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### Air Cadets hard at work this summer

#### Lt(N) Peggy Kulmala AHCSTC Public Affairs

A large group of air cadets - mostly teens between 13 and 15 years of age - were in East Sooke Regional Park on Friday, Aug. 9 to help remove invasive plants.

At the same time, another 60 cadets were hard at work in Metchosin doing roadside clean up, as well as dismantling beach campfire sites dangerously close to dry vegetation.

The environmental efforts of these 120 cadets - plus another 120 air

cadets who were at Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse Historic site earlier in July to "wage war on invasive species" – equals 1,260 hours of concentrated effort for the betterment of the communities in Colwood, Metchosin, and Sooke.

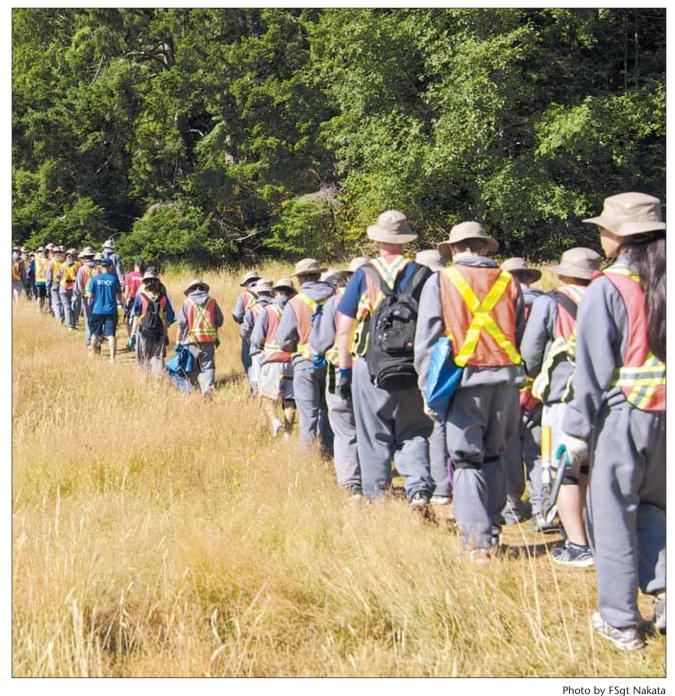
"It was both fun and important," said Cadet Cat Wang of 513 Squadron in New Westminster of her efforts in East Sooke Regional Park. "We spent the day protecting the environment with our friends in the beautiful forest."

The 240 cadets were from all throughout B.C. on various courses

at Albert Head Air Cadet Summer Training Centre (CSTC) in Metchosin.

The cadets' contribution to the western communities satisfied program requirements for their respective courses' community service project.

"The development of responsible and caring citizens is one of the most important aspects of the cadet program," said LCol Carrie Johnston, Commanding Officer. "Cadets regularly participate in citizenship activities in Victoria and other cities and towns across Canada throughout the year."



A long line of Air Cadets, 60 in total, made their way into East Sooke Regional Park on Aug. 9 to remove Daphne Laurel and other invasive plants.





Photo by Corporal Anthony Laviolette, CFSU(O) Imaging Services

The Maritime Forces Pacific team performs the traditional skit in front of multinational teams at Camp Heumensoord after their 40 kilometre march on July 17 during the 97th International Four Days Marches Nijmegen, Netherlands.

### **Top honour for Nijmegen team**

#### Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

Five time veteran of the International Four Day Marches Nijmegen, CPO2 Koblun says this year's team was one of the best he's ever seen.

The Chief and his 11-person troop recently returned from the 97th Nijmegen March. This four day event saw thousands of people marching through the Dutch countryside.

"They meshed together so well, from a personality and a discipline standpoint," he says. "Even when things got tough and everyone was hurting, they could still march, smile, and sing. They helped each other through all of it.'

The CFB Esquimalt team's dedication and near superhuman effort secured them the top Canadian honour. On top of finishing the race first out of all the Canadian teams, they were also awarded the Woodhouse Trophy. The trophy is awarded to the top Canadian military contingent at the March; an honour the CFB Esquimalt team has won three years out of the last four years they have participated.

"It feels really great to have our training program validated," says CPO2 Koblun. "The blood and sweat we put into this March isn't going unrecognized. We work hard and being acknowledged for that is a great feeling."

The tough selection and training process is what put them a step ahead of other participants. They were used to marching 40km a day by the time they landed in The Netherlands.

"They started calling us 'cyborgs' and 'robots'," says CPO2 Koblun. "When we'd get to rest points the other teams would have their boots off, feet up, just crashed. We would still have our boots on and be playing frisbee. It was just the way we trained and it definitely helped us stay on our feet."

That being said, the world's greatest walking event had its challenges. CPO2 Koblun says the overbearing heat made this year's event tougher.

"It was about 30 degrees every day, with 80 per cent humidity. It felt like we were walking through pea soup at some points," he says. "People don't usually get blisters until the second or third day, but we had guys getting them on day one this year."

Through all the blisters, exhaustion, and cramping, CPO2 Koblun says it was still heart-warming to see hundreds of thousands of civilians come out to cheer on the marchers.

"The civilians that come out really love the Canadian teams. They absolutely support the other teams, but when they see that Canadian flag they just go nuts. I don't think a lot of the team was ready for that."

The love and appreciation the Dutch people have for the March is never on larger display than the Victory March. During the last five kilometres of the march the Canadian teams all form up into one gigantic contingent, wearing their Nijmegen March medals

"It's an overwhelming feeling," says CPO2 Koblun. "To have that kind of support and appreciation showered on you from so many strangers is a really unique experience."

### Sea Training Reunion

Sea Trainers, don't miss out on the fun! All current and former Sea Trainers are invited to attend the Twentieth Annual Sea Training Dinner taking place Thursday Sept. 19 at the Royal Canadian Legion Trafalgar / Pro Patria Branch No 292 located at 411 Gorge Road East.

This year's event will kick off at 1830hrs with supper being served at 1900hrs.

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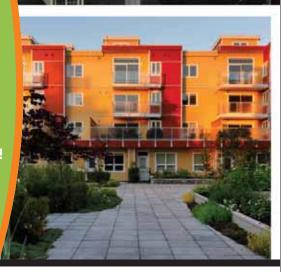
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### People Talk

Lookout asked this question: If vou could be anywhere else in the world right now where would you be and why?



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South America, because they know how to dance. MS Jason Vellow

#### PEOPLE AT WORK

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### Maple Ridge native supports fight against piracy

LCdr Greg Walker has spent the past four months far from home and family, providing critical support to NATO's counter-piracy Operation Ocean Shield from Allied Maritime Command Headquarters in Northwood, near London, UK.

LCdr Walker, a reservist assigned to HMCS Malahat, arrived in April and is currently serving in a position that rotates every six months since July 2010, with three Canadian servicemen supporting the NATO Shipping Centre's counter-piracy operations.

The NATO Shipping Centre maintains a constant dialogue with the shipping industry to warn merchant vessels of potential or actual threats to their passage in the Gulf of Aden, and shares recommended best practices with commercial shipping on methods of selfdefence against pirate attacks.

LCdr Walker served on active duty from 1989 to 2011 before joining the reserves. He will be returning to his family in Canada in September upon completion of his tour.

LCdr Walker reviews a document on SLt Chénier's computer while deployed at the NATO shipping Centre during Operation Artemis - the Canadian contribution to NATO's counter-piracy operation Ocean Shield.





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### **TV** series showcases Rangers

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A docu-series set in Nunavut will premiere on APTN Sept. 5, 2013.

Picture This Productions, in association with APTN, is getting ready to launch their six part docu-series, *Watchers of the North*.

The mini-series will premiere on APTN at Thursday nights at 8 p.m., beginning on Thursday Sept. 5, with the Northern feed premiering Sunday Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Each half hour episode chronicles the adventures and lives of one of Canada's most intriguing and least known military units: The Canadian Rangers.

Made up largely of Aboriginal men and women, these reservists patrol some of Canada's most remote and most northern regions, acting as the Watchers of the North and demonstrating Canadian Arctic sovereignty.

The series was filmed between April and June 2012 in and around two towns in Nunavut, Gjoa Haven, on King William Island and Taloyoak, the northern most settlement on mainland Canada.

Episode one covers the

unusual training of new recruits; episode two focuses on how search and rescue training brings up difficult memories for some Rangers; episode three follows a patrol of the Northern Warning System; episode four tracks how snowmobile breakdowns and a Ranger's illness nearly sideline a seemingly routine Arctic presence patrol; episode five focuses on the challenges of being teenage Junior Rangers in the remote North, while episode six follows Rangers tracking ice safety at the annual

spring fishing derby. "We're very excited about the series" says series director David Finch. "Because along with the Rangers-related adventure that unfolds in each episode, Watchers of the North also touches on bigger issues. Northern climate change and global warming, Arctic sovereignty, youth suicide prevention, preserving cultural traditions, and the challenges and joys of life in Canada's extreme North are just some of the themes that come through in the episodes."

The Canadian Rangers, formed after the Second World War, are a rare example of traditional knowledge outweighing military doctrine: outside of the basic weapons, GPS, and search and rescue training Rangers receive, members of the patrol rely heavily on their knowledge of the land and traditional navigation to carry out their duties.

"Although this series focuses on two patrols within 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1CRPG), there are five CRPGs covering all of Canada with more than 4,800 Rangers," said Warrant Officer Robert Bertrand, a Junior Canadian Ranger Instructor at time of filming. "The Canadian Rangers are a sub-component of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Reserve in sparsely settled northern, coastal and isolated areas of Canada which can't conveniently or economically be covered by other elements or components of the CAF."

More information on the series - including behindthe-scenes images, video and crew diaries—can be found on the website www.watchersofthenorth. com launched July 2, at the series blog: http:// watchersofthenorthblog. com, on Facebook at http://www.facebook. com/WatchersoftheNorth and on Twitter: @ WatchersNorth.

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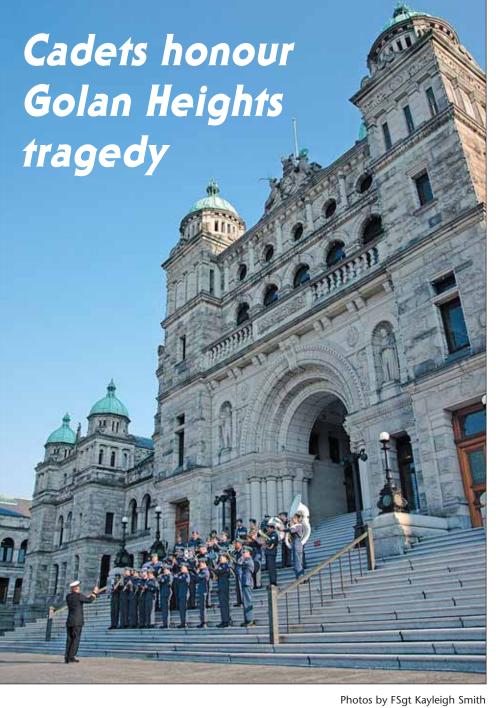




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The Albert Head Intermediate Air Cadet Band performed on the steps of the Legislature before marching on to the 21st Annual Peacekeepers Memorial Day Service. The memorial service is held annually on Aug. 9. The date recalls the deaths of nine Canadians killed when a missile hit their aircraft over the Golan Heights in 1974. Thirty-nine years later, the Golan Heights tragedy remains as the most Canadian lives lost in a single military operation since the Korean War. The annual memorial service is organized by the Canadian



The Albert Head Intermediate Air Cadet Band marches off the 21st Annual Peacekeepers Memorial Day Service.



Lt Jonathan Mok (759 Squadron in Burnaby) played the Last Post as the National Flag of Canada was lowered to half-mast to honour Canadian peace-keepers.







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Impersonator Joey Purpura has lived and breathed Neil Diamond since 2004. He travels across the country and parts of the Caribbean with his tribute show "Diamond in the Rough."

"I've always been able to do voices, as long as I can remember," says the 39-year-old. "When I found out I could do a pretty good Neil Diamond, my friends encouraged me to go on stage."

In 2002, the Torontobased impersonator began researching the singer's life, studying his every move and song. He even researched little known facts about the singer.

For instance, Diamond grew up in the same neighbourhood as Barbara Streisand. They went to the same school and sang in the same choir.

Purpura also discovered Diamond was a pre-med student and was six months and 10 credits short of a pre-med degree when he abandoned his studies to pursue music.

"And he continues to tour. His music is very diverse and his songs, as

very diverse and his songs, as www.solitaryman.ca

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# Peacekeepers Remembered





Commander Maritime Forces Pacific receives the General Salute at the B.C. Legislature Grounds.

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Photos by Cpl Brandon O'Connell, MARPAC Imaging Services **Above:** Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, Rear Admiral William Truelove receives a salute from the Parade Contingent during the march past at the 21st Annual Peacekeeping Memorial Day Ceremony at the BC Legislature Grounds, on Aug. 9. The Annual Peacekeeping Memorial Day Ceremony is to recognize the sacrifices of the Canadian Armed Forces and Canadian citizens in the service of peace.

**Below:** Parade Contingent falls in during the 21st Annual Peacekeeping Memorial Day Ceremony.



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An RCAF search and rescue technician (left) and flight engineer observe a boat from the rescue door of a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter during a medevac of a fisherman experiencing medical distress on Aug. 11.

> Photo by Sgt Andrew MacKenzie, 442 Squadron

### **Comox search and rescue busy week**

**Captain Trevor Reid** 19 Wing Public Affairs Officer

An RCAF Cormorant helicopter crew medevaced an injured man from a logging site near Holberg, B.C. Monday afternoon, Aug. 12.

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Victoria received the call for assistance from B.C. Ambulance after the middle-aged man was struck by a falling branch. Although BC Ambulance was able to evacuate the man from the logging site, it became apparent that he was in need of urgent care.

With fog, low clouds and rain in the area, air controllers at JRCC called 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron and a Cormorant helicopter crew took off from their base at 19 Wing Comox.

"We had bad weather most of the way," said Maj Troy Maa, aircraft commander. "We were flying by instruments, but we were able to pick out a landing spot on a logging road where we met the ambulance."

Once on the ground, the crew load-

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ed the patient on board and was soon airborne.

"Because changes in air pressure may have complicated the patient's condition, we had to be careful and stay at low altitude for the return flight," said MCpl Giles Bagley, search and rescue technician.

Unable to fly over the weather, the pilots used the navigation and instrument systems of the helicopter to fly though the clouds to Victoria. The patient was transferred to hospital in stable condition. His present medical status is unknown.

RCAF Helicopter crew medevacs fisherman from boat off West Coast Vancouver Island

An RCAF Cormorant helicopter crew was called upon to evacuate a middle-aged man from a commercial fishing boat, approximately 80 nautical miles west of Port Hardy, B.C. early Sunday evening, Aug. 11

Air controllers at Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Victoria received a call indicating the man was experiencing a possible medical condition on board the 48-foot vessel and was in need of evacuation to hospital. The Cormorant crew from 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron took

off from their base at 19 Wing Comox and was on scene just before 5 p.m. "We talked to the ship and got the crew to clear a spot on the deck so that we could lower our search and

that we could lower our search and rescue technician safely," said Captain Pierre Faucher, aircraft commander. "Fishing vessels are always challenging to lower SAR Techs onto because of the masts, antennas and rigging on board."

As the Cormorant hovered overhead, the Flight Engineer (FE) operating the hoist lowered the SAR Tech to the deck.

"It was a small area to hoist onto," said MCpl Giles Bagley, SAR Tech. "I went down quick, put a sling around the man for the sake of speed, and with perfect timing, the F.E. got us back on board the helicopter in no time."

The helicopter then flew to Port Hardy where the man was transferred in stable condition to B.C. Ambulance for transport to hospital.

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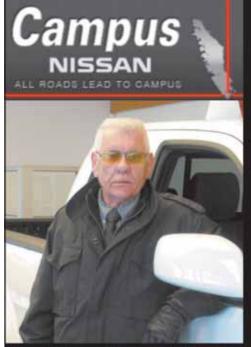




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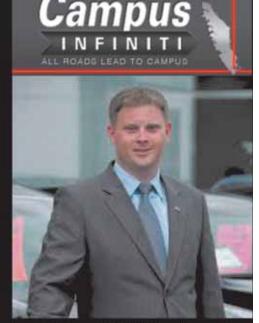
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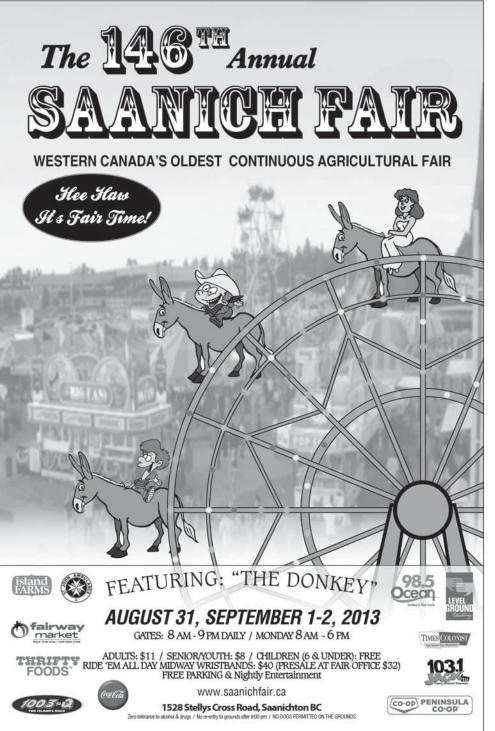




Bonnie Allan with husband Cdr Timothy Allan, outgoing Commanding Officer of Base Administration, and incoming BAdmo Cdr Wesley Golden with wife Christine and daughter Mykenzy slice a cake at the conclusion of the Base Administration Change of Command Ceremony on Aug. 15.

LCdr Mark Cunningham and CWO1 Cate Gaudet present Cdr Allan with his departure gift. Photos by LS Alex Croskery, MARPAC Imaging Services





### **Veteran aviator Stocky Edwards signs print**

#### **Comox MFRC**

Artist Brian Scott was thrilled when veteran Canadian aviator James Francis "Stocky" Edwards agreed to sign his print "19 Wing Perspective", which depicts 19 Wing Comox, B.C., and the Comox Valley.

"There's a natural connection between Stocky and 19 Wing Comox," says Scott. "Stocky's achievements as a [Royal Canadian Air Force] 'ace' pilot during the Second World War, and his post-war leadership, are legendary in aviation circles. He retired in the Comox Valley in 1972, is an honorary member of the Comox Air Force Museum and a lifetime member of the 19 Wing Officers' Mess."

The prints, signed by Edwards, are available to the public and can be purchased from the Comox Military Family Resource Centre and at Scott's art studio and gallery in Black Creek, B.C.

About James Francis "Stocky" Edwards Wing Commander (Ret'd) Edwards was the top Commonwealth "ace", flying Kittyhawks against Rommel's Afrika Korps during the North African Campaign of the Second World War. He was often mentioned in Royal Air Force dispatches for his prowess as a crack shot and his flying skills.

Victorious throughout the dangerous Desert Campaign, W/C Edwards then flew Spitfire operations in Europe. He was the first flight instructor on the Vampire, Canada's first post war jet. He also led the first wing of F-86 Sabres and served for three years in Europe as part of Canada's premier front line air defence during the early years of the Cold War. Prior to his retirement in 1972 he also flew Lancaster bombers, Canso flying boats, CF-100s and T-33s.

Edwards is a highly decorated veteran. He's been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, the Distinguished Flying



Second World War ace "Stocky" Edwards (left) with Comox Valley artist Brian Scott, who is holding his new painting "19 Wing Perspective."

Cross with Bar and the Order of Canada and was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame earlier this year.

About Brian Scott

Artist Brian Scott acknowledges that his childhood experiences as an "air force

brat" are the main reasons he became an artist.

'Travelling around the world provided me with experiences to draw upon as an artist that I would never have received otherwise," he says.

One of his favourite trips was in a CC-130 Hercules flying across Canada.

"I had a bird's eye view of the Canadian landscape." Scott's father, Warrant Officer Ralph

Scott was in the Air Force for 32 years and was posted to England, France, Germany, Fort Nelson, Sea Island, Trenton, Ont., North Bay, Ont., as well as Comox, B.C.

During Scott's youth, he sometimes flew on military aircraft as a dependant. While attending the University of British Columbia and the Vancouver School of Art, Scott made numerous trips to Lahr, West Germany, as well as Nicosia, Cyprus. From there he travelled on his own to Greece, Israel, Egypt, Khartoum, Addis Abba and Nairobi.

"At one point I found myself at Dar Es Salaam on the Indian Ocean for a visit with my older brother who was working with foreign aid at the time. Sometimes my mother was convinced she would never see me again," he recalls with a smile.

Scott's mural "19 Wing Perspective" will be officially unveiled at Rexspo on Saturday, Sept. 14, as part of the Fitness and Community Centre mural project.

Prints of the mural were donated to the Comox Military Family Resource Centre as a fundraiser for both the 19 Wing Youth Centre and a special scholarship that Scott is establishing for dependants and military spouses at North Island College.

Scott is also donating \$5,000 from his late father's estate to help establish this new scholarship, the third scholarship he has helped to create.

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### **Fleet Dive Unit deals** with UXO in Vernon

Shawn O'Hara Staff Writer

Clearance divers from Fleet Dive Unit (Pacific) had their work cut out for them when they were called in to deal with an unexploded piece of Second World War ordnance.

On Aug. 6, FDU(P) received a call from Vernon RCMP regarding a potential piece of Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) at the bottom of Kal Lake. With only a few hours notice, FDU(P) sent a team to Vernon.

"We prepared our kit and headed out as soon as possible," said Lt(N) Mike St-Pierre, Operations Officer for FDU(P). "We arrived in Vernon the next day and already there was a ton of media attention. It definitely made our job more complicated."

After preliminary reconnaissance the UXO was revealed to be an unexploded mortar from Vernon's Second World War training days.

"Vernon was a training ground for the potential Pacific campaign during the Second World War." explained Lt(N) St-Pierre. "It's not unusual to find UXO in areas like that, but the presence of civilian boaters on the lake made this an important event."

When the team was directed to the location of the ordnance they were greeted by hundreds of civilian boaters out for their daily sail.

"The area was pretty kicked up with anchor chains, so we weren't able to relocate the UXO that day," says Lt(N) St-Pierre. "We came back later that night and marked it, and then moved in early the next morning to the Vernon Range for a controlled detonation.'

Lt(N) St-Pierre says with the exception of the huge media attention, the mission went as well as could be expected.

"We got in, did our job and no one got hurt," he savs. "At the end of the day it's exactly what you hope for."





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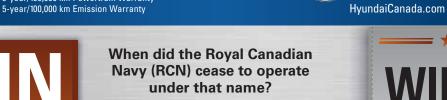


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