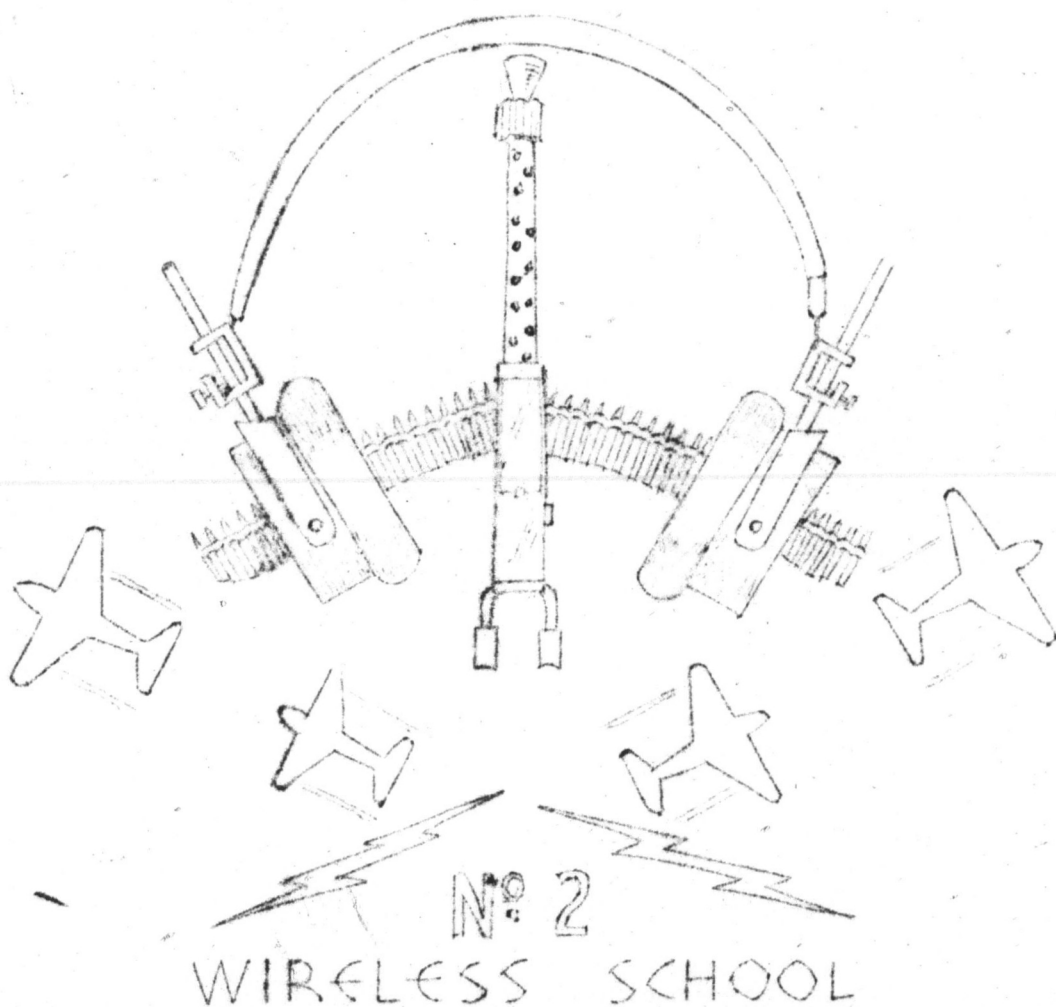


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EDITORIAL

THE WAF SIGNAL

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS

We hope that everyone who read the last edition of our paper, really enjoyed it. We are doing our best to make a fine school paper, but without the support of all classes, we could never accomplish such a thing.

In the last edition we tried to keep you all acquainted with the recent happenings around the school such as sports, entertainment, and many other various activities. However, we have so far only had a few reports for the flight news, but henceforth we would like to get more of them in.

We could do with more writers and cartoonists, so how about joining the staff. The paper is a much better improvement over the last one and it should be better at each edition. Let us know whether you are enjoying the paper, and as we said before, send one home; your folks would very much like to know what is happening around here.

It is not our paper but yours, and we are trying to do our best to make a go of it, but we can't do that unless we have full co-operation from all the trainees.

Good reading fellows; come in and let us know whether you enjoy it or not. There is always room for improvement.

Editor.

REPORTED MISSING

Sgt. Air Gunner John Stephen Lappin, of Guelph, later of Toronto, one of those reported missing after air operations last Friday night, was within a few days of observing his twentieth birthday, his parents said today. Educated in Guelph, he graduated from high school in June, 1940, and the next month enlisted with the R.C.A.F.

He trained in Canada at Toronto, Brandon, Calgary and Fingal, where he received his wings and chevrons in March. He went overseas shortly afterward, and in letters home had told of many operational flights he had made over Germany.

The youth was well known in Guelph as a hockey and baseball player of considerable ability.

Sgt. Air Gunner Lappin graduated with the 2nd Entry from this School.

Old Friends - The days that we have spent Together in these well beloved walls Hath given joys that were not meant To live and die within their walls. Joys of true friendships healthful days That knit our hearts 'twain as one, That bound our souls, and now our ways must part; the former days be done. Farewell dear friends; no more shall we meet with the old familiar thrill, Nor strive in friendly rivalry In deeds of strength and feats of skill, But though so soon school days be past With all their happiness and joys. Yet youthful's strong affections last Give pleasures that can never cloy; So may you to the close of life Keep pure and true, keep strong and free And battling in a sterner life Be ever as you used to be.

FAREWELL TO THE 18th ENTRY

So long fellows. You've had a long, tough course. At times you've felt pretty low and wondered whether it was all worth while. You have it all behind you now and can look back proudly, and with a feeling of satisfaction at a job well done. We, who remain and have known you, have an idea what you've been through and are proud to be able to call you our friends. You're on the threshold of the final stage of your training. That part is much shorter, and for many of you, more interesting. Your future is in the skies, lads. You have a much bigger task ahead of you than any you've tackled so far; a task that has made necessary the grind you've just finished. To your class seniors for doing an arduous, thankless, job well, and to you for the spirit you've shown in co-operating with them, we say Godspeed and good luck! We hope to see you all "over there" soon.

SO LONG TO W.O. KIRKHAM

One of the old timers of this Station has at last taken wings to Toronto. Our Station Sgt. Major was well known around these parts, was always seen on the Parade Ground, and his voice could be heard at all gatherings. He was the star volley ball player for the Sgts' team (so the story goes). Seriously though, we are sorry to see you leave, glad to have known you and hope we will meet again.

#2 Wireless.

EDITORIAL - CONTINUED

In these days of conflict, we hear much of the word - Liberty. Men in all ages have fought for it, and even died for it. Even Hitler in his maddest rantings claims to be fighting for the liberty of those countries he has conquered. We, too, are fighting for the liberty of democratic institutions. What, then, is the real meaning of liberty?

The murderer is certainly not using his God-given gift of liberty when he takes the life of his fellow man. Hitler and his jackal partner are not using their God-given gift of liberty when they cause the blood of the world to redden their fields of conquest. We, as individuals, are not using this gift of liberty when we do wrong. Liberty, then, is not the mere freedom of choice dependant upon man's own whim or caprice. It is something more than that.

We enjoy liberty when we do what we OUGHT to do. We enjoy liberty when we fulfill the purpose of our existence in this life, when we obey the laws of God, and the laws of man founded upon divine law and sound reason. Obedience to lawful authority does not take away man's liberty in all its fullness. What is said of obedience is equally true of all those other virtues and qualities that go to make up the character of a good man. That is the essence of liberty. That is its true meaning.

If I were to plan a car trip to Banff, I would have to take highway #2. I would have to observe, in addition to all the amenities of driving, the road signs along the highway and follow their directions. Otherwise, I would not reach Banff. I have no other choice in the matter. I cannot take highway #1, because that would lead me to Edmonton. Banff is my destination. Surely no one would say that the Province of Alberta is taking away my liberty and freedom when it says that I must take highway #2 and follow the directions of the kindly sign posts along the road. If I am obedient to all the directions given to me, I will surely reach Banff. I am using my God-given gift of Liberty rightly.

So it is in the moral order. Divine law and human law, founded on divine law, are the highway and the road signs that we must follow in order to reach our destination in life's journey. We may abuse our liberty at times and wander off that highway, but we still have the road signs to look for in order to get back on the right road. When we do that we free in the true sense of the word. "The Truth Shall make you Free."

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Liberty, then, is not the mere freedom of choice, or free will, acting independently of principle, divine and human law, sound reason and conscience. But rather Liberty is the doing of all those things that we OUGHT to do.

M.S.L.

R E S U R G A M
(I Shall Rise Again)

When Beauty's soul is won, will Beauty reign,
And England's Beauty be as England's pain?

The vandal planes flew over London Town
And dropped their bombs. Then cried the people loud,

In anguish deep, at witnessing their proud
Beloved city torn: "Why must the crown

Of England's Beauty be thus battered down?"

And England answered England's cry: "Ye vowed

To cherish English liberty, endowed
With Love of beauty in its soul. To drown

The sorrowing, the anger, in the heart,
Would drown the strength which anger doth beget.

Fight on! Endure and falter not - nor part
Ye from your purpose! Strike ye harder yet! "

When Beauty's soul is won, will Beauty reign,
And England's Beauty be as England's pain.

R.N.Z. A.F.

PAIN

Rain again this Sunday
It happens every time
That we get a 36
The weather isn't fine.

A trip to Turner Valley
To Banff just for a ride
Okotoks or Bowness
Instead we stay inside.

Why is it we're unlucky
To always get the rain.
I guess nobody loves us
To them we're just a pain.

FLIGHT NEWS

WAG 18G

18G is about to step on the parade ground to receive their sparks. Their Dit Dar days are almost over. Bless them all. We mean the Dit Dars. Ed. note (or will soon be starting in earnest). Anyway the boys have worked hard and we hope to see them all wearing their new decorations.

Men like Wallace and Duncan in 18V have passed by means of much noise and ballyhoo as Sergeant Bozak and Cpl. Sigurdson can testify, but Drewry, the studious one, leads the works.

Our married men in 18V, Gauthier and Nelson were good men until they took the leap. Now they spend their days in class (sleeping) and their nights????? Anyway they're on the job and good fellows in all.

And this there is to say of the boys of 18W; through out the course they have been exceptionally good lads, with of course the odd rumpus which had to occur every so often.

"E.W." from 18G and the rest of his gang send best wishes to the boys about-to-graduate. If you want the odd copy of later issues of "The Wag" just drop a line to the Y office.

The Station has looked up to the spirit which the Entry as a whole has shown and is sorry to see you leave, boys.

WAG 22G

Well here we are in another issue of the Signal. The main topic with us these days is the track meet, which, thanks to all the participants, turned out to be a tremendous success.

The weather was fine, the track in very good shape, and the boys were all in very good condition. In other words there was absolutely nothing to hamper class 22G from going right to the top. Some of our boys - Superior Beings - to quote the preceding issue of the Signal, turned out really remarkable results.

The way John Hoult breezed home in the 880 surely made everyone stand up and take notice. He really ran a very excellent race and proved an inspiration to the rest of the

flight. Archie Johnstone, our 110 yd. flash, is no slouch either. Even after being handicapped Archie was right out in front all the way and kept increasing his lead until the tape broke across his chest. He covered the 110 in 12 seconds flat and that's good time in any mans league.

We didn't take any back seat in the shuttle relay either. Goring's lead at the start was held all the way by the rest of the boys. Perhaps the highlight of the meet was Lowther's burst of Superhuman speed. We didn't think he could do it either.

Our Class Senior, Kirby, must be mentioned for the way he ran and finished in the 220, probably the toughest race of them all.

Every one who participated deserves a hand for the fine performances they turned in.

LAC JOHN HAEBER

We came to this Station two months ago
From Mountain, Plain, and Crag
To learn the things we ought to know
To be a damn good WAG.

We all try our best at our studies
And though we're not filled with conceit
We stand up with the rest of our buddies
In studies and any track meet.

We walked away with the honors
On Sports' Day just Last Week
All other flights were gonners
When we turned on the heat.

The coveted prize was a 48 pass,
And we damn well earned it too;
But days flit by and alas! alas!
Where is it? We're asking you.

A little wee birdie has told us
That we're being hooked like gobs
With the least of excuses they "Joe us"
Into doing the toughest jobs.

While we're in the camp we will "Get it"
But don't let this cause you alarm;
We'll be back, and we won't forget it
When we get three hooks on the arm.

Anon from 22G

FLIGHT NEWS - continued

WAG 22H

Congratulations W.A.G. Signal, editor and staff for the splendid first issue. 22^H salutes the Signal.

The following airmen will represent this class in the Station volley ball league-- R.C. McDonald, H.J. Croft, K. Perrett, J.C. Petroski, G.W. Powell, J.D. MacIntosh, P.M. MacIntyre, A.J.P. Johnstone, and L.F. White.

These fellows claim they are going to end up on top so you other teams had better look to your laurels.

The lads of the 18th Entry will soon be on their way to completing the final part of their training in Canada. We all realize the great amount of hard work it takes to make an airman into a good W.A.G. so with patience we in 22H await the day when we too will graduate and go forward to do our bit so that Freedom, Justice and Christianity will bless mankind for generations to come. To the fellows of the 18th Entry who are graduating; good luck and happy landings. To the fellow who couldn't make the grade; try, try, and try again, the Empire is counting on you.

After seeing the splendid technicolour pictures of the guard of honor for the Duke of Kent we're surer than ever that the 22nd Entry has it all over you fellows when it comes to marching. It's too bad we won't be honored by a visit from the Duke of Windsor.

WAG

WAG 22J

This is the sad, sad story of the class of WOI's. Yes the class of first class washouts who through no fault of their own(?) have been put back from various entries. Granted, many are endeavoring to improve their knowledge of radio and mores. An example of this is LAC Calder who quiz's the Corporals til one of the two is outwitted.

Unfortunately (?) for some of our number they have been C.T.'d and will now attempt to reenter for some other trade that they are more suited for.

In our midst we have a soccer star - by name IAC Vidal who was injured in action has now returned to give his best to the team.

As we study the results of the mid-term tests we find the many have done exceedingly better.

We have a representative taking the P.T.I. Course and he informs us that there is a good time in store for us in the form of Gymnastics as they are going to organize a Gym class which will take up vaulting, tumbling, pyramid building, and games. So come on Fellows, let's get together and organize a good team. You know the old saying "Nothing ventured --nothing gained". So we'll be seeing you.

At this point I wish to mention the work of our Class Senior--LAC MacPherson-- who, to the best of his ability is working to improve the conditions surrounding us.

Well, we'll be seeing you in the next issue, so till then - Goodbye Now.

WAG 24N

Due to the fact that they were hungry and the dinner line short, 22 men in this flight were put out on the drill square to chase butterflies for a morning lately. They probably won't run through the halls in the school again--not till next time anyway.

'Frenchy' is being kept rather busy these cool days at repairing his car. We hope to go for a little trip up to Banff if the weather holds good--and of course, the weather will have to, too.

'Vinney', the class junior was admitted to the hospital a while ago. It must have been a whale of a 36.

The Volley ball team from 24N are out to win a few games in the near future but would appreciate a little opposition from some of these so called volley ball players.

The boys in 24N would like to voice their appreciation for the good work that Graham Watt is doing in the promotion of sport for the station, and feel that, with P/O Passmore on the job as well, sport is going to be very much on the upgrade around these parts.

THE 26th ENTRY GREETES YOU

The 26th Entry wants to say hello. We're here for various reasons, some of us because we couldn't handle an aircraft, some for poor eyes and some more for other physical defects, and a surprisingly

FLIGHT NEWS - continued

26th Entry-cont'd.

large number because this is what we enlisted for.

We've spent the last three or four weeks getting acquainted and carefully feeling things out.

We've come to the conclusion that the bunk checks are darn hard to beat, the morse darn hard to assimilate and the discips darn hard to get along with.

Out of it all we've gained various degrees of liking and disliking for the station but have one and all decided that the 'system can't be beat' and we might as well like it.

We're glad to be with you and hope you like having us.

To the instructors we say 'Please bear with us' and to the discips 'We're not a bad bunch of guys, so don't be too tough' and to the rest of you 'Hello again'.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our spies tell us that Gerald Simpson of Class 22J was to take the fatal steps up the aisle on October 4th at the Crescent Heights United Church. The bride, according to the same spies, is a Calgary girl and very, very pretty. Since this Flash is unconfirmed and our policy is to print only news, the truth of which we are certain, we won't print the young lady's name.

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And then there's A.C.2 Kemp of Fort Fraser, P.C., away up in the wilderness, who when asked for a cartoon for the signal countered with this--

"The only thing I like to draw around here is my pay cheque".

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WAG 24M

Here we all are but with the depression our members have decreased; six of our most brilliant ones have been O.T.'d. The digger boys are back once more and now going like the devil to get their morse.

We mustn't forget our brilliant soccer stars Hulne and Kendrick; good work, boys, and the small friend Hennessay.

Now there's our class cut ups, who I hope one of these days will get it in the neck, including:- Murdock, Pincock, McKenzie, and Barry McMillan.

I wonder how our Irish Laddie is getting on, it seems he always has a bum leg.

The six new lads from 22F and G. I wonder

if they will ever pass out. To wind up me stay I mustn't leave out our heart breaks, Jackson, Hunter, and Innes; they are doing fine.

So long for now. If you want to see a brilliant class come to 24M and see me. I don't dare tell my name or I'll get slaughtered.

.....Wise Owl.

WAG 24L

Here we all are, ranging from A's to G's and from one of the dumbest classes in the school. I won't mention my name then I won't be incriminating myself.

Half the class is no good and it would take all this paper to describe them. Drysdale, Bullock and Clements are our worst, not to mention Beirnes - our "sub".

Take a few bright ones out and, oh boy, you sure have a dumb-looking outfit. Our bright ones include Gray, George, and Fellows, our red-headed class seniors. Our digger boys are all back. Who's next-- anyway, they all love morse and application.

I must quit and let the boys study; they sure need it.

This is our first entry in the school paper, we will let you know our progress, which won't be much. Still, it's a good paper and we hope it's kept up.

.....Dumb.

THE DAY BEFORE PAYDAY

By R-95473 200

It was the day before payday when all through my jeans, I'd hunted in vain for the ways and the means; Not a quarter was stirring, not even a jüt, The kale was off duty, the green-backs had quit, Forward turn forward O time in your flight, and make it tomorrow just for to-night.

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Looking on the bright side

Shopper to floor walker who has just given a well aimed kick at her dog--But my dog wouldn't bite anyone. Floor-Walker---Maybe not madam, but he had his leg up to kick me.

SARGE

SERGEANTS

Congratulations are in order for Sgt. Black who is now the possessor of a Baby Daughter (White).

The proud parent is confined in the Station Hospital and is doing as well as can be expected.

Sgt. Black stated in an exclusive interview that he was not aware of the Sergeants' Mess Regulations prohibiting children and that he will be more careful in future.

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Congratulations are also in order for Sgt. Brock who celebrated his Silver Wedding Anniversary on Saturday last. A small admission charge is being made to see the new silver tea service and help defray the expenses thereof.

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E/Sgt. Bartley denies that the reason he christened his car "Mayflower" was because of its ANTIQUITY. He states the reason is because many a Puritan has come across in it.

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Sgt. "We have none in Stock" Patterson claims that on his recent motoring trip he caught a brief unexpected glimpse of the Pearly Gates as "through a glass darkly." Several Trainees were observed commiserating with the Warrant Officers who were standing outside the gate volubly explaining that they DID NOT NEED A PASS.

SPORTS

Perhaps the most amusing exhibition game of Bowling ever to be given in Calgary was staged Monday night last by the "GRUSOME BOWLING" B/M Knox, Sgt. Bibby, Sgt. Bozak, and Sgt. Rowley, in a downtown Bowling Alley.

The crowds were hypnotized from the word "go" -- every minute the fans expected to see one of the Air Force Stars upset a pin but with a skill that verged at times on the PHENOMENAL, and that caused even Sgt. Major Kirkham, one of the distinguished spectators, to utter a few well chosen remarks, the stars succeeded in leaving the pins upright.

The game was somewhat marred in the later stages, by the Pin-setter rather OSTENTATI-
TIOUSLY going to sleep every time the "quivering Quartet" exhibited their skill but apart from a few contretemps of this nature, the Air Force "DOLGERS" succeeded in finishing the game with what might well prove to be Calgary's lowest score.

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CENSORSHIP regulations prohibited any description of the Volleyball Game given by the Sergeants' "B" team last Monday night in the Drill Hall. Anyone interested in the score can obtain same for due consideration, from the Captain, Sgt. Major Knox.

POSTINGS

In saying farewell to Sgt. Major Kirkham, the Sergeants' Mess of this Unit loses not only one of its Oldest Members (or should it be inhabitants) but one whose generosity and VERSATILITY were a Byword on the Station.

Probably every member of the Mess remembers with a feeling of appreciation and gratitude "KIRK'S" MAGNANIMOUS, noble and Public Spirited gesture in papering the walls of the Sergeants' Mess, a task entered into, not only from a full and contrite heart (very full), but to be still Biblical, while the spirit moved him. "KIRK" being something of a spiritualist by inclination. His versatility with the drum sticks, on the few occasions he could be prevailed upon to play in the School Orchestra, is too well known to require any further comment.

There can be no truth in the rumor that the City Council of "Toronto the Good" is protesting the "POSTING". The mayor, when interviewed, stated that only the usual precautions are being taken, the City already being on a war footing.

FLASH !!

A Peacock Fight was seen in the Drill Hall Friday last between W.O. Kirkham and the Gestapo, who now is resting peacefully in pieces in hospital with his major sport -- drinking and knitting.

.....Hop-along-Cassidy.

CORPORALS

The Corporals Club News

At long last the Corporals have won a game in the Volleyball League. Last Friday night we took WAG 22F to the tune of Two Straight. We started out in an exhibition game with the Sgts. and took them. Then we gave the Officers a few lessons that seem to have taken effect. When the League opened they were evidently out for revenge on someone and they have certainly been doing it. For now they lead the League. We have a feeling that from now on we are going to do a little Winning ourselves, and be in there at the finish.

Since the last issue of the Signal there was an event of great quality and quantity. The Stork paid a visit to the home of Cpl. "Pat" Pattison and left a package that made him the proud papa of twin girls. We all wish Pat, Mrs. Pat, and the twins the very best of everything. Nice going Pat.

The Club has a Chess Tournament in progress now and some of the boys are arranging their games the same way as they play them, Terribly slow. Let's speed it up and get down to the WINNAH.

CORPORALS Continued

We noticed on Saturday's D.R.O. that a number of the boys have got their Groupings; Congratulations!

Dan Cupid has been shooting a number of arrows around the Corporals' Quarters and by the next issue I believe we will have a few announcements to make in our Society Section.

.....Three Monkeys.

Corporals Jottings

I WONDER Who the Corporal was who promised his lady at the last Graduation Dance to join the Church Choir. He must have been "lit".

Whether the naval friend of a charming young lady realizes that a certain dashing instructor from the coast is now on "third base".

Why a vivacious young waitress from the Wales Hotel is now cooling off at Waterton Lakes because a tall, handsome two hooker forgot to ring her up as requested.

Who is the curly headed Adonis who believes in having girls in four or five different cities and tells all the same story. He must have something besides curly hair.

Why the sudden desire of numerous young corporals to join the ranks of the benedicts. Maybe it's the altitude, but anyways, that's all honey about East is East, Etc.

What the feelings of one of our younger instructors were when, after a hilarious evening with a fluid date, he discovered she was the sister of one of the most troublesome trainees in his class.

Why they allow certain corporals to attend a graduation dance without a partner; they just stand on the side lines and pick the best over, the Vultures.....

We welcome back to #2 W. T. S. Flt/Sgt. Hodgkinson, we are glad to have you with us again. To all those who do not know Flt/Sgt Hodgkinson is an ex R.C.M.P. man so remember "He will always get his man."

Congrats to the Discip Serg's who have been made Flight Sergeant's.

W. O. 2 Cruishanks is now our Station Sergeant Major, let's give him our full co-operation, for he is a real fellow.

GRADUATION DANCE OF 18th ENTRY

Another successful Graduation Dance was held in the Station Auditorium Tuesday, Oct. 7/41. The 18th Entry were honoured and what a real party it was.

The arrangements for the dance were done by the Station Entertainment Committee, and they are to be congratulated for the swell and magnificent decorations. The new Y. M. C. A. furniture (Blue Chesterfields and Chairs) made the main corridor look like the lounge room of the Palliser Hotel.

The talk of the evening was where did the orchestra come from? "It was the best in Calgary" was the words heard in the hall. For all those interested it was the Station's own orchestra that played such grand music. Keep up the good work men.

The 18th Entry were pleased to have the Commanding Officer, Group Capt. E. R. Owen and Mrs. Owen present at the dance. By the way, Mrs. Owens has just arrived in Calgary and Jac. Grasley's lady friend, Miss Jenkins presented Mrs. Owens with a bouquet of roses on behalf of the 18th entry.

Compliments were paid to the Class Seniors, Lac Grasley, Phyllis G. B., Webb W. B. Anderson N. B. when Flt./Sgt. Rowley presented to each class senior's lady friend a rose bud. The high mark student, Lac Bonar J. R., gave a fine speech when he was called up to the stage at which time his lady friend received a rose bud and a K.....?

A vote of thanks goes to the wives of airmen who so kindly assisted in serving lunch, they were Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. J. Ward, Mrs. Mortimer.

Keep

Smiling

SPORTS

Soccer Football, the almost traditional game of the British Armed services, is being played by a representative team from this Station against teams from #3 SFTS (Currie) and #31 (RAF) at the Civic Airport.

The game itself needs no description for all people of British stock have seen it played somewhere, sometime. It is, of all games, probably the most distinctively British, and is played in all parts of the British Empire. However, when we say it is being played by a representative team we mean just that, as the following list of players will prove:

Jobes (the field captain) played formerly for South Van. High and the famous Westminster Royals.

Cairns played for Sons of England and the Canadian Legion teams of Saskatoon.

Lawrence was with Vancouver Tech and Sailor's Home.

Finniss was a big part of the South Van. High defense.

Mitchell was formerly with Cal- edonia Juniors of Winnipeg.

Sigurdson played on the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate eleven in Winnipeg.

Fidal claimed Richmond of the V. & D. League as his home club.

Hurme hails from North East Yorkshire Amateur Leagues.

Joek Thompson was with the famous Uphall Football Club in "Auld Scotia."

Chuck Kendrick played with Birmingham Amateurs and two games with Birmingham's 1st. Division Club in the English League, but an ankle injury cut short his "Pro" career.

Tommy Powell was a member of the well known Barnett F. C. of the London Amateur League.

Stan Fletcher served his earlier football "time" likewise in the London Amateur League.

So, a nicely blended mixture of Canada, Scotland and England represents #2 WIRELESS SCHOOL on the Soccer field. To date the club has played five matches, losing two, winning one from Currie and drawing one each with Currie and #31 (RAF) Anytime our team takes the field as fast, clean, hard played contest is assured.....Watch the notice board for announcements of future games and give the boys the moral support

of your presence at the matches.

PING PONG

Twelve entered the ping pong tournament. Douglas, the champ, after an easy win over Phinny, battled potential champs, Cox and Gough to close wins. Pearson as runner up gave Douglas plenty of trouble with high lobs for opening half of first game but Douglas found the distance to the corner with nice placements. Keen competition and good sportsmanship was prominent throughout.

Every Wednesday night in the Dry Canteen the "Y" organizes tournaments. All players that use the small bats and the little white feather ball join in the fun.

FLASH Corp. Cox wins Oct. 8th/41 tournament.

BOXERS

For those who are interested in boxing either competitive, or for instruction, and who wish to improve their present condition somewhat, the station will extend the use of the gym three nights a week, starting Monday, 6/10/41, between the hours 1900 and 2000. The other two nights are Tuesday and Friday. The meeting will be under the instruction of LAC Ionita who has offered his services for the remainder of his course.

There will be plenty of equipment, thanks to our sports committee, and to Graham Watt, our YMCA representative.

For all those who wish to participate and for those who wish to enter competitions, a card is being planned for the middle of November. We should be able to have some very nice bouts with the material we have here on the station. There will also be smokers, and various other types of entertainment for the benefit of those in the class, and there will be plenty of good times ahead for all all of us. So....let's go boys... come one, come all, and box your way to good health.

Watch your bulletin boards and D.R. O's for further announcements.

Signed J. A. Ionita....

SPORTS PARADE Cont'd

League Meeting:

On Wed., Oct. 8th, the sport representatives of all RAF and RCAF units in Calgary are holding a meeting to make the necessary arrangements for league games in the various team sports. This definitely includes hockey and basketball. P/O Passmore and Grahame Watt, YMCA are calling the meeting.

Hockey

The time to organize a hockey team is here. Under the watchful eye of CO Russell and the coaching of "Tony Savage" last year's team made a name for itself. The league wound up with the play down being held at Banff during the Winter Carnival. No. 3 SFTS came out on top only after a terrific battle. Many of those stars have moved along so we'll have to start from scratch. How about it you Schriners, Colters and Laprades????

Basketball

The basketball team for this season will have to be good to match the team which represented us last year. And to be good we all know that it takes plenty of practice and good coaching. It is a misfortune that we are unable to use the gym for long periods due to quarantine. Now there is some talk about using the gym as a lab. Oh for the good old days!!!! All work and-----you know!. We still have the drill hall, so let's get busy with organization!!!! Those wishing to try out for the representative team call at the YMCA

Baseball

There is not much news in this line over the last issue. Our worthy reps have wound up in the final. They won the last two of a best of three game series. The sudden death game to decide the championship was set for Sunday but was postponed to some later date. It is possible the Tigers will default. Regardless of the results of this game we want a picture of the team for the "Y" office.

SOCCER FOOTBALL.....Oct. 2nd/41

Lineup

#3SFTS, Currie

LANGTON
KING
DIXON
YOUNG
GEE
PRICE
OLDHAM
YORK
MCCAMBRIDGE
McLAUGHLIN
LAZENBY

#2 WTS, Calgary

RISPIN Goal
MCNEILL R. B.
VIDAL L.B.
HULME R.B.
THOMSON C.H.
MITCHELL L. H.
LAWRENCE O. R.
POWELL I. R.
JOBES C. F.
KENDRICK I. L.
SIGURDSON O. L.

Referee: Cpl. HADDOW

Score 3 all tie.

In a fast, clean game that began in sunshine and finished in moonlight #3SFTS Soccer Football Club held #2 Wireless School to a 3-all tie on the latter's home field.

Early in the first half Kendrick netted a goal to put #2 W. S. out in front, but York scored the equalizer about 15 minutes later and at the turnover both teams were tied.

Just after the half time change Kendrick scored his second goal of the night on a long drive from the centre circle to put #2 Wireless out in front again. MCCAMBRIDGE nudged in the equalizer for #3 (Currie) from a scramble in front of the Wireless net. After a spirited interchange in mid field, a penalty was awarded to #2 Wireless for "Handling" (in Goal area) and Kendrick, taking no chances, pulled the "EAT TRICK" by netting his third counter of the game for the WAG's. York saved the game for #3 Currie, by netting the tying goal in the closing minutes of play for his second goal of the game.

YORK, McCAMBRIDGE and LANGTON were outstanding on the strong, well balanced Currie team: while KENDRICK, THOMPSON and RISPIN starred for #2 Wireless.

Both teams are well matched and a close, spirited game is always assured when they meet, there being only one goal difference between them in their last four games, that advantage lying at present with Currie.

SPORTS PARADE Cont'd

The following is the results of the last YMCA Golf Tournament held on the Station Course.....

GOLF FINALS

C. P. Briggs	39
Cpl. Cox	41
Gleig	43
Sgt. Bibby	45
Lac Innes	46
Pigeon	46
Miller	46
Cardano	51

Lac Briggs won the low aggregate prize with Cpl. Cox taking low net.

SPORTS IN GENERAL

Many of the sportsmen on the station now realize just what a well balanced line up of sport that is available. It's all free too! The tennis courts are as good as one finds at the average club in the city. There are racquets available just for the signing out. It's so easy, it appears some of you want some of us to play your games!! Of course that isn't the object and besides it overworks us.

In the golf line we have a very commendable course---no the greens are only sand, there is the odd unchartered hazard, but dont forget the boys ahead of us put plenty of what it takes to put it into shape. When you're tempted to criticize, don't forget the size of the fee, and the amount of effort you contribute to making it what it is. Hearty congrats to F/O Passmore, Sgt. Bibby, and the many others who did the work.

We are willing to bet no other station, has such a pair of hard working sports officials than F/O Passmore, Sgt. Bibby, and the many others who done the work.

Sports Editor.

Sports Section

Well, as the sports section has been booming lately, my partner and myself have very little time to say much about all the little detailed happenings of this section in the W. A. G.

Never-the-less we think the boys are more than satisfied with the way things are turning out, but wish they would show their appreciation by getting the equipment borrowed in at the proper time.....It will help us immensely, because I hate to fine anyone, as that in civilian life was never my job.

Winter is just around the corner and the golf equipment is about to be stored away, but with the cold weather coming our thoughts turn to skating and what have you..... Skates can be hired for 50¢ deposit and your money returned when you bring in the skates. We have had a booming business as far as skates go.....over 50 pairs of skates went on hire Sunday. So you see we have quite a responsibility with this money on our hands.

Skates to be taken out during the day time must be returned to this office the same evening, But for those who go skating at night we feel satisfied iff they are turned in by 1230 noon the next day; otherwise a fine will be taken out of your deposits. So My Hearties, help us and we will help you to our utmost. Cheerie for now as I must run along and issue equipment for those who love to use it.

Lucky Lads.

Every Monday and Friday evening if you drop in at the Drill Hall you will see 8 or 10 volleyball teams in action. They are all participating in the YMCA Volleyball league and oh what a league.... Teams from the officers, Sergeants, Corporals, Accounts Staff and Wag's are battling it out for first place For some unknown reason the officers team is holding first place being undefeated in five games.. Wag's of 20B gave the officers the best competition but they still could not break down the strong combination of F/O Pilling, P/O Passmore, F/Lt Blackburn, F/O McLeod and G. W.

The Sergeants teams are trying hard to hold their own. If the two coaches WO Knox and Sgt. Burton (Gestapo) could get their players in condition they would be tough teams to beat.

LEAGUE STANDING

Officers....First Sergeant "B"
Wag's 20B)2nd

THE SPORTS COLUMN

Autumn weather brings the usual fall sports. Some weeks ago the softballs and bats disappeared, and the rugby ball made its appearance. Outdoors the emphasis is now on touch rugby, soccer and our own version of rigger. The golf clubs are getting a bit dusty but the volley-balls are busy several nights a week. It will not be many weeks before a surface of ice will cover up our tennis courts.

In spite of the inclement weather we believe that we can offer an excellent variety of athletic activities, Rifle Club, Volleyball League, Basketball, Skating, Badminton, Boxing and Gymnastics.

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The gymnasium will be used largely for physical training classes, gymnastics, and basketball. A place will be made for other sports from time to time.

In conclusion, we would like to urge you once more to get into some athletic activity. You have no better opportunity to really get to know your fellow airmen; and no better way to keep yourself physically fit.

Sports Editor.

THE EQUIPMENT PROBLEM

Every month several hundred dollars worth of sports equipment is provided by the Canteen Fund. Most airmen are co-operating by returning it promptly. A few, however, have been somewhat careless and selfish and have required checking up. You would do everyone a favour by reminding these people that there is only one place where sports equipment is to be kept and that is in the Sports Office.

With the opening of the indoor skating season we are making about fifty pair of skates available. We are requiring a deposit as the equipment is taken off the station. The money will be returned if the skates are returned promptly and in good condition. Remember you are allowed to keep them overnight, but the responsibility is yours if they are lost or stolen.

STATION FIELD DAY

On Thursday we had a sports day
The entire school came out
Down to Mewata Stadium
With a joyful laugh and a shout.

They marched us down together
The band marched on ahead
Flight after flight of singing men
Who left their cares in bed.

First the brasses playing
Whatever came to mind
Then the bugles and their ditty
A bar and a half behind.

The sun was shining brightly
Very pleased to see
So many happy airmen
Marching three by three.

At last we reached Mewata
The grass so fresh and green,
And sitting on the benches
Many lovely girls were seen.

The tug of war and races
Came off just as planned
Flight "G" soon was leading
And then got out of hand.

At last the sports are finished
We march home kind of slow
Twenty-two G is happy
The rest are kind of low.

The band is softly playing
The C. O. walks ahead
We finally reach the station
Have supper and so to bed.

F. Reynolds.

This poem aptly expresses the spirit of comradeship present at the field day which was held in Sept. Although the results may be old news we take this opportunity to express thanks to our C O, Group Captain Owen for his permission to carry out such a worthy program. Congratulations to Mr. Watt, the officers and NCO's for their organizing and officiating.

22G Carried off the honors with a showing that perhaps will never be duplicated. The Flying Squadron with a comparatively small entry showed up well, especially in the more manly branches of sport. It was a great day... How about a field day or sports program of some sort once a month?

Poems From THE

WAGSWORTH

ROLL CALL

F. Reynolds

The Roll Call for the duty flight
Turned out not so well
Too many men were absent
So now we all get H-----

On top of that a bunkcheck
Brought other names to light
So for the remainder of the week
We'll stay in every night.

Rain

Rain again this Sunday
It happens every time
That we get a 36
The weather isn't fine.

A trip to Turner Valley
To Banff just for a ride
Okotoks or Bowness
Instead we stay inside.

Why is it we're unlucky
To always get the rain
I guess nobody loves us
To them we're just a pain.

THE WAG

He sits there hour by hour
A-tapping on his key
He is sending to a station
Which is known as J2P.

He sits there hour by hour
With his earphones on his head
He is listening to a signal
But he'd sooner be in bed.

When he graduates in morse
He'll be off to B and G
To take a bit more training
Then a gunner he will be.

Now that he's a SGT. Gunner
He is full of joy and pride
For he'll have a little leave now
In which to claim his bride.

His next move is crossing the
(ocean
Where he'll mount behind a gun
Where he'll join his many comrades
And fight against the hun.

FOR FREEDOM

In this land of freedom's sons,
From East to West its border one
And with God's grace shall always
(be
A land of love and liberty.

It's not adventure lures us on,
It's not fortune makes us con
These suits of khaki and of blue,
And makes us fight the fight
(we do.

Our hearths and homes, a sacred
trust,
We fight this fight because we
must,
And not for personal lust or gain
Or for desires of worldly fame.

There are our homes and loved ones
dear,
Some day soon we'll have them near
And no intruder, one or more,
Shall set his foot on Canada's
shore.

A sacred trust to one and all,
To do and die or in duty fall.
And now to quote a poet of fame,
His words shall always love the
same.

"Be there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said
This is my own, my native land"
Tis for this right we make our
stand

For our dear Canadian homes.

R. B. H.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

When this darned war is over
And the boys head home again,
May our Empire be like it was before
For our King and Queen to reign.

When the boys are headed homeward
To timber, or fields of grain,
May the empty and silent homes be
few,
With little sorrow and pain.

Now, we have a job to do, boys,
Let's work hard and get it done.
The sooner we all get in it,
The sooner we'll have our fun.

Cont'd.

WORDS FROM WAGS

LETS FINISH THE JOB (Cont'd)

After all, it's not so bad, boys,
It's not as bad as it seems.
We'll soon be over the Channel
To help smash Hitler's dreams.

Then, Hitler will have his nightmare,
And we'll come riding high;
And stick to our old motto,
"To Victory in the sky".

G. M. P.

IF THAT'S FOR MY BENEFIT YOU CAN QUIT ANYTIME

This means you if you're the guy
that,
Sleeps all day in classes and just
wakes up at night in time,
To raise a row after lights out at
10.30.

Comes bouncing in at 23.59 On Wed.
and Sunday nights and 2.00 Sunday
morning and talks over the events
of the evening with the guy four
bunks down.

Crashes the line in the mess hall.

Borrows my dough until pay-day
And then is eternally grateful,
But not grateful enough to repay it.

Starts to act the fool in class
Just when the instructor is trying
to put over a point that I want to
get.

Tells me, with all the gruesome
details, about the girl you were out
with last night.

Argues for the fun of arguing like
I do.

Wakes me up in the morning.

Takes on a load on payday that he
can't handle and then acts like a
six year old halfwit.

Throws his butts under my bunk
after I've washed the floor in the
morning.

Borrows my shirts and brings them
back dirty.

Tells that latest story that I
figure I have the copyright on.

Think you know more than I think
I know.

Insists your girl is better looking
than mine and proceeds to prove it
with pictures.

Is just fresh out of cigarettes and
how are chances until the canteen
opens--and then is just fresh out
of cigarettes.

And finally, if you're the guy that
makes the rules and regulations
around here, you can quit a long
time ago.

THE WAG'S LAMENT

Well it's two months since we started
Our classes and I see
If I don't get down and study
A trip to Trenton there will be.

I felt young when first we started
Now my hair is turning grey
The morsecode will not trickle
Into my head no way.

Radio Theory is getting harder
Procedure worse each day
The only thing I'm getting,
Is the hour we have for play.

Armament is interesting
Identifying planes
We study hard each evening
But get zero for our pains.

The siren goes each morning
A Sergeant hurries by
Blowing on his whistle
Taking bunk tags on the fly.

Stand at ease---Attention
Right and left turns too
Duty flight this evening
I don't know what I'll do.

Yet it's freedom that we're here for
Keep Canada the same
And if we want to beat old Hitler
Cheer up and play the game.

Contributed by LAC Reynolds
Class 22G

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMARKS

FLOWERS

Old Man Winter has heralded his approach. His lesser but very effective brother John Frost has already arrived and though both bring a regular routine of fun and hilarity they also bring sadness. Frost cast his cold shroud around us and alas! our beautiful flowers changed their hues from pink, red blue and gold to a dismal, shrinking black.

Flowers bring us a quiet soothing feeling and make us feel that it is good to be alive despite the conflict that rages throughout the world at this time. However, with this in view, flowers have more than an aesthetic appeal. They are really good to eat. Oh yes, quite appetizing! For instance, in certain parts of Europe people make a mixture of roses, violets, limes and sweetmeats and eat it with fruits of various sorts and in Turkey, candy is flavored with crushed Lilies, Carnations, and a little lavender.

In Greece and Turkey they serve Nasturtium Sandwiches. Indeed finely ground peppermint is eaten with radishes, also in the form of sandwiches. Dahlias are also eaten to a great extent, and in Japan and China flowers are as much part of the menu as vegetables are as much a part of the menu as vegetables are in our land. Personally the writer would welcome the turkey, minus the greece, and devoid of the finely ground flowers. I said minus the greece. I really mean with a minum of greece because I prefer the routine of the school to the Col. Balcher and an ulcerated stomache. I hope the Editor does not give a copy of the Wag to the Messing Officer, else what is left of our beautiful garden may disappear and face us in another form at closer range. I like flowers, but I am old fashioned still. I like to look at them and feel their soothing effect, nothing more.

Contributer Unknown.

HERE'S ONE ON VICTORIA

It seems that the sales man was doing his best to sell the house. And the climate here is the best of any place in the world. No one has died here in years. Just then a funeral went past.... And how do

you account for that, queries the prospect?.....Oh, says the salesman, that's the undertaker, he starved to death!

THE CAMERA CLUB NO2 WIRELESS

All personnel interested in Amateur Photography and in the development, printing and enlarging of their own pictures please contact Sergeant Foster or Cpl. Sharpham in the account's section.

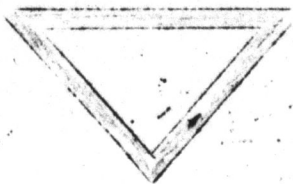
For a small fee members may use the facilities of the dark room, which is equipped with a modern enlarging apparatus and full facilities to handle all photographic work. The monthly fee is used to purchase chemicals, a supply which is always on hand for the members' use.

Get behind your "Camera Club" fellows. With the winter sneaking up on us now, it offers an interesting hobby, and if you have your own camera it will be far more economical to do your own work than to spend it outside. Our present source of income is derived from membership fees....more members means more money....and more money means the purchase of much needed additional equipment.

If you are a "Camera Fiend" but have never graduated to the printing and enlarging stage of this interesting hobby don't be afraid to join the club; any of the present members will be only too glad to show you how this work is done.

The close proximity of this station to Banff and the beautiful foothill country offers an opportunity for some scenic snaps that are worth enlarging and keeping. Some first class pictures have been taken by members of this club. So let's hear from you, fellows.

Cpt. Sharpham A. L.
Sec. Tres.



DOTS + DASHES

Y.M.C.A.

In the auditorium you will find new blue chesterfields and chairs and other items that are needed to make a nice lounge room. The "Y" has secured all this furniture and for a time a reading and writing room is being arranged in the auditorium, until the new building is ready for occupation.

The room is for the use of all airmen, please look after the furniture they way you would at home.

Bingo

Every Friday night if you are wondering what to do with yourself call in at the Dry Canteen and join in the Bingo Games. AC2 Ernie Whymark the popular YMCA helper is on the job calling under the O-2, under the B-43, and so on. Remember the prizes are good.

New Library

By the time the paper comes off the press a new library will be in operation in the Y Office. A very fine selection of fiction and non-fiction books will be available for the use of "Bookworms".

Anytime you want a book drop in and get a library card. One thing to remember COHEN, when you have finished reading a book please return same as someone else may be looking for the book.

FOR ALL MARRIED AIRMEN

If by chance your wife is in the city how about calling in at the YMCA office and leave us your home address. We are endeavouring to organize activities that married couples will enjoy. For example Sunday afternoons...teas on the station are being planned. Please let us know your ideas about this.

YMCA RED TRIANGLE HOSTESS CLUB

This club is situated in the YMCA building at 9th Avenue and 1st. Street East. It is open to all men in the service evernight. Some activity is in progress.... Wednesday and Saturday Dances....

Fridays..dancing lessons, Sunday socials and refreshments. The ladies on the job there would like to meet you.

STATION ORCHESTRA

If you are musically inclined how about joining the station orchestra.

YMCA MOVIES

Every Monday and Thursday in the Auditorium at 2000 hours movies are shown to all.

Coming.....

I Cover the Waterfront
Claudette Colbert.

Children of the Big
House.....
Pat O'Brien
Betty Davis

Probation.....
Betty Grable.

Help the Y organize the movies by refraining from smoking in the auditorium during the show.

Do You Know.....

September YMCA facts:

16,600 sheets of writing paper,
11,150 envelopes used here.

2891 magazines given out...
4900 made use of the "Y" office and its many services such as for phone calls, telegrams, to buy stamps, and to hide from the discip's and skip classes and parades.....Count me in on that too.

Signed
Lac. C. R. S.

WORLD SERIES

The World Series results were handled very nicely by the Y with the co-operation of Lac Hicks who spent a lot of time making a board with two Baseball Diamonds drawn and names of Players on each diamond, and also the Batter up and runners were scored Play by Play as soon as announced on the Radio. So fellows you couldnt have got better results if you had been at the game. We give thanks to the YMCA, they always smell a need. A Baseball Fan.

Join The Rifle Club

BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL

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