



KAISER BILL HAMILTON SOUP STRAINERS BY THE LAW

Section 12, Paragraph 1272. King's Regulations and Orders—The hair of the head will be kept short. The chin and under lip will be shaved. Whiskers, if worn, will be of moderate length.

Perhaps from the time that a rookie enters the service, he starts to cultivate a moustache; and just how many knew of the above quotation? When it's all boiled down to facts, we can't have cookie dusters, nor Charlie Chaplin style, but we must adhere to the ferocious old Kaiser Bill type, which today, are quite prevalent amongst members of the R.A.F.

Last winter, three lads on the station decided that they would adhere to the "Book" and grow a strictly regimental moustache. These three were Cpl. "Scotty" Allardice, Cpl. Eric Hamilton and AC2 Ben Twamley. In six weeks, Cpl. Hamilton grew the fierce one pictured above, but has since cut it off. Cpl. Allardice still has his, and AC2 Twamley took his to England with him. As a matter of fact, Twamley's became so enormous, that he had to use a curling iron to roll it up and keep it in place. Ben would spend hours heating irons and curling away, whilst Cpl. Hamilton used pounds of Pommade Hongroise

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HOSTESS HOUSE HERE WE COME

Fellas what do you do on your days off and free nights? Are you sometimes at a loss for something to do? If you are why not go to the "Hostess House" at the downtown Y.M.C.A.? Here is the set up.

The Hostess House is open all week for your convenience, for you to just go there and do practically anything you like. If you like music there is a radio and a piano around which one often hears far more entertaining singing than ever comes over the radio.

Then again you can just loaf around and sleep, or if you are more ambitious there are all kinds of magazines and books to read, or better yet you can write that letter that you have shelved away.

The main feature of the "House" is the dances which are held every Wednesday and Saturday night from 20:30 hours till 23:30 hours. Of course there is an orchestra and lovely junior hostesses to dance with. These girls are all members of different outstanding Edmonton clubs. If you have a girl friend who loves to dance bring her along too, she'll be more than welcome. There is also a refreshment counter. The checking is free. Why not go to some of these dances? There is no charge—it is entirely FREE.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Cpl. R. L. Wilson of the M.T. Section, may soon be searching for "Itchy Scratchy," that famous Alaskan bear as well as Japs on the loose. Good hunting, Corporal!

AC2 T. K. Cunningham, instrument maker, is now at No. 10 Repair Depot, Calgary.

A tight lip will avoid giving a valuable tip to any Fifth Columnist.

A closed trap will make it tougher for the Jap.

WO1 W. G. Wirtanew, stationery engineer, is now at No. 2 F.I.S., Vulcan, Alberta.

Sgt. E. N. Wright has gone to No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg.

F/O Hansen has returned from Kewatin, Ont., where he visited Mrs. Hansen, who was hospitalized.

F/Sgt. T. R. Heywood is stationed at Penhold.

AMATEUR CONCERT BIG SUCCESS

By GEOFF DAVIS

The first concert by the personnel of No. 3 "M" Depot has already joined the lines of successful shows. Not only did we find enough talent for one concert, it was our pleasant experience to learn that, here, in Manning Depot, we have artists professional and amateur, who will gladly give of their time and ability in the future. We found too, that most of the performers belonged to Reception Wing when the idea took form. Although the trainees are continuously on the move from one section to another we would like to see the various wings present their best when the next concert takes place. With the permission of Wing Commander Webber, those responsible put their shoulders to the wheel of fortune . . . and the program took shape. Flight Lieutenant James, Flying Officer Minton, Fred Youmans and Jarvis Miller of the Y.M.C.A., all turned in their ideas, and Band Leader Howard Isidor went to work on the music. Thanks goes to all of these, and to many other including Corporal Slattry for the band and suggestions, Flight Sergeant Stenton for the lighting, Charlie Pawlett for his piano accompaniment.

The comical take-off of the Precision Squadron owes much of its success to Sgt. W. E. Barnes and, of course, to C. R. Taylor, that man on stilts, who impersonated, Flight Lieut. R. S. Davis—6'6" of P.T. and drill. Finally, let us not forget the Fatigue Parties and Duty Watch, for their all-important part in the success of the first Airman's Concert in the Depot.

With co-operation such as this, rehearsals are more like playtime, and the dream of regular concerts becomes a reality. There is nothing better for morale and reputation than smart, yet sincere, entertainment presented by airmen for airmen.

INTER-SQUADRON SPORTS

Don't forget that your entry for the inter-squadron meet on Wednesday, August 19, must be in the hands of your squadron sergeant-major before 18:00 hours, Monday, August 17. It is important to make this event a real success if similar meets are to be held. Please put your entry in as soon as you can.



—Courtesy Edmonton Journal.

LAC Wm. J. Anderson, R.C.A.F., and his bride, the former Miss Annabelle Forteach, of Trail, B.C., are pictured here after their wedding last week in Knox United church at Trail. LAC Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Anderson, of Edmonton. The young couple will make their home in Edmonton.

WHITE TABLES

The first two rows of tables at the Airmen's Mess have a new fine white enamel finish, and the remainder will get theirs shortly. It certainly is a big improvement in appearance. At the same time a new system for seating was introduced, and while causing a little disturbance at first, will allow the mess attendants to clean the tables between each sitting. If a couple more slop buckets can be installed everything should be in fine shape. The enamelling was done out of your canteen funds.

BACK FROM LEAVE

F/L Prieur, M.O., and F/L Frank Boughton, O.C. Disposal Wing, have returned from vacationing in Alberta and British Columbia.

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CARE OF CLOTHING

We have all seen and read the Bulletin issued by the Equipment Section in accord with A.F.A.O. Q6/6. This covers the necessary care required for your clothing and outlines reasons why these clothes should be properly looked after and at all times kept in a serviceable condition.

We should all be able to realize at this time that clothing is becoming more difficult to get. We should all be able to realize that we are fortunate in being able to get the amount of good clothing that we are issued with at present. We should be all able to realize that it is not "smart" nor being fair to yourself and fellow airmen when you deliberately ruin a pair of boots or a suit. You most certainly would not do it in civilian life, then why do it here?

It is pointed out that as soon as the soles of your boots become worn, it is then time to have them resoled. As soon as socks get a little hole, then is the time to get it darned. If the seat of your trousers becomes a little thin, the tailor shop will make it like new and it certainly will do for your work suit. We do not have to be dressed like Casanovas to do our every day tasks around the station.

We are issued coveralls and fatigue pants for every day work where there is possibility of soiling our walking out dress. Use them. Be proud of your Blue Uniform. Make it last!

EDIQUIPS

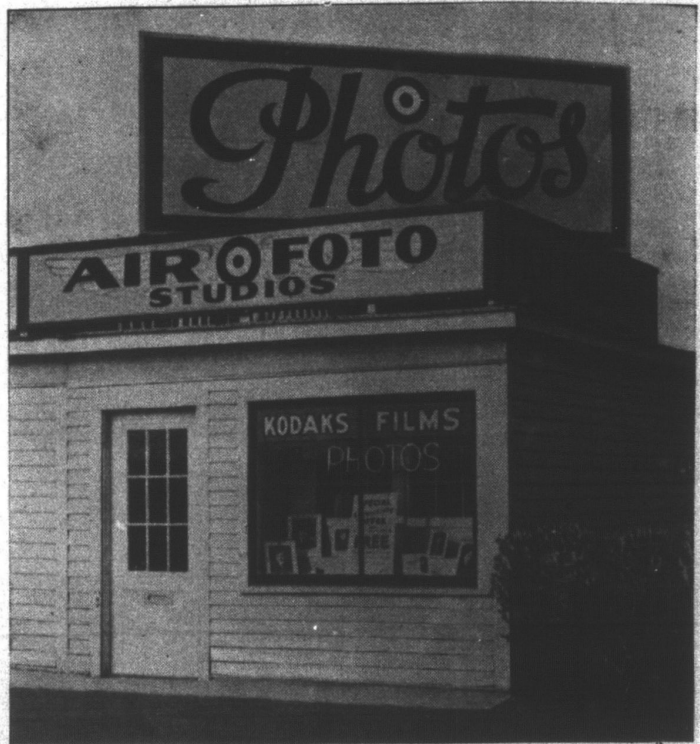
"Get Tough" is a valuable book written by Capt. W. E. Fairburn. It is recommended to every airman. Read all you can about super-commando training. You may thank your stars some day for having done so, if you ever engage in hand-to-hand fighting with the enemy.

Here's a true story: When the Germans went into Poland, the Swiss government called up all their reservists. They were a motley looking lot—uniforms outgrown, etc. Across on the German side of the border, the German lieutenant and his guard were smartly equipped. As a joke the German sent a box of manure to the Swiss lieutenant. The card enclosed read—"With the compliments of the German army." The Swiss in return sent over a box of the best butter that he could procure. The German opened it and found this card enclosed—"Each country gives of its best."

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MESS COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not usurp a place in line, for thine actions are ever observed by discerning eyes.
 2. Thou shalt move with caution, in consideration of thy neighbor's precarious and loaded plate, not stop nor wheel in unsteady gait.
 3. Thou shalt not take more than thy fair share, nor over indulge in sugar nor in beverages rare.
 4. Thou shalt keep thy table clean that those who follow may not be discomforted.
 5. That thy fellows be not offended thou shalt leave the butter plate in fastidious state, nor wield a dirty knife!
 6. Thou shalt not eat with noisy gusto, nor belch, nor champ thy victuals mouth open wide, to the disgust of thy fellows.
 7. Thy plate shalt thou diligently scrape to the end that the labors of the kitchen squad be lightened and to the greater cleanliness of all utensils.
 8. Thou shalt eat with cheerful countenance and pleasant banter, yea, to neighbor strange, that the cares of the day be lightened, and good fellowship and high morale spread throughout the Force.
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Patter

- ¶ Don't criticize the butter, you may be old yourself someday.
- ¶ No matter how young a prune is, it always has wrinkles.
- ¶ A bumble bee backed up to me and pushed!
- ¶ Katie's not much of a seamstress but she's a swell singer.
- ¶ Immigration Official: "Madam, European?"
She: "That's just my umbrella."
- ¶ How we envy those Canadian parachuters who are training down south among the Georgia peaches.
- ¶ Forty-four Nazi fliers knocked at the pearly gates. St. Peter opened the door. He enquired as to whom they were. After being informed, he looked through his big book. "Sorry, I can only admit two because that was all lost according to Goebbels communique issued from Berlin last night. The rest of you know where you can go."
- ¶ Those new 12-sided Canadian nickels will be just as hard to hang on to as the old ones. It will take just as many of them to entice the girl friend's little brother out of the parlor when you want to be alone with her.
- ¶ Charge it to the dust and let the rain settle it.
- ¶ One married officer says the sure way to start an argument is to say to the wife: "If the Lord forgives me for this time I'll never do it again."
- ¶ Another M.O. says that when he was married he and his bride agreed thusly—she was to take care of the minor problems, he the major ones. They've been married 22 years and so far a major problem has not developed.
- ¶ The episode in the Garden of Eden may not have been prompted by an apple, the forbidden fruit may have been a green pair.
- ¶ He was 98 and out for a stroll on Jasper Avenue. A beautiful blonde from the Aircraft Repair passed by. The 98'er paused, looked around, and said to a passing friend, "By George if I were only 70 again."
- ¶ Pedestrians on First Street were agog when a young lady dashed out of a second story apartment in the nude. A policeman pursued and caught her just as she was stepping into a car parked at the curb. The officer removed his tunic and placed it around her. As he picked her up in his arms, he said, "How old are you honey?" "Three," she coyly replied.
- ¶ Miss, when you're young and full of pep, that's the time to preserve your rep.
- ¶ The M.O. says it's time for me to take my Bplex and a sleeping powder.
- ¶ Pip, pip, old egg!

O.C. TRAINING ILL

F/L O. P. Gosling is under the care of the hospital staff. It is expected that he will be back on duty within the next two weeks.

LAC and Mrs. R. A. Stanley have taken up residence in Edmonton. They were married recently in Toronto.

OFFICERS' DANCE

Guests will be entertained at dancing in the officers' mess, Saturday, August 22, commencing at 21:00 hours. F/O Frank Minton is in charge, with powers to add to the dance committee.

F/O G. R. Ling, who is on temporary duty at the municipal airport, has a U.S.A.A.F. jeep at his disposal. He took the editor for a ride. There was just a streak of dust following.

Contacts, a weekly published by Eaton's in Winnipeg, has already reprinted several bright items from The Airman. Thanks, Mr. Hurlburt.

SWIMMING

No. 3 lads again grabbed a good place in the two-day swim gala at the West End and South Side Pools. On Friday the Depot team brought back three seconds and three thirds, and on Saturday one first, three seconds and a third, making a total of one first, seven seconds and four thirds. And believe me, there was plenty of competition against them. AC2's Bill King, Paul Trudell, Al Noble, Maynard, Swaden, Lang, Poxon, Simpson, Geo. Jackson, represented No. 3 "M" Depot.

THIRSTY HEADQUARTERS

Even Headquarters lines up on the right these days! At 14:30 hours there is quite a respectable parade before the door of the little canteen just opened in the Arena, and it does a roaring trade until 16:00 hours. Thirsty typewriter punchers and pen wielders flock in for pop, chocolates and fags.

STATION SHOWS

Sunday, August 16—"100 Men and a Girl," with Deanna Durbin, Leopold Stokowski and Adolphe Menjou. Shorts: Kiddie Revue, and an Oswald Cartoon.

Tuesday, August 18—"Burma Convoy," starring Charles Bickford and Evelyn Ankers. Shorts: Dumb Cluck Cartoon, Stranger Than Fiction, Tools of War.

TRACK AND FIELD DAY, AUGUST 19

This is a station event which should prove very popular as many have been in training for some time. Support the boys by attending and you will see some of the outstanding athletes of Western Canada in action.

O.C. RECEPTION DEPARTS



F/L "DICK" JAMES

who has been in charge of the Reception Wing, is going to a unit in Saskatchewan. Mrs. James and infant daughter, Judy, will soon follow F/L James to his new location. Prior to coming to Edmonton he was on the staff of the "M" Depot at Brandon, Man.

WINDOW BOXES AGAIN

Editor, The Airman.
Dear Sir:

We would like to know just where you received your information as to who has been responsible for the "local improvements" around the M.T. Section. We draw your attention to the fact that all improvements here have been done by the lads of the section themselves. However, being a very fair-minded group of individuals, we will give Works and Buildings credit for about 10 per cent of the work, as that department did erect and paint part of the fence which you will notice on the east side of the roadway into the Arena.

Come on, Works and Bricks, talk your way out of this if you can! And while you're at it, tell the fellows who got the flowers in front of the boiler room for you.

—M. T. PERSONNEL.

MAKES RUN OF 169

The commanding officer not only knows his drill, administration and stores, but he can handle a skilled cue at billiards. While playing with two others in the mess, he made a run of 169. Each of his opponents made 29.

WANT SOMETHING TO BLOW

Our bandmen are saying, "Oh, where, oh where, are our band instruments? They are on the way but it seems like a long way.

¶ Why doesn't the women's division recruit fireladies? We'd love to see 'em adjust their hose.

SNOOPY SEZ . . .

According to AC Steadman just returned from Sylvan Lake, "Nothing makes a fellow blither, like the gal who wants to be his sister."

. . . According to LAC Troy he never has to take his girl home in a blackout because she is at home in the dark. . . Cpl. Wenborne of the "Guard" says that Cpl. Bricker was in the hospital in a coma when he conceived the idea of the moustache and he must still be in a delirium to let it grow. . . And Johnny Airman wants to know just what they mean when they say, "Take your girl home after the concert and get a late pass.

. . . We want to thank all those faithful contributors whose "stuff" we can't use. . . Cpl. Geoff Davis states Vegreville is very fond of the R.C.A.F. and the R.C.A.F. is very fond of something in Vegreville. . . A sight for sore eyes is to see the "upper crust" catching the parade ground vernacular from the stern and strict F/L "Tiny" Davis. Oh well, we all have to learn. . . Sgt. Lincoln remarks how well legs look in silk stockings and how silk stockings make a man look. . . And that we now have a W.&B. Flight Sgt. on the station that looks like Billy Gilbert of the movies or is it Pancho Villa? . . .

AC Rudd says there are two reasons why some girls wear sweaters and that both of them are obvious. . . We have two more brothers on the station in the persons of D. E. and A. G. Horton of North Bay. . . Cpl. Vic Woodland is certain that to be a disciplinarian you have to fall on your head at the age of one year, to be a Service Police you recover slightly but to be an equipment assistant you must have a criminal tendency and at least have murdered your grandmother, mother-in-law and shot two or three sweethearts. You would have to do that to get an "EA" hard heart. . . LAC Bowker informs us that our tongue is in a wet place and apt to slip. . . And remember that old proverb, "Blessed is he who taketh himself seriously, for he shall create much amusement."

. . . AC2 Ted Wade says the boys from Training Wing are borrowing the Precision Squadron's rifles with the cry, "Oh boy, all we have to do is hold them and the rifles go through the movements themselves." . . . Cpl. Pen-son walking in front of the huts with a brand new pair of fatigue pants and shirt was greeted with "Hello, sucker," by the AOS Guard.

We understand the pants and shirt are now in the laundry. . . You saw those "At the Sign of the Blue Light" notices put up in every hut. Well the one in Hut 2 is gone, and we are wondering if the airman was too lazy to copy the address. . . AC2 Cunningham remarked on the perfection of the meal at the mess the other night because it was his last meal here.

. . . Why do the boys like to play Pearl Harbor?

AN IMPRESSION

By F/L GRIFFITHS, Padre.
(Formerly of No. 7 I.T.S.,
Saskatoon).

Returning from the Selection Board to the Chaplain's Office a file was on my desk. Having a few minutes to spare before lunch I glanced through it and was inspired by the messages pinned therein.

What could I do better than to give my impression of a meeting of the Selection Board at No. 7 I.T.S.? It had been a very uplifting experience to me and I was permeated with the sanctity of it all.

The board consisted of the commanding officer (chairman), the chief ground instructor, the squadron commander, the flight commanders concerned, the heads of the mathematics and navigation departments, the chief link instructor, a member of the medical selection board. The padre was present at the invitation of the commanding officer as also was an N.C.O. of the flight to which the boys about to appear before the board belonged.

It is to be noted that only border line cases together with those boys whose records at I.T.S. had proved beyond doubt that they were unfitted for air crew, appear before the board. This statement should be corrected to the extent that boys who have done exceptionally well in their course are brought before the board to be complimented.

All available information concerning the boys who are to appear is at hand. Each boy's record is thoroughly reviewed before he is summoned to appear.

Upon entrance he is greeted in a kindly way by the chairman and is put at his ease. After a quiet review with particular regard to the subject or subjects in which he has failed to come up to standard he is given an opportunity to speak for himself.

This boy acknowledges that he is not able to rise to the standing required for pilot or observer, he has worked hard. The commanding officer sympathizes with the boy in his inability to achieve his ambition, compliments him upon the hard work that he has put in, lets him see that there is no disgrace in not being able to make air crew, and gradually leads him round to the point where he realizes that there is a job for him in the R.C.A.F. which he may be able to fill one hundred percent. He chooses to be either a W.A.G. or a straight air gunner and goes forward, disappointed it is true, but knowing that all that has transpired is for his own future satisfaction and the best for the cause.

Here is a boy who has been regular at his communion Sunday by Sunday is very conscientious and hard working; but has been quite unable to assimilate navigation and has a very poor mark in link. He is similarly treated, given kindly advice as to his future career and goes out with the feeling that the board has been very considerate and is endeavoring to fulfil its responsibilities with justice and wisdom.

Border line cases are given particular treatment and many a boy is made happy by being given an opportunity to remain at the school for a further two weeks and take a supplemental examination.

However, it is not the routine with which I am concerned at the moment but more particularly with the atmosphere in which the proceedings take place. That each member of the board realizes his responsibilities is evident and there is a sacredness about the whole thing which can be felt.

With very few exceptions the boys who appear are eager and earnest in their desire to fly and the majority of them are motivated by high ideals.

The consummate skill and the sincerity with which the chairman handles each boy is a revelation. In cases where there is still doubt after a boy's first appearance before the board his case is further discussed and I have witnessed cases where the N.C.O., upon invitation of the commanding officer, has been able to throw a little light on the boy's character which has had bearing upon the final result of the interview.

Where admonition is necessary through obvious neglect of application to studies, it is given firmly but in such a way as to make the boy his own biggest accuser.

This is no traffic in men it is a study in souls. The heart beats of each boy are realized—they know what this procedure means to them—and individually and corporately the board spares no time or thought in the endeavor to do justly and wisely that which will be in the best interests of the individual boy together with the cause for which we fight.

The selection board, to my mind, is a lesson in constructive Christianity, and, if only in time of peace boards such as this should arise throughout the land the youth of the world would be well on the way towards the ideal society for which we all crave.

PRACTICAL JOKES

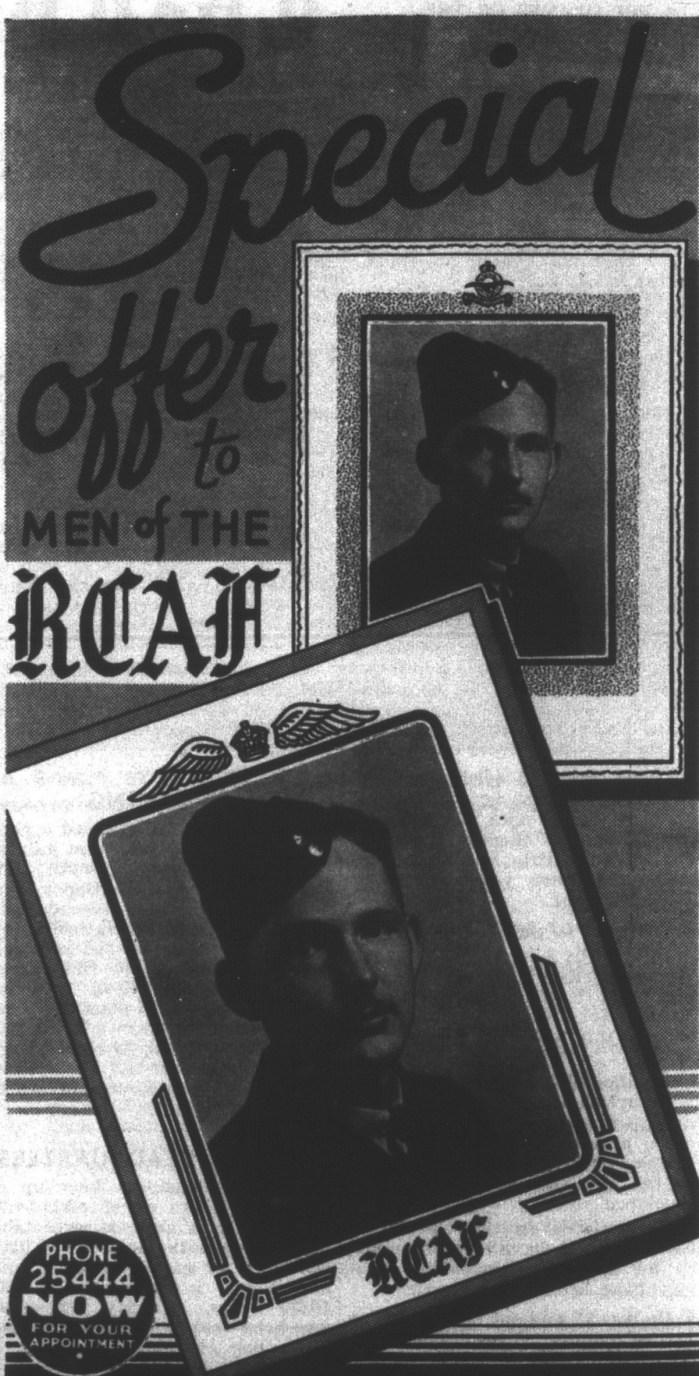
Did you ever go on a fool's errand when a lad for white lamp-black, a left-handed monkey wrench, a propeller pitch, a pair of sky hooks or snipe shunting in the dark? Did you ever look up to the stars through a coat sleeve or go into a print shop to see type lice? Or instructed to milk a cow sitting on the wrong side? Or find that the boys had switched the wheels on the buggy? Give your favorite girl a box of chocolates, in which your roommate had substituted beer bottle caps?

Dick Maise, an Edmontonian, once won a horse in a 25 cent raffle. It cost him \$7.00 to bury the animal for it had died. A newspaperman was phoned at his home Christmas eve, to come to a nearby hall, to claim a turkey he had won. It was browned to a turn—an alabaster one used for display purposes.

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 Back Row (left to right)—LAC Kennedy, D., Cpl. Wills, A., Cpl. Nagy, J., LAC Troy, R.C., Cpl. Dyer, A. F., AC1 Laughton, N. M., Sgt. Randall, R. D., Flt. Sgt. Forsyth, E. A., S/L Moffet, C. E., S.E.O. F/O King, L. A., EO2 Sgt. Boucher, J. A. Y., AC1 McCluskey, W. G., Cpl. Dunn, J. A., LAC Deane, C. G., LAC Knowles, J. N., AC1 Harrington, G. J. E., LAC Drasching, M. G., AC1 Evans, E., Cpl. Palmer, J. A.
 Missing from picture—LAC Windsor, LAC Blackwood, AC1 McCann, AC1 Taylor, AC1 Burden, AC1 Garnett, Mr. G. N. E. Strong, Barrack Officer.

AROUND THE "Y"

Shipping advice has been received for an additional speaker for the "Y" movie projector outfit. With two speakers on the go and the new "beaded" screen that was christened last Tuesday, our shows will be more satisfactory.

See you at the dance Friday!

Recent table tennis contest winners were N. D. L. Nickerson and G. L. Andrews. This was Nickerson's second win and he now enters the "Hall of Fame" as a handicapped player with minus five points in every tournament. Remember Jack Brown, the lad from Winnipeg who won 5 tournaments. His last win was in spite of a minus seven "ball and chain." These "Y" sponsored tournaments are played off each Monday and Thursday nights starting at 19:00 hours.

It was on August 14 last year "Y" Supervisor Fred Youmans was posted to this Depot. In reminiscing about those days it was recalled that only two hundred men were here then and they slept in Huts 1, 2 and 3. None of the other huts were ready then and the Airmen's Mess building had not been even started. Meals for airmen and senior N.C.O.'s were served in the Aggie building. There was a merry-go-round still rusting away where Hut 18 stands and this piece of machinery as well as several buildings had to be removed before huts were built along the south side of the grounds. But that "away back when" and it's a gra-a-and station now.

See you at the dance!

A thank you is earned by LAC Harrison and his staff in the Depot Library for the improved appearance of this useful place. So here it is.—Thank you, gentlemen!

See you at the dance!

GOES TO COMMAND

F/L W. C. Goudie, who has been on the station for the last six months, has been posted to No. 4 T.C., Calgary.

DON'T PUT THAT THING IN ME!

"Needles t-h-a-t long . . . they hammer 'em in and if your hide is tough there's a special corkscrew kind . . . have you got someone to carry you out? . . . you feel like a perambulating pincushion before you're through!"

That's just a sample of the descriptive patter the rookie hears when going on the dreaded "nocs" parade for the first time. There is something in the sight of an array of hypodermics that makes many a stout heart quail, and the little pleasantries find plenty of fertile ground.

Now for the benefit of the aforementioned rookies here are some of the facts of the case as given to the Airman by Wing Commander E. E. Day, senior M.O. of the Depot.

The immunization programme carried out at all "M" depots is primarily to protect new recruits from the possibility of contracting certain diseases. Unfortunately in very few diseases is immunization procedure for prevention or alleviation of the illness available. Those for which such measures are given here are:

Against smallpox, vaccination; typhoid fever and tetanus (TABT), three inoculations at three week intervals; diphtheria, inoculations; scarlet fever, five inoculations six days apart.

"Nocs" for diph. and scarlet are only given if the person is proved sensitive to the disease. This is determined by the use of the Schick and Dick tests. If the M.O. labels you "positive" stand by for the needle, chum!

It is essential that the inoculation schedule be followed closely as the skipping of a "noc" will only tend to make the next one more severe. It is also necessary to have them completed if you are to go overseas.

Reaction to inoculations is to be expected but for the most part is slight. Occasionally, perhaps one per cent, severe reactions take place. Sometimes these are alarming but usually pass off quickly, leaving no ill effects.

SOUP STRAINERS BY THE LAW

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(moustache wax), and finally resorted to going down to the dental lab and having one of the technicians pour casting wax on it to keep it in place.

One of the disadvantages of such a growth is the fact that a little hammock has to be made and each night, the moustache is washed like a little child, combed out and thrust into the hammock which has a cape that fastens over the back of the head for the night. This, of course holds the monstrosity in place, but then, in the morning, comes the tedious procedure of waxing and combing for at least half an hour.

We were thinking that it might be a good idea to have a few of the lads try and cultivate a growth like that in six weeks . . . regulations, you know . . . but then, they do become rather annoying when you get them tangled up in your respirator . . . Cpl. Bricker started one, but his wife returned and now he seems to be devoid of it.

NAVIGATION CLASSES

The time of evening navigation classes has been changed from 19:00 hours to 18:00. This means that these classes will be held Mondays and Thursday in Hut 1, 18:00 to 19:00 hours. The other classes in the evening will be at the usual time.

Sgt. E. O. Wilcox has gone to No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man.

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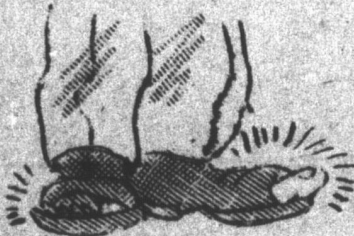
H. Q. ON (CLOTHING) PARADE

"Come on lads step lively, don't rush - just one at a time
Move up to the end of the counter and be sure to keep in line."
Thus spoke Sgt. Randall, who, with Cpl. Bricker stood
And gave them the "once over" this god-forsaken brood.



And then the ruckus started and holl began to pop
There wasn't a satisfied Airman in the whole damn ruddy lot,
Each had a different story of how he had been gyped,
Then Randall glared at Bricker and hard the counter gripped.

F/S MacArthur's toothbrush was a sorry looking sight
'Taint any good for polishing and keeping buttons bright,
And as for this damn shaving brush, I think it's a disgrace
To ask a self-respecting man to put it on his face.



Then Cpl. Doell said, "These damn boots I got a year ago
The blasted things they never fit—put blisters on my tee,
And if that don't convince you, just look at my poor feet,
There's a bunion on the side of each as big as a sugar beet."

"These pants", said Sgt. Dobson, "Are tight just where I sit,
And these K.D. Service are so high they chafe at the armpits.
Just look at these three pairs of socks - they're no damn good at all
There's a hole in the heel of every one as big as a rugby ball."



"Look at this coat," said Sgt. Kram, "I'm only a pie baker,
But the guy who gave it to me thought I was "Omar the Tent Maker".
And these black strings which once were ties, you will agree of course,
Are not befitting to a man of the Royal Canadian Air Force."



Next came Sgt. Humble, an "Ornery looking cuss"
And we thought we'd better treat him right (by the look upon his puss)
He waved aloft six worn out socks and this, dear friends, is true,
If Bricker wouldn't exchange them, he'd throw them in the stew.

Sergeant Savage's underwear was next exposed to view,

"I only wear size 34 and this is 42."

"These towels, now take a look at them, they've shrunk up quite a bit,
Now don't you think it's possible to get a better fit?"

What's this we hear, "HIP—PAUSE—ONE—TWO," (shades of "Precision Squad").
Well, if it isn't Sgt. Barnes and followed by his dog.
The Sergeant got all fixed up fine and marched out ONE—TWO—THREE,
But Pal we couldn't accommodate (he was looking for a tree).

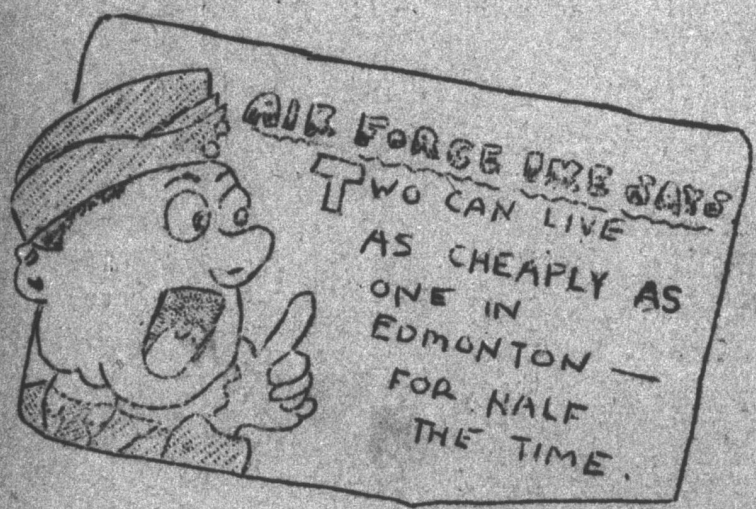
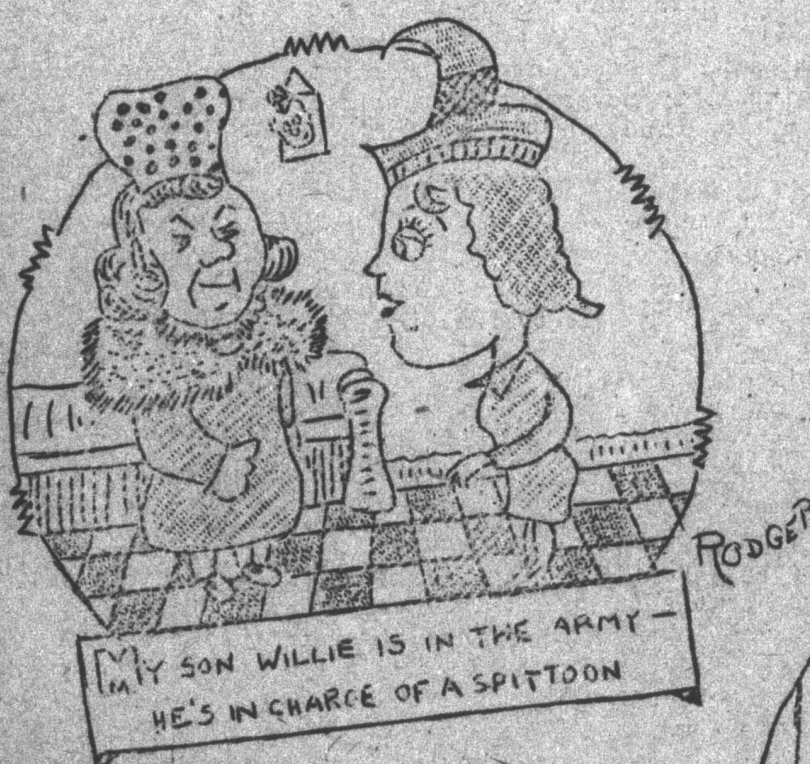


Purdy and Stevenson came, sporting P.T. crests,
And both complained their tunics didn't do justice to their chests,
"Just look at these poor fits," they said. Their chests stich out like barrels,
We've never seen the like before, "excepting Madeline Carrol's".



And so the parade goes along, change this and then change that,
But the expression never changes on Sgt. Randall's map.
But when the last man has gone through and exit has been made,
His prayer is "Lord, please save me from the next H. Q. parade."





AN IMPRESSION

By F/L GRIFFITHS, Padre.
(Formerly of No. 7 I.T.S.,
Saskatoon).

Returning from the Selection Board to the Chaplain's Office a file was on my desk. Having a few minutes to spare before lunch I glanced through it and was inspired by the messages pinned therein.

What could I do better than to give my impression of a meeting of the Selection Board at No. 7 I.T.S.? It had been a very uplifting experience to me and I was permeated with the sanctity of it all.

The board consisted of the commanding officer (chairman), the chief ground instructor, the squadron commander, the flight commanders concerned, the heads of the mathematics and navigation departments, the chief link instructor, a member of the medical selection board. The padre was present at the invitation of the commanding officer as also was an N.C.O. of the flight to which the boys about to appear before the board belonged.

It is to be noted that only border line cases together with those boys whose records at I.T.S. had proved beyond doubt that they were unfitted for air crew, appear before the board. This statement should be corrected to the extent that boys who have done exceptionally well in their course are brought before the board to be complimented.

All available information concerning the boys who are to appear is at hand. Each boy's record is thoroughly reviewed before he is summoned to appear.

Upon entrance he is greeted in a kindly way by the chairman and is put at his ease. After a quiet review with particular regard to the subject or subjects in which he has failed to come up to standard he is given an opportunity to speak for himself.

This boy acknowledges that he is not able to rise to the standing required for pilot or observer, he has worked hard. The commanding officer sympathizes with the boy in his inability to achieve his ambition, compliments him upon the hard work that he has put in, lets him see that there is no disgrace in not being able to make air crew, and gradually leads him round to the point where he realizes that there is a job for him in the R.C.A.F. which he may be able to fill one hundred percent. He chooses to be either a W.A.G. or a straight air gunner and goes forward, disappointed it is true, but knowing that all that has transpired is for his own future satisfaction and the best for the cause.

Here is a boy who has been regular at his communion Sunday by Sunday is very conscientious and hard working, but has been quite unable to assimilate navigation and has a very poor mark in link. He is similarly treated, given kindly advice as to his future career and goes out with the feeling that the board has been very considerate and is endeavoring to fulfil its responsibilities with justice and wisdom.

Border line cases are given particular treatment and many a boy is made happy by being given an opportunity to remain at the school for a further two weeks and take a supplemental examination.

However, it is not the routine with which I am concerned at the moment but more particularly with the atmosphere in which the proceedings take place. That each member of the board realizes his responsibilities is evident and there is a sacredness about the whole thing which can be felt.

With very few exceptions the boys who appear are eager and earnest in their desire to fly and the majority of them are motivated by high ideals.

The consummate skill and the sincerity with which the chairman handles each boy is a revelation. In cases where there is still doubt after a boy's first appearance before the board his case is further discussed and I have witnessed cases where the N.C.O., upon invitation of the commanding officer, has been able to throw a little light on the boy's character which has had bearing upon the final result of the interview.

Where admonition is necessary through obvious neglect of application to studies, it is given firmly but in such a way as to make the boy his own biggest accuser.

This is no traffic in men it is a study in souls. The heart beats of each boy are realized—they know what this procedure means to them—and individually and corporately the board spares no time or thought in the endeavor to do justly and wisely that which will be in the best interests of the individual boy together with the cause for which we fight.

The selection board, to my mind, is a lesson in constructive Christianity, and, if only in time of peace boards such as this should arise throughout the land the youth of the world would be well on the way towards the ideal society for which we all crave.

PRACTICAL JOKES

Did you ever go on a fool's errand when a lad for white lamp-black, a left-handed monkey wrench, a propeller pitch, a pair of sky hooks or snipe shunting in the dark? Did you ever look up to the stars through a coat sleeve or go into a print shop to see type lice? Or instructed to milk a cow sitting on the wrong side? Or find that the boys had switched the wheels on the buggy? Give your favorite girl a box of chocolates, in which your roommate had substituted beer bottle caps?

Dick Maise, an Edmontonian, once won a horse in a 25 cent raffle. It cost him \$7.00 to bury the animal for it had died. A newspaperman was phoned at his home Christmas eve, to come to a nearby hall, to claim a turkey he had won. It was browned to a turn—an alabaster one used for display purposes.

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 Missing from picture—LAC Windsor, LAC Blackwood, AC1 McCann, AC1 Taylor, AC1 Burden, AC1 Garnett, Mr. G. N. E. Strong, Barrack Officer.

AROUND THE "Y"

Shipping advice has been received for an additional speaker for the "Y" movie projector outfit. With two speakers on the go and the new "beaded" screen that was christened last Tuesday, our shows will be more satisfactory.

See you at the dance Friday!

Recent table tennis contest winners were N. D. L. Nickerson and G. L. Andrews. This was Nickerson's second win and he now enters the "Hall of Fame" as a handicapped player with minus five points in every tournament. Remember Jack Brown, the lad from Winnipeg who won 5 tournaments. His last win was in spite of a minus seven "ball and chain." These "Y" sponsored tournaments are played off each Monday and Thursday nights starting at 19:00 hours.

It was on August 14 last year "Y" Supervisor Fred Youmans was posted to this Depot. In reminiscing about those days it was recalled that only two hundred men were here then and they slept in Huts 1, 2 and 3. None of the other huts were ready then and the Airmen's Mess building had not been even started. Meals for airmen and senior N.C.O.'s were served in the Aggie building. There was a merry-go-round still rusting away where Hut 18 stands and this piece of machinery as well as several buildings had to be removed before huts were built along the south side of the grounds. But that "away back when" and it's a gra-a-and station now.

See you at the dance!

A thank you is earned by LAC Harrison and his staff in the Depot Library for the improved appearance of this useful place. So here it is.—Thank you, gentlemen!

See you at the dance!

GOES TO COMMAND

F/L W. C. Goudie, who has been on the station for the last six months, has been posted to No. 4 T.C., Calgary.

DON'T PUT THAT THING IN ME!

"Needles t-h-a-t long . . . they hammer 'em in and if your hide is tough there's a special corkscrew kind . . . have you got someone to carry you out? . . . you feel like a perambulating pincushion before you're through!"

That's just a sample of the descriptive patter the rookie hears when going on the dreaded "nocs" parade for the first time. There is something in the sight of an array of hypodermics that makes many a stout heart quail, and the little pleasantries find plenty of fertile ground.

Now for the benefit of the aforementioned rookies here are some of the facts of the case as given to the Airman by Wing Commander E. E. Day, senior M.O. of the Depot.

The immunization programme carried out at all "M" depots is primarily to protect new recruits from the possibility of contracting certain diseases. Unfortunately in very few diseases is immunization procedure for prevention or alleviation of the illness available. Those for which such measures are given here are:

Against smallpox, vaccination; typhoid fever and tetanus (TABT), three inoculations at three week intervals; diphtheria, inoculations; scarlet fever, five inoculations six days apart.

"Nocs" for diph. and scarlet are only given if the person is proved sensitive to the disease. This is determined by the use of the Schick and Dick tests. If the M.O. labels you "positive" stand by for the needle, chum!

It is essential that the inoculation schedule be followed closely as the skipping of a "noc" will only tend to make the next one more severe. It is also necessary to have them completed if you are to go overseas.

Reaction to inoculations is to be expected but for the most part is slight. Occasionally, perhaps one per cent, severe reactions take place. Sometimes these are alarming but usually pass off quickly, leaving no ill effects.

SOUP STRAINERS BY THE LAW

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(moustache wax), and finally resorted to going down to the dental lab and having one of the technicians pour casting wax on it to keep it in place.

One of the disadvantages of such a growth is the fact that a little hammock has to be made and each night, the moustache is washed like a little child, combed out and thrust into the hammock which has a cape that fastens over the back of the head for the night. This, of course holds the monstrosity in place, but then, in the morning, comes the tedious procedure of waxing and combing for at least half an hour.

We were thinking that it might be a good idea to have a few of the lads try and cultivate a growth like that in six weeks . . . regulations, you know . . . but then, they do become rather annoying when you get them tangled up in your respirator . . . Cpl. Bricker started one, but his wife returned and now he seems to be devoid of it.

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VEGREVILLE VIEWS

The 1600 population of Vegreville was swelled by all the residents in the surrounding localities and our Precision Squad for the big three-day exhibition. Accommodation was scarce but most of the boys were well cared for and as one AC2 put it we might all have been Air Commodores. The female portion of the town especially enjoyed the visit of our boys and several dances were held that all enjoyed immensely. When the parades were held there was a banging of camera shutters and a grinding of movie reels to say nothing of the spontaneous applause that greeted the shows. We hear that an impromptu parade down the main street with an ensign raising ceremony went over big with the locals and when the beverage shop was invaded in column of route the bartender rewarded our heroes several times over. The district being very dusty and baths a rare luxury it was a grimy crew that landed back on the station. You did a good job fellows not only in putting over the fair and showing what sort of men come out of this station but in stepping up the recruiting considerably, for this locality.

THE ONLY WAY

To jeer at fate, and at misfortune scoff, to scorn a heartache, and to laugh it off. To dare emotion, and to play with life. To mock at hardship and to jest with strife is clear, and amusing at its best, but even laughter sometimes needs a rest.

There comes a time when trouble strikes so hard it cannot just be met with disregard. Joke, but you will joke with it in vain, for laughter cannot ease so great a pain. One thing only is there left to do—to summon up your strength and see it through.

—K.P.

AT THE CHURCH

The regular station service starts at 09:30 hours but before the service Mr. Fred Youmans has arranged for each Sunday a number of beautiful sacred recordings intermixed with hymn singing by the airmen on the parade.

Those who come in LATE miss this portion of the service and show a guilty expression as though they were late for parade. Better late than never . . . but it is much better to be never late!

HOSPITAL NOTES

A bouquet to Mrs. Joseph A. Clarke who, representing the Air Force Mothers' Association, visits the hospital regularly with loads of good cheer and substantial comforts for the patients.

Mrs. Clarke is an Air Force mother herself and seems to understand the boys and speaks their language which helps a lot.

Incidentally you know that new table top in the recreation room? Well that is on loan from her son.

¶ AC2 Jones says he hopes "The Lady in a Jam" isn't through any misdoings of his.

¶ Sign at a tourist camp in London, Ont.—"2 baths and bed, 75c."

Patter

¶ A man loves his sweetheart most, his wife best, and his mother longest. Irish proverb.

SKYWAYS

¶ Don: "Did you hear the joke about the aeroplane?"

Wink: "No, what is it?"

Don: "Oh, well, it's over your head anyway."

¶ Specials at Bordson's Style Shop: 1 rack of dresses at ½ price. Others at reduced privies.—Exchange.

¶ Edmonton girls are wearing white trimmed dark dresses. Just so the airmen will know the out-of-bounds areas during a blackout.

¶ MALE HELP WANTED: Single or married man to assist with fall harvest. Have both a single and a married daughter. . . . Box.

¶ Gail: "Just one more question, Auntie Jean."

Auntie: "What is it this time?"

Niece: "If a boy is a lad and he has a stepfather, is the boy a step-ladder?"

¶ Back in 1922 at Rocky Mountain House, the weekly community sale, was being called by Mr. Strong, the town's most popular crier. He extolled how well the furniture had been used. It was being sold for a female teacher who was moving away. The build-up was excellent. The first box, neatly wrapped, was held high above the head of the auctioneer. He started it off as a mystery buy—the bidding kept getting higher and higher. It was knocked down to a homestead bachelor from near Alhambra. Was his face red when he opened the box—it contained a plain white enamelled bed chamber.

¶ You may have fallen out of your cradle from laughter when you first heard some of the stuff repeated in Patter. But please keep in mind that Abbott and Costello are reaping thousands resurrecting jokes that tickled your grandfathers. And you laugh at them!

¶ What would the world be without its waists?

BACKFIRES FROM THE M.T.

Sgts. Savage and Haight seemed to be having a little trouble the other day. Rather a difficult problem, isn't it, fellows, to find a solution as to just how 10 drivers can operate 15 vehicles and, at the same time keep everyone happy. So, in case any of you have to wait for a truck, just cheer up, lads. It can't last forever!

The M.T. boys this week bid farewell to Cpl. Bob Wilson who has been posted to ???, which is, according to a DRR, a good station.

FAVORITE SAYINGS

Sgt. Savage: "Who in h— authorized that trip?"

Sgt. Haight: "Can she cook? Is she a blonde How old is she?"

LAC Stockley: "O.K. oe, what's the speed limit?"

Barrack Officer: "Sergeant, what time is your two o'clock run leaving?"

THE RULE OF 13

One airman at No. 3 firmly believes in the power of the number 13 over his career in the R.C.A.F. He:

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FITNESS IS NECESSITY

By SGT. WEDLEY, PTL.

Having been on the station for a year it has been my pleasure to give PT classes to some thousands of young men in the R.C.A.F. Some derived benefit and mentioned the fact that they would certainly keep it up, as never had they felt so full of pep.

In order to be a good airman, a man must be fit to carry on the job. When an airman fails through a fault or defect that he could have remedied, he is not only false to himself but unfaithful to King and Country.

The athletic figure, while it has its advantages, is not in itself a requisite in successful dealings with others, but proper carriage and bearing are the next essentials after keen mentality. Any shrewd observer will soon pick out men mentally far above the average who are not successful. Further study will often reveal that there are defects in carriage and bearing. An athlete does not always exhibit a convincing personality. Despite strength and endurance he may show signs of bodily slovenliness.

For men in all walks of life there is a halfway station this side of athleticism. It is to be found in the training of muscles that do not bulge but which have been trained to a point of suppleness and involuntary "intelligence" that enables them to provide for the body the appearance of physical ease, alertness, grace and discipline. No man can convey the idea of confidence and power so long as the feet are badly used in walking and standing. The muscles of the feet can be trained to correct foundation faults in carriage in a very short time. This does not remove all the faults of bearing. From the ground to the neck are muscles that must be taught to work together.

If it were not such an easy matter to overcome slovenliness of bearing then it would be impossible, in a few weeks, to make such a change in the appearance of the Air Force recruit.

The reader must remember that, with large classes, a lot is left to the discretion of the recruit himself. Proper breathing must be attained while doing exercises. Correct positions are most necessary. Your next PT period could be well used by making a study of the exercises which your instructor gives you. The more one tries to discover the underlying reasons for each movement the more interest will be taken in PT and the greater benefit will be derived.

If I have helped in this little article to put a new angle to PT in your mind, it is like putting one more nail in Hitler's coffin. So, as I leave you fellows, remember: Health is dependent on normal strength, and without exercise there is no real strength.

Congratulations to WO2 H. Shaw the Depot trades test officer. By the time this item is published he'll be mounting his coat of arms as a full WO1.

DENTAL OFFICER SHOOTS AND ROWS

Although Capt. M. A. McIntyre, the genial dental officer at the station dental clinic wouldn't admit his age to us, he set us in on a few facts of his life, which is, without a doubt, one of the most colorful a man might wish for.

He was born in Forest, Ont., where he attended public and high schools. On graduating from high school, he took to sailing the Great Lakes Lines for three summers. Then, like many other Easterners of the time, he came west, and for two years, punched cattle in the foothills of Alberta. Feeling the need of a better education, he turned to teaching school, and then attended the University of Toronto, where he caught a place on the rifle team there. After graduation, he came to British Columbia where he commenced practicing dentistry, and took great interest in rowing. On July 1, 1912, he pulled the No. 2 oar on the champion four-oared team of the Pacific Coast.

He came to Edmonton in 1913 to enjoy a successful practice. The Captain is an ardent sportsman, and holds several championships for rifle, shotgun and pistol competitions, and on two occasions was runner-up for a place on the famed Bisley team.

He has been actively engaged with numerous military organizations and was quarter-master and musketry instructor with the V.V.R. for two years before enlisting in the Canadian Dental Corps.

CORRESPONDENCE

Calgary, Alberta,
August 5th, 1942.

Editor, "The Airman":

On behalf of my fellow Anzacs, I write these few lines in appreciation of our much too brief stay in your town. One and all found, at the camp, that the officers and N.C.O.'s were most courteous towards us, doing all they possibly could on our behalf.

It would not be right if I did not add a few words as regards the people of Edmonton. These people, with their hospitality, compare more than favorably with any that we have ever met. Special names are too numerous to mention but our thanks go to Mr. Youmans of the "Y" for all that he did for us. I sincerely hope that it is not long before we all return there to renew friendships, reminding us of our pleasant stay in Edmonton, sincerely hoping that, should the chance come, we can show our gratitude in some small way.

Again, thanks for everything, No. 3 "M" Depot and Edmonton.

Ausies: G. Alcorn, A. Barker, A. Cameron, P. Cormack, H. Machaway.

New Zealanders: T. Cammock, L. Dunn.

TENNIS

AC2 Stohlberg, playing in the city singles tournament, defeated AC2 Grey on Tuesday evening. This brings Stohlberg into the semi-finals.

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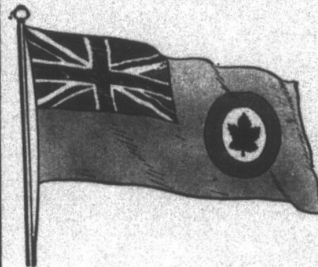
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EQUIPMENT SECTION OR TRY AND GET IT

The Equipment Section is that "thing" in the R.C.A.F. more commonly known to the man on the street as stores. It is the place you go for "everything" and as you all know get little or nothing. It is the one section that every airman wants to get into on a parade and the one section that many airmen sit up at night trying to figure out how they can "slip it over the equipment boys." Equipment covers just about everything in the airforce that you can not obtain elsewhere.

The equipment section at an "M" Depot is necessarily limited in the variety of supplies as the amount of aircraft maintained at a depot such as this is somewhat limited.

The Equipment Section is under S/L C. E. Moffet and is assisted by F/O L. A. King.

Senior N.C.O. of the section is W/O2 Kuehner, W. J. Other N.C.O.'s assisting in the operation of this department are F/S Forsyth, E. A., Cpl. Palmer, J., Sgt. Randall, D., Sgt. Boucher, Sgt. Mackay, Cpl. Bricker, Cpl. Wills, Cpl. Nagy, Cpl. Stunell, Cpl. Dunn and Cpl. Dyer. In charge of the tailor shop is Cpl. Stewart.

HARVESTERS

Airmen who are thinking of applying for harvest leave should look up last Tuesday's DRO and read the note on the last sheet. Already the orderly office has received quite a number of requests to be allowed leave for this work, and forms may be obtained from your orderly room. Airmen are warned that leave must not interfere with postings, as the completion of training is of prime importance. Did you join the airforce to work on a farm or to help finish the war?

QUITE A STABLE

The M.T. are very pleased with themselves and their brand new truck they acquired last week. It has a dump body and brings the strength of the M.T. "stable" to 15 vehicles and a garbage trailer. Incidentally the gas buggy boys wish to point out that while there are 15 vehicles on the depot there are only seven drivers for them! Hence the delay sometimes.

NEW ACCOUNTANT OFFICER

F/L "Pop" Jackson hails from Toronto. He accepted a commission in the airforce in September, 1940, and was graduated from E.A.T.S., St. Thomas, in October of that year. F/L Jackson was a classmate of the Late F/O H. Nicholl, who was senior equipment officer at No. 3 "M" Depot, until November, 1941.

SPORTS NOTES

Do you know our station team, coached by Sgt. Wedley, is on top of the pile by two games? The boys would appreciate some fellows from the Depot turning out to give them a hand.

A call for tumblers, hand-to-hand, parallel bar men was sent out but, alas, only two showed up. Don't forget that beginners as well as advanced me are welcome as we have a big show coming up on September 7. Come on, gang, get in and help—or maybe you don't understand the meaning of "esprit de corps."

Tennis players are turning out fairly well but we can do with more. See Sgt. Purdy or leave your name at Sports Stores—there's plenty of room for talent to play matches and attend afternoon teas.

The horseshoe tournament is under way now. Come on, you blacksmiths—enter your names at the "Y".

Cpl. Newton has the nucleus of a soccer team. More men are needed with hard heads and stamina.

Remember the PTI's are here to help you help yourself to good clean health and fun. If you're interested in any sport get in touch with a PTI and help us build up the largest sports programme on any station in the R.C.A.F.

TURNABOUT OR HOW THE SHOE PINCHES

Have you noticed the five o'clock parades lately? There is a collection of drill experts being drilled much to the enjoyment of the men who are under them all day long. We feel sure that most of the men watching from under the cool shade of the hut entrances and shade trees are hoping to get some hints that may help them in future (Yeah?). Also under the expert guidance of F/L R. Davies our officers are being put through their paces, and from the beady brows and sweat soaked shirts they weren't fooling either.

I would like to mention that this sight filled me with admiration and that we have the true spirit of democracy in the R.C.A.F.

—Contributed by an AC2.

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME

AC2 McDonald, H., with two days leave managed to catch a U.S. transport going right to his home in Los Angeles. He had twelve hours there and returned in a Liberator which strangely enough he said had cramped quarters. Feeling rather envious we asked him all about the route and the ship, etc., but Howie didn't seem very interested and replied, "As far as I was concerned it was just a means of transportation home and returning I was too worried about getting back on time."

THEATRES

AVENUE

Starting Saturday—Ginger Rogers in "Tom, Dick and Harry." "Men of the Timberland," with Richard Arlen. Wednesday—"Paris Calling," Randolph Scott and Basil Rathbone; also "Blondie Plays Cupid."

CAPITOL

Starting Thursday (six days)—"The Birth of a Baby". Starting Thursday, August 20—"Mrs. Miniver," with Greer Carson and Walter Pidgeon.

DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday—"The Lady Has Plans," with Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard. Also feature-length cartoon "Mr. Bug Goes to Town." Wednesday—Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald in "Chocolate Soldier"; "Castle in the Desert," Charlie Chan.

EMPRESS

Starting Friday—Kay Kayser and Ellen Drew in "My Favorite Spy"; also "The Affair of Martha."

Tuesday—Richard Dix in "Tombstone"; "Girl in the News," with Margaret Lockwood.

RIALTO

Starting Friday (six days)—"They All Kissed the Bride," starring Melvyn Douglas and Joan Crawford; "Inside Fighting China."

STRAND

Starting Friday—"The Girl from Alaska," with Jean Parker; "Come on Danger," a western thriller. Tuesday—Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda in "You Belong to Me"; "South of Tahiti."

HOW TO WIN A GAL

(According to 2,385 movies we've seen).

Meet her on Sunday,
Make fun of her on Monday,
Slap her on Tuesday,
Insult her family on Wednesday,
Laugh at her on Thursday,
Spank her, deride her, sock her,
criticize her, sue her, accuse her,
punch her—on Friday,
Marry her on Saturday.

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