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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

It was decided after the release of issue 11 that this front page should report on something of significance to our members. This could be individuals or teams doing something extraordinary, or an item of special importance to NESOPs in general.

Everyone should agree that the heading for this column falls into that category.

Many watches have passed since specialist pay for NESOPs was first discussed. Saint Barbara knows that it's been a hot topic right in these very pages. I'll leave it to you to peruse past issues and columns within for details if you'd like them.

For those of you who have not seen the recent MARGEN (yea sure), here's the text:

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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT TO SPECIALIST LEVEL ONE PAY GROUP - NESOP AND TASOP

1. THIS MARGEN ANNOUNCES AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE NESOP AND TASOP OCCUPATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THESE OCCUPATIONS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIALIST LEVEL ONE PAY GROUP

2. THE EVENTS THAT LED TO THIS CHANGE BEGAN WITH AN INITIATIVE TO SEEK SPECIALIST PAY FOR PO1 SWC/ASW DIRECTORS. THE DIRECTORATE OF PAY POLICY DEVELOPMENT (DPPD) WAS ASKED TO CONDUCT THE PAY REVIEW

3. DPPD CARRIED OUT A DETAILED STUDY OF THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY JOBS FUNCTIONS THESE OCCUPATIONS PERFORM, RANK BY RANK, ONBOARD SHIP AND ASHORE. A PAY REVIEW BOARD

Le **BULLETIN OP (DEN)** est publié par les OP DEN de la Marine canadienne et à leur intention. Son but : aider les militaires à connaître l'actualité en ce qui concerne le milieu des OP DEN, en complétant l'information qui provient des sources officielles, et offrir une tribune où les unités peuvent mettre en commun les sujets dignes d'intérêt. Ce bulletin ne vaut qu'en fonction des militaires qu'il appuie, car ce sont eux qui en fournissent le contenu ...

Les vues exprimées dans le présent bulletin ne correspondent pas nécessairement à l'opinion ou à la politique officielles.

... Le directeur

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CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM DPPD, TREASURY BOARD AND AN HONEST BROKER FROM A NON NAVY MOC USED A POINT SYSTEM TO EVALUATE THE WORK OF THE TWO OCCUPATIONS. D MAR PERS (MOC MANAGERS) WERE IN ATTENDANCE TO CLARIFY ANY POINTS THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD WITH THE PREDOMINANT JOB DESCRIPTIONS. AFTERWARD THE SCORES WERE TOTALLED AND COMPARED TO THE NUMERICAL GATES FOR STD, LEVEL ONE AND LEVEL TWO

PAY. THE STUDY REVEALED THAT THE WORK DONE BY NOT ONLY THE DIRECTORS BUT BY ALL SUBSTANTIVE LS AND ABOVE OF THE NESOP AND TASOP MOCS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIALIST PAY LEVEL ONE EFFECTIVE 01 APRIL 2001
4. BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THIS REVIEW, THE NAVY HAS REQUESTED A PAY REVIEW FOR THE NCIOP AND NAVCOMM OCCUPATIONS. THIS REVIEW IS NOT YET COMPLETE AND THE NAVY IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT ALL OUR MOCS

RECEIVE FAIR COMPENSATION AND RECOGNITION. ONCE THE RESULTS ARE KNOWN, THE FINDINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MESSAGE

Well done and thanks to the members who did the work to ensure this was accomplished.

Very well done to you all, for accomplishing the tasks in the first place to be recognized. You deserve it.

Oh, to be a Leading Seaman collecting back pay... ☺

...CPO2 Prowse



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

My apologies for not submitting a news article in the last paper. The TASOP MOC Adv (CPO1 Vrooman) and I were moose hunting in northern British Columbia (no excuse). I was successful and I got a bull. OK well maybe CPO1 Vrooman shot it and I have still not heard the end of it.

As the MARPAC NESOP MOC Advisor the past year has been both challenging and rewarding. I would like to thank my predecessor CPO1 Paul Helston (big shoes to fill) for all the hard work he has done over the last couple of years, especially moving the yard arm forward WRT specialist pay (your legacy Paul). A

few of the projects that I have been working on as the MOC Advisor /Snr Instructor BLACK ROCK;

a. NESOP QL5 training, CFNOS is conducting the NESOP QL5

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on the west coast until the 20 Dec 02 and then proceeding to Halifax for the equipment phase. This was made possible with a great deal of cooperation between formations and the schools. I would like to thank CPO2 Wayne Tansley for all his hard work, time and effort, without which I could not have made this happen,

b. Sea Search system to BLACK ROCK, the system should be in place APS 03. Special thanks to CPO2 Morgan for all the hard work on the project;

c. SOESS project is slowly progressing; hopefully it will be at the rock 2003,

d. CIWS 1B BLACKROCK, Raytheon Canada was down last week completing a site survey. However no formal discussion has been made where the 1B is going to be installed; and

e. Canews Antenna's at BLACK ROCK. Currently they are located inside the bldg, the plans are to have the antennas moved to the roof. The CE work request has been submitted. Hopefully this work will be completed by fall 03. This will definitely benefit the new rackets that are coming into the fleet.

The NESOP MOC Manager and career managers brief will occur Monday 13 Jan 03 at the Chief & Petty Officers mess starting at 1300. All NESOPs are requested to be seated by 1245. There are a few positions coming available in the Nations Capital at CFEWC and NEWC for LS & MS. Interested personnel are to submit their names thru the Divisional system and ensure you discuss this during your CM interview. The NESOP trade is currently 1% over PML. We have trained approx 30 NESOPs into the fleet and have another 11 in the hopper starting in Jan 03, things are looking up. The trade is starting to get healthy. There has been a lot of movement

this year on the west coast I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following PERS on their promotions;

MS Churchill, MS Searle, MS Dangrade, MS Krezek, MS Falconer, MS Raymond, MS Macmillan, PO2 Blore, PO2 Long, PO2 Olejnik, PO2 Baker and PO2 Featherstone. PO1 Brydon, PO1 Gildart, CPO2 Percival and CPO2 Reid.

Congratulations to LS Rempel on his successful completion the Operational Signal Analysis Course in Letrim (Ottawa, ON), this is an extremely demanding course. Rempel don't even think of remustering to be a 291er!

Hope to see everyone at the NESOP Xmas party on the 12 Dec 02 at the Chief and Petty Officers Mess commencing at noon. To the NESOPs on Winnipeg we will have glass of moose milk for you. HMCS Winnipeg, fair winds and following seas and have a safe trip. I want to wish everyone and safe and happy holiday season and a happy new year.



News from "The Rock" AWWTC CAYUGA

Season's Greetings from the Rock.

It has been a busy year for all of us here. We currently have 2 QL-3 courses in house. Coming soon to a back watch near you are:

QL-3 0203, under the direction of PO2 Langford, PO2 Olejnik and MS Duhamel has 3 students. OS Gougeon, OS Leblanc and OS Richard. They are currently conducting their equipment phase in

Halifax.

QL-3 0204, being guided by PO2 Macfarlane, PO2 Gaylor and MS Barker consists of 9 students. OS Dawson, OS Everitt, OS Gerbrandt, OS McDonald, OS Mcneil, OS Sheppard, OS Simpson, OS Watton and OS Zimmermann

As a quality of life initiative, QL-5 0203's academics phase is being conducted out here on the best

coast. LS Kroetsch (ALG), LS Esquivel (IRO), LS Lefort (OTT), LS Rodgers (OTT), LS Stickley (OTT), LS Verge (VAN), LS Payne (VAN), LS Schultz (WIN)

Black Rock currently has 11 PAT's.

MS Lange is heading to Halifax for his QL-6A course, Best of luck.

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PO1 Tompkins CPO2 White are heading up operations at the school.

PO1 Brydon has been promoted upon successful completion of his 6A

course and is posted to HMCS Regina. PO2 Penner has started his QL-6B course in Halifax. Good luck and good hunting. PO2 Robbins has been posted to HMCS Regina

That is the latest from Black Rock

...Specialist Macfarlane sends



QL3 Serial 0203



QL3 Serial 0204



CFFS Equimalt - Warfare Training Division (WTD - The Little Division That Can...)



I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce WTD NESOP Staff, myself and also to do a wee bit of advertising and of course I'll be brief.

Since my arrival from SEATRANPAC in April 02, the division has been extremely busy. We have conducted HMCS IROQUOIS OTT and Weapon Certification. HMCS PROTECTEUR, BRANDON and SASKATOON's Weapon Certification.

Author's note: PO1 "Joystick" Weaver, PO1 "Down-rigger" Thompson, PO1 "Jump-Suit" Labelle, CPO2 "Wow this would be awesome on the back of my truck to bag a moose" White and myself CPO2 "Open All Keys" Hart are now bona

fide 40mm Weapons Directors. Who says we don't deserve Spec 2 pay?

HMCS ATAHBASKAN's Weapon Certification is also scheduled for early 2003. DELTA 280-conversion training is an ongoing part of our mandate.

A limited edition boxed set of 280 Class Reference Library CDs was produced (yes we did follow the CF & CMS SEC & I.T. policies and guidelines). Generally the CDs are used to introduce, convert (some would infer; pervert) and train those posted from a FFG in the nuances of the CCS 280. This was a major undertaking, well done to the team! The staff supported NCOT West's FA and SA trials and also

participated in the official opening ceremonies held in mid November (hmmmm, my invite was dated November 1996)

MS Tucker met G Ws daughters, (you know, "... the moron...") in Texas.

"...honest Chief, I studied really hard every night for the SRD 504 course..."

Author's note: in no way do I endorse the views of the PMOs former Communications Director (I bet she got Spec Pay)

PO1 Bristow who just arrived from HMCS VANCOUVER is busily drafting re-vamped proposals for 280

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CFFS Esquimalt - Warfare Training Division

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Class Conversion QSPs that also include NCIOP and TASOP training. "...in line on for range, 6 rapid salvos..."

WTD NESOP Staff:

CPO2 "Open all Keys" Hart

PO1 "Joystick" Weaver

Author's note: PO1 Weaver's Nato Nickname amended from "Teflon Don" with CMS approval and IAW MARCORD 46-3 (Bob Neish... letter to follow)

PO1 "Billy Two Missiles" Bristow

Another Author's note: I call him "William Tell Misses" in keeping with 280 Class mandate, it drives him nutz, but Bob Neish wouldn't go for that amend proposal. What does

DMPOR know anyway.

PO1 "Who needs Confederation" Kelly

PO2 "Tim Bits" Kenny

PO2 "Tree Hugger" Bond

MS "Lone Star" Tucker

PO1 "Down-rigger" Thompson (posted to HMCS VANCOUVER)

PO1 "Sirocco" Chapman (posted to SPL)

PO2 "Rubber-Freq" Evans (posted to HMCS VANCOUVER)

Author's disclaimer: There are NCIOP's, NAVCOMM's and TASOP's who are part of the staff and very major contributors but they have their own Newsletter ;-)

There you have it, a brief introduction. I'm sure I have forgotten

something or someone, if I have I apologize.

Well done to all and thank you for the support from all agencies. A more detailed update to follow in the New Year, which will include pictures of the staff cutting someone's grass, poaching Salmon and BBQ-ing in T-shirts all February...

On behalf of the staff at WTD; Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a happy New Year to all and yours.

...David Hart

CPO2

CFFS Esquimalt

Warfare Training Division

<http://esquimalt.mil.ca/cffs/WTD/introduction.htm>



HMCS ALGONQUIN

It's been a long year for the NESOP's of HMCS Algonquin but we're finally winding down and anticipating the New Year. To start off, the trip home from Hawaii was interesting to say the least. LS Smith lost enough weight to fit into his CF's and he is eternally grateful. Also, the crew had the chance to relieve some stress by throwing water balloons at the Officers and Chiefs and I must say that not a hair on Lt Bonnar was left dry. In addition we basically did work-ups for a day and a half while we showed the Tiger Cruise guests what life at sea is like. For the record, it was an honour. During the trip, the gym was constantly full until the last few weeks until home. Mysteriously, even regulars started disappearing. Then, the last week, for some reason everyone was taken over by an adrenaline rush and once again the music was blaring in time to the grunting of desperate people trying to lose 2 more pounds before the ship came in.

October 14th was a bit of a jumble; everyone was nervous and excited as the ship pulled in to Esquimalt. Of course, we we're delayed by a cargo ship that was pulling out of the harbour at the same time. Few of us wasted no time packing everything we owned and leaving the ship without even a backward glance. Unfortunately, during a month of post-deployment leave, a lot of us experienced trouble leaving behind the traits we had picked up during the deployment. For instance, haggling. We keep getting those constant urges from our subconscious to offer no more than a quarter of the original price. Some of us even went to Walmart just to pretend we were looking at cheap souvenirs so we wouldn't go completely insane.

AB Valera is proud of his new purchase. He recently bought a jeep so he could drive home to Winnipeg. Unfortunately, after an emergency break-away at a gas station and driving through a rain of rocks, the jeep is no longer in the same condition as it was when he bought it.

One thing we encountered a lot when we told people where we had been was, of course, stupid questions. As a "veteran" of war it's hard to convince people that NO, we did not kill anyone and NO, none of my friends were killed, and NO I did not know Pte Ryan. However, especially for those of us who had never been on a Gulf trip before, I think the worst thing we experienced was the realization of how much you actually miss the ship. For example, sleeping: the sound of the machinery, the waves hitting the hull, the snoring, the farting, the loud TV and the constant light going on and off. You would lie there on the very edge of your queen-sized bed and try to roll yourself back and forth just so you could at least get comfortable. How ironic is it that? For half a year you were sleeping in little more than a cubbyhole with a curtain, wishing for at least enough room to stretch out your legs. Then, when you finally get home,

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to a nice comfortable bed, you can't sleep. Along with all that, when you finally do get some sleep, all you can dream about is killing the "Philippinos Monkey".

We don't know about anyone else but we're still wondering about all that "chicken" we stored in Dubai... did you ever see a chicken there? Lots of camels though.

Well, on to the more important stuff. Oh my god.... If it was ever possible, and did we ever doubt that it may ever happen... LS Falconer now holds the title of Master Seaman. There is a god. MS Simoneau, on the boat, off the boat, on the boat, now posted to SPL; you'll be back (Queue evil laughter). Last but not least we must congratulate AB Madgin on the birth of his son Alexandre. He weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces, which is approximately 2 pounds 4 ounces more than Madgin currently weighs.

...OS McIntosh for the NESOP's of HMCS ALGONQUIN



HMCS CALGARY

To all our NESOPs home and abroad,

It has been a very hectic schedule for us all in the past few months, and on that note I would like to extend a very heartfelt Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to those Nesop's who cannot be with their families and friends during this Christmas season.

We like all ships have a few changes in the works or have already instituted these changes.

Personnel posted aboard

are as follows: PO1 Mike Gildart, MS Nicole MacInnes, LS Amy Verge upon the successful completion of her 5's, and OS Leblanc upon successful completion of his 3's. There have been no personnel posted out.

This is pretty much the just of the Nesop department onboard Calgary. As I stated above we within the Nesop department onboard Calgary wish all the best to our comrades aboard all HMCS ships deployed and alongside during the Christmas season.

...LS Halliday
HMCS Calgary



HMCS PROTECTEUR

Well it's been nearly a year since I wore my NESOP hat since becoming Coxswain for what has become affectingly known by some as the "Battle Tanker". Admiral Kelly who was in charge of CTF 50 at the time gave the term to the ship. Canadian Tankers unlike its counter parts are considered force multipliers because we will do a variety of tasks other than provide liquid and solid RASs. This encompasses a number of things ranging from boardings, SSSC with 2 HELAIRDETs, carrying Barracuda and a decent C3 suite not the least of which is Sea

Search. Personally I have kept myself at arms length from the NESOP side of things, as they don't need me leaning over their shoulder. They are doing a good job and besides with 300 people onboard there are enough things to keep a Coxswain busy. You know long deployment, imposed 2359 curfews, Force Protection and a two drink limit, well you get the picture! Having said that it has been along time since a West Coast AOR has seen its billets filled. This is directly attributable to Sea Search and its added capabilities it provides to the ship and the TG as a whole. The four LS whether they know it or not have been a great asset to the ship. Their contribution brings me back to the days when I was a 242 EW Op in Four Squadron manning the WLR-1C. Yes I can hear Al Wills and company moaning in the background but hear me out. In those days there was only four EW Ops led by a PO2 EWD (read Boom Boom Biccume and Blinky Mike Myers). Your bread and butter was EW and the long middle watches when you had nothing but time on your hands but to collect ELINT and record it to the ever reliable Honeywell recorder. The work was certainly not as glamorous as gunnery but very important. No less important than what the Sea Search Operator does now a days in contributing valuable information to those ashore. While they rarely see an immediate return for their efforts what they do is no less important than any other task performed by a NESOP. In most instances more important than others. These four NESOPs are out of their normal career main stream and hopefully they will soon see a STIR again, so what they do should not be underestimated. Don't read into that as I don't have a crystal ball and will leave that to the MOC Advisor and Career Manager to sort out. So for those who may see themselves on an AOR someday

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enjoy the change of pace and remember your important role both collecting and providing some level of early warning to the rest of us in the ship. So now as Protecteur is heading east and is in the last few weeks of her Op Apollo deployment I wish the best of the season to everyone and see you in 03.

...CPO1 Paul Helston
Coxn HMCS PROTECTEUR



HMCS OTTAWA

Since the last Newsletter, OTTAWA returned from OP APOLLO in mid August and enjoyed some much deserved time off to spend with family and friends, which helped rid us of sea madness. We have all now stopped waking up in the middle of the night sweating and yelling, "Beavers and Boarding's!" We now find ourselves back hard at work, and at sea with back-to-back ORO Course, TGEX 2 -02 and consort for HMCS REGINA'S WUPS. We were all standing tall in November to receive our shiny new SWAS Medals for our contribution in OP APOLLO.

PO1 Todd "Colonel Klink?" Green is a little less "green" this fall after completing his first operational tour as an AWWD.

PO2 Sylvain Jaquemot left us in November headed for Halifax to challenge his skills on the QL-6B course. Good Luck PO, don't worry all foreign port pictures have been jettisoned in 300 fathoms of water, either that or on every computer background in OP's. Boots hasn't been the same since Penang.

PO2 Rick Manuel was welcomed home by his newborn son Connor Thomas. Congrats and the resemblance is remarkable...must be the whole no hair thing.

Sadly we are losing MS Lloyd "Boots" Boutillier to a shore posting at MOC in January. We'll all miss the "to do" advice in foreign ports, but will feel safer without it. Good luck Boots.

MS Johanne Dandrade is off on his JLC in January...maybe they'll teach him the proper missile whistle techniques too. (It works better without tape over the end) Good luck Dandyman.

LS Nathalie Scalabrini (aka Scararelli, Scalapini, Scalpbini) has been forging ahead becoming one of our on board Sea Search SME. We are all thankful your hair grew back after a self-organized charity benefit on board, promise that it won't happen again.

Congratulations to MS Brian "Bull Dog" MacMillan promoted to MS effective 01 December 02. His hard work in drafting an OTT Sea Search SOP lead to a written BZ from the Combat Division Commander at CFFS (E) setting the standard for the Fleet and was incorporated into the QL-3 QSP. The Sea Search Ruffian will be missed standing behind our shoulders while he attends his JLC in January...ok, not really but good luck anyway.

LS Marie Malbranck is eagerly awaiting the start of her QL-5 course in January. Good luck Marie!

LS Lisa Lefort, LS Johnny "Richard Simmons" Rodgers, and LS Troy "The Animal" Stickley are currently all hard at work on their QL-5 course, eating lots of donairs and washing them down with plenty of beers.

LS "Randy" Randall Sulyma has almost completed his QL-4 package and expecting to write his Fleet Exam in the near future. Good luck Suly. Also congrats on your Canadian Forces Decoration. We've all enjoyed watching his wide-eyed transformation into "Suly-mode", not even guardrails are safe from his wrath.

AB Mike Comboye is heading to Halifax in January for his QL-5 course, best of luck.

OS Vince "Carnie" Matt is hard at work on his QL-4 package, getting organs removed and riding his new shiny motorcycle. Keep that helmet on Carnie.

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The Last year has been a busy one for Ottawa's Above Water team. Many changes are expected within the next few months, which may see everyone, go in different directions as members progress with their careers. Each member of OTTAWA's AAW that deployed on OP APOLLO ROTO 1 can take pride in the fact that their hard work and high standard of personal work ethic enabled the team to provide the highest quality ELINT collection the Canadian Navy has seen in recent years. Well done to all.

*... AB M. Comboye
HMCS OTTAWA*



HMCS VANCOUVER

Hello everyone from the NESOPs on HMCS Vancouver.

Well, the fall has been a pretty busy time for the section with lots of people coming and going. We said goodbye to PO1 Bill Bristow, PO2 Sean Kenny and PO2 Keith MacFarlane as well as our AWWO. We also have said farewell, but not goodbye to LS Darren Payne and LS Amy Verge, who are attending their QL-5, as well as LS Justin Raymond who is finishing up his JLC.

We have a few new faces as well. OS Matt Robinson has joined us from HMCS Winnipeg, and is working on his QL-4. We also have OS Zach Stopa, who is fresh off his QL-3 and wants everyone know that he's proud to be a NESOP. PO2 Steve Gracey and PO2 Colin Evans have now joined the section as well as our new fearless leader, PO1 Lonnie Thompson.

The rest of our section has remained the same. MS Larose is presently ashore but will undoubtedly be back to the mighty Vancouver. We also have AB Steve Fortin who is preparing for an eventual QL-5 course, LS Darryl Barrett who will be starting his QL-5 in January and continues to push high morale in the section, and myself, the ever-serious LS Michael Mahoney.

Vancouver has had a fast paced fall program with EW trials, an FNO course, an ORO course, a TGEX and a million day sails (well actually 6). We spent a few weekends in Vancouver and guided the hundreds of guests through day sails and alongside tours. We are looking forward to the work period Vancouver has entered and the time to get back into our family lives, as we recharge for an upbeat spring program.

Well, till the next newsletter, best wishes for the holiday season.

...LS Michael Mahoney



HMCS WINNIPEG

Greetings fellow gunners and EW gods from HMCS Winnipeg! We are currently patrolling in the Arabian Sea in pursuit of the ultimate catch. Nothing too exciting going on out here for now, but the transit here was quite interesting. Hawaii was our first stop, then exciting Guam where LS Savoie learned how to shoot an AK-47 with his ol' buddy J.D. Next stop was Hong Kong, nice city but no real news. And finally, our last port which was 36 days ago, Thailand. I learned how to frog splash off the top rope of a kickboxing ring and PO James did a little

fishing (emphasis on little). There are many more stories to be told but unfortunately due to censorship rules we are unable to disclose those stories for now. For all those that are interested contact PO2 Baker for video/pictures. One thing is for certain, we're probably the last ship to be there for quite a while.

Operations wise, we've been filling the time with gun shoots, CIWS PAC's, Chaff firings and RAMSES' trials (and I thought this was an operational deployment??!!). But hey we did get to try and blow the crap out of a small go fast (speed boat) for you land lubbers. Boarding's are way down this year so we've done some TASOP LIO work, which was riveting, YAWN. All in all, not too much going on out of the ordinary.

As for personnel, our new AWWO, LT(N) Noseworthy, is fitting in nicely now that PO1 Living has informed him what "I am calling you in the red" means. We have also learned to listen as fast as he talks, we can actually figure out what he is saying... We never realized some Newfies were born stuck in fast-forward... Our new SWC, PO1 Peter Living, has been exercising his right to dance on the flight deck while wearing something that resembles a Hawaiian shirt. He takes daily pleasure in updating his PowerPoint graph of the trip, will sneak you a copy to see what I mean. However he has been a little down ever since his request to go to the Abe Lincoln to see Wayne Newton got shot down. PO2 Pippy is grumpy as always and is looking forward to a 6B course next year (don't tell him it is

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supposed to be a secret). PO2 James is continuing to do what he can to avoid a 6B course, meanwhile spreading his new-found cheer to the section (can someone say body snatchers, I thing the PO1 is putting something in his coffee). MS Baker was promoted to PO2 and is already donning his superman cape to right all wrongs, protect the week and innocent, pushing the need for change...(The PO1 has ordered a leash through stores, hope it gets here soon). On top of that he is enjoying his review of the new and improved Marti 4600. Not to mention slipping into the SWC's seat every time he sees PO1 Living leave it. MS Miller had been busy keeping PO2 Pippy awake on watch, and for those of you know know PO2 Pippy that is a "BIG" job. He has also undertaken the task of training the AWWO on how the gun actually works. According to PO2 Pippy if you poke Morgan in the ribs just right, he giggles like Elmo. LS Vanderlee is busy playing GI Joe with the boarding party. LS Savoie is staying layed back and enjoying himself, longing for hugs and kisses from anyone. LS Lalonde and LS Weatherell are enjoying becoming Int. camera specialist (if they would only remember to charge the batteries!). LS Lynch is our resident molly, he lost his glasses a month into the trip and is as blind as a bat. The good news is if his new ones do not get here soon the CO had promised to buy him a new pair with his own money. I have been promoted to AB. I would like to thank all those who helped me along my long and arduous journey. Especially MS oops PO2 Baker (there is another beer) for showing me what compulsive gambling is all about while stealing his junior bodies' money in the NFL Football Pool. Last but not least is OS Pollard who keeps us on our toes while plugging away at his 4's. In closing, we're having as good as a time that can be had out here, with any luck Christmas and New Years' will bring some cheer. Have a great holiday season. Happy Spec Pay!!!!

PS. As this will be most of sailors in WINNIPEGs first Christmas at sea all the appropriate questions are starting to arise:

1. How will Santa find us at Sea?
2. Does he have mode IV IFF so we will not shoot him down?
3. Is Rudolf's nose IR only, or does it have an active mode?
4. Do we have to go to flying stations for his sleigh?
5. Will the fat bastard make it down the funnel without being burnt to a crisp? HMMMMMMMMMMMM did we remember to leave the PDE enclosure open?
6. Did Santa shave off his beard in case of NBC attack?
7. Will setting up a CHRISTMAS tree in the mess decks put too much load on the DGs?
8. Can we use real trees or will they be a fire hazard?
9. Where the Hell do we get real trees?
10. Do we have to go to boarding stations and inspect Santa's reindeer and sleigh before they come onboard? (poor reindeer, we have been at sea for a long time!!!).
11. Do we have to go to cleaning and painting stations a week ahead to make sure we are all sparkly for Santa's arrival?
12. and last but not least, does Santa have our back pay in his bag?

*Cheers from WINNIPEG.
Nerabuffalus
...AB Berezuk*

**OS Berezuk reclassified to AB
effective 12 Oct 02**



**MS Justin Baker promoted to MS
effective 1 Dec 02**



East Coast Advisor Report

by CPO1 Ken Fisher
MARLANT MOC Advisor

Well here we are, time for yet another NESOP NEWSLETTER. Since the last edition the biggest news is the preparation for Fleet Week and the work being done on compiling the upcoming equipment, its location and operators. This includes the SRD 504, CWIS Block 1B, Sea search, AHWCS and TRS.

I want to start by once again thanking all the people who put time and effort (3 years ago) into compiling the equipment/jobs/tasking/training lists. The OA team used these comprehensive lists to assist in the creation of an in-depth questionnaire. The results of the questionnaire have directly affected our trade with direction for the future and better compensation (Spec Pay). It is true that you can make a difference and all of us working together, regardless of rank, can see the trade healthy, wealthy and wise in the future. (OK 2 out of 3 ain't bad).

The St. John's has safely returned to Slackers and the Fredericton is preparing to depart. Well done to St. John's for its deployment and to Fredericton for the hard work in prep of departing. It is amazing how much work leads up to a deployment. Once posted ashore we tend to forget.

I had the opportunity to meet with the West Coast MOC Advisor on the 12 – 15 Nov while in Ottawa. We exchanged views on many things and initiated the OCC Spec upgrade of the MOC Security Level to Level 3 SA for the QL5 course. This will permit us to retain the security level throughout the remainder of our career, saving time and money. We also talked about incorporating the EA 183 math package in the QL5 course so to allow NESOPs to prepare for the EA 179 math package and the OSA course required for the mission fit TRS and postings to TRINITY/NEWC/CFEWC. We also talked with the Comm Rsch community about the installation, operation and training requirements of the SRD 504. Apparently the Comm Rsch community has been told the SRD 504 will be installed in the new SKIF (formerly the CPF EMR), and that 291ers will operate it and receive 2 billets. In our discussions with the Comm Rsch we concluded the meeting by agreeing to return to our respective communities and seek out more information on the subject and meet again in the New Year.

Last year was a heavy promotion year and we are expecting the numbers to slow a bit this year. Last year saw 12 new MS, 11 new PO2, and 3 new PO1s. The NESOP trade as a whole is 1 CPO1 over as we are entitled to a total of 7 under the fair share rulings. MARLANT (HPDE) is presently 5 CPO2s over PML. Avenues are being investigated to try to address this MARLANT overage.

PO1 Steve Murphy is organizing a NESOP Mess Dinner, and it is hoped that this will become an annual event. Any personnel interested in assisting should contact PO Murphy directly.

I have been trying to get information to as many people as possible. If you have an email address on the DIN (Outlook/Groupwise) please send one to me so I can include your address on the mailing list. If you are finding out about these updates through this newsletter then call me at 5741 or email me and I will try to rectify the problem.

The old NESOP *Intranet* Web Site that was successfully maintained by Jamie Collins and Dave MacNevin will soon be resurrected. Those great guys and girls in NEWC will maintain it. All items of interest will be posted there, including of course our Newsletter.

The NESOP recruiting monogram used by CFRCs is being revamped to reflect a more positive and updated presentation of the NESOP trade.

To those deployed, a safe Christmas and speedy return. To all others, a safe and Merry Christmas.



CFNOS Halifax AWW

Greetings all fellow NESOPs from all of us NESOPs here at CFNOS. It has been busy as usual here at the school even after the "MEGA" phase has ended and the dust cleared from the month long phase.

On the 23rd of October the new QL-6B AWW 0301 course started up. This course consists of one of our staff; PO2 Gordie Carmicheal. Also on the course are PO2 Penner, PO2 Jaquend, PO2 Costello, LT(N) Gillis, and LT(N) Belhumeur. Best of luck with the course gents.

Staff wise at the school we have back in the fold PO2 Tommy "Now a SWC" Smith although he promptly went on leave after passing the mega phase to unwind for a while. He is expected back to the fleet

soon.

LCDR Ellis is now doing his part on the war on terrorism in Tampa until May in between rounds of golf and walking the surf. Lt(N) Davis is assuming his duties in between paying MS Garnett a Coke every Monday morning, as his football team is very bad this year. MS Murray recently attended and passed a Sea Search course taught by PO2 Arseneau and PO2 McNamara.

MS Hillier is still on the west coast teaching the QL-5 0203 course. He has been there for a month now and the staff meetings here at the school as well as the EOB office here have been eerily quiet. Hope he isn't driving you guys at Blackrock too crazy. He comes back to us in

November and PO2 "Chico" Arseneau begins teaching the QL-5's on November 4th for the month. PO2 Darrel Morton has the QL-5's in December and then after the XMAS break QL-5 0203 will be here at CFNOS.

We have been involved with refresher training in October as HMCS Toronto came to the school for SRD-502, AREPS, and PTA refresher training. HMCS Athabaskan came in October as well for voice procedure training.

That is all the news from here at CFNOS. From all of us here we hope that all NESOPs and their families have a Happy Holidays!!

... MS Jonathan Garnett



TSUNAMI Strikes Victoria

JUST KIDDING. Now that I have your attention I would like to share a very unique experience that like a TSUNAMI; happens to British Columbia once in the history of time. That is of course the first Nesop QL5 course to be taught in Esquimalt. This situation came to pass after many of the West coast ships were sent to the Arabian Gulf to assist the US lead coalition in catching the infamous Osama Bin Laden. The amount of time spent away brought to light the Quality of Life issue. The powers to be took this into consideration and the decision was made to schedule the Theory phase in Black Rock.

With everything in place (due to the exuberant amount of work done by PO2 Gayler) the only thing left to do was to convince some instructors from Halifax into coming to the sunshine coast to soak up some rays; while the people left back in Halifax were busy shoveling out from a freak storm that hit there with a vengeance.

The first to answer the call was MS Mike Hillier who was sent to teach the finer points of Rest of the World Weapons and Platforms. I gladly accepted the challenge as it was a chance for me to revisit the place of my original learning and introduction to the NAVY. I had the good

fortunate of being loaded on one of the first QL3 courses to go through the school. Like PO1 McNichol I also had a few firsts in my career. That was the time when the volleyball court was setup, Chief White was much younger/slimmer and the city had more than one place for a young sailor to spend money on scantily clad women. Oh those were the days....

The standards were well represented when they sent PO2 Glen "Wanna Dance" Osmond to oversee the start up of the course and to answer any questions that they may have. Speaking to all persons involved they were impressed with his level of

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professionalism, expertise and the high overall standard that he had set for future sailors.

On a separate note the East Coast was being well represented at the D trainer as PO2 Jake "Dude" Lowthers, fresh off his QL6A course, was busy saving the world from the copious amount of missiles that rained down upon the ship.



PO2 Jake Lowthers, PO2 Glen Osmond, MS Mike Hillier

This is where the story starts getting interesting as these three hardcore Maritimers were set loose to explore the great scenery and beauty that the Island had to offer. Tours were taken of beaches, rivers, museums (Esquimalt Inn) and of course the taverns all in an effort to gain an insight in to the West coast people, their way of life and of course to share a lot of laughs.

On one such occasion Glen showed his great interest in the floral and fauna of the outskirts, YES I am talking about the woods bye. He marveled at the sheer size of the trees and their straightness. He was heard to comment "WHAT A PLACE TO CUT A CLOTHES LINE STICK BYE". As his fascination grew he could no longer contain himself and had to get a picture taken with one of these spectacles (freaks) of nature; YES I mean the trees. This is where things started to turn ugly. It was right then and there that the fresh mountain air finally captured his soul. Glen turned into a "TREE HUGGER". We tried our best to save him by

singing old sea shanties but to no avail. He denied this adamantly but we could tell that he had been bitten and would never be the same again. This fact he proved time and time again over his week stay as he was seen on several occasions sitting on the balcony at the C&PO's lounge taking in the view, breathing the fresh air and muttering "WHAT A VIEW BYES, WHAT A VIEW". If asked today he will flatly deny this but I have the photo evidence to prove it. The Maritimers thoroughly enjoyed their stay and all that Esquimalt had to offer, especially the nightlife, but that is another story.



The second instructor sent from Halifax to pass along his wealth of knowledge and experience was PO2 Chico Arseneau. He just returned from his month long excursion and is very glad to get back home. He was heard to comment "MY LIVER COULD NOT TAKE ANOTHER WEEK OUT THERE". Once again he is home safe and sound and with no visible scars or police reports to show for it.

The third and final instructor to grace the west coast with his presence is PO2 Darryll Morton who is busy passing along all the Caps and Lims of the GMVLS and 57mm weapons systems. As I sit here writing this he is no doubt preparing for his first day on station and enjoying the much warmer weather than we currently have in Halifax.

Best of luck Darryll and please stay away from the trees as we have

already lost one sailor to their allures.



Back Row: MS Hillier (OPI), LS Payne, AB Kroetsch, LS Rodgers and LS Stickley
Front Row: LS Esquivel, LS Schulz, LS Verge, LS Lefort

Notice the huge piece of armament in the background that kept the country safe for years by being mounted on the front of the great steamers. For some this means nothing but to the rest of us this is the last remnant of the old navy when we were actually gunners and BROADSIDES WERE A NORMAL OCCURRENCE.

The students are currently winding down their Theory phase and are anxiously awaiting xmas holidays. Upon completion of these holidays they will find themselves in Halifax where they will conduct their Practical phase until mid March. Best of luck to the students and we will see you all in the New Year. DO NOT FORGET YOUR LONG UNDER WEAR AND WINTER COATS. I realize that some of you may have to BUY one as there is not much use for it in B.C, but trust me it is a must out here.

P.S I would like to pass along my sincerest thanks to the students and staff at Black Rock who went out of their way to make my stay as memorable and pleasant as they possibly could.

... MS Mike Hillier
CFNOS EOB INSTRUCTOR



CFNOS Halifax - QL6A 0202

As many of you now know, the NESOP QL6A 0202 recently completed their final runs in the Mega on 25 Oct. After a couple weeks we are finally able to sit down and get a submission in without instinctively screaming out a zippo call/ASMD course and cussing out the ORS. Since this is probably old news by now, I'll be short and sweet. On course were MS Mike Barker, MS Danny Lalonde, MS Jake Lowthers, MS Larry Peek, MS Dave Keeping, MS Luc Thieverge, and MS Stu MacElwain. MS Keeping took top student honours. Now that the course is over – the posting/promotion messages are

flying. At the time of writing exactly who will end up where is a little fluid. Here's the way it stands at the moment:

MS Lowthers – promoted PO2 and posted HMCS ATHABASKAN

MS Keeping – promoted PO2, posted HMCS IROQUOIS

MS Lalonde – promoted PO2, posted HMCS TORONTO

MS Barker – rejoined CFES Esquimault

MS Peek – posted HMCS TORONTO

MS MacElwain – rejoined HMCS MONTREAL (Op Apollo)

MS Thieverge – posted CFNOS TTT Wpn Cert Team.

We would like to thank the excellent support manning we received from the HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC, CHARLOTTETOWN, and HALIFAX. A big thanks also goes to CFNOS staff both at S-15 AWW Div and (grudgingly) the TTT team as well.

Before I go we would all like to say hi to all our wingers around the fleet, but especially Stu and the NESOPs onboard MONTREAL and ST. JOHN's. Give 'em hell and get home.

Cheers



MS Dave Keeping
receives the
NESOP QL6A
Top Student Award
from Cdr Switzer, in
recognition of his
performance on Serial
0202.

Congratulations!



CFNOS Halifax - NESOP Standards/OA Update

by CPO2 Joey Smallwood



While it's only been a few months since the last issue, let's start off with a quick update on the status of the Occupational Analysis (OA) implementation. As I mentioned in the last issue, the QL3 Junior

Electronic Sensor Operator (JNR ES OP) QSP Board sat in Esquimault 29th April to 17th May 2002. The QL3 course was redesigned based on the new NESOP Occupational Specifications and resulted in a

longer but more focused training package that focuses solely on EW. The final approval of the Board's recommendations should be following soon from DMTE in Ottawa and it is anticipated the first new QL3

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course will run sometime early in 2003. As a follow on to that board, DMTE has approved in principle the establishment of a new QL4 FC Operator course. It is anticipated that our Ordinary Seamen will proceed on this course somewhere around the 20 – 24 months time-in window. The QSP for this course is almost completed and we anticipate the first serial starting up sometime around March 2004.

The QL5 Senior ES OP (SNR ES OP) QSP Board will be held here in Halifax during the month of February 2003. The QL5 course will be redesigned with training focusing on increasing our SNR ES OP's knowledge of EW theory and analysis techniques. Completion of the QSP and associated lesson plans will probably be around mid 2003 and the first new QL5 course will probably be the first course of 2004. Those of you who have completed the QL5 course in the past few years can rest assure that the recommendations for improvement you provided in your critiques will be utilized throughout the QSP Board and will greatly aid the board members in developing the new QL5 course. Various personnel may be tasked to assist the board

during their deliberations as SME's. If you are afforded this opportunity, I strongly recommend you take advantage, as you will get to see how our training documentation is produced and perhaps more importantly, your expertise on whatever subject you offer recommendations on will benefit our occupation for the next few years on the QL5 course.

Other courses being reviewed / updated via QSP Boards sitting in 2003 include the FC / Chaff Supervisor Course (scheduled for 5 – 30 May) and possibly the AWWD QL6B course sometime in the fall. Again, if you are asked to sit as a member or provide input as a SME for any of these or other QSP Boards, you are highly recommended to take advantage of that opportunity. You will find it a rewarding experience that you will cherish long afterwards.

Prior to closing off another Standards article I would like to once again thank all of the NES OP SME's (that includes all NES OP's) who have provided input as requested over the last two years. As I stated yesterday at the MARLANT NES OP briefing

forenoon to those fortunate enough to be present, I never considered myself the NES OP SME when I proceeded to Ottawa to take part in the OA. All of you who provided Task Lists to your MOC Advisor back in 2000, attended Focus Group meetings at CFNOS and CFFS(E) prior to the OA and those who provided input during the OA by answering my requests for information / feedback or completing the survey itself are the true NES OP SME's. Your efforts prior to, during and after the OA have greatly assisted all the Senior NES OP's in ensuring we are "In line and on for Range" wrt setting our occupation on the right path for the next five to ten years. With your continued efforts, together we will continue to march down the correct path and remain the occupation all others look up to!!

In closing, we'd like to pass on to all MARLANT NES OP's (and those visiting from MARPAC) that if you are looking to find any Donair Meat with all the air sucked out of it, see PO2 Osmond here at Standards. He's found a place that can meet your needs!!



HMCS ATHABASKAN

I'm LS Theriault, the NESOP Newsletter Representative for HMCS ATHABASKAN. In the last 6 months we have welcomed a few new members to the ATHABASKAN family. OS Seymour and OS Lebrun posted in March, LS Archer posted in September, and OS Sparkes posted in October. A strong NESOP foundation remains in PO2 Rigby, MS Mackay, MS Collins, LS Luce, LS Wells, AB Gouthro, AB Burton and myself. The NESOP section is pleased with the recent promotion of PO1 Doure and MS Masters, presently posted to HMCS FREDERICTON.

Also recently promoted, AB "OD Rage" Gouthro in July, and AB Burton in September.

Our two OS are working presently on their J4 package and they are doing very well. They are learning fast and are giving their all to pass the fleet exam with flying colours.

At the beginning of August, we were freed from dry dock, and are still working on getting our systems ready to go. As shown on these pictures below, we are nearly ready to be the command platform for our next major deployment. The ship schedule in the near future is SRI at the end of October until November 8th, ammunition November 10th-11th and sea trials end of November till first week of December.

We are still looking for a PO1 and PO2, so anyone interested in this new challenge, let us know. We believed to had

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found a SWC, as shown on these pictures but, was turned down by Sea Training because we weren't allow to muster OSCAR as a NESOP. So, any PO1 believing they have the stuff to fill OSCAR's shoes let us know ASAP.

... LS Theriault



HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN

Greetings from the NESOP Section onboard HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN. Well it has been quite a year for all of us here. "Keeping busy, keeps you out of trouble" or so I am told by our new PO1. I have come to the conclusion that during the past year we are all definitely angels here. OK, so maybe not angels, but it is a good cover though eh? PO1 Kitchen took over from PO1 Hamilton who by the way has the biggest office in Stad, second only to the Admiral. George put some pictures on the walls, its scary walking in there.

Upon completion of OP Apollo, (Did I mention 74 days at sea?) we sent four of our best and brightest LS and one MS Dave Keeping (Best we had at the time) to the school on their QL-5A and QL -6A courses. Just joking Dave, Oh I mean PO2 Keeping, gotta be nice to ya now, naaaa!! Congrats Dave on your promotion. LS Steve Hunt, LS Dwayne Albert (G.I. Jane), LS Sean King, and LS Paul Frigon all completed their's successfully. Congrats guys.

Myself, LS Frank Raymond, LS Jamie Brenton, LS Fabian Pittman and OS Jeff Lacey (The Newfoundland Mafia) we're glad you came back on board when you did. Yep just in time to catch up on a paint ship routine, a cleaning station or two and maybe a complete duty watch!!!

Although we sent four LS on course, we only got back three. LS Paul Frigon has been relocated to HMCS REGINA. This is considered a first strike manoeuvre on our part, to impart some of that there east coast knowledge out West. (HA! HA!). Forgive us Lord for what we have done. Good Luck Paul, don't forget to drop us an email now and again, it was great sailing with you.

While the guys were on course we had a great trip to The Big Apple, New York City. Lets just say there were a few peak caps missing at the end of that one, Right MS Hawkins? A good time was had by all. Charlottetown placed first

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overall during Fleet week in New York. The first Canadian ship to receive this Honour.

Then it was CFO 01/02 lots of busy days there, we enjoyed it so much that we participated in CFO 02/02 then on with JTFX Battle Group OPs so you can imagine how much fun we are having.

Now lets see, a quick sitrep on how everyone is doing here, PO2 Craig Lawrenson has been keeping busy...by day RPO, at night thinking about what he has to do the next day as RPO. WOW, All that and an EWS too.

PO2 "Rocket" Richard is back on board and let me tell ya, you know he is back. When he calls a zippo its @#\$\$@ loud. Now only if we can get him to smile.

PO2 Carmichael was here for awhile as well, a century or so, (K244) so I am told. It was rumoured that Gordy was fitted equipment onboard Charlottetown, well Gordy hope you are enjoying your shore posting.

Also MS Darren Smith has joined our elite ranks from HMCS TORONTO. It is understood that nobody sneaks up on Smitty, whether he appears to be awake or not, we just can't tell!

O.K. here's some news. MS Bob Hawkins is hiding here. Some may think Bob is still hiding in the basement of OTT, but he has changed tactics so beware he's everywhere and nowhere. Some might call him the invisible man, I know PO1 Kitchen does.

LS Frank Raymond (a.k.a Mafia Boss - The Don) has single-handedly continued to map out all known and some unknown Irish Bars in the free world and beyond. Can't wait until the book comes out, Frank.

LS Fabian Pittman who by the way may be in the field of law enforcement in the near future, continues to perfect these skills by always ensuring all aircraft are adhering to proper speed and air lanes during ADEXs. He has even handed out some speeding tickets to certain aircraft, they know who they are, right Fab.

LS Jamie Brenton continues trying to hide his canteen snacks in the ops room and he actually thinks we can't find them. Thanks for the snacks Jamie.

LS Steve Hunt continues to impress us all on those less than challenging days in the ops room, (not that that happens alot, right PO1 Kitchen) with his endless array of unique (some may say useless) knowledge, yeah he is spending to much time on the internet me thinks.

LS Dwayne Albert (G.I. Jane) has put that Jarine training (The Marine Band Camp) to use, that's right a few good men were needed in the scullery so we sent Dwayne (G.I. Jane) with his special qualifications. Even the dishes are running away with the spoons. He even has the boys putting the tabs back on the bread bags. Now that is power.

LS Sean King (a.k.a The King of Fogo) continues with boarding party training. Some believe he may be setting up a small Newfie Rebel Army poised to attack at anytime, in order to put CPO2 Smallwood in power as supreme leader of Fogo. Latest intel indicates a small, and we are talking real small, build up consisting of 2 trawlers, 1 dory, 3 dogs and a goat. Rumour has it there maybe several sheep involved as well. Rubber Boots? Not that we, the Newfoundland Mafia, cannot confirm nor deny that we support the Fogo Island Resistance Movement (FIRM).

OS Jeff Lacey is on his way to being a MADE MAN, after a couple of more hits on the J4 Pack, he should be made CAPO. Keep up the good work Jeff.

Now I, LS Clyde Long (Newfoundland Mafia Under Boss), have my strict orders from THE DON to sign off before being indicted.

*Forget aboutit,
... LS Clyde Long
... LS Frank Raymond*



HMCS FREDERICTON

Christmas is not far, and all of us are fast becoming preoccupied with the thought of a few weeks of well-earned relaxation with family and friends. There is eager anticipation for those snowy days spent idling in whatever back-water community we originated from, pretending to enjoy the holiday "cheer" which is nothing more than children screaming incessantly for a solid month, visits with people we smile at but don't really like, and long evenings staring at that damned tree while downing copious amounts of drink (non-alcoholic of course).

But maybe that's just me, still bitter from sleeping on a cot for the whole of HMCS

Fredericton's work-ups, which all told, went exceptionally well. Though inarguably unpleasant, everyone learned something during these trials and are better prepared for the coming months. From an operator's perspective, it seemed everything ran smoothly on both watches in the ops room, corrections applied quickly as problems arose.

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There were a few minor difficulties, but as these were experienced by the starboard watch alone (despite PO1 Doutre's valiant efforts to elevate his team to the shining standard set by his rival Lt(N) Barter) there is no cause for elaboration. The NESOP section has only PO2 James to thank for our success, having spent nearly four weeks sneaking coy glances and whispers to CPO2 Boudreau, attempting to curb his attention from our minor inadequacies and promote an already superior image. And although this behavior further damaged his masculinity, it was never that great to begin with and we owe him all the same. Thanks Ed. Subsequent training at OTT 2 further refined the tactical skills that are necessary for deployment.

Our ship is now the highest readiness ship in the fleet, as PO1 Doutre reminds our section daily. Through the effort and skills provided by this crew and the guidance and training provided us compliments of Sea Training, we are ready to deploy for the Arabian Gulf and support the edicts established by Operation Apollo. There is nothing better than combating terrorism and securing the rights of free people in every modern nation while wearing cool shades and getting a wicked tan. How could you not love this job?

It seems looking good is prerequisite for NESOPS, as demonstrated at our last mess dinner on Fredericton, Dec. 04, where mess kit and dress uniforms with bow ties were worn by ourselves and guests. After introductions were made, dinner was served in the chiefs and petty officers' lounge, a very formal affair divided by courses and complicated by various cutlery and glasses, quite confusing for novices. The meal was delicious, however, and the wine excellent (for those who managed to wrangle some from CPO2 Tansley). As the evening progressed, wry comments and taunts evolved to slashing insults, aimed mostly at those few individuals who continued to voice misplaced opinions. It seems this is common activity for these functions. Dinner ended with a speech from Cmdr. Harsch, a noble effort despite wandering attention, and finally everyone slipped happily into inebriation, courtesy of P01 Doutre and P02 James, who footed the bill. A remarkably successful soiree by naval standards.

Fredericton's NESOP section is in excellent condition for the challenges that will come with the new year. Everyone is excited for the missile shoot in January, a rare event that will again test our combat knowledge and inspire the team for OP Apollo. Any misgivings concerning the mission will soon fade after our confidence and ability is displayed. There is no doubt, we are ready.

... OS Vandenberghe



FREDERICTON NESOPs
During a recent mess dinner ...
(the tiger looks "happy" ;-)



... together with their invited guests
(who's that retired fella? Trying to get back in?)



HMCS HALIFAX

It's been a hectic couple of months. Since HALIFAX got back to Canada in February we've had a 65% turnover in the NESOP division. PO1 Andy Farouse, PO2 Andy Collier, MS Steve Watson and MS Mike Hillier were all posted to CFNOS. MS Dan Lalonde went on the QL6A course in May and was promoted to PO2 in October. He has since left us for HMCS TORONTO. LS Adam Boone has also been posted to TORONTO. Best luck guys in your new jobs! New members of HALIFAX's NESOP team are PO1 Stephen Haughn, coming back to the fleet after three years at Junior Leadership Training and Basic Military Qualification

Training (the fancy new name for Recruit training) in Windsor Park; PO2 Greg Costello (recently promoted to PO1) who came back from England and is now on the dreaded QL6B course. Also new to the gang are PO2 Eric Demers (in from Iroquois), MS Brian Kennedy (newly promoted and in from TORONTO), LS Cameron Fletcher (in from FREDERICTON) and Ordinary Seaman Joe Dickie, who joined the ship fresh off his QL3 back in May. The old stalwarts of PO2 Darren McGurk, MS Ray Cushing, LS Charlie Leblanc, LS Mike McKee, LS Scott Stroh and LS Joe Young have had the unenviable task of breaking us all in to the HALIFAX way of life. We've seen Quebec City and St. John's in the last three months doing a MARS IV training trip and a fisheries patrol. We're having a lot of fun getting to know each other and we're looking forward to OTT and another fisheries before a long work period next year. Stop by and say hello the next time you're walking past the FIRST OF CLASS.

*... PO1 Stephen Haughn
Never Sink With A Full Mag!!*



HMCS IROQUOIS

Well, another year, and where did it go? I can't believe we've been back from the Gulf 8 months now. The rumours have begun of whether we are going again or not. At least it'll be warmer there.

The boys are back from the Fall OTT in BC, sounds like not as many refreshments were consumed, as originally hoped. Shortly upon their return, we were off to assist Freddie's work ups; and kick some American butt, JTFX style. Although we were destined to lose, we didn't go, without a fight, showing them a few new tricks. As always, they weren't impressed, but

Iroquois has been invited back; maybe to fire upon the bouys – PO1 Comeau. PO2 Demers, got his wish and is now CPF, Halifax bound. Singing MS Phee, fresh off his JLC (or what ever) is off to the Toronto, again. Soon to be PO2 Dave Keeping got his return ticket to the zoo, he was last here as a Killick. New to the master list is MS McCarthy, whoo hoo. PO2 Keeping, is sharing his "I was such a shit disturber when I was an OD" stories, and keeping us in stitches.

LS Ezio is back from topping her 5's course, LS Esquivel is out in BC for his; with LS Peck bringing up the rear in January.

LS Harrington is preparing, just in case we return to the land of sand. LS Macniven, is trying to keep warm with all the diving he's been doing lately. MS Hineman still struggles with his car; yes, he missed the big car sale after the last big snowfall. LS Soucy has learned the hard way, not to BACK over a snow bank. We all must learn the hard way, hee hee. LS Mercieca has become the resident car salesman after the great deal on his new to him car. LS Gordon is still trying to get used to the cold temperatures from BC, as he was not here last year. LS Anderson is still quiet, but every once and a while we can get him going. Finally we have a new OD to warp. OS Clarke is fitting in well, not taking a bit of XXXX from the bunch. The newlyweds have learned to keep warm already, with a little bambino on the way in July.

May sand stay out of your shorts, and drive it like you stole it.

... LS Peck



HMCS MONTREAL

The past few months have been rigorous testaments to Montreal's resolve to deploy for OP APOLLO. Our workups went very well and we received several accolades from Sea Training Staff for our drive and determination and team spirit. Adjustment had to be made due to the addition of the Commodores staff and an Air Det on board. Many of the messes had extra racks welded in, in place of settees to accommodate the 261 total personnel on board. The effect was minimal and we welcomed the extra bodies in typical Montreal good spirit, and we

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carry on with our role here in the Gulf. We Nesop's have been busy since arriving here in October. Recently, we have received

approbation for our involvement in tracking, and as a result boarding, a major contact of interest the Passat. This was a valuable catch since it prevented the transition of 5 FPB's into Iraqi hands.

Our department's SWC and EWS's are comprised of PO1 Murphy, PO2 Cole, and PO2 Brunet. We left Halifax without any masters on board but we were joined in Jebel Ali by MS McElwain and MS Fralic. MS McElwain returns to the Montreal from his EWS course (Congrats are in order) and MS Fralic joins us from CFNOS (lost that jammy shore posting!)

Our LS and below are as follows:

LS Metcalfe - The chain smoker turned non-smoker. Congrats!

LS Trepanier - Workout Mogul, videos in stores soon.

LS Martin-Quevillon "MQ" - aka "The Only Female NESOP" and recent non-smoker

LS Blakney - aka "The Scarecrow" (if you saw him you'd understand.)

LS Winter - aka "Piglet" (Very long story...don't ask!)

Myself LS Christie - aka Big Sexy (What? It could happen!)

And a couple OD's...Oh alright... OS Heckert and OS McCarthy, who are very close to the FINEX of their J-4 package... if they know what's good for them.

Most of the Nesops in this dept. have embraced some sort of workout routine, and Metcalfe and MQ have quit smoking with the smoking cessation program onboard. Winter, Trapper and myself lift weights regularly and maintain a level of cardio by kickin' the OD's butts to finish their packages. All in all, morale is high and it's life as usual here in the GOO. We are closing on the halfway point of the trip and we are pretty excited about that.

*To all, fair winds and following seas. Cheers.
... LS Christie*



HMCS PRESERVER

Hello from the NESOPs on PRESERVER.

Preserver being the only tanker on the east coast, is a unique experience to say the least. We are currently under-manned thus keeping the section busy and on their toes. Our fine band of sailors include LS (the Mug) Contant, LS (Crack Pipe) Whyte and LS Bauer presently working out of Trinity make up the NESOP dept. headaed by PO1 (1000 year old SWC) Brown. After loosing LS (Basketball star) White to CFEWC in Aug. Preserver is constantly attempting to recruit able bodies to go to sea. Thanks to LS (Red) Pelletier from VDQ on our last deployment for his assistance. For those who have yet to sail in Preserver it has a schedule and routine like no other. We have all the amenities of a war ship with no weapons per say (CIWS)(SRBOC). We are looking for personnel for our March deployment. Come over to the real world of sailing with Bos'n, steam driven turbines and a smooth ride.

*... LS Contant
PRESERVER's NESOP News letter OPI*





HMCS ST. JOHNS

Good to be home! ST. JOHN'S returned 17 Nov, and we are now on leave until the middle of Jan 03. We arrived home on a very cold wet day. How appropriate after the sweltering heat of the Gulf of Oman.

As we start the integration back into our home life there are a few things that may be more difficult to adjust to now. Anyone who has been to the region will understand that bartering prices is commonplace and expected, and we all are quite good at it now. Well that may not work out very well at Canadian Tire! Hopefully we adjust accordingly. There will no doubt be a

lot of gold, silver, carpets, and blankets under the tree this year.

Christmas came a bit early for two of our own, PO2 Tony Tremblay and MS JJ MacDonald (new ranks reflected). They were both promoted on our transit home. PO2 Tremblay will be leaving us, and joining the VILLE DE QUEBEC in the New Year. MS MacDonald will likely slide into his position. With the Career Manager's visit now complete there will be a change or two. CPO2 Brent "The King's Thing" Gillan will likely move in the next APS. PO1 Steve Murphy will leave in January for parts unknown (CM doesn't promise anything!!) and will be relieved by PO1 Thomas "Magacky" Smiff, who is returning to ST. JOHN'S after commissioning her. MS Sylvain "you look better with hair" Rousseau has started his QL6A course, and the New Year should see some good things for him. Those are the changes for the foreseeable future.

In closing I would like to, on behalf of all the NESOPs in ST. JOHN'S wish everyone a safe and happy holidays, and extend a special season's greetings to the NESOPs in MONTREAL and WINNIPEG who are deployed over this holiday season and doing the business. If you get a chance, e-mail them and let them know they are in our thoughts.

... PO1 Steve Murphy



**There are 3 NESOPs
in this picture**

**One Big Gay Viking (from the
editor ... I've confirmed he's
referring to "happy" :-), one King
with a scar and one King's thing.
Can you guess who's who?**



HMCS TORONTO

It's been along time since we have given the fleet and update on all the events that have been going on around here. A lot has changed and a lot more is going to keep changing.

LS Kirk Kreitzer A.K.A. "The Kak" has punched in his time here and is leaving us for greener pastures at the MOC or Trinity i.e. 4 day on and 6 off. Us sea goers are not too sure what the difference is as we have never been ashore yet! Hopefully someone over there will be able to take control of him and get somewhat of a full workday out of him. He's already been asking if there's a scullery billet over there. We wish you luck and all the best.

LS/MS Brian Kennedy left us for my old stomping ground's H.M.C.S. Halifax. Hopefully the extra \$30.00/month will keep his supply in razor going blades for all that back hair, if not maybe the spec pay will. He will be missed (somewhat) by all. Take care and don't drop by unannounced.

LS Steve "Rubber Duck" Robidoux and LS Andrew "Benny" Bennett "Benny", have left for the good times and relaxed atmosphere of MOC. Duck, I can only assume that you are working over there, but I wouldn't bet too much on it as there is no requirement for a boarding party while ashore. Benny, I am sure that you are making loads of new friends with your God Rock and daily psalms and masses. We will miss you both and wish you all the best in the future.

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MS Luc Thivierge and his emblem of good luck St Barbara has left us for TTT. Thanks for qualifying Twist and myself. We will miss your good humor and unpredictable temper both here and ashore. Take care and see you in again in 18 months.

MS Darren Smith A.K.A "Coffee Bean" has taken his wet stone and coffee mugs to the H.M.C.S. Charlottetown. His coffee induced twitching will be missed here. Good luck on your remuster.

PO2 Jake Lowthers, congrats on the successful completion of your QL-6A and the promotion that followed for starters. I am sure you are glad to go back home to the 280 life. Jake is also going to be a father soon. We all hope and pray that the child will not have the 80's rock star hair and spandex pants as soon as he or she comes out to greet the world. We hope that we can sing karaoke and play air guitar again soon, you eighties freak!

LS Adam Boone just arrived onboard from the Halifax a few months ago, still kind of confused on how I got traded for a NCI OP (PO1 Haughn??). What can I say, it's a good boat but it's going to take awhile till I can wrap the new bosses around my finger like I had PO2 Darren McGurk A.K.A. "Make Work McGurk" and MS Ray Cushing A.K.A. (Old Man Cushing). But I feel I'm up to the task. To the guy that sounds like an 80 year old hooker on the net. Something you don't realize till you get posted to a new unit and hear everyone's voice. LS Joe Young A.K.A. "Mighty Joe Young". Better luck on next years PER with MS Kennedy. He's a real grammar whiz.

Now we want to say welcome back to the most un-stereotypic black man in the fleet, and we mean that in **every** way possible. MS Tony Phee A.K.A. "Massa clear", had to leave the Toronto to get promoted but now he's back and black. We're glad to have him back and singing loud and off-key. He seems to have mellowed out with his new rank, but he still remains loyal to his true love, his wide collection of adult reading/viewing material. Welcome back.

What can be said about our other new MS? Well he comes from a huge CPF sailing background, having four full days at sea on the Ville De Quebec...yep, she left the wall, and a two-year shore posting at the Reg. Office. We say welcome aboard to QL-6A qualified MS Larry Peek, A.K.A. "Turn Tables".

Now another guy who can't stay away from team "T.O.", PO2 Danny "My life is a country song" Lalonde. Congrats on the promotion, and completion of the QL-6A course. We are glad to have you back; we'll take your booster chair out of storage. We are looking forward to seeing some high-risk maneuvers, and karaoke night in the future.

OS Ashley O'Neill A.K.A "DGF", has successfully completed his QL-4 package and fleet exam, and is now reaping the rewards of scullery for the first time. He's been the low man on the totem pole for a long time now, and he's praying for some new guys to take his place. Until then, he's the department's "go-do" guy.

Currently our Acting Lacking LS Rob Jensen A.K.A. "Haystack" is preparing to attend his QL5's in January. Being from the Valley, he already compiled a detailed EOB on every farm tractor John Deere has produced since 1979. We wish him luck and hope he tops the course as he has been bragging to everyone on here that he sees no competition from anyone attending the course from either coast. Them's mighty words Stack.

LS Evan Entwistle A.K.A. "Twist" is still here. 1998 seems like yesterday to me.

While everyone around me is moving and shaking throughout the fleet, I am here. I must be doing a hell of a job for the bosses to want me to stay here for the rest of my life. Even though it's the same boat, it feels like a new one, with an almost entirely new department. I like it here, and I am glad to stick around, as long as the PER's keep coming. "hint, hint".

PO2 Mike Culligan A.K.A. "Cully" is sticking around for at least a while longer. He is good to the guys, and is easy to get along with when he's around. His athletic career has blossomed during his stay with us. Keep your stick on the ice Mikey, and we'll see at the end of the hockey season.

PO1 Paul Steen A.K.A. "The last EW in the fleet" is kind of in limbo right now. Is he staying or going? Since AREPS has gone to the NCIOP's he's been contemplating a remuster. If only they had spec pay too.

What is in store for the Toronto in the future? Well we have no clue, "but as soon as we find out, you'll be the first to know". What has Toronto been up to? Well most recently we were feet dry for a few days. We passed weapons certification, had a SAC course come aboard for Salty Dips, and MARS officers were kicking around for a while doing there training.

That's all for the Toronto for this edition. Have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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... LS Evan Entwistle & LS Adam Boone



HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC

Hey folk's,

Well, not all that much has been happening over here on good old Ville De Quebec. We did manage to go to sea for a couple of weeks. Yes you heard right, we actually left the jetty. Imagine that!

On the people side, we have had a few changes, PO1 Vibert is still with us and so is PO2 Kelloway. PO2 Philippe is being posted to the Fredericton. PO2 Tremblay from the St-Johns will replace him. MS Vaudreuil is still making his presence known, as for MS Peek, well he is off

to the Toronto. LS Waite, LS Delorme, Ls Berube and LS Gaudin are still here, so is AB Dumaresq and myself LS Pelletier. And I heard on the grapevine that we are going to be getting a brand spanking new OS: OS Richard. Now I will believe that one when I see it.

Well that is about all from us at 332 Barrington Street. And by the way, if any of you have a spare GUN, STIR, RAMSES or RADAR, please send it our way. We seem to have misplaced ours.

... LS Pelletier

Marlant SPL - Promotion



**Congratulations from all
276'ers to
PO2 Dave Keeping
on his recent promotion!**

**With the added
responsibilities comes an all-
expense paid trip to the
IROQUOIS.**

News From THE NCR

J2 IMAGERY



To the all knowing and the not so knowing,
This article is to inform you of what two NESOP's are doing, entrenched in the basement at Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa. I would like to congratulate all involved in the production of the NESOP Newsletter for the inspiration of me actually sitting down and writing this article. Now that the accolades are done, I would like to cover briefly the history of how I came to being here.

PO1 Murray: "Are you interested in being posted to Ottawa"

MS Marshall: "Sure, what are the details of the job"

PO1 Murray: "Not sure looking at pictures or something. CPO1 Fisher is looking for a few volunteers to work at a place called J2 Imagery in Ottawa" (Now known as Canadian Forces Joint Imagery Centre-CFJIC)

MS Marshall: "What the hell, when do I pack my bags"

PO1 Murray: "As soon as you finish FishPat, you're the only other FC Sup I've got"

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Needless to say, PO2 Guillot and myself (West coast counter part) arrived in August of 2000. It turns out the job does entail looking at imagery beamed down from space somewhere, which in turn we exploit and provide imagery analysis. In order to get to the level of providing a product, you must engage on a four month long course in Jolly old England. Then familiarize yourself with 6 different operating systems and have the gift for written expression, much like the gift of writing PER's. The exception with PER's is you write them once a year and here you write reports all year round. The working environment is highly classified which is why we work inside a giant safe. The good thing, no safes to lock-up your pubs, no pub musters and no sergeant greenleafs to take out your frustration. I can truly express that imagery exploitation is the way ahead. Such things as the probable introduction of WESTCAM EO and IR imaging ball, the good possibility of receiving live video feed from UAV platforms could be a reality in the future, the probability of onboard camera suite enhancements (such as VMS-200 which burns GPS data directly on the video) and the increased exposure of imagery products through TITAN and SPARTAN operating systems onboard ships. Some of you might have been fortunate to attend PO2 Guillot's presentation in Esquimalt during MOISSC 5 in December 2001 that entailed the capabilities that satellite imagery and CFJIC can provide to the fleets. That is all from the basement of Tunney's Pasture, visually serving your interests.

... PO2 Pierre "Mad Dog" Marshall



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) and provide deployable personnel to support operations and threat analysis trials. Where is CFEWC? We hang our hats on the west side of Ottawa in Shirley's Bay and are Co-located with organisations such as the Defence Research Development Centre (DRDC), 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.

CFEWC would like to pass on congratulations to PO1 Reid and MS Long on their recent promotions to CPO2 and PO2. CPO2 Reid is posted to PMCC Esquimalt in Jan/03 to a much deserved desk job. Don't spend too much time at home Gary or the wife will soon want you back at sea. In Mar 03 we will be welcoming PO1 Baillargeon to CFEWC fresh from OP APOLLO to replace the other submariner. We are sure that you will be able to bowl and play baseball better than the departing PO.

Rumor has it that PO1 Gallant has managed to extend his stay in the Capital for one more year. After all the foreign training he has received, the unit wants its pound of flesh back. He presently heads our EA cell, which reviews all intercepts prior to submission to NSA. Spud may be difficult to find at times as he is normally not answering his phone and hiding under his desk from the career manager! (You have to love them Trump qualified SWCs!)

MS Maurice Beaudoin has rejoined us from warmer climates and has traded in his army combats for the Naval ones once again. We did have one scary moment upon his return where he showed up in his Bedouin garb to display to he unit. Security had a different thought and was in the process of calling the police until he identified himself. We soon will say farewell to MS Al Howlett, who is slated to spend some quality desert time in the very near future.

November was the first ever that the NCR NESOPs got together for some friendly competition. The sport of choice was 10-pin bowling. PO1 Terry Kennedy (NEWC) displayed some "Fred Flintstone like moves" on the lanes and has since acquired the nickname "Twinkle Toes". In his defense he has been quoted as saying, "It worked for me and I noticed that everyone else tried copying it but couldn't get it right". Obviously all of the line dancing to Billy Ray really paid off for him. Copious libations followed the intense competition. It is rumoured some pers stayed behind to turn lights off at closing.

For those who enjoy winter sports there are certain perks that go along with the job here. Such activities as Broom Ball, Hockey, and Curling and of course the large selection of Ski hills in this area will see its share of NESOPS landing on their not so tiny derriere's on the slopes again this winter. Not to forget the ever-popular "Skating on the Rideau Canal" experience. Ottawa has already had its first two snowfalls with more to follow.

Remember that CFEWC is always seeking independent minded individuals to work in a "Dilbert" cubicle. The job consists of exciting work such as ELINT analysis, weapons, and platforms. Besides the winter experience, there is travel to exotic places as a member of the EW Operational support Det. So now we get to see how the other environments do things.

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Remember no duty watches but a few parades. However there is a catch. To be selected to work in this paradise like setting you must first complete the EA 183-Math for SIGINT package and get your supervisor to ensure that you are level 3 SA. Having the AIFD Fundamentals of ELINT course under your belt is a bonus but not necessary at this point.

If you wish this job, go through your divisional system and inform your career manager.

So until next time on the behalf of all CFEWC NESOPS, I wish to pass on our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

... PO2 Darryn Featherstone

CPO2 Gary Reid
receiving his recent promotion from
Cdr Jean



PO2 Tom Long
recently promoted to PO2 by Cdr Jean

**NEWC Ottawa**

Well, it has been a busy Fall here in the National Capital Region. One thing is certain. You guys know how to keep us busy as usual. Keep 'em coming.

We think the word is finally getting out there about the difference between CFEWC and NEWC. In short, the guys up top work for CFIOG. We on the other hand work for CFMWC and ultimately CMS. We're both located in building 91 at Shirley's Bay, which is in the west-end of Ottawa. Although we're separate units, we find the time to get together to blow off steam. Hey, we're all NESOPS right?

One of those occasions presented itself recently when we set up an all-NCR NESOP extreme sport event. Yup, extreme bowling it was. If you saw some of the NESOPS bowling under black lights, disco balls and rock music, you'd understand how dangerous a ball with holes in it can actually be. Trust us. It was extreme!

Picture this:

Three strings of bowling ... \$10,

One pink bowling ball ... \$49.95,

Watching Terry "Twinkle-Toes" Kennedy do the victory dance after completing a spare ... priceless!

We have a few new items to pass on. We now have three Master Seamen, since MS Schaefer was promoted effective 1 Dec 02. MS Jeff Douville recently learned the ins and outs of leadership, having completed his JLC in St. Jean. LS Steve White has joined NEWC from HMCS Preserver and was soon thereafter awarded his SWASM medal (AKA Op Apollo). We have had some major shuffling inside the office, with PO2 Ed Campbell taking the roll of Petty Officer of Operations (POOPS) to assist PO1 Kennedy in his duties of staying in the office for more than a week. With the amount of time PO1 Kennedy has been away, CPO2 Prowse has graciously approved him the future procurement of one pup tent for accommodations, one manual scooter for travel and a gross of KD. It was either that, or the Chief was

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going to ask the good P1 to teach him how to play pool again. That story you'll have to get from the PO. Just be wearing a helmet when you do ☺.

PO2 Mark Stark, our token West Coast Sailor has been placed as I/C of the ESM cell, and MS Rick Penney continues to sort through the intercepts under the watchful eye of Mr Gushue. CPO2 Prowse has made a nice home in the back corner of the office. LS Steve Mimeault continues to make everyone laugh, a much-needed bright spot in the work environment.

We all had our career manager visits in November. It would appear that some of you lucky individuals will be getting a taste of this fine city next APS.

The personnel in NEWC are excited about the upcoming season. For those deployed, trust that we'll be thinking of you over Christmas.

All NESOPs in NEWC wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday's.

*Until the next issue ...
... LS Steven White*



Some of the **NCR NESOPs** pose for the cameras, after completing a gruelling three strings of "extreme bowling"

Congratulations to MS Lisa Schaefer on her recent and well deserved promotion



LS Steve White receives his **SWASM** medal from **LCdr Barrie Witts**
Congratulations!



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

NESOP Retirements

Go Leafs Go



PO2 Dennis M. Burton
(28 Jan 82 - 14 Aug 02)



My career started on 28 Jan 1982 in St. John's Newfoundland. My first go was Cornwallis, Basic Training. The basic training was schedule for 10 weeks but in week 4 they changed it to 9 weeks. Failed the first 4 weeks with no recourse. Still couldn't swim after basic training. Then I went to Windsor Park for my QSAB course to learn the ins and outs of seamanship. On completion of QSAB, I went on the Tattoo with ex EWs such as George Hamilton, Ed Campbell and Thom Smith. The first EW rate I met was PO2 Terry Kelly on HMCS Huron who gave me a tour. He lied to me what the trade was like, I found out in the years to come.

We had a while to wait for our QL3 course so we were sent to HMCS Protecteur from 16 Aug -14 Oct 82 for some Bosh work. First time hardcore drinking. I was waiting for my clearance to come through to be loaded on my EW QL-3. Thom, George and Steve RX theirs so I went on course after them. I went on the QL3 EW course and LS Derrick Payne was one of my instructors.

I went on to join HMCS Iroquois from 20 Dec 82 to 29 June 86 I did a couple of NATOs, workups and was involved in a high profile rescue. The HO Ming V that was off NFLD in sea state 5. We rescued all personnel. For the personnel that sailed on her you probably remember when I fell through the escape hatch in #4 Crews Wash place into 12 mess, it hurt a lot. My first charge in the forces was on this unit as an Able Seaman. I was using foul language towards a Leading Seaman. How times change and look at what they get away with today. The best part about being on a 280 then was that we had the EWCR, where we could lock the door and only a few people were allowed in. We always got extra sleep while on watch during workups especially.

I move on to HMCS Assiniboine from 30 Jun 86 to 5 Jan 89. The biggest trip we did was North Wedding where approx. 130 ships were involved. The two things that I remember there the most is the argument with LS John

Forrester and I threw a white out bottle at him and I missed due to his stubbornness, it hit the bulkhead behind the SPA25. What a mess, Bob Sheena was pissed. This is where I really liked EOB. Promoted to Master Seaman 1 Apr 88. Paid off ASSINIBIONE Dec 88.

Posted to NEU (A) (6 Jan 89 to 12 Aug 90) computer geek stuff, over at NAD old jetty 6. Just down the hall from the WM22 trainer.

Moved on to HMCS Terra Nova from 13 Aug 90 to 6 Jun 93. Posted there one week prior to sailing for the Persian Gulf. Upon returning from the Gulf War we got 47 days off, then off on a Great Lakes tour. This unit I got bar manager with lots of organized functions for the MS and below.

Posted to CFFS Halifax/CFNOS from 7 Jun 93 to 31 Aug 95 as an instructor. During the time I volunteered myself for the Intel Briefer on board HMCS Iroquois for staff for their upcoming trip to the Adriatic Sea. It was a privilege to sail under the Command of Lenny Edmonds and my boss Commodore Greg Maddison.

The last brief for Commodore Maddison, I was dress in a Roman outfit.



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A few of us even ransomed off his penguin coffee cup that was so precious to him. I even received cake and ice cream from the Commodore on my birthday. For the people that sailed during this trip should remember the Doorknob award, if not ask PO2 Pat Tye or Pete Rigby. I received the award.

Posted to HMCS Gatineau from 1 Sep 95 to 16 Jun 96. Not a lot of sailing here. Was the bar manager for the MS & below and a lot of functions were organized. Attach Posted to HMCS Nipigon 17 Jun 96 to 19 Nov 96. I completed a couple of trips here but during workups we sailed with two PO2s and returned with two extra POs, Paul Steen and myself.

Posted to HMCS Athabaskan 20 Nov 96 to 27 Aug 98. I was onboard when we had the moon shot with the SM-2. I was involved in the IREPS implementation program and was requested by the MOG1 to initiate the way ahead for fleet operations as part of the IREPS Tiger Team.

Posted to CFNOS 28 Aug 98 to 27 Sep 00. During this time we had no PO1 so I filled the gap for 5 months as the AWWSTI and EOB staff supervisor. Got involved in revamping the AWWC EOB lesson plans for the AWWO. I research diverse sources of material for a Communication Intercept package for presentation to the fleet. I revamped AWW's Intelligence package, which included outside agencies and organized a fleet wide trainer days. This ensured the most current and accurate date available to the fleet and students. EOB ROCKS.

Posted to HMCS Iroquois 26 Sep 00– 31 Mar 02. Didn't stay here for long. I made two trips Unified Spirit 2000 and Unified Warrior 2001 then my QL6B course (Apr-Sep 01) that I passed. During my QL6B course during the trainer phase 9/11 happen. The world will never be the same. I was out west in BC when Iroquois was preparing to leave for Operation Apollo. I was landed for part of the trip. Then in Dec 01 I was expecting to fly over to IRO, my family was in a car accident and I was on sick leave for 9 weeks.

I got posted to CFNOS again to the EOB Cell 01 April 02.

During this time my wife found out her job in Halifax was disappearing so I asked for a posting to Ottawa, since my wife was offered one. The CM came back and said no openings on Ottawa til 2003. It was not an option for me. So I let go all line for a 30-day release. My release date was 14 Aug 02 with 20 years 199 days completed. Still cannot swim and EOB screams for attention.

Marie my wife and I are enjoying our spare time together. We are trying to meet people here in the capital region. Marie is very busy with her new job. We are currently living in Nepean. We also bought a house. The house is being built in Barrhaven 15 minutes south of Ottawa. Closing is 25 April 03. I also join the Corps of Commissionaires full time and with my pension, it gives me more money in my pocket then I was in the forces.

All in all, life is good but I do miss the navy. I wanted a SWC tour but it didn't pan out. The future will be even better once all the red tape is done so I can join the Reserves. I had three job interviews so far with DND but no luck yet.

A very sincere thank-you, to all of you who made it to my retirement, which turned the whole event into a very special memory for Marie and myself.

A special thanks to the fellow NESOPS who helped me through troubled times. You know who you are.

Fair winds and following seas to all of my friends and co-workers. I wish you all the very best. Thanks

... PO2 Dennis Burton (Retired)

PS. For anyone that would like to stay in touch, here is my address and email

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"THREE MESS"

NESOP Retiree Corner

PO1 Dan Irwin

Four and a half years have elapsed since unlacing Pusser's boots for the last time!

I retired in May of 1999, after a thirty-five and a half year career.

Since then, I have moved to the Ottawa area, did a little bit of traveling, pursued some hobbies, and have a part-time second career.

The first year was basically spent making some major adjustments to my lifestyle, mostly learning how to enjoy my new found perpetual time off. This included some traveling to be with siblings and old friends, getting in a little fishing in northern Ontario, trips to Florida, and a lot of reading.

Boredom set in, so I decided to find a position that would enable me to do something that was enjoyable, challenging, and rewarding. The result was that in the fall of 2000, I took the Basic Income Tax Course with a very large Income Tax Company, and was subsequently

hired on as an Office Manager for the season in early 2001. I am starting my third year with them, and enjoy it immensely.

This past summer, I discovered the world of radio-controlled model boats and ships, and am currently building a boat. I had to dig way back to my technician days to do the electric and electronic configurations.

My daughter, Angela, completed her college degree, and is currently a Correctional Officer with the Ontario Ministry of Corrections. She is also in the process of finishing her Bachelor of Arts at York University. Hard to picture "Daddy's little girl" embarking on a career of her own!

Retirement is great. Although I must admit, I do miss my shipmates.

Wishing you all... fair winds and following sea's.

... Danny

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(See above)



Closing Thoughts

I would dare say that a record has been set. More units submitted articles in this issue than any other, including those currently deployed. Well done.

Hopefully the "Three Mess" column will become a permanent item, for those retirees to share their stories and say hi once in awhile. Thanks to Danny Irwin for starting it off for us.

A CD containing all past newsletters (in both MSWord .doc and Adobe .pdf formats) will soon be mailed to each unit. Also included will be various unit graphics, the NESOP screensaver etc. I'd send one out to each of you, but the last time I checked, we had no budget ☺.

For those of you who would like to download the newsletter from home, an internet download site will be available effective Sunday 15 Dec 02. The address will be <http://members.rogers.com/nesops> This site has an email address associated with it if you'd like to pass

on comments, suggestions, articles, etc. The email address has been set up as nesops@rogers.com

The next issue of the newsletter will be released in the spring. The POC's will pass on the call for submissions once the date is set.

You've all had an extremely busy year. I know I speak for you all in wishing each other a very safe and happy holiday. For those deployed, we'll certainly be thinking of you.

Enjoy your spec pay. You deserve it.

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

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