

Dress Rehearsal

Members of Canada's military have been preparing for a mission to Afghanistan this fall with planners laying out parts of a training area as troops may find it and other landmarks when they get to Afghanistan. Some hired civilians have been hired to dress and speak as Afghanistans citizens. Even a landing strip has been re-created to the north west of the Provost M.D. to look like the real one where other Canadian troops are now serving. These pictures show some of the activity that has been taking place. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTOS.



A helicopter lifts off during a mission.



A patient gets attention from a nurse as training takes place in part of a medical building.

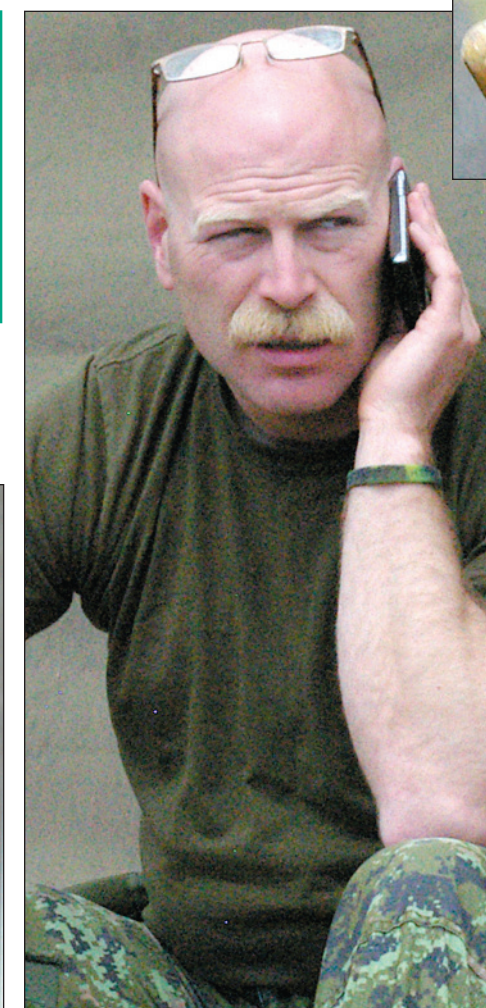


Private Benoit Thisdel of New Brunswick waits in front of his tent with a C7 rifle. Asked about his posting to Afghanistan he replied that "It's part of the job."

Ammunition was left out in the open as exercises were under way.



This drone, used for gathering intelligence, was made in Israel and is now being flown without a pilot for training here in Canada. Others like it are in the air over Kandahar province, Afghanistan.



A soldier calls out, using his cell phone while off duty.



A wheelchair is used to move a woman away from a tent marked "Emergency."

Looking Out

A soldier peers from a tower with a gun handy to see who—or what might be arriving at Camp Nathan Smith, named after Canada's first casualty in Afghanistan.



Tent Full of Medical Equipment

A well equipped hospital means a variety of procedures can take place by doctors and nurses—even open heart surgery, media were told during a recent tour.

Captain Jess Solinas of Calgary (far right) and others get lunch on June 10.



On the Move

An armoured vehicle moves out during a patrol in early afternoon.



Equipment whirs in the sky but chaplain Dwayne Bos of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario takes time to read about the experiences of a clergyman in the Vietnam War a generation ago.

