

Rest in Peace Old Mae

Having been transferred from Trenton to RCAF Penhold # 4 Flying Training School, I learned there was a long standing exchange of Christmas gifts between the Officer's Mess and the Sergeant's Mess.

The previous exchange, the Officer's Mess had given the Sergeant's Mess , 12 live chickens, fate unknown. Now it was the Sergeant's Mess to do the Christmas exchange and so they gave the Officer's Mess , a horse. Old Mae, as she came to be called , was standing behind the bar, bedded down in a large amount of loose straw. We managed to find a home for her at a neighboring farm .As Mess Secretary, I was responsible to pay , from Mess funds, her monthly board and any other related expenses. Unfortunately, being of advanced age, Old Mae soon died and was buried on the farm.

We were all saddened to hear of her demise. She had become part of our Penhold family and we still think fondly of our unusual Christmas gift.

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