadet, (leave the Navy to go Air Force??? Who would have thought?!) We also welcomed some new faces into the fold with the addition of PO1 Terry Kennedy as our new OPSO, our new rookie hookie MS Jeff Douville, LS Lisa Schaefer, and LS Steve White.

The NEWC also saw some additions in the way of some civilian personnel. We welcomed Louis Caron as our new ECM engineer, and you guessed it, Mr. F. Gushue as our SEI/ Intercept Team Leader, and Mr. D. Moore as our Database Manager. Lockheed Martin also sent some people our way to assist us with the daily grind in the way of Mr. P. Morton (EX RN Chief EW, lots of fun to play with), and Mr. G. Ferland.

The NEWC intercept trophy is made and will be awarded shortly. There are actually two of them, the good

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one is crystal and will be kept here, and the one to the ship is acrylic, so that it's NESOP proof and you would have to really try hard to break it.

The NESOPS of NEWC challenged the NESOPS of CFEWC to a softball game. All had a good time, and no matter what they say we were not that bad!!!

Now for a little seriousness for just a second. We'd like to remind everybody that there are changes daily, check the website vigilantly and do not hesitate to contact us for questions and problems.

That's it for now.

Cheers and remember to keep yer stick on the ice.

... **PO2 Stark**

*MS Douville receives his much deserved promotion.*



*PO2 Ed Campbell (NEWC) and PO1 Gallant (CFEWC) share game stories.*

*PO2 Ed Campbell receives the winning trophy from LCdr Barrie Witts on behalf of NEWC...*  
☺



*OK, OK...the actual winners (CFEWC) get the trophy after a well-played game*



*NEWC and CFEWC NESOPS say cheese!.*

# Gunshield Graffiti



## Who's that NESOP?

While doing some house cleaning on the weekend, I found some of my old photos from Cornwallis etc. (Yes, they had cameras when I was in Cornwallis!!!). The attached photo was among them, it shows one of our colleagues as he was then/is now!! The photo was taken on the train trip for our Xmas leave in December 1968. I submit this for all of you to guess who it could be.

*...from CPO2 Al Wills*

## Who's that NESOP?

CPO1 Bob Ayotte as a young fella, conducts equipment trials on the first digital camera considered for intelligence gathering... ☺

OK...not really him, but it could be....



# "...System, Break Engagement..."

## *NESOP Retirements*

### *PO2 Brian McNichol (Retired)*

My career started in 20 Jul 1966 RCAF basic training St Jean Quebec course 6631 and ended in JOSIC Trinity on 25 May 2002 a total of 35 years, 10 months and 5 days. Unique experiences in the RCAF as follows:

- 6701 COM OP (Communications Operator) 1967 Radar & Communications School Clinton Ontario last course
- I worked in North Bay Ontario 1968 to 72 for 22<sup>nd</sup> NORAD Region at the Classified Comm Center, Federal Warning Center (The Defienbunker System), Base Comm Center, BOMARC CANDEFSAM Missile site (affectionately known as the match boxes) only Communicator to have worked at all four sites!
- 743 Comm Det Suffield 1972-74 DREA Suffield Alberta

Fortunately, I have opportunity, timing and position to achieve many firsts in my **Naval Career**.

- 1st Canews sea trials on board Algonquin 1982 she was SNFL ship.
- 1<sup>st</sup> SR Nesop toke HMCS Huron 1984-87 successfully through work ups CPO2 Enta Sea training Chief.
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> team to develop and populate CFEWD Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Data Base in 1989

/1990 in Ottawa today known as CFEWC with the NISS (NEWC) Cell as a sub unit of CFEWC

- As a LS EW 242 submitted heavy duty redress of grievance about mistreatment concerning posting entitlements/HHT entitlements from West to East Coast posting. This resulted in some measure, to produce some present day entitlements for postings/HHTs and food tickets purchased from the Duty Coxn.
- Fish wars with the Spanish off of Flemish Cap, with the help of a MS Int III developed the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 plus column DBASE IV database for the NESOP operator. This information contributed to a successful mission.
- Helped develop the 1<sup>st</sup> manual input (Various Source Database) to prove theory of an all source **Fusion Intelligence Centre** project successful. JOSIC Trinity organization developed from that project.
- Fusion concept also allowed our trade to place two LS Nesops with the SSE boys in the back room (original paperwork asked for at least a minimum of four. (What happened to our other two billets?))
- I suggested that the Osborne Head Gunnery Range be used as a comprehensive test and trials centre, at the time the Crown was going to sell it to the highest bidder. The range has been turned into a comprehensive trials and test

centre. In fact Valcartier wants to up the grade the place into a state of the art NATO TEST RANGE for various interesting things.

- 1<sup>st</sup> SR Nesop to be a buffer at HMCS Scotian and Project Manager for a complete Communications 5 upgrade completed on time and within budget. HMCS Scotian was prepared for her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary 26 Apr 1997.
- 1<sup>st</sup> SR Nesop to design, populate, and develop the Maritime Threat Missile Page used daily by CAN/US, Allies and other authorized government agencies. Argued with all powers to be up and down the line there should be **One** PO1/PO2 with **Two** MS/LS billets to develop the Missile Web Site properly! Total = 3 People
- After a hard, well-fought career which I received the pre-requisite amount of scars from battles won and some lost, I retired the Senior (**Head Dog**) PO1 in the Canadian Navy.

One real life incident aboard my first ship HMCS Kootenay, my PO2 was critically sick and needed medical help from a doctor. Location off of Hawaiian

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## **“... System Break Engagement (NESOP Retirements)**

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Islands major RIMPAC exercise in middle seventies well over 45 ships, with every one of them radiating. Commercial Air traffic, with Blue and Orange Force Military Aircraft attacking each other (Free Play portion of exercise in other words at War). My old WLR1C scan trace was light up like the 401 Highway in Toronto on a dark summers night. CO gave me a direct order to find our supply ship AOR Protecteur by ESM bearing because comms were no good and we did not know her disposition in the force. She was

at least 55 NM from our present position. I steered Kootenay in the right direction through intense effort, 10 lbs lighter from excessive sweat. We came along side Protecteur four hours later, transferred the PO2 who lived to see an other day at sea.

Maxine and myself our enjoying our spare time doing those things that interest us and organizing our schedule around ourselves which is a real treat for a change. I am involved in a couple of business ventures that are at the developing stages at the moment, that keep me constructively occupied. I have also

joined the Corps of Commissionaires on a part time basis which adds a few extra coins in the pocket. All in all, life is good now and the future will be even better. A very sincere thank you to all of you who made the effort to attend my retirement, and turned the whole event into a very warm and special memory for both myself and Maxine. Fair Winds and following seas to all my friends and associates still in the mob. I wish you all that is best in life and the wisdom to enjoy it.

### ***PO1 Clifford (Rosie) Rose***

*A recent message released from CFFS Esquimalt....*

SUBJ: RETIREMENT - PO1 CLIFFORD (ROSIE) ROSE, NESOP 276

1. PO1 ROSE WILL RETIRE FROM THE CF IN OCT OF THIS YEAR AFTER GIVING OVER 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED, COMMENDABLE SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY
2. CLIFF AND GWEN INTEND TO DROP ANCHOR IN VICTORIA TO BE NEAR HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND HIS RECENTLY STOCKED TROUT POND
3. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME AT THE FAREWELL FUNCTION TO HONOUR ROSIE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CHIEFS AND PETTY OFFICERS MESS, CFB ESQUIMALT, ON THURSDAY 24 OCT 02 AT 11:30 IN THE RAINBOW LOUNGE
4. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, ANECDOTES, OR SALTY DIPS SHOULD BE SENT TO CFFSE BLACKROCK, ATTN: CPO2 PAUL WHITE, TEL: AVN 255-363-4834, FAX: 363-5820, DND EMAIL: WHITE CPO2 PJ@CFFS@ESQUIMALT



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We're back on track, notwithstanding future events like hurricanes, lightning strikes and blown disks.

The rest is up to you all. Another issue may be released just before Christmas IF enough interest and articles are forwarded. If not, we're probably looking at spring.

I was speaking with a certain PO2 NESOP the other day while in Halifax. I can't remember how the topic came up, but one of his statements was something to the effect that the NESOP Newsletter wasn't the "be-all-end-all". Although I was a little perplexed of what that had to do with homing missiles, I couldn't agree more I suppose with the thought. What the Newsletter is though is an excellent medium for us all to share our information, stories, thoughts and camaraderie. While looking for a particular graphic for this issue, I was browsing past issues to see if I could find it. I did. What else I found was actually more important. I found myself re-reading through over five years of NESOP history, including all of the pictures, events, and changes that go with it, from NESOPs currently serving, those since retired and those who soon will be. Pretty

neat concept really...

I'll be forwarding in the next couple of weeks, a CDROM to each of the area POC's containing all past issues (.doc and .pdf formats), graphics, the screensaver etc. If any of you would like a copy, see them (you'll have to burn it yourselves though).

Please note the changes to the area POC's to the left for forwarding articles. Some units expressed a wish for better email addresses while at sea. Unfortunately, we all know how many times the internal addresses can change. If you wish, you can certainly forward to the rogers.com address (internet) below my name in the left panel. The other option is to use the forces.gc.ca addresses. That way, email can be forwarded from within the DIN or home.

Everyone take care.

As always...**"May your intercepts be identified and all your salvos (god I want to say broadsides soooo bad) be secondary".**

CPO2 Terry Prowse  
*Editor-in-Chief*

(...get it?...chie..never mind)