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## RCMP takes over search for 2 missing ferry passengers

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BC Ferries has called off its search for two passengers of a ferry that sank early Wednesday in the choppy waters off the coast of British Columbia, handing the effort over to the RCMP.

The RCMP began treating the disappearance of Shirley Rossette and Gerald Foisey as a missing persons case late in the afternoon. The Canadian Coast Guard had been trying to track down their whereabouts. Mark Stefanson, a spokesman for the ferry company, said there were a number of reports from passengers who said they saw Rossette and Foisey talking to people in Hartley Bay, where those aboard the Queen of the North ferry were taken after it sank.

The ferry corporation said the two are not among the 99 people on their way back to Prince Rupert, or who were airlifted to hospital Wednesday morning.

"We're trying to pin down where they are," Stefanson said, confirming that the two had been on the ferry.

Stefanson said the RCMP is trying to determine whether the two got a ride from a fisherman to Prince Rupert or decided to stay in Hartley Bay.

Rossette and Foisey have not been officially accounted for since the overnight sinking of the Queen of the North about 135 kilometres south of Prince Rupert.

Earlier, the ferry's operator reported 99 passengers and crew members were rescued after the Queen of the North hit a rock shortly before 1 a.m. PST (4 a.m. EST). The vessel reportedly began to tip to one side before it sank off Gil Island in Wright Sound.

Eleven people were flown by helicopter to a Prince Rupert hospital and treated for minor injuries.

**INDEPTH:** Ferry accidents in B.C.:  
Timeline  
The ship was completely submerged.



BC Ferries president David Hahn wouldn't speculate on what caused the accident. "I think something went catastrophically wrong," he said. "We'll have to dig through all the evidence. We don't want to draw any quick conclusions."

**INDEPTH:** Search and Rescue  
Rescue ships carried survivors to Hartley Bay, an isolated community of about 200 people south of Prince Rupert. The passengers were being transported to Prince Rupert by the coast guard.

**'All of a sudden all the lights went out'**  
Many passengers were asleep when the incident occurred about five hours into a 15-hour trip from Prince Rupert south to Port Hardy.

"We were in bed. I thought we were docking or something like that," said Jill Lawrence. "It didn't really seem like it was too much of a bump to me."

"The next thing you know, when I looked down, everything was all over the floor. Then we heard the alarm go, so we jumped out of bed and got out."

It took about an hour for the ferry to sink, giving passengers time to scramble into lifeboats in the rough waters, the coast guard spokeswoman said.

"All of a sudden, all the lights went out on the boat and somebody yelled and said, 'Somebody put a spotlight on it,'" said passenger Ryan MacDonald.

"And at that time, the nose of the boat was sticking straight up in the air and then it just

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went straight down and disappeared. It's something you'll never forget."

Fishing boats from nearby communities, a helicopter and several coast guard vessels responded to the distress call.

### Company rejects charge that ferry too big for area

About 80 men from Hartley Bay went out in their boats after someone picked up the ship's emergency call over the radio.

The 125-metre-long ship, which can hold up to 700 people and 115 cars, is one of the larger ferries in the provincially owned company's fleet.

Hahn flatly rejected the notion that the ferry may have been too large to navigate those particular waters.

"Not at all. Not even a remote chance. It's not that large compared to cruise ships. It's sailed [the area] many, many times over many, many years."

FROM CBC BRITISH COLUMBIA: B.C. Premier to meet with rescued ferry passengers

The company has suspended service on the route, and the Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

### Second accident in past year

BC Ferries made headlines in 2005 when a large passenger ferry ran aground near Vancouver.

Last June 30, a BC Ferries vessel lost power while docking and smashed into a marina in Horseshoe Bay, north of Vancouver. No one was injured but 22 pleasure boats were damaged or destroyed.

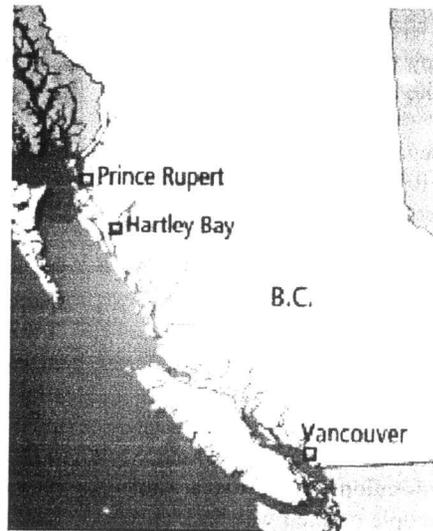
FROM JULY 1, 2005: Mechanical failure caused B.C.

### ferry crash

Investigators blamed the incident on a problem with the ship's clutch.

Despite the two accidents in less than a year, Hahn says he's confident in the fleet.

"In both cases, nobody really got hurt badly and no one got killed. I think it says that the crew is extremely well trained," he said. "I still think it's an incredibly safe system."



*The Queen of the North was about 135 kilometres south of Prince Rupert when it sank.*

## Sea King helicopter from Canadian warship crashes off Denmark

February 2, 2006, EST.

HALIFAX (CP) - Five crew were plucked from the ocean off Denmark on Thursday after a Sea King helicopter crashed while practising night landings on a Canadian destroyer.

A navy official said the crew were examined by doctors on HMCS Athabaskan and were in good health. It wasn't known if the crash was caused by a mechanical failure or a mistake by the chopper's pilots as they tried to land on the ship's stern. "At this point we don't know why the incident occurred, but we will be investigating," said Lieut. Sonia Connock, a navy spokesperson in Halifax.

The crash occurred about 50 kilometres off the eastern coast of Denmark while the Halifax-based destroyer was deployed with a NATO fleet.

Connock said the helicopter, which was based on the destroyer, sank in 16 metres of water and the site was marked by a buoy.

Defence officials, in a brief release, said a salvage attempt could be made, pending sea conditions.

The Athabaskan is deployed with the Standing NATO Maritime Group 1, a squadron consisting of destroyers and frigates from the alliance nations.

The Canadian destroyer, the flagship for the group, carries a crew of about 300 people.

The accident was the latest in a long string of problems for the Sea Kings, the navy's geriatric workhorses which were purchased in the 1960s.

The federal government is buying 28 Cyclones to replace the Sea King fleet, but the first aircraft won't be delivered until late

## Sea King helicopter from Canadian warship crashes off Denmark (Cont)

2008 and operations won't begin for another year. The last Sea King is expected to retire in 2011.

In 1993, the newly elected Liberal government of Jean Chretien cancelled an order that would have replaced the Sea Kings by 2000, saying it was too expensive.

Canada's fleet of Sea Kings have been involved in four fatal crashes that have claimed at least 10 lives over the years. They require about 30 hours of maintenance for every

hour of flying time.

The accident off Denmark mirrors one off Halifax in September 2004. A Sea King was practising landings on the deck of HMCS Iroquois when there was an imbalance in the amount of power the engines were producing.

The sudden shift caused the aircraft to fall more than a metre to the ship's deck. None of the crew was injured.

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## Obituary

**BURKE, LLOYD DOUGLAS:** died at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, Fredericton, NB on Friday, 30 Dec, 2005 after a lengthy illness. Born in Saint John, NB, he was the son of the late Leo and Ellen [MacKinnon] Burke, and husband of Jean (McGibbon) Burke of Fredericton, NB.

Lloyd is survived by his loving wife, Jean (McGibbon) Burke; sons Donald (Rita) of Ottawa, ON, James (Pauline) of Ottawa, ON and Joseph (Denise) of Fredericton, NB; daughters, Patricia Hughes (Donald) of Calgary, AB and Roberta Collins (Larry) of Tampa, FL; sister, Meme Fitzgerald (Brian) of Cape Breton; eight beloved grandchildren, Alanna, Conner, Shawn, Elizabeth, Whitney, Samuel, Kathleen and Rebecca, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at McAdam's Select Community Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. The funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Dunsten's Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 4th, 2006 at 12noon. Rev. Gerry White as celebrant. For those who wish, memorial tributes made to the Dr Everett Chalmers Hospital Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society, would be appreciated. [www.mcadamsfh.com](http://www.mcadamsfh.com)

Lloyd qualified as a DV2 in 1952 and served on the "Quebec ". He joined the Ottawa chapter and transferred to the Eastern Chapter in 1997 where he was a member up to this year. He had been in poor health for sometime. Our condolences goes to his family and friends. Lloyd resided in Fredericton NB.

**GONEAU, A. Bernice** - 76, Halifax, passed away peacefully Monday, February 6, 2006, in Abbie J. Lane Memorial Building, QEII, surrounded by her loving family. Born May 23, 1929 in Sheet Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Malcolm and Florence (Butler) Richards. In her late teens, Bernice moved to Halifax and was employed at Simpsons. She was then married to the late Bradford Pryor Russell. After Bradford's death in 1963, she continued to work part-time while raising her three daughters. She was a member of Saint Pius X Roman Catholic Church for over 40 years and a member of Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Fairview Branch 142. She enjoyed reading, playing darts and crib, and loved to shop for her children and grandchildren. Bernice is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Leo Arthur; daughters, Nancy (Everett) Cleversey, Halifax; Jackie (Terry) Burke, Lower Sackville; Connie Whalen (Roger Keefe), Lower Sackville; grandchildren, Leah, Randy, Matthew, Sara, Erin, Evan; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Agnes Mills, Faye (Ken) Vryenoek, Joan (Lawrence) Deveau, all of Halifax; Marion "Midge" (Floyd) MacDonald, Lochaber Mines; brothers, Gerald Richards, Roy (Edna), both of Sheet Harbour; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband, Bradford Pryor Russell; son, Charles in infancy; brother, Lloyd Richards. Arrangements have been entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Home, 6552 Bayers Rd., Halifax, where Bernice's family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday in Saint Pius X Roman Catholic Church, 165 Coronation Ave., Halifax, Father Thomas Thekkeker officiating. Reception to follow in the church hall. Private family interment will held in Oakridge Memory Gardens, Lower Sackville. Family flowers only. If so desired, a donation in Bernice's memory to a charity of one's choice would be appreciated. On-line condolences are available through: [www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com](http://www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com)

**HENRY, Lieutenant Commander Philip (Phil), RCN,** Retired January 20, 1922 - January 29, 2006 "Gone to Fiddler's Green" It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of our love, mentor, and friend, Philip Henry. Born to a handsome Irish father and adventurous Scottish mother, Philip began his naval career as a young boy paddling rafts down the Bow River in Calgary. At the age of 16, he traveled to England and spent two years on the naval training vessel, HMS Conway. Dur-

## Obituary (Cont)

ing World War II, Philip served as Lieutenant Commander on HMCS Prince David, serving in four theatres of war, including the D-Day landing at Juno Beach. After the war, Philip returned to Calgary and joined Alberta Government Telephones as a lineman. In 1954, he was recalled by the Royal Canadian Navy to head the Bomb Disposal Unit in Esquimalt, B.C. In 1956, he returned to Alberta and resumed his employment with Alberta Government Telephones, setting up the Security Department in Edmonton in 1962. He advanced through several higher positions within AGT before his retirement in 1979. In recent years, Philip was a member of the Probus Club and served a one-year term as President. A gentleman and a scholar, Philip was truly larger than life. Blessed with good looks, a commanding physical presence, and a rapier-sharp wit, Philip had a remarkable life. His keen sense of humour, his prodigious storytelling and his ability, even late in life, to recite from memory long passages from The Iliad were legendary. Philip lived life to the fullest and those who were lucky enough to cross his path were forever enriched. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched. Philip is survived by his loving family: wife



Tillie; daughter Barbara (David) Barrett of Beaver Bank, Nova Scotia, and their son Robert; son Philip (Francoise) Henry of Vegreville, Alberta and their sons Brett and Keith; and son James (Sharon) Henry. Philip will also be sorely missed by his extended family: Andy Laskiwsky and his son Pax; Orest Laskiwsky; and Diane (Lionel) Milette and their family: Matthew (Marisha) Milette and their baby Nathalie, Nicholas, and Katrina Milette. Philip was predeceased by his sons Robert Henry and Alan Henry, his sister Cora Keats, and Margaret Henry, the mother of his children. Cremation has taken place. It was Philip's wish that his ashes be cast into the ocean for his final journey to Fiddler's Green. A Memorial Service will be held at Appel Funeral Home, Central Memorial Chapel, 10530 - 116th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, on Thursday, February 2nd, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Please join us in celebration of Philip's life. " with silent questioning mind, I've slipped through the blue untraversed serenity of the heavenly sea, Raised up my face and felt the cool embrace of God." (from Descent by Robert Gwalchmai, Clearance Diver Officer, Canadian Navy) Appel Funeral Home/Central Memorial Chapel, 454-8088. "Our Family Serving Your Family" [www.appelfuneralhome.com](http://www.appelfuneralhome.com) Edmonton Journal on 2/1/2006.

## Social Page

### Darby Matthews:

Tony Dubois wrote Saturday, March 18: Just got back from the hospital and Darby was admitted yesterday having breathing problems. EKG showed that he had two undetected heart attacks. He is not doing well, as a matter of fact I think the end is near. Pam is quite distressed but the family is gathering around and giving support. I hope he will make it through the night so he will get to see his son Bill who is arriving from Ottawa early morning. I will keep you informed of any changes.

Andy Desroches wrote Tuesday, March 21: Just returned from the Dartmouth General Hospital and a visit with Darby. He is looking very good and he is in excellent spirit. Leo Goneau and Sam Semple were also visiting. We had lots of navy talks and he had a big smile on his face. He had a miraculous recovery from the state he was in on the 16th. The CAT scan ruled out another stroke but he had a massive heart attack. He is looking forward to opening his summer cottage in May and is planning to go to Ottawa for the reunion in September.

Fred Salter wrote 8 Feb: Hello there George, received your email from Robbie. Hope things are well down there in the desert.

I was hoping you would put a notice in the Dipper to find anyone who has photos and stories about different diving jobs, tasks and accomplishments including the names of personnel involved in the projects and photos. I am currently trying to get history of the unit and get the records organized, if you could send them to me care of the diving unit, it would be most appreciated.

See you on the bottom, Strength in Depth,  
Fred Salter  
837 Darwin Ave  
Victoria, BC V8X 2X7

Jim Balmforth wrote 19 Dec 2005: From sunny Puerto Vallarta Marg and I wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and the happiest of the New Year. Hope all is well with everyone.

News Flash: Just in from Guelph Line ON, Wolf Dams has been given Light Duties while he recovers from heart surgery. He is restricted to No Diving Deeper Than The Bath Tub. We wish him a speedy recovery. Norm Herd

## Bomb unit heads to Afghanistan

By Jennifer Taplin  
The Daily News Dec 5/2005

**MILITARY** - The army needed a few good men, so navy bomb disposal divers from Shearwater stepped up.

The 1st Combat Engineering Regiment based in Edmonton is heading to Afghanistan in February, but couldn't find enough qualified personnel to fill the bomb squad.

"These are predominantly army billets, and they were having difficulty generating the people in order to do another deployment, so we stepped in," said Lt.-Cmdr. Wayne DiPersio, who commands Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic.

A team of four divers is training in Edmonton now, but they'll be back in Halifax later this month before they leave in February. They'll be working on land rather than in water, but the skills involved are the same.

DiPersio said he's confident the bomb squad will see a lot of action during their six-month stay.

"To my knowledge, in the last four or five months, there have been three separate incidents where improvised explosive devices have been used to target coalition troops in Afghanistan."

Master Seaman Paul Weber was the first and only member from the diving unit in Halifax to work with the army in Afghanistan, where Canadian troops have been deployed

since 2002.

He went over in July of last year. "It was consistently busy," he said.

Weber spent a lot of time disposing of stockpiles and ordnance left over from the Russians, Chinese and Bulgarians. He dismantled terrorist bombs too: one attached to an Afghan truck and another buried by the side of a road.

Weber had some advice for the new crew: "Listen to the army guys that you're with, because they'll keep you safe." There are 55 qualified divers who have bomb-disposal training, and DiPersio is happy with that number.

The team is kept busy when they're at home, responding to about 65 calls a year in Nova Scotia. Police and RCMP normally respond to bomb situations, but when the device is an old piece of ammunition or military ordnance, the navy's bomb squad takes over.

Most of the calls turn out to be pyrotechnics, but DiPersio said about 20 calls involve real ammunition.

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On the move: The following Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) Clearance Divers will head to Afghanistan:

- . Lieut. Rollie Leyte
- . Petty Officer 1st Class Andy Tiffin
- . Master Seaman Luc Champagne
- . Leading Seaman Rob Williams

## Photos from 'Down Under'

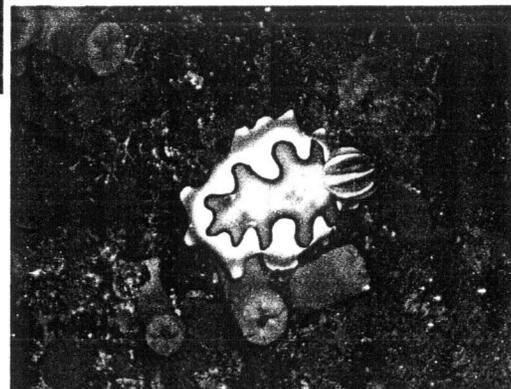
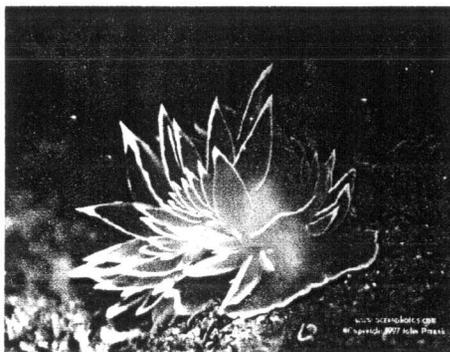
The following pictures and comments sent by a friend from Brisbane.

The pictures are Nudibranchs or Sea Slugs. The first one was taken by a friend of Leanne and the translucent one is from a commercial diver who took them out on the reef.

For a lowly slug they are an amazing animal though coming in a large variety of colours and shapes. The translucent white one looks like a flower made from glass.

For more images go to:

[www.deepimage.co.uk](http://www.deepimage.co.uk)



## Military/RCMP Pensioners Against Benefit Reduction at age 65

### “Latest up dates “

To the membership:

This injustice levelled at our Veterans someday will affect your Children, Grand Children, and/or members of your family. Someone will proudly volunteer to serve our Country in the Military/RCMP Forces. It should be a concern of all Canadians!

The Committee and I take this opportunity to say thank you for your continual support. Our private member's bill will be reinstated by Mr. Peter Stoffer, MP during the next sitting of Parliament. Our Mission continues and we have thus far accumulated over 36,000 supporters.

In 1966 most unions did not go along with the Government plan to integrate rather than stack our pension plans. As Senior Military Officers did not hold Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) appointments in the old Canadian Forces HQ, military personnel had absolutely no say in the matter of merging or stacking the benefits. In short, it was the Government of the day decision.

Military and RCMP Personnel are a very different Government provider, always prepared and ready to give the ultimate

liability. In turn, Members of Parliament and the Government have the ultimate responsibility for the welfare of our Veterans. They need to acknowledge us through their actions, not only by words. Consider the billions of dollars in surpluses that both plans have accumulated and the fact that far too many of our Veterans, with over 30 years of service, live today on less than a \$15,000 year annuity.

Sincerely,

John  
John Labelle  
Campaign Coordinator  
<http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/military.pension/>

### Web site links of interest:

A “paper” prepared by LCol (ret'd) Jim Lumsden.  
Senior Leaders endorse the issue.

Revised February 26, 2006

## List of Canadians killed in Afghanistan since 2002

March 29, 2006, EST.

(CP) - A total of 12 Canadians, including 11 soldiers, have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. Here's a list of the incidents involving Canadian deaths:

- Four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded in a friendly-fire incident near Kandahar on April 18, 2002. A U.S. F-16 fighter jet mistakenly bombed the Canadians, who were on an training exercise.
- One soldier died in a suicide bombing on Jan. 27 2004 while on patrol near Kabul. Three others were wounded.
- Two soldiers were killed and three were wounded in a road-side bombing southwest of Kabul on Oct. 2, 2003.
- One soldier lost his life and four were injured when the armoured vehicle they were travelling in rolled over on Nov. 24, 2005, near Kandahar.
- A Canadian diplomat was killed and three Canadian soldiers were wounded in a suicide bombing near Kandahar on Jan. 15, 2006.
- A soldier was killed and another later died from his injuries after their armoured vehicle ran off a road in the Kandahar area on March 2, 2006. Six others were injured.
- One soldier died and three were wounded during a fire-fight with Taliban insurgents north of Kandahar early Wednesday morning.

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[www3.ns.sympatico.ca/military.pension](http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/military.pension)

## Dramatic rescue on Saint John River prompts military to buy new equipment

January 28, 2006, EST.

By DEAN BEEBY

OTTAWA (CP) - A dramatic rescue on New Brunswick's swollen Saint John River last year has prompted the military to provide better safety equipment to an elite diving unit, newly released documents show.

The incident occurred during a night army exercise as a group of stealth divers staged a mock attack on a cable ferry bobbing in the middle of flood-choked waters near Gagetown, N.B.

The four divers, wearing dry suits but no tanks or masks, entered the river upstream from the Scoville Island ferry, which was out of commission because of the flooding. A heavy cable strung across the river held the vessel in place as a light rain beat down.

The current was so strong, however, that it swept two of the divers past the ferry. The pair were successfully plucked from the raging waters by the crew of a small Zodiac inflatable boat positioned downstream.

But the other two men were slammed against the ferry hull by the turbulent waters, and needed both hands to hang on to keep from being sucked under.

The divers were "unable to extricate themselves until a safety boat came to their aid," says a report on the incident obtained under the Access to Information Act.

"They needed both hands to stop themselves from being swept under the ferry and couldn't use their distress flares which require both hands to fire."

The pair, Cpl. Mike Maynard and Master Cpl. Stephane Ruton, were eventually rescued by Zodiac and suffered no

injuries.

"They were more pissed off than anything else," said Maj. Joe Gale, who was in charge of the training, part of an annual army exercise called Roguish Buoy. The divers were angry that the mock assault was not better planned.

The incident highlighted equipment safety lapses even though the men were successfully rescued, says the report.

For one, Maynard and Ruton could not turn on the strobe lights attached to their chests because they had to cling with both hands to the ferry hull.

Also, their safety flares were taped to their diving knives, which are strapped to their legs - too far to reach to ignite even if the men had both hands free, says Gale.

The army has since acquired infrared strobe lights for divers' chests that can be turned on before an exercise or operation begins. The infrared light cannot be detected by the human eye but can be seen clearly through military night-vision goggles, which amplify light.

Night operations can therefore still be conducted in secret. "Stealth is a significant part of what we try to do," Gale said.

The safety flares are now attached to the chest for easy access, and the military is investigating whether to use a simpler flare that requires only one hand to ignite.

Gale says the next major Roguish Buoy exercise is planned this May, though flooding will not be a problem because it's scheduled to take place along the Nova Scotia coast, near Halifax.

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## Correspondence

Canterbury High School December 22, 2005

Canadian Naval Divers Association

Dear Sir / Madam:

It is with humility and pride that I would like to share a gift with your organization. On May 08 of this year in Ottawa at the National Cenotaph, the Senior Choir of Canterbury High School, under the direction of Ms. Laurie Hamilton, sang at the memorial VE Day celebration.

The Senior Choir and Ms. Hamilton took the initiative of producing this CD as a gift in memory to all veterans and serving members of Canada's Armed Forces in gratitude for their service to our country. It contains the musical pieces performed that day.

The first copy of this work was presented to Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada in recognition of her leadership as Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Armed Forces during her tenure.

The students at Canterbury High School, as young students across our country - do and shall remember. Canterbury High School was honoured to be present at the Cenotaph on May 08, 2005 to bear witness.

On behalf of our students and Ms. Hamilton, please accept and share this CD with those veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.

We will not forget.

Respectfully, Frank Wiley, Principal

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## Editor's Corner

After a winter away from the colder northern climates I ran across this picture in a magazine. Of course my over worked imagination went back to the days when we were developing ice diving procedures for the CF. I could just see the first guy out there with the chain-saw and everyone is telling the idiot that he is supposed to be cutting a triangular hole.

I will close with this statement from Red Dog Larsen "I hope you are still blowing bubbles and on the "right side" of the grass! Or in this case the right side of the ice.



## Reunion Update

Please forward Agenda Items for our next Triennial Meeting being held in Ottawa Friday morning 15 Sep 2006 in writing to Norm Herd, National Chairman or Chuck Rolfe, National Secretary/Treasurer.

My example of an Agenda Item: Surviving Spouses such as Tillie Henry be made a Life Member so she can continue to receive the News letter. The expense of that news letter to be covered by chapter their spouse belonged to.

### Agent Orange

#### FOR ANY RCN DIVERS IN CFB GAGETOWN

In June 1966 and June 1967, aerial test sprays were conducted at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick. These sprays contained various herbicides including the substance known as Agent Orange. All current and former Canadian Forces members who think they may have a medical disability that is related to these test sprays or other military service should contact Veterans Affairs Canada at 1-866-522-2122 (English) or 1-866-522-2022 (French) to make a disability pension application.

(Source: Veterans Affairs Canada)

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