

# The Airborne Services



**NEW VERTOL CH-113 SEARCH & RESCUE** helicopter for the RCAF recently completed cold weather tests at USAF's Eglin AFB climatic hangar in Florida. The RCAF has ordered six CH-113's, which are basically the same as Vertol 107. CH-113 is specially equipped for long range northern operations.

## CF-100's Leave Europe

**METZ, FRANCE**—The RCAF's Air Division began flying its CF-100 aircraft to the United Kingdom for disposal at January's end.

The disbandment in January of four CF-100 squadrons was the end of an era for the RCAF in Europe that reached back over six years—to November, 1956.

It was during that month that the first NATO-designed CF-100 squadron, 455 "Wolverine" Squadron, flew its aircraft across the Atlantic to its new base at Marville, France, site of 1 Wing. The following year, 1957, the remaining three squadrons selected for European service took their places at each of the fighter wings, replacing an F-86 Sabre day-fighter unit.

Most of the squadron personnel, both aircrew and groundcrew, are being repatriated to Canada, to assume similar air force duties.

## 416 to Chatham

**CHATHAM, N.B.**—416 Lynx Squadron, equipped with CF-101B Voodoo aircraft, has moved from Bagotville to RCAF Station, Chatham, N.B. The squadron is commanded by Wing Commander E. D. Kelly of Peterborough, Ont.

## Canadair's "Tutor"

**OTTAWA**—RCAF Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal C. R. Dunlap, has chosen the name "Tutor" as the tag for the new Canadair-designed and built CT-114 (CL-41A) basic jet trainer scheduled to enter service during 1964. Powerplant for the "Tutor", the General Electric J-85, is

being built by Orenda Engines Ltd. of Malton, Ont.

The name is not new to the RCAF having been used to designate the Avro 621 two-seater built in Britain and used in Canada during the 1930s in a configuration adapted for Army co-operation training.

## Extend Chatham Runway

**CHATHAM, N.B.**—Extension of the E-W runway at RCAF Station, Chatham, N.B., from 7900 feet to 10,000 feet has been completed. The work began last winter and involved the removal of about 25 farms in the Douglasfield area. RCAF authorities give the total cost as about \$1 million.

## Hawks to Trenton

**TRENTON, Ont.**—The Golden Hawks have moved from RCAF Station, Chatham, N.B., to new permanent headquarters at RCAF Station, Trenton, Ont.

This famed aerial acrobatic team was formed at Chatham in 1959. Since then they have given more than 200 performances in Canada and the U.S.

The seven pilots chosen each year for the team are drawn from the ranks of jet pilots serving with squadrons and training units of the RCAF. Their training consists of a polishing and refinement of the normal RCAF aerobatic instruction to a high degree of precision and skill. To this are added special touches of their own. The formations and turns are tightened, maneuvers are done at the lowest possible levels, and such specialties as the bomb-burst with crossover, their signature, are devised.

Pilots of the 1962 Hawks were Squadron Leader L. L. Hubbard, Flight Lieutenants J. L. Fraser, N. J. Garriock, B. R. Campbell, G. E. Millar, A. F. McDonald, E. J. Keogh.

## Sets Jump Record

**WINNIPEG**—A Winnipeg-based RCAF sergeant has set a Canadian armed services record for parachute jumps with his 400th leap and is now diving towards his 500th. Also holder of the 100-, 200- and 300-jump marks, Sgt. Bob Crebo claimed his latest record at RCAF Station, Winnipeg.

The 39-year-old Moose Jaw native is NCO in charge of 111 Composite para-rescue section and a 17-year parachute veteran. His job is to aid persons in trouble in the northland—plane crash victims, injured trappers, Eskimo mercy missions.

Sgt. Crebo joined the air force in 1941, remustered to para-rescue in 1947 and in 1948 did stints with 121 Rescue Flight in Vancouver and later with 105 Communications unit in Edmonton. His work has taken him all across the country.

## Snow Chinthe III

**CAMP WAINWRIGHT, Alta.**—The importance of Air Force-Army co-operation in military operations was illustrated clearly here during a 10-day cold weather exercise in January.

Air Force transport and reconnaissance aircraft teamed up with ground troops of the army during Snow Chinthe III, a joint airborne, air-transported scheme which was centred on this military training reserve 134 miles southeast of Edmonton.

Transport C-119 Flying Boxcars and C-130 Hercules aircraft from 435 Squadron at RCAF Station Namao, played a major role in the exercise, which was conducted in temperatures that ranged from 50 above — during the early phases of it — to lower than 30 below a few days after Snow Chinthe got under way.

The big transports were used first as vehicles for a company of army paratroopers, then later to perform a massive airlift of troops from Calgary and Edmonton. During the airlift more than 60 aircraft sorties were flown.

Four Otter aircraft from Calgary's 403 Auxiliary Squadron and 418 Auxiliary Squadron of Edmonton were used in the late stages of the exercise to drop patrols of troops with equipment behind "enemy" lines.

A Chinthe, incidentally, is a mythical beast, part dog and part lion, whose stone images guard Burmese pagodas from desecration by evil spirits. 435 Squadron adopted the Chinthe as part of its squadron crest during Second World War operations in Burma.