



## Depot Canteen Prices On Skids

### 'Y' To Provide Newest Shows

"Y" Supervisor Fred Youmans had a visit last week from the associate secretary of the National War Services, Manley Chisholm, of Toronto. Mr. Youmans describes him as "the man who gets things done."

Of special interest to all service men is Mr. Chisholm's news that the film companies are going to make 16mm. films for release in military camps at the same time as they send out regular 35mm. to civilian theatres. This will mean that service men will see on their stations some of the new pictures at the same time as they are showing in city theatres.

#### Two Good Movies

The "Y" movies in the Arena this week promise excellent entertainment. Sunday night Abbott and Costello return in "One Night in the Tropics," with Alan James and Nancy Kelly. Shorts are, "Going Places" and "Stranger than Fiction."

Tuesday night, the show is "The Saint Strikes Back," with George Sanders and Wendy Barrie. This is one of the popular mystery-detective series. There are three shorts: "Coney Island," "Melody in May" and "Tramp Trouble."

#### Theatre for Four

And speaking of movies, at a lonely searchlight post on the English coast, the "Y" recently put on a full-length picture show for four men. A special party, headed by an experienced operator who had been invalided out of the Army, brings relaxation and amusement to men isolated for weeks at a time.

WO1 Harland: What's the idea of taking toast out of the Mess Hall?

AC2 Joe: I just wanted to make some charcoal sketches, sir!"

Says the Duke: "A long, long time ago I started from scratch in the Airforce and I'm still scratching."

### AN EDITORIAL—

## Ottawa Grants Reprieve

THE AIRMAN will carry advertising copy until December 1. Permission has been given to continue publication after that date if financial arrangements can be made satisfactorily.

A small reserve assures the publication of THE AIRMAN for a few weeks.

Our only source of revenue then will be from paid subscriptions, outside news sales and contributions.

THE AIRMAN solicits your full co-operation.

It is suggested that the personnel who are on the staff send mail subscriptions to their home folks. This avenue should provide some immediate funds. THE AIRMAN will be forwarded postpaid for 20 weeks for one dollar.

### R.C.A.F. Planning Weekly Newspaper

OTTAWA.—Publication of an official R.C.A.F. weekly newspaper is under consideration. The paper, if plans are approved, will have about eight pages.

Possibly six of the pages will be standard all across the country and be prepared at air force headquarters, while two pages will be reserved for "station news" of the particular station in which the men who get the paper serve.

Pending the start of publication, the various newspapers previously published at stations across the country have been forbidden to solicit advertising. It is understood there is no intention of ordering these papers to cease publication if it is possible for them to carry on without advertising. The new official R.C.A.F. newspaper itself will carry no advertising.—Edmonton Journal.

Group Captain C. L. Nelligan, senior R.C. chaplain, formerly of Edmonton, conferred with F/L J. J. McGarry here over the weekend.

### SEND THE AIRMAN TO YOUR FOLKS

High costs of publication render it impossible to distribute more than one copy of THE AIRMAN free to station personnel.

And since many of our readers like to send THE AIRMAN home or to friends, the paper's staff will mail editions to any address for 5 cents a copy. Subscriptions for any number of issues will be accepted.

Twenty-five cents will deliver five copies and to save you the trouble of wrapping and paying postage; 10 copies for 50 cents; 20 for \$1.00. Just pass in your subscription at THE AIRMAN office (Educational Room). We will do the rest.

A good start was made with subscriptions from the following personnel posted to Seaview Technical School, Vancouver: AC2's R. C. Jeffries, J. H. Harrison, T. Metcalf, B. K. McLean, R. F. Campbell, A. Baxter, G. S. Moore, G. R. Morrison, J. R. Matthews, W. D. Curwen, J. P. Jensen, E. A. Harris.

### Messing Fund Is Increased

A general downward revision of prices at the depot canteen and an increase in the fund for extra messing are two items of good news for airmen this week.

The boons to pocket books and stomachs are announced by the Depot Finance Committee, which points out that canteen prices will now be more substantially less than retail tariffs and that the extra messing fund will be upped from \$800 to \$1000 per month.

#### More Luxuries

The messing fund increase, made possible solely through airmen's patronage of the canteen, is the second within recent months. Recently it was raised from \$600 to \$800 per month. The boost is necessitated by increased food prices, and it will be sufficient not only to take care of rises in cost but to supply more luxuries per month than at present.

Items supplied by the fund include ice cream, cereals, spices, fresh vegetables, cake frostings, pickles and sauces, etc.

Canteen profits in recent months have paid for new chesterfields and other equipment in the airmen's canteen, and through them was recently added the new radio in the library. The canteen fund also supplies money for all sports equipment, library additions and newspapers.

#### Suggestions Asked

Controlling expenditure of the monies is the Finance Committee, a depot committee in which airmen have a voice. Members are: S/L C. E. Moffet, president; F/L S. J. Jackson, F/L O. G. Prieur, Cpl. J. Bricker and LAC C. G. Deane.

Airmen are encouraged to make concrete suggestions concerning disposition of the fund. Suggestions should be placed in the Canteen Suggestion Box and suitable suggestions will be acted upon by the committee at its next meeting on November 10.

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**GESTAPO NOTES**

**Ample Guest List At Guard House**

"Jail House Blues" was the song of the week at the Guard House as we entertained several customers following Hallowe'en and stuff.

AC2 H. J. MacLeod, Service Police Guard, won the barber shop slogan contest, but what a mop of hair he has! He has been checked up often, but it is no fault of his. He had it all cut off once, and now it's growing in straight up and down. Boy, what a bedraggled look!

**Sgt. Uses Old Bean**

Sgt. MacPherson recently missed a Sergeant's P.T. parade, and as punishment he was detailed to guard duty at the Sergeants' Dance. Rumor has it that he arranged to have the punch bowl stationed near his post.

A certain corporal has his eye on a certain girl in the pressing room. We understand that she wants a date, "Pop." You'd better look out. You ain't what you used to be.

**Repair Depot?**

With all the AC2's bringing their crippled watches to Cpl. Wolstenholme for repair, we sometimes wonder if we are operating a guard room or a repair agency.

We have only one dictionary here, and it gets a lot of use when Flt./Sgt. i/c uses those big words like "parallelapipadon." Wow!

These duty watches are sure hard—on my wife.

F/L. R. Key has returned from Toronto, where he visited Mrs. Key and their son, Gordon.

Cpl. G. Davis is back after his tour of Northern Alberta with a concert party. In some centres he "emceed" in both English and French.

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—An Englishman takes his pleasures seriously.

—Therearetwoidopenjoints on Sparks street, Ottawa, that will bear loking into. The police haven't educated the pedestrians to walk across the streets on the green lights so they'll appreciate this tip about the street car tracks.

—One of the Australian officers who's here is a graduate veterinary surgeon. Says he's going to Berlin because there must be a lot of sick mules thereabouts.

—The "powder room" is certainly No-Man's Land.

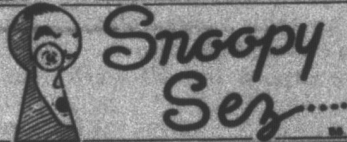
—WO1 Harland says that no medals have been brought up with the rations yet.

—The boys at Mossbank say Capt. Bairnsfather couldn't find a "Better Ole."

—St. Albert has many pretty girls, but one's a little broad.

—Edmonton now boasts an American consul-general. Calgary will soon be holding a general council.

—Men may be likened to the movies and women to the talkies.



LAC Fisk informs us that no matter how thin you slice it, it's still baloney. . . . We introduce Cpl. Harry Oliver, the speedy sport who makes all the CLIP that things travel at a FAST. . . . Would be awfully nice if LAC's Blackwood and McCluskey would learn which is the way to turn on a LEFT TURN . . . F/O Brett forgot that "right form" but was saved from running number two flight on to number one by markers Cpl. Anderson and LAC Harrington.

And would some of the officers please learn on which foot to give "eyes right." Terribly confusing, old chap, and all that sort of trash. . . . This week the paper takes on a new dress. . . . AC1 Evans of Emylyn knows a girl, and every time he tries to do anything for her, she always makes it hard for him.

We wonder which one of the girls on the depot posed for the picture at the head of CHARM NEWS? . . . Could it have been Miss Mills? . . . Information received that all personnel will be living off the depot soon and receiving a special subsistence allowance of \$5.25 per day to help meet expenses . . . of course this might only be a rumor.

*He kissed her on the ruby lips,  
It was a harmless frolic,  
And though he only kissed her once,  
He died of painter's colic.*  
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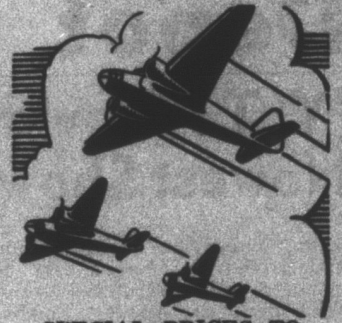
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# Ocean Trip No Rest for Aussies



By S/L C. E. Moffet and Associates

■ Did we hear rumblings of a proposed dividend again? We'll settle for a dollar Bill.

■ Even the officers at Command have to take refresher courses in drill. It is said that the've smartened up and S/L Dyte would be proud to have them in his precision squad. An army captain stood watching one morning. With a smile he said, "Just like the Guards—security."

■ Aren't those Chinook winds very welcome? No one has yet suggested that the name of the Japanese current be changed, which is responsible for this strange phenomenon.

■ F/L J. P. says that this is the latest joke from England. RAF officer to maid, "Whiskey and sofa?" She reclined with thanks.

■ AC2 Bellman to M.O., "What is the average distance between a Jap's ears?" M.O. "One block."

■ A woman either loves or she hates, there is no third course for her. Dieting?

■ The French word, bride, means the string of a woman's bonnet. The groom has already been strung.

■ A smart American writer suggests that flaming youth would make fewer faux pas if we conformed them.

■ What has become of the elocutionist who gave "The Face on the Barroom Floor?" My friend, Pete, says his face would bar him from any old-fashioned saloon.

■ Carrie Nation and her hatchet are now replaced by feminine grease monkeys, who can wield a monkey wrench as well as any man in the Kansas aircraft plants.

■ The snow has come! Now we can go shi-ning on the hills instead of in a taxi.

■ Alberta has a thousand beauty scenics which include a few politicians.

■ If an enemy sub came up the Saskatchewan, the Ft. Saskatchewan Record would be the first to cite it.

■ Punishment drill, so says Silent AC2, isn't as good as being given a whack and sent to bed!

■ Next week's Chaff N' Laff guest editor will be Sgt. W. Humble. He doesn't know it yet. Do whatever you want to the column. Carry on, sergeant!

FOUND—in town, Eversharp pencil, initialed. See F/Sgt. C. Cote.

Did She Mean "No!" or "No?" "I said 'No' three times. Then I disobeyed."—California morality trial.

## All Are Busy While At Sea

By SGT. TAYLOR, R.A.A.F.

Well, here are more of us, all from Australia's sunny shores to play in Alberta's snow-clad fields, and boy, what a time we had getting here.

You know that military censorship will not let us say much, but one or two scenes from our trip may pass the censor's eye with a wink.

Even on ship there's plenty to do, and we sergeants found that three stripes would not let us escape from duties as guards—alert or otherwise. One night on and one night off wasn't too bad, but by 5 a.m. sleep is inevitable, and one sergeant was found slumbering peacefully. Even the native crew knew better, and so . . . . . the water's cold.

### Restless Nights

The little colored friends were fond of using water, much to the disgust of the L.A.C.'s, who, in an effort to escape the tropical heat of the ship's hold, spent many restless nights on boards on the upper decks.

No sleeping-in was permitted, and early in the morning we would hear: "Wakie up, Mr. Australian, wakie man. Morning sir. Me washie deck."

Eight thousands miles of water in wartime is far from a pleasure cruise.

"What did you do all day? Lie down and sleep?" was a comment we heard when we landed.

"Lie down and sleep?" No! Perhaps that's what we can do at No. 3 M. Depot.

### Keep Blackout

But the captain of the ship decreed otherwise.

"From now on the ship must be darkened. Close all port holes, all hatchways, and all doors. No smoking on deck from this hour. And definitely no smoking below deck." Such orders kept a life of lassitude far from the sergeants.

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Despite all these hardships, we landed 100 per cent, and wasted no time in making up for the inconveniences of shipboard. We are glad to be here, and are certainly enjoying a good time at the hands of our friends in R.C.A.F.

Hats off to Flt. Sgt. Whetstone. He never misses a bet. The other morning in front of Headquarters up went the right arm and an eyes left for a taxi driver. The driver, being a gentleman, returned the salute.

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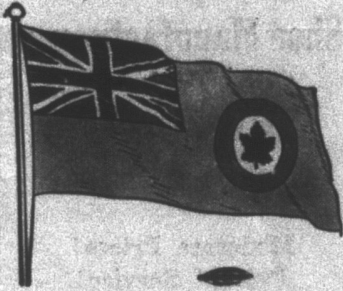
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### SINK? NO! THE AIRMAN WILL SWIM!

The original order as given to The Airman was to cease all paid advertising on November 1. An amending order has been received, stating that the "cut-off" time is December 1.

If The Airman and other service publications throughout Canada can carry on without advertising support, they may continue to do so. Fortunately The Airman has sufficient cash reserve to issue a much condensed paper until February 1, 1943.

It can now be told why The Airman was requested to cancel all advertising.

1. Complaints from proprietors of local newspapers.
2. Complaints from business firms.
3. Possible adverse effect on public relations.

Following quickly the notice from Ottawa, came a letter post-marked Toronto, from a Canada-wide firm (envelope without stamp—6c postage due), from which is an excerpt: "We regret to advise we have had to eliminate all our advertising in this type of magazine throughout the country. It will, therefore, be impossible to advertise with you at this time."

Reports are conflicting as whether authority will be given to publish an eight-page service weekly (without advertising) or a monthly tabloid magazine.

The proposed publication will likely be turned out on the high-speed color presses of an Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto or Montreal firm. The smaller printing firms will have a just complaint. The money that has been paid to them would go into the already-velveted coffers of an eastern company or two.

The success of such a publication depends upon the editorial staff—they will have to be hand-picked men and women. There are many ex-newspapermen in the Royal Canadian Air Force, who are seasoned in the service, and would make a success of the proposed publication without resorting to highly paid outside talent. The Airman beseeches that they be chosen for the new staff.

Excelsior!

### EDIQUIPS

#### On the Route March

"Will you walk a little faster," said the porpoise to the snail.  
"There's a walrus close behind me and he's walking on my tail."  
—Alice in Wonderland.

#### Taken Literally

"I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" may be a top hit, but the weatherman must have mistaken it for a prayer.

#### The Russian Version

Our Soviet Allies are quipping that Stalingrad must now be the largest city in the world. The Nazis have been marching steadily for eleven weeks, but have not yet reached the centre of the town.

#### Even Sleep is Unsafe

Then there was the poor lad to whom Cpl. Turecki gave two days in the kitchen. The chap was talking in his sleep, but the corporal thought he was talking back.

## R.C.A.F. Medical Services

By W/C E. E. Day, S.M.O.

The medical section of the R.C.A.F. came into being just two years ago. Previous to November, 1940, the medical care of Air Force personnel was provided by detachments of the R.C.A.M.C. attached to the Air Force Commands.

At this time a strong and competent nucleus of medical personnel was made available, as the army officers and men, who were in the detachments with the Air Force units, were given the option of discharge and enlistment in the Air Force or of remaining with the R.C.A.M.C. Approximately 95 per cent chose to become members of the R.C.A.F.

During the subsequent two years the medical section, like all the other divisions of the Air Force, has increased many fold in numbers and also in experience.

The medical branch is concerned with each and every activity of the officers and airmen of the R.C.A.F. There is no part in the life of the serviceman that doesn't in some way reflect on and affect his health and well being, whether it be connected with his duties or with his outside recreations and amusements.

The activities of the medical service fall into two main classifications, namely selection and maintenance. Selection is made before appointment or enlistment.

All candidates, whether for air or ground duty, are subject to a thorough physical and mental examination, including X-ray of the chest before their final selection. The Air Force is no place for one who, on account of a physical or mental defect, is unable to give full and efficient service. Careful selection and elimination of the unfit is a prime necessity.

Maintenance of the health of the serviceman, or even the increasing of his well being, is all important. Prevention of illness and accidents does not only consist of immunization against disease. Every activity of the serviceman comes under this category. His food, sleeping accommodation, recreations and health habits are all concerned in this, as well as the more evident medical practices.

Prevention of certain diseases by immunization has already proven valuable. Until July, 1940, only two cases of typhoid fever have been reported among Air Force personnel in Canada, none of tetanus, and the success against diphtheria has been phenomenal.

Venereal disease is no longer considered a moral issue, but is in the class of any other infectious disease. It can be prevented and is curable.

Aircraft design and performance as well as the adjuvant ground service of planes are all in some way connected with the medical services.

High altitude flying with the need of oxygen to maintain efficiency and even life, is partially, if not wholly, a medical problem of prevention by adequate oxygen supply, as are also the problems of extreme temperatures encountered by air crews. Likewise, on the ground, every action of the man servicing a plane presents a medical problem of prevention of accidents; as for example, in dope shops or in adequately protected machinery.

Curative treatment is provided for all those who have the misfortune to contract an illness or suffer an accident. Here, in conjunction with the Department of Pensions and National Health, a complete service is provided as all the latest in thought and application of medical science is available.

In conclusion, the medical service is primarily concerned with the selection of healthy individuals, the maintenance of these in the best state of health possible so that each will be fit for his task no matter what strain or endurance the undertaking may entail.

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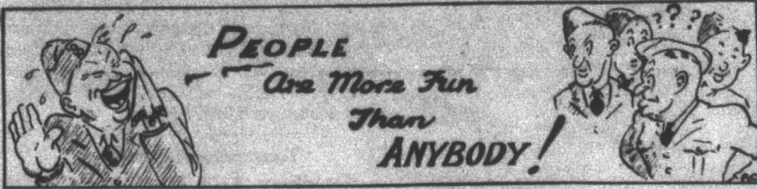
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Bonjour, mes enfants, - - here's scatterbrain of No. 3 "M" with more dope about dopes! Three lads have set out on a determined hunt to find the "Duke". This week it has been blamed on three more gents. Sgt. Humble takes the blame, but all he ever does is reminisce about that hospital episode, saying: "Many an old flame makes a big explosion."

Then comes the suggestion that Wally Ritch is responsible—frankly, he just hasn't the brains. He spends Saturday afternoons trying to slam the revolving door at The T. Eaton building. Then they say that it's Cpl. Cec Crennel because of his bulgy pockets, which must contain information. That's only scrap paper in case he gets caught on the quick. Let's just assume that I'm an unknown quantity.

This government of ours is really good. They have just asked us to tighten our belts when most of us have already lost our pants. True or false?

The subject of pants reminds me of the comparison between cigarettes and women. NOTE: They both come in packs, (if you're Lucky), they both get lit, hang on to your lips, make you puff, and go out unexpectedly. They leave a bad taste in your mouth, are a hell of a bad habit — and still, they satisfy!

So you don't believe I'm married. Let me tell about my romance. Came a lovely little gal whom I met at a private drunken party, and the following conversation took place:

Belle: So you want me to go outside to that little bench in the dark?

Duke: Ah, yes!

Belle: You promise not to hug me?

Duke: Ah, yes!

Belle: You promise not to kiss me or —?

Duke: Ah, yeeesss!

Belle: Then what the hell do you want me to go out for?!!!

Anyhoo, she relented and we proceeded outside. Walking thru the damp grass, I reach down and remarked: "Some dew!"

"Yes," she said, "but I don't!" and went back to the house. Days later we were walking past Birks, and as any woman can talk rings around a jewelry store we were

soon on the way to the halter. Time marched on, and we started thinking about children. We agreed against having a girl because they're so hard to raise. By the time you remember to buy the book for them on "What Every Young Girl Should Know", they can usually make 15 or 20 changes and add two chapters. So we phoned up the "Stork Club" and ordered a boy.

Doing the Town last week, I saw:

A drunken airman trying to subdue a cute trick by brewed force!

A sweet babe who must be thinking of getting married because she was getting her "torso" ready.

A secretary getting fired for a mistake she wouldn't make.

A married man drawing three years for a term that a single man in Sask. only gets 3 months for.

Gordon May making cement at Warburg while on his last "48". (Gordie is preparing for his "A" group as a cook.)

**GENERAL RAMBLINGS:**

I have often wished that the powers-that-be would take all habitual beefers and post them to the opposite of Shangri-La. Some fellows are never satisfied—they beef about this paper and yet never do anything to help. They tell all who will listen that this paper is too Lacey instead of being Racey. They yelp like hell when the paper skips names, and then holler blue murder if their names are mentioned. These guys who are running around the station looking for the author of such and such a column had better slow down, because they might find him. Let's pull together, and all you would-be journalists give a hand next week.

Hats off to Flight Smith. Heard a femme say he was "a perfect gentleman." But really, Smitty, a gentleman is only one who conceals his thoughts!

**PEACEMAKER SPORTS TWO SHINERS**

Next time, "Brad" Bradley of Precision will remember to ask politely: "Is this a private fight, or may I have a hand?"

Brad learned his lesson the hard way in town last Saturday night, and has two moderately good shiners to prove it. Stepping resolutely forward in the role of peacemaker in a street fracas, he found himself suddenly and unexpectedly on the receiving end of a couple of neat rights. The two belligerents ceased battle and joined up against the well-meaning interloper.

Latest reports indicate that he will be careful in future to avoid strictly other people's arguments.

Some questions I hope will set you thinking:

Wouldn't you like me to tell you about the officer who carries pies to a certain femme on the station? (blushing, sir! If not, I could name you, or have you had enough?)

I wonder who the WO1 is that stands in front of a mirror and quotes Shakespeare (sorta, anyway). "Toupee or not topee. That is the question!"

Smarten up, lads.—If you're in the Service and your shoes don't fit, well, don't bother dear old Sgt. Randall, but please fold your toes under!

*Mary had a little watch,  
She swallowed it one day;  
The doctor gave her castor oil,  
To pass the time away.  
The castor oil refused to work,  
The time refused to pass.  
So if you want to see the time,  
Just look up in the Lounge Room.*

Goodbye, one and all,  
The "DUKE".

**USE FREE PHONES FOR LOCAL CALLS**

You may be the fortunate airman who can afford a nickel to talk to the light of your life for an hour on a pay 'phone—but, please, don't do it.

The four free telephones in the mess hall are maintained for LOCAL telephone calls, and the pay 'phones should be used only for LONG DISTANCE calls.

Recently there have been numerous complaints about airmen tying up the two pay 'phones by talking for long periods on local calls, while others with pressing long distance calls to make have either had to wait some time, or have been forced by their buddies' thoughtlessness to forego making the important calls.

We urge that airmen comply strictly with this request, even if they are nickel-rich. Give the other fellow a break!

**Marriages**

Cpl. G. O. Treit, disciplinarian, to Inez Viola Sellers at Edmonton, October 18, by Rev. J. A. Mueller.

Sgt. J. Prior, nursing orderly, to Rose Cominchuk, at Edmonton, October 17, by F/L J. J. McGarry.

Sgt. W. V. Taylor, depot band leader, to Rachel McClenaghan, at St. James, Man., October 10, by Rev. A. M. J. Gray.

**Births**

To AC2 L. B. C. Frazell and Mrs. Frazell, a daughter, Francis May, was born in Vancouver, September 22.

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HIGH BOWLING SCORES

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Equipment took the lead in the Airmen's Bowling League Thursday night by defeating Hospital 2 - 1.

Gestapo dropped three games to Orderly Room, but retained second place in league standing.

League Standing

	Won	Lost
Equipment	19	5
Gestapo	15	9
Orderly Room	14	10
Post Office	13	11
Wings	10	14
Hospital	9	15
Accounts	9	15
Dental	7	17

Thursday Results

Equipment.....2	Hospital.....1
Post Office.....3	Orderly Room.....0
Accounts.....3	Gestapo.....0
Wings.....3	Dental.....0

CORPORALS' VIGOR UNDIMED BY TRIP TO SHOWERS

Cpls. Gusola and Stewart learned to their cost Thursday night that it is not wise to dare the now almost defunct Precision Squad. Those lads were only too willing to take a dare, and the result was a full dress parade to the showers, the corporals leading the way under forced draft.

Loud recriminations exuded from Cpl. Gusola this morning, demanding to know the whereabouts of his name card, which had disappeared from his door. THE AIRMAN advises him that Precision lads move his room, and that the card now graces a smaller "office" in the washroom.

# AUSSIE

## Observations



WHY BLAME US  
IF YOUR EDMONTON  
GIRLS KEEP US IN BED  
TILL SEVEN IN THE  
MORNING



STRIKE ME LUCKY!  
LOOK WHO'S HERE  
AGAIN

ANOTHER  
FLAMING WEEK OF  
THIS WEATHER AND  
WE'LL HAVE TO PUT UP  
A NEW SLOGAN

JOE  
LA FOREST  
FIRST OUT FOR  
MEALS AGAIN!



FAIR DINKUM, YOU'VE GOT  
TO HAND IT TO THESE  
CANUCKS THEY'VE GOT  
SOMETHING!



## Terrestrial Magnetism

By Sgt. J. C. Hickey

The earth is surrounded by a rather weak magnetic field which terminates in two internal magnetic poles. These are situated approximately 1,000 miles from the true geographical poles.

Anyone who has seen the experiment in which iron filings are scattered on a paper held over a magnet, will remember how the filings align themselves in a definite pattern of lines of force running from pole to pole of the magnet. The earth's field is analogous to this, although there are several important differences. For instance, there are four points of maximum intensity in the earth's field, two near each magnetic pole. Also the magnetic poles are constantly changing their position.

For example, the north magnetic pole, which at present is situated in Northern Canada, is slowly moving westward, and will revolve completely around the true pole in approximately 950 years. Furthermore, the earth's field is unsymmetrical and continually varies its direction relative to the true meridians.

A freely suspended magnetic needle, undisturbed by local influences, will align itself with the earth's field at any point. Such a needle, on a journey from magnetic pole to magnetic pole, would begin by standing in a vertical position. As it moved toward the equator the amount of dip would decrease and finally disappear.

The line around the earth at which the needle is horizontal is called the Magnetic Equator and it coincides roughly with the geographic equator. As the needle moved onward toward the other pole, dip would increase until it was standing vertical again. The angle of dip at a point is sometimes known as the magnetic latitude of that point.

Where dip exists, the earth's magnetism may be analysed into two components, one of which is horizontal, the other vertical. The strength of the horizontal component is greatest at the magnetic equator and decreases to nothing at the magnetic poles. The magnetic compass is so adjusted as to respond only to this horizontal component, the effect of dip being negligible under ordinary circumstances. Since the horizontal component becomes less toward the magnetic poles, the compass is sluggish and unreliable in their vicinity.

The compass, undisturbed by local influences, indicates magnetic north. As the position of magnetic north differs from that of true north, the compass at most places points either to east or west of true north. This angle is known as compass variation and must be taken into consideration when the compass is used. Since its amount has been charted for the navigable areas of the earth, and since its annual change can be accurately predicted, it offers no great difficulty. Variation is indicated on all navigation maps by lines joining places of equal variation. Such lines are known as isogonals.

At some points on the earth, the direction of magnetic north is also the direction of true north. Hence there is no variation. The line joining such places is known as an Agonic line. One passes through Canada slightly to the west of Port Arthur. On this side of the Agonic line, variation in Canada is East, and on the other side it is West. It reaches quite large values on the northeast and northwest coasts.

—One of the airmen who went through this station in August, 1941, and later to the front received a letter from his nagging wife. In replying he wrote: "Please don't write me anymore. Let me enjoy this war in peace."

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## PERSONALS

It's Capt. W. A. McIver, C.D.C., if you please! This promotion was definitely painless news—and three month's back pay.

\* \* \*

LAC A. C. Taylor, telephone operator, is now "helloing" at No. 4 I.T.S.

\* \* \*

F/L R. S. Davis is in Toronto visiting relatives.

F/L A. W. Paull, of No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, was renewing acquaintances on the station over the week-end. He was formerly W.&B. officer here during the construction days.

### Tournament Winners

Snooker: AC2 H. Zlotnik. Fifth wine; now has minus 5 handicap. Cribbage: AC2 E. H. Mottus. Table Tennis: AC2's G. R. Morrison and A. B. Elworthy. Contract Bridge: LAC K. Kowalczy.

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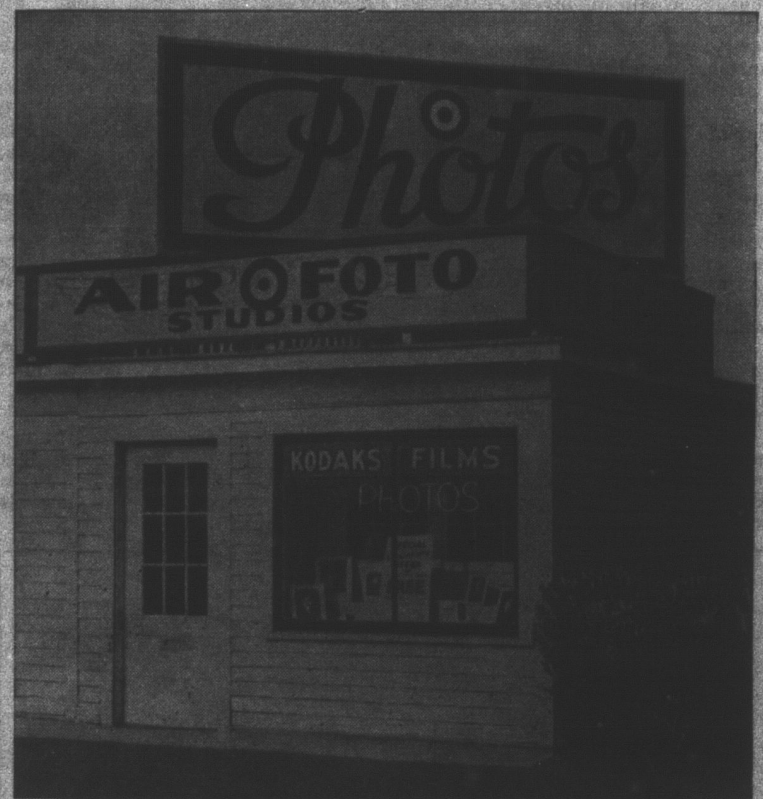


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# "M" Depot Captures Football Title

## Calgary Wins Second Game 5 to 0; Loses Round 10 to 5

With the advent of winter in the offing, No. 3 R.C.A.F. "M" Depot's rugby team completed their string of conquests Saturday afternoon at Clarke Stadium when they dropped a 5-0 decision to Calgary Army Cadets in the second game of the two-game total point series for provincial junior rugby title.

Saturday's result, which was an outstanding upset, did not provide much consolation for the Calgary supporters as the Flyers had captured the first game in Calgary 10-0. They thus piled up enough points to carry off the honors and retain the title for Edmonton for the third straight year.

### Fast Whistle

The result shows the Army Cadets on the long end of the score in Saturday's game, but for a fast whistle in the closing seconds of play, the Airmen might have at least come out of the struggle with a tie.

Following a sensational downfield march in the fourth quarter, Mose Miller, fleet Calgary back, picked up a 20-yard pass, then ran another 5 yards for the game's only touchdown and only score of the touch.

Coach Ed Rorvig of the Calgary club had planned this aerial assault all week long. Finally the winning thrust came, with Harry Hobbs throwing the forward that gave Miller his chance for the major score.

It was not a particularly thrilling outlook for supporters of the Airmen. The team had played hard but sluggish football for most of the game. They had stopped Calgary cold in the third quarter, the southerners being unable to pick up a single first down while Edmonton had five.

And then, in the dying seconds of the game, came the only real scoring bid by the Airmen.

### Klesko Started It

Russ Klesko — who has now played on all three Alberta championship teams — with a fingertip catch intercepted a Calgary forward. Don Horton, who had made several fine plunges and one around right end good for 34 yards, started the drive with a plunge for six yards. Klesko toted the ball another five. Then Johnny Dutchak another sparkling performer in the R.C.A.F. backfield, picked up a first down, skirting left end for 20 yards, and the 2,000 fans immediately saw the possibility of a last-minute victory drive.

Horton went over centre for another eight yards and the Airmen were on the Calgary five. Time-keeper Roy Haliburton paraded the

sidelines, gun in hand, signalling only seconds to go.

Klesko was held on the first play. Then Horton burst through centre. He was spilled, rolled once and came up holding the ball on the other side of the Calgary line just as the gun barked the end of the game.

### No Touchdown

There was a flurry of excitement and then Referee Pete Sande ruled no touchdown.

The Hobbs brothers, Jack and Harry, along with Allen Hammond and the speedy Bill Parker stood out in Calgary's victory. Hammond made one run of 20 yards and on another occasion ran back one of Don Blue's Edmonton punts 35 yards.

Most spectacular for the Airmen was Don Horton, the Milestone, Sask., boy who has been playing a lot of fine football this year. He electrified the crowd with a 45-yard run in the first quarter and in the fourth he galloped 22 yards in one advance.

Calgary's Army Cadets tried 11 forwards, completing three. Edmonton attempted two, completing one, a pro pass, good for five yards.

### Nice Kicker, Too

Air Vice-Marshal Earl Godfrey, assistant inspector general of the R.C.A.F. in Canada, officiated at the kickoff after being introduced over the loud speaker by Wing Cmdr. W. G. Webber of No. 3 M Depot. Wing Cmdr. Webber held the ball when the air vice-marshal kicked.

### The Lineups

**CALGARY**—Snapback, Sanderson; inside, Johnson and Williams; middles, Graham and Cope; outsides, Miller and McLaws; quarterback, Harry Robs; halfbacks, Hammond, Parker and Kuwahara; flying wing, Sweeney. Subs: Jack Hobbs, Innes, Round, Brown, Tomlinson, Stewart Morris, Pullar, Wigington, Boyce, Mellroy, Gillies, Garden.

**EDMONTON**—Snapback, O'Byrne; inside, Neal and Idler; middles, Rayner and Michaluk; outsides, McMillan and



By F/O H. W. Eggleston

No. 3 "M" Depot's grid team added to the sports laurels captured by service teams this year by annexing the provincial junior rugby championship at Clarke Stadium Saturday afternoon. . . . It was a sweet victory on the round for the Flyers, but the honors in the second game went to Calgary's fighting Army Cadets. . . . Down 10 points on the round they took advantage of the over-confident Airmen to come within an ace of pulling the series out of the fire. . . . They were the better team on the day's play and lived up to advance notices coming out of the southern city. . . . They were full value for their victory. . . . After failing to capitalize on a downfield march in the first quarter, the Flyers were content to sit back and protect their lead in Saturday's game. . . . This strategy nearly backfired as the Calgary team opened up the attack. . . . However, all's well that ends well. . . . Considering the obstacles the R.C.A.F. team has been up against all season it deserves all the plaudits it has received. . . . The club was good enough to go ahead in the first game and finish on the long end of the score, and that's what really counts. . . . King Winter has arrived with a vengeance the last few days. . . . Prepara-

Black; quarterback, McRardy; halfbacks, Blue, Morton, Dutchak; flying wing, Klesko. Subs: Don Hill, Benn, Carmichael, Storgaard, Barber, Coghill, Bryck, Hunter, A. Hill, Hague, Hutcheon.

Officials—Referee, Pete Sande, Calgary; umpire, John Easton, Edmonton; head linesman, Reg. Moon, Edmonton.

### Summary

First Quarter—No score.  
Second Quarter—No score.  
Third Quarter—No score.  
Fourth Quarter—I, Calgary, touchdown (Miller), five points.

tions are going ahead to get the hockey season under way. . . . First flooding of the rinks took place Tuesday. . . . "Five Star Final" . . . The officers' entry in the bowling league finally found a team they could beat. . . . Aided by Flt.-Lt. Davis, they won on Monday night. . . . "Tiny" struck out Tuesday, but not in the same fashion as when he performed with the softball team last summer. . . .

Other R.C.A.F. grid entries throughout Canada are keeping the famous service in the headlines. . . . Bob Fritz' entry at Winnipeg defeated the famous Blue Bombers Saturday, and Lew Hayman's charges toppled Balmy Beach down in Ontario. . . . Noticed WO1 Blundell putting the senior N.C.O.'s through their paces Monday night. . . . He had most of them steaming after the session of volleyball . . . so much so that they are asking for shower baths to be placed in the Arena. . . . Keep your eyes open, girls . . . There will be some slim figures tripping around the station before long. . . . The powers that be have ruled that paid advertising in The Airmen will be tabu soon. . . . It costs money to publish Canada's outstanding weekly. . . . Funds must be found somewhere. . . . How about staging a few monster fight cards to help defray expenses? . . . From all reports it appears there is plenty material available for inter-service meets. . . . It is suggested that the public be admitted for a small charge. . . . Sgt. Stanway claims he can obtain the services of two headliners to head the card. . . . With a little publicity there is little doubt that these cards could be put over if properly organized. . . . Let's go gang!

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¶ A chap gave his girl friend a brassiere as a Christmas present. She did not see him for some time, but when she did she thanked him profusely, and added, "I'd rather of had the money."

After catching his breath, the young man said, "Why?"

"Well, frankly, I'm flat busted."

¶ If Jack Benny, Fred Allen, and Fibber McGee have any trouble with their gag writers, they may call upon any of the columnists of this service weekly. (Sez, you!—Editor).

¶ Some of the airmen say that their difficult days are—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

*Patience is a virtue,*

*Possess it if you can.*

*Always found in women*

*And never found in men.*

¶ One of the sergeants was overheard saying to his wife, "Give me half the bed or I'll tear the sheet."

¶ There's an old Indian proverb; "Do a good deed a thousand times and never once hear about it; do a misdeed and hear about it a thousand times."

¶ Once corrected—remembered always.

¶ Can a leaking roof be repaired with sealing wax?

¶ Sgt. Williams says he likes the Calgary girls because they have more open countenances.

## CONCERT, VARIETY SHOW TONIGHT

The Depot Band will provide two groups of numbers at the Y-sponsored Variety Show in the Arena at 2000 hours tonight. Outstanding soloists will be featured and there will be orchestral numbers as well. The band boys will be assisted by several talented Edmonton girls.

Producer-director is LAC Claude Blackwood, of Equipment. There will be no late passes, except on application. If you can't get the lady friend home before 11 o'clock, the show will be over around 10, so there should be no difficulty. As usual, there will be no charge.

## LOCALS AND PERSONALS

AC2 R. Eichendorf, postal clerk, has reported to No. 1 Central Navigation School, Rivers, Man.

"Gawd! A periscope on the parade ground?"

"Hell, no! It's 'Peanut' Lukinuk walking through six inches of snow."

## THE CURRENT CINEMA

### AVENUE

Starting Saturday: "Keep Your Seats Please," with George Formby; also "A Man's Castle" with Spencer Tracy. Starting Wednesday: "Hold Back the Dawn", with Charles Boyer; also "Thanks a Million."

### CAPITOL

Six days starting yesterday: "The Major and the Minor", with Ginger Rogers.

### DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Flight Lieutenant", with Pat O'Brien and Glen Ford; also, "Henry and Lizzy". Starting Wednesday: "The Tuttles of Tahiti", with Charles Laughton and Jon Hall; also "Night in New Orleans".

### EMPRESS

Starting today: "Grand Central Murder"; also "Enemy Agent Meets Ellery Queen". Starting Tuesday: "Calling Dr. Gillespie"; also "Juke Box Jennie".

### RIALTO

Starting today: "Two Yanks in Trinidad"; also "Juke Box Jennie". Starting Tuesday: "Private Buckaroo", with Joe Louis and Dick Foran; also "Danger in the Pacific".

### STRAND

Starting today: "Take a Letter,

Darling", with Rosalind Russell and Fred MacMurray; also "Red River Valley". Starting Tuesday, "Eagle Squadron"; also "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break", with W. C. Fields.

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