

20th Anniversary of Ending of Canadian Meteorology in Germany

September 30th, 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of the last aviation observation and forecast from 3 Wing, Lahr, Germany.

Here are the last official METAR and TAF from Lahr:

EDAN 1500 030002KT 9999 BKN100 OVC250 16/13 A2985 NOSIG LAST OB FOREVER
AUF WIEDERSEHEN SALUT GOODBYE.....

EDAN 0707 16005KT 9999 SCT040 OVC100
TEMPO 9999 –RA SCT040 OVC100
BECMG 1012 9999 –RA BKN040 OVC100 T16/14 T10/06

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During this period, over 100 MTs served in uniform as proud members of our Canadian Forces – in France at Marville, Grostenquin and Metz; in Germany at Zweibrücken, Baden-Söllingen and Lahr. From the late 1950s through the early 1960s with four air bases and a headquarters operational, close to 20 MTs were serving in Europe at any given time.

The following five CFE MetOs are still working actively in the service of EC/MSC:

Mike Campbell
Norm Hart

Denis Gosselin
Ed Hudson

Abdoulaye Harou
Herb Thoms

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Twenty-two of these MTs are still working actively in the service of MSC:

Mike Campbell	Paul Delannoy	Angus Fergusson
Denis Gosselin	Abdoulaye Harou	Norm Hart
Bill Hartman	Bob Howell	Ed Hudson
Blaine Jelley	Richard Joseph	Marcel Lanoue
Louis Lefavre	John Merrick	Normand Michaud
Rick Power	Herb Thoms	Peter Schwarzhoff
Jim VanOs	Rick Wagner	Brian Wong
Jim Yip		

Although no longer with MSC, Bryan Boughton continues as Officer-in-Charge of the NATO Weather Office at Geilenkirchen, Germany.

Below is a photo of the plaque unveiled by the then ADM, Gordon McBean, on the occasion of the NATO Met Reunion held at 8 Wing Trenton April 23rd - 25th, 1994. The plaque is housed on the grounds of the RCAF Memorial Museum. More information on the museum is available at: <http://airforcemuseum.ca/en/>



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THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATES THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY ATMOSPHERIC ENVIRONMENT SERVICE METEOROLOGISTS IN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL WEATHER SUPPORT TO CANADIAN FORCES UNITS SERVING NATO IN FRANCE AND GERMANY FROM 1952-1993. THE METEOROLOGISTS SERVED AS CF METEOROLOGICAL OFFICERS (METO-73A) ON SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION WITH THE REGULAR FORCE AND, LATER, ON CLASS C RESERVE SERVICE.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICERS SERVED AT:

FRANCE

1 AIR DIV HQ METZ	1953-1967
1 WING MARVILLE	1952-1967
2 WING GROSTENQUIN	1952-1964

UNVEILED AT 8 WING TRENTON
23 APRIL 1994



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CETTE PLAQUE COMMÉMORE LE RÔLE IMPORTANT JOUÉ PAR LES MÉTÉOROLOGUES DU SERVICE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ATMOSPHERIQUE EN ASSURANT UN SOUTIEN ESSENTIEL AUX UNITÉS DES FORCES CANADIENNES AFFECTÉES À L'OTAN EN FRANCE ET EN ALLEMAGNE DE 1952-1993. LES MÉTÉOROLOGUES ONT SERVI COMME OFFICIERS MÉTÉOROLOGIQUES (METO-73A) AVEC BREVET DE COURTE DURÉE DE LA FORCE RÉGULIÈRE ET, PLUS TARD, EN SERVICE DE RÉSERVE - CLASSE C.

LES OFFICIERS MÉTÉOROLOGIQUES ONT SERVI À:

GERMANY/ALLEMAGNE

3 WING ZWEIBRÜCKEN	1953-1969
4 WING/CFB BADEN-SOELLINGEN	1953-1993
1 WING/CFB LAHR	1967-1993
1 AIR DIV/1 CAG HQ LAHR	1967-1993

DEVOILÉE À LA 8^e ESCADRE TRENTON
LE 23 AVRIL 1994

BY/PAR
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