

Air Minister's Flag Awarded No. 3 "M" Depot

HOSPITAL N.C.O.



CPL. H. A. M. CURRIE.

Corporal Hector Archibald Currie is the master of 18A2. A member of the Depot Hospital Staff, Cpl. Currie was born in Edinburgh and came to Canada in 1926. In 1934 the call of the north got him and he headed for the Arctic cold and wilderness, but when war started, the call to arms was stronger than the hold that the north had on him, and out he came on a journey that took a full nine days and travel by dog team, snowmobile, plane, boat and train.

He arrived in Vancouver, and six hours after his application for the R.C.A.F. was on his way to an "M" Depot.

Served with Royal Marines in last war, wears Victory and General Service Medal. Scared hell out of the recruits, is looking for a girl to share his nest egg, good sense of humor and would like to see the heather again.

Some day you may be overseas so if you've forgotten a friend or relative who is over there, mail a Christmas parcel today. Some one will remember when you're across the Atlantic.

BREAST FED DUTY WATCH?

Perhaps it is just that we have been reading too many mystery stories over the week-end, but it looks sinister when an evaporated milk formula for babies is found attached to the Duty Warrant Officers' board.

Detective Blundell

WO1 Blundell, has solved more than one mystery around this neck of the woods, studied the formula, and had it made up. Using WO2 Smith as a guinea pig, he tried the effects of the formula on the human constitution. The results were far from satisfactory. Then WO1 Blundell remembered that WO2 Sparling, who was Duty Warrant Officer at the time, had twins. And so the plot thickened.

Sparling the Culprit

Our opinion is that Sparling, noting the arrival of cold weather, is adding the formula to his rum, hoping that it will keep him warm. In any event, it does not add to the discipline and dignity of an air-force establishment to have WO's adding formulas to the day's details. In fairness to WO2 Sparling, we suggest that the formula was given to the Duty Watch, when the sergeant-major tucked them in.

DUTY WATCH

AC2 GORDON RAYNER.

This is a pleasant pastime,
 For spending boring nights,
 Of frolic and of leisure,
 Amid the city lights,
 It's quite a pleasant duty,
 Of sweeping floors and leaves;
 And it's easily got by many,
 For overstaying leaves.
 There's really nothing to it
 And you needn't even ask;
 When there's a hut to scrub,
 Or the Mess Hall floor to wax.
 So if you've got an evening
 And not a thing to do,
 Just call the sergeant-major a dirty
 so and so,
 Then we'll all go to the kitchen
 And spend a quiet night;
 Unless we're in the Guard House
 For being in a fight.

D.A.P.M.: "You better run home."

LAC Japlac: "Sir, if I could run I wouldn't be in this condition."

Will Be Presented By A.O.C. Tuesday

The commanding officer, officers, NCO's and men were elated, Saturday, when the news came that No. 3 "M" Depot was awarded the Air Minister's flag for being the most efficient "M" Depot in the Dominion. This is the first distinction to come to the station.

Owing to censorship regulations, it cannot be stated the number of "M" Depots in Canada.

W/C W. G. Webber, commanding officer, wishes to extend his gratitude to the administrative, accountant, dental, educational, medical, service police, equipment, reception, training, disposal and all other staffs, for their whole-hearted support.

The Airman is also happy that it can record this honor, which leaves no doubt as to which is the top "M" Depot.

Edmonton leads Toronto, which also utilized converted Exhibition Grounds, also an "M" Depot which was specially planned and modelled as the latest in "M" Depot design and construction.

Air Officer Commanding No. 3 Training Command will present the flag to W/C Webber, Tuesday, November 17. See D.R. O's for further details.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR R.C.A.F. TRADES

Attention of all airmen with trades is directed to the copies of Trade Test Qualifications which are to be found in the Library and Writing Lounge. It is essential that you read these, so that you will know what is expected for the different groupings. The information is conveniently bound, and placed

BEWARE! FRIDAY, 13th

Be very, very careful! This paragraph may fade before your very eyes. Cpl. Jerry Bricker is full of tricks. He may have arranged for the printer to use invisible ink.

Watch for salt instead of sugar in the shaker. Tea in the urns instead of coffee. Do not walk under a ladder.

LEARN BUT LEARN NOW

Bring your educational and re-muster problems to the Educational and Trade Test Offices. We're here to help you raise your standard of education. An interview with P/O Hogg, the education officer with regard to furthering your education would undoubtedly prove of value to you in your course of instruction in the R.C.A.F. Call in and let him explain in detail the opportunities open to you to gain, in advance,

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where you may find it, so please make use of it.

WO1 Shaw will be glad to answer special requests at any time. His office is in the Trade Rest Room in the Arena.

A HANDY CALENDAR FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Friday, November 13—Station Dance.

Sunday, Nov. 15—Movies in the Arena.

Monday, Nov. 16—Basketball in Arena, 18:30 hours. Training Wing (Hut 16) vs. Reception Wing; Table tennis tournament, 19:00 hours; Contract Bridge in "Y" Lounge, 19:00 hours.

Tuesday, Nov. 17—Movies in Arena, 20:00 hours; Free Bingo in "Y" Lounge, 18:00 hours.

Wednesday, Nov. 18—Basketball, Training Wing (Huts 11 and 12) vs. Reception Wing.

Thursday, Nov. 19—Table Tennis tournament, 19:00 hours; Snooker tournament, at 19:00 hours; Cribbage singles in "Y" Lounge, 18:00 hours.

Friday, Nov. 20—Boxing and Wrestling Show, 20:00 hours.

DANCE TO-NIGHT IN ARENA

Friday, November 13th



8:30 p.m.



By SGT. W. HUMBLE.

- Hear ye! Hear ye!
- Best of luck Sgt. Kram. Here's hoping you attain your ambition at Lachine.
- But let's get on the other side of the street.
- That reminds me of the two little snakes that were crawling across the road, one stopped and the other crawled on.
- How come I am accused of being the author of the Duke's column—"People Are More Fun Than Anybody"—when I saw the real author of said column sittin' on the coib at thoiity-thoid an' thoid eatin' woims and choipin' and boipin' like the little booidies do.
- I'm beginning to wonder whether he is the best joik that jives or whether he is the best jive that joiks. But for full information on the culprit please see WO1 Harland in the mess—and I don't mean that literally.
- Well, fellows, I don't know whether Hitler's dead or not, but I do know that the favorite color in Rommel's army, especially this last week, is yellow. Just think of that, with eggs a nickle apiece!
- By the way—where is Rommel?
- After reading last week's Airman, it looks as if we will have to put it out in true Airman fashion and crowd "Hush" off the market.
- What is advertising anyway?
- We know that Sergeant-Major Blundell is one man on the station that doesn't miss anything, whether it's advertised or not. At least he doesn't need it in large print.
*Don't get the idea
That he forgot.
For just about then
You're on the spot.*
- While we are on the subject of the station sergeant-major, bring on your surprises, Sergeant-Major Blundell, as you are appointed next week's guest editor for this column.

BAND SCRIPS

Had a case of "Yes he is, no he ain't." Ace Howard was posted east but posting was cancelled later. We managed to reach him by wire and he reported back again Sunday.

Did you notice the "V" for Victory sign on bandsman Montie's forehead. It was there of necessity—he tripped on a wire mat and the M.O. put two stitches in.

Speaking of the last concert, how did you like it? Credit must be given to Sgt. Taylor as it was his idea, originated some time ago. If you are in favor of more such entertainment, let us know, we have plenty more.

Just a word to whom this may concern. A number of airmen (probably they don't know any better) always leave the Arena during the last number. This disrupts the program and seriously interferes with the pleasure of those who have the good taste to remain until after "The King."

"Where does this inviting shady lane lead to?" asked LAC Lowden.

The farmer launched a jet of tobacco juice with deadly effect upon a grasshopper ten feet away, then scratched his stubbled chin thoughtfully.

"Well, stranger," he drawled, "it's led mor'n half the young folks around these parts into a right smart heap o' trouble."

—Drumstick.



Doris Astell of C.R. has left us. . . . What we'd like to know is if Cpl. Acker has anything to do with Millie Turner's blushing? Every-time anyone mentions his name Millie's face lights up (red at that)! . . . Doris Galloway still receives letters from "Johnny." . . . Elsie Mills over in Equipment did a crazy trick the other day. She fainted in the washroom and had everyone scared skinny (haven't noticed the change have you?) No, fellas, that isn't a black eye exactly, she actually hit her face on the floor, results: one black eye. We phoned the airmen's mess to try and get a beef steak for it but they said, "There's a war on, meat is rationed, black eye or no black eye—the airmen have to eat." Since when did airmen start eating beef steak? . . . Wonder where the party was the other night? Three of the girls from Headquarters Orderly Room were away all the same morning. WO2 Spence would like to know. Don't forget to sign the book girls! . . . We see Esther Anderson walking down the train tracks every night at 5 o'clock. She is never by herself and we were just curious to know whether it might be Cpl. Johnny Nagy of Equipment. Kay Card and the New Zealanders get on just grand together. You both must have something in common Kay.

The corporals are holding a dance in the Norwood Oddfellows Hall, Saturday, November 14. The station's orchestra in attendance.

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**G/C J. C. MALONE
OVERSEAS**

The first commanding officer of No. 3 "M" Depot was W/C Malone, K.C., of Regina, when it opened in July, 1941. He relinquished command to W/C W.G. Webber last March. W/C Malone was posted to duty on the Atlantic seaboard. Recently he was promoted to group captain.

Among the officers posted overseas from this station, were G/C Malone's brother-in-law, F/O G. Grassick, F/L Forbes, padre, F/O "Dick" Jensen, who is at R.C.A.F. Headquarters, London, and F/O Frank Minton. Mrs. Minton, of Sylvan Lake, advised The Airman that she had received a cable, Monday, stating Mr. Minton had arrived safely.



After complaining for a month that we needed more men to WORK what do they do but give us a couple of NCO's. We are still short-handed.

LAC Smudge Pot Smith returned from the country after 18 days leave still wanting a 48. Which he did not get.

The new numbers on the cars are a headache.

We have a wood butcher whom W.&B. has not yet discovered in AC Williamson.

Cpl. Oliver started a new book-keeping system, and he can't find anything now. Not even his hat.

We saw Mowatt and Gardner getting together in the Barn the other evening. Both were quite pale around the gills. Love or liquor, lads?

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The Arena was the scene Friday night of the season's most enjoyable variety concert. An attendance, exceeded only by the Life-buoy Follies heartily enjoyed themselves listening to a diversified program featuring the station band. The band was assisted by outstanding city artists.

Despite a few anxious moments at the beginning of the show due to the non-arrival of the guest artists, the M.C., LAC Claude Blackwood, finally got the concert under way when the long-awaited guests arrived en masse.

Mr. Fred Youmans of the Y.M.C.A. was instrumental in securing the excellent outside talent.

It is hoped that another program will be held in the near future.

"REVEILLE"

Two issues of this new religious publication have come to the desk of the exchange editor. It is an interesting paper and merits the support of every service man and woman. In fact it should be on the library tables of every mess in Canada. Should you wish to subscribe to the "Reveille" write The Full Gospel Publishing House, 362 Danforth Avenue, Toronto.

**R.C.A.F. (W.D.)
PRECISION SQUAD**

The Women's Division precision squadron will be in Edmonton, Sunday, November 22. Watch The Airman and Edmonton dailies for further details.

NEW DRILL HALL

The contractors hauled in the first load of material for the new drill hall, Tuesday, which will be constructed on a site to the south of the Arena.

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GESTAPO NOTES

**WHO'S IN
THE NEWS**

Congratulations to Sgt. Liscum on his promotion to sergeant.

Notice our clerk LAC Vener out on the Drill Square, drilling a squad of men these days, must be a promotion in the air.

We hope that Cpl. Zuleger recovers from his illness soon.

Who was the NCO that asked Cpl. Lane if he was an "Old Methodist Preacher" before he enlisted? Must be that sincere look of yours or something.

Comes time to close now so with the words of a well known party who says when he prays, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," I will close, but let me say

"AIRMAN" GOOD PAPER

The copies of The Airman and note arrived O.K. and the boys here go for the paper in a big way. They sure like the way everybody takes a razzing in it. And I sure have a heck of a time keeping track of them.

I have asked some of the boys what they thought of it, and they said it was the best paper that ever came into this camp. Everyone likes the way they come to the point in their articles instead of beating around the bush.

Editor's Note: This is from a letter received by Ft. Sgt. Whetstone from Alaska.

in passing that this prayer is a good prayer for Pay Parade, do you agree fellows?

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MR. P. W. ABBOTT, K.C.

The Airman deeply mourns the passing of Mr. Abbott. He will be greatly missed by every airman, non-commissioned officer, and officer, who has called No. 3 "M" Depot "home" since it opened in July, 1941.

A PROUD DEPOT

We're proud of our depot—it's tops in Canada. We're proud of our graduates. We're proud of our widely-famed precision squad. We're proud of our station orchestra. Our "Y" war services and entertainment staff. We're proud of our airforce band, which is destined to be a keen competitor to the Central Band at Ottawa. Why shouldn't we be proud? And, yes sir, we are!

Much credit is due our commanding officer, who has grown up in the Royal Canadian Air Force. We salute, W/C Webber!

We're proud of our service weekly, too. Match it anywhere in the four training commands.

AIRCREW SELECTION BOARDS

These boards are now set up at the "M" depots and their function is to interview all airmen enlisted at recruiting centres as aircrew standard.

One of the main reasons for the establishment of these boards was to eliminate wastage of manpower, time, and money. The cost of training aircrew is very high and obviously the war effort is slowed down, if an airman is given long and expensive training and then fails through some weakness which might have been foreseen at the outset.

Prior to being interviewed by members of the board, candidates are given various tests to determine in some degree their possibilities. These tests have been in force for approximately one year, and there can be no doubt that they have a definite value.

Medical documents of all candidates are reviewed by Flight Lieut. J. G. Turner, the medical officer attached to this board, and should there be any doubt regarding the medical category of any recruit he will be rechecked by him.

This officer has had much valuable experience on medical boards at initial training schools and recruits must remember that crashes and failures would result, if proper attention were not paid to the medical standard established for flying personnel.

Should an airman's medical category be changed at the "M" depot, making it impossible for him to fly, every effort is made to fit him into the service in some other field.

All aircrew recruits are given an opportunity to read informative bulletins on the various aircrew categories and in addition they are given a talk by the president, Flight Lieut. K. B. Forster, D.F.C. They are now ready to appear before the members of the board for interview, and are selected, not for the category in which they may be most interested, but for the category in which they appear to have the best chance of success. The needs of the service are the first consideration, with due regard to the special qualifications of each recruit.

Card records are made of each candidate and these are forwarded to A.F.H.Q., where the subsequent progress of every recruit is closely followed. The members of the board are all keenly interested in their work and are conscientiously endeavoring to make their selections in the interests of the service and the individual.

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AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION

By SGT. O. E. SORENSON

Aircraft recognition is a very important part of the training of aircrew personnel. It is so important that it is a matter of life or death for the members of an aircrew operating in combat regions. An allied aircraft could easily be mistaken for an enemy machine and thus shot down. On the other hand, a hostile aircraft, not recognized as such, would lead to disastrous results.

In every-day life individuals and objects are scrutinized for future identification. Noses, eyes, chins, hair, gait, etc., aid us in recognizing individuals. Similarly automobiles, machines and buildings have distinguishing features. This very manner of looking for details enables the airman to distinguish one aircraft from another. Each aircraft possesses characteristic features which distinguish it from other aircraft. By constant study and practice the features associated with some particular aircraft are memorized until the observer can recognize that aircraft from any view. To a beginner in aircraft identification, the recognition features are obscured because he does not know what to look for.

The study of aircraft recognition may be said to fall into three stages:

1. In the preliminary stage the student learns the parts of an aircraft, and the definitions employed to describe the variations in appearance and position of wings, engines, tails, etc.
2. In the intermediate stage the student begins to apply his knowledge of the recognition features to particular aircraft. The various features will be checked one by one until, by elimination processes, the name of the aircraft can be positively stated.
3. In the advanced stage the perfection required on actual operations is attained. Here the aim of "Instant Recognition" is reached. One by one, the student will add names to a growing list until it can be said: "To see is to recognize."

All students will not progress at the same rate in this study. However, all can succeed if they will follow the three rules that lead to proficiency. These rules are:

1. Practice.
2. More Practice.
3. STILL MORE PRACTICE.

In studying aircraft look for these features:

WINGS:

- (a) Type—High wing, mid wing, low wing, monoplane, bi-plane, gull wing, dihedral.
Dihedral—Angle of wing upwards from the horizontal.
Gull Wings—Shaped like that of the gull.
- (b) Shape—Tapered, elliptical, straight; rounded or square tip.

ENGINES:

- (a) Number, position, radial or in line, radiators.
Radial—Cylinders arranged around the crank shaft.
In Line—Cylinders arranged in line—one behind the other.

FUSELAGE:

Round, square, turrets, steps.

TAIL:

One or two rudders; if two rudders—inset or outrig. (The tail unit consists of the fin, rudder, tailplane and elevator).
Inset—Fins and rudders set in from the ends of the tail plane.
Outrig—Fins and rudders set at extreme ends of tail-plane.

MOANS & GROANS FROM HOSPITAL

BLUNDELL DOES INSPECTION ON RUN

An Honour—Or Why Nursing Orderlies Eat Their Young.

An honour was bestowed upon the hospital staff last Tuesday morning. Have any of you heard of an inspection being held while working? Such was the case on the male Angels of Mercy, the inspector being WO1 Blundell. Credit must be handed out for the very efficient way he scanned over the men as they carried out their duties.

Such an honour DID cause a little flurry among the orderlies. LAC Walker gave the wrong patient a bed pan, LAC Uzelman mixed up an enema instead of a cough mixture. Cpl. Currie was his own cool self. Cpl. McDonald, a hair cut he was told to get, and poor Mac had just had his hair cut two days before. F/S Smith made a nice escort for the WO—he was wearing his best disciplined smile, with his hair plastered down with sterile vaseline, he indeed made a good job of hunting out the orderlies for the great Pukha Sahib to gaze upon, but the smile of the day was caused by an AC2 when the WO passed

down the wards with his cap off. The AC2 is a patient in bed and when he espied the curly dome of the said WO he chanted in a lovely small boy's voice, "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountains"—needless to say this same AC2's lunch was raised from a milk diet, to a full one with all the trimmings.

Welcomed to our staff are S/L B. L. Hessian and Miss Nelda M. Hugot.



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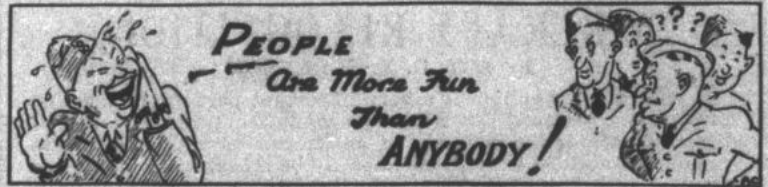
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—Our friend, the Major, says he remembers when the girls wore "envelopes." When we saw our girl, Major, she had on either a dress or a coat.
 —It isn't the high cost of living—it's the high cost of loving your wife and keeping another apartment.
 —Can you imagine it—the airmen claimed that they had not read the article on free sock mending or coupon in an issue of *The Airman*! You might be able to kid the members of the Women's Club but you can't jolly us. Too bashful, eh? It was right beside "Patter" column on page 10, October 30 issue.
 —There was a young women's club in Alsask back in 1912—U.C.T.—Unclaimed Treasurers. The travellers nicknamed it the unchained terriers.
 —Tex Rickard was a famous sports promoter. After a hot bout between Willard and Johnson, he forgot his coat. A friend handed it to him, saying, "Here's your coat, Tex."
 —We'll vote for sending Il Duce to Ethiopia for a rest cure, and John Hoy to Italy as Emperor.



Attention, married personnel, if you ever get a-battling with your wife, the best idea is to bury the hatchet. (Yes, just about six inches in her skull, and then six feet in the ground.)

After taking the first aid course in our yokel hospital, I am convinced I know how to set bones. Now all I need to know is how to roll 'em.

Overheard Around the Station:
 Cutey: "How would you like me to meet you in your dreams

tonight, honey?"
 AC1 Broderick: "Oh, about half way."

Jean M.: "I feel like going to the devil; how do you feel?"
 The Duke: "Like the devil!"

Sgt. Maynard: "Do you think there's any harm in kisses?"
 Jean D.: "Not in the kind you put on, brother!"

"Yeah," says Cpl. Rudd, "when I first joined up I was very conceited but they knocked all that out of me and now I'm one of the best fellows in the R.C.A.F."

Practically Impossible:
 WO1 Bundell on C/O's parade saying: "Okay, fellows, stand easy while you're chatting and smoking."

So the dear little corporals are having a dance this Saturday. Well, well, there should be lots of snooping for me if I can sneak in; and I'll get the dirt for you lads no matter how closed the two-hook jerks have their dance. It's pretty cold out these nights, but if they get enough alcohol into the gals they won't freeze up. Anyhoo, go to it, corporals, and don't make your kisses too hot or the gals may get burnt up!

Nutty Notes:
 Mr. Campbell: "No, I'm afraid you won't do!"
 Applicant for Steno: "Who said I wouldn't?"

Just checked over the PTI's and decided not to remuster for their course. About the only thing they have is "athlete's foot!" . . . Sure, they are talented in the athletic field, but damn it man, I used to park there every night and slowly but surely after a few "No!" cases, I quickly became talented!



STOP to think of it!

There are only 3 more pay days till Christmas!

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Twelve new members joined the club Wednesday, November 4. Mrs. M. A. McIntyre retired as secretary.

"Darn Them"

The Women's Club of No. 3 "M" Depot will hold their fifth meeting Wednesday afternoon, November 18. The main object of these meetings is to do free mending for the personnel of this depot. So come on, boys, if your socks need mending, drop them into the guard-room Tuesday evening, November 17, between 5:15 and 6:30. They may be picked up Thursday evening, November 19, at the same hours. We only request they be freshly laundered before turning them in.

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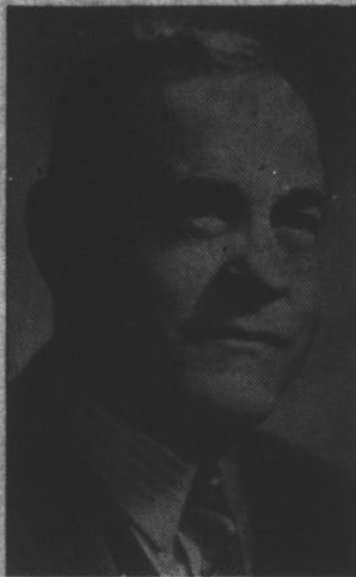
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considerable knowledge of the work you have ahead. Brush up on your education now, and your future course of instruction will be that much easier.

If you want information with regard to trades of the R.C.A.F., WO1 Shaw, the Trade Test and Remuster Officer, says he is ready, willing and able to give you information with respect to your problems of this nature. His office and time are available, and he doesn't want you to be backward about coming forward.

CITY MOURNS



Mr. P. W. Abbott, K.C., barrister, and ex-manager of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, passed away at his home in the city, Saturday evening. It was through his kind offices that the airforce was able to obtain the Exhibition premises last year, to accommodate No. 3 "M" Depot.

As manager of the Exhibition Association, he was well known throughout Canada and the United States. He was a true friend to every man and woman in the uniform of His Majesty's armed forces.

His numerous friends on the station extend condolences to his widow and family in their hour of bereavement.

FINISH

The aviator instructor had just delivered a lecture on the use of parachutes. "And if it doesn't open?" someone asked.

"If it doesn't open?" repeated the instructor. "Well . . . that, gentlemen, is known as jumping to a conclusion."

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of mine . . . all the best to Johnny Polomark and Barb Bramhill when the time arrives . . . always a bit ahead. . . . A charming figure in a choir gown indeed, that's F/O Ling. . . . Doris Galloway should be piled high with orchids and things for the almost impossible aggregate she piled up at the bowling alley last week. . . . Adkins and Stevenson are now claiming tops in battling the celluloid disc around the corporal's mess. . . . Eddie Stunnel and Art Wagner have quieted down now that they have found someone that can lick hell out of them. . . . Isn't it almost time we changed our sheets, Mr. Strong? . . . Most of the fellows in Hut 18 aren't tucking them in anymore, they just bend the corners down and tuck them. . . . Corporals Laurie Ballard and Garbutt are still making the usual row every morning about the raw eggs for the morning snack . . . rejuvenating, eh wot.



At least the Duke has abstained from reprinting any of those pseudo-Confucius sayings which were rampant a few years ago. He (Confucius, not the Duke) was born 551 B.C. Was the Minister of Crime in the province of Lu, China. As the Duke might say he must have had a lulu of a position. Job cursed the day he was born. And there wasn't an airforce D.R.O. to outline the following day's activities. Turing the fly leaf of an old book, this quotation came to light—Man begs, woman sells. Prefabricated homes will soon be the vogue. Prefabricated fibs following a night of poker to one's wife are as old fashioned as the Adam vs. Eve apple joust. Imported dates may be scarce but the Americans and Anzacs cultivate their own "dates" in Edmonton. Regardless of the season "wild oats" are always a volunteer crop. The airforce is getting the "wheat" and who's getting the chaff? As Cpl. Nagy says, "It's a free country and you can choose any girl for your dreams." Is there a ceiling on the wages of sin? Lady Calgary can't collect bounty on her crow's feet. Our landlady says she regrets that there isn't a den for us. When we were young we were told about the pitfalls of a big city and the dens of iniquity. A salary with income and compulsory savings deductions dwindles down to "celery" these days. All the columnists on The Airman appear to be trying for a

"berth" on that new weekly that R.C.A.F. headquarters is planning on publishing when? Good luck boys, but remember the censors are at Ottawa, also our friend, the Hon. Mackenzie King.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 16—"Beavers" (Hut 16) Training Wing vs. "Lions", Disposal Wing.
Nov. 18—"Wildcats" (Huts 11 and 12) Training Wing vs. "Cubs", Reception Wing.
Nov. 23—"Tigers" (Hut 17) Training Wing vs. "Bearcats", Headquarters.
Nov. 25—"Panthers" (Huts 9 and 10) Training Wing vs. "Hawks", Security Guards.
Nov. 30—"Seals", Precision Squadron vs. "Wildcats" (Huts 11 and 12) Training Wing.

RIFLE COMPETITION TURVEY CUP

Nine teams from organized groups in the city of Edmonton have been entered in a .22 sporting rifle competition for the Turvey Cup. Teams have been entered from the following organizations: R.C.M.P., N.S.V.V.R., Edmonton Fusiliers, C.D.C., R.C.M.P. (R.), Edmonton Regiment, S.S.V.V.R., R.C.A.F. (No. 3 "M" Depot), E.C.P. The No. 3 "M" Depot team will compete as follows:
Nov. 22—R.C.A.F. vs. R.C.M.P.
Nov. 25—R.C.A.F. vs. Edmonton Fusiliers.
Dec. 2—R.C.A.F. vs. Edmonton Regiment.
Dec. 6—R.C.A.F. vs. E.C.P.
Dec. 9—R.C.A.F. vs. N.S.V.V.R.
Jan. 6—R.C.A.F. vs. S.S.V.V.R.
Jan. 27—R.C.A.F. vs. C.D.C.
Jan. 31—R.C.A.F. vs. R.C.M.P.
The above competitions will be held at the R.C.M.P. rifle range. Trainees and personnel on the depot, who are experienced and who would like to try out for the team should contact F/L W. J. Hansen in the Training Wing.

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For some time now contributions have been received after the deadline, and in order not to disappoint those who wish this news included in THE AIRMAN, it is requested that those in charge make a special effort to have the news left at the office of THE AIRMAN as soon as possible after events take place.

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With basketball about to take the limelight along with hockey for the winter months every opportunity will be offered the personnel on the station to get into the thick of things.

While the turnouts have been none too encouraging to date for intermural competition in this line of sport, those in charge of basketball on the station wish to impress the recruits in the reception wing that no stone will be left unturned to provide them with facilities for playing the game.

Players Wanted

Any basketball players who have played with high school teams, junior and senior city teams are asked to get in touch with F/O Bird or Sgt. Kirkby as soon as possible.

Plans are now under way to secure another set of basketball standards so that everyone interested can avail themselves of the facilities on the station.

SKI CHAMP

One of Canada's outstanding ski-jumpers has arrived on the Depot in the person of Earl Petch, of Revelstoke, B.C. Earl was runner-up two years ago in the Dominion "A" class championships at Banff and won the B.C.-Alberta title meet. His collection of cups, medals and trophies is second to none, earned ever since he was able to walk.

If business interferes with pleasure, cut out the business.



By F/O H. W. EGGLESTON

Did you notice the activity around the hockey rinks this week? - - - Although no definite plans have been made for "M" depot to compete in the city league by the end of the week ice should be available for the steel blade artists to get in some practice. - - - Wire netting has been erected at each end of the hockey rink to prevent pucks being lost. - - - Something had to be done in this respect owing to the shortage of rubber. - - - If you happen to find them lying around return them to those in charge if you want the hockey games to continue this winter. - - - Lights will be installed in the rinks this week to pave the way for the skaters. - - - P.O. Jamieson reports that four sets of hockey outfits are ready. - - - Just in case it gets too cold two heated dressing rooms will be available for the budding pucksters. - - - In the near future the depot should be able to boast of a well-fitted gymnasium. - - - New equipment is coming in such as parallel bars, a spring-board and new punching bags for the future boxing champion. - - - Before long it is hoped to obtain a mat for the grunt and groan artists. - - - The senior basketball team got away to good start last week by hanging a 48-26 defeat on A.O.S. - - - Hudson, the former Vancouverite was the outstanding man for "M" Depot. - - - Jim

Bardsley, who has performed with several Dominion championship teams was unable to turn out. - - - It is hoped he will be on hand for the next game. - - - Keep up the good work, boys!

REMINDER

Personnel in charge of the various sports are reminded that contributions to THE AIRMAN should be in the office of THE AIRMAN not later than 17:00 hours every Tuesday with the exception of games played Tuesday evening, which will be included in the supplement.

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AVENUE

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CAPITOL

Starting Thursday for six days: "Desperate Journey," with Ronald Regan and Errol Flynn.

DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "The Courtship of Andy Hardy," with Mickey Rooney, Ann Rutherford and Lewis Stone; also, "Spy Ship," with Irene Manning and Craig Stephens. Starting Wednesday: "My Gal Sal," with Rita Hayworth, Victor Mature and Carol Landis; also, "Escape

from Crime," with Richard Travis and Julie Bishop.

EMPRESS

Starting Friday for six days: "Flying Tigers," with John Wayne—and starting Tuesday, also, "Scattergood Survives a Murder."

RIALTO

Starting Friday: "Between Us Girls," with Diana Barrymore and Robert Cummings. Starting Tuesday: "On Ships with Wings"; also, "Broadway Big Shot."

STRAND

Starting Friday: "My Favorite Blonde," with Madeline Carrol and Bob Hope; also, "Pride of the Prairies," with Tim Holt. "This Gun for Hire"; also, "The Lady is Willing."

AROUND THE "Y"

"Y" Supervisor Fred Youmans has a promising lineup for the station movies this coming week. Sunday night it is "Appointment for Love," a comedy featuring Margaret Sullivan and Charles Boyer; also a short, "Stranger Than Fiction." Tuesday night it is "Zenobia," a romance of the south, with Oliver Hardy, Billie Burke, Alice Brady, Stepin Fetchit; also a cartoon comedy, "Big Cheese."

Recent winners in the various tournaments are:

Table Tennis—AC2 F. Bristow, Vancouver.

Snooker—AC2 N. G. Angelstad, Humboldt, Sask.

Cribbage—AC2 L. G. Smith, of Victoria.

Contract Bridge—AC2 H. Zlotnik
The "Y" Bingos have been featuring "sweet" prizes lately with a capacity crowd attending. The chocolate bar and sweet biscuit prizes are very popular. See you in the "Y" Lounge Tuesday at 18:00 hours.

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED

The presentation of the operetta, "Floradora," for three days beginning next Thursday is an event of interest to all music lovers. A fine cast has been assembled. Jean Braschuk is the feminine lead. Maureen Bristow, formerly of the Chicago Opera Company, will take the part of Lady Holyroad. AC2 Rennie Frederking, a new comer to the station, will take part in the operetta.

There are no paid performers, all proceeds going to the Navy League for merchant seamen. The ballet is from the famed Juneau School of Dancing. Last year, \$1000 was sent to both the Red Cross and The Queen's Fund. Seats are \$1, 75c and 50c in the evening, and matinees at 75c and 50c.

Many skiers from the depot took advantage of the powdered snow runs over the week-end. When our former adjutant, F/L A. Koch, who is in Victoria, reads this paragraph, he'll say, "Goldarnit—there wasn't any snow last winter."

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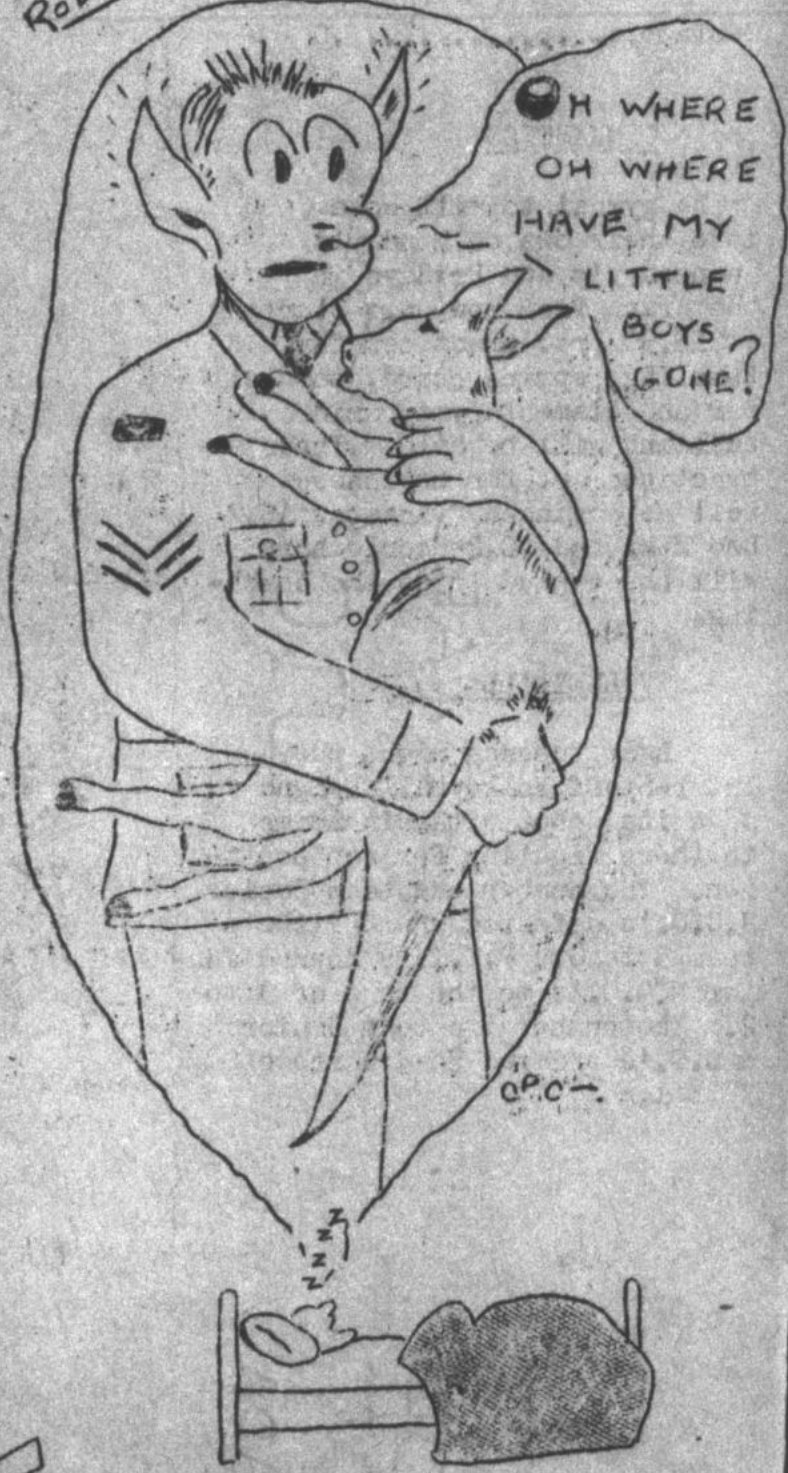


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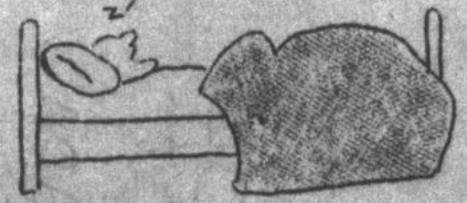
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Cpl. Prichard says "See you Thursday Nights".

GYMNASTICS

The gymnasts will come into their own on Monday's Wednesday's and Fridays in the Arena from now on. Starting at 18.30 hrs. practices for tumbling, spring board, parallel bar and elementary pyramid building will be held. These practices are for beginners as well as advanced gymnasts. AC.2 Leo Maki and AC.2 George Lowe will be on hand to do the coaching.

Bill M. "Why did you push the cow over the cliff?"

Ken. K. "So I could hear the the Jersey Bounce"

VOLLEYBALL

Last Tuesday night the new Inter-Staff Volleyball League made its debut with six teams in there fighting for top position. The number one team Senior N.C.O.'s defeated the Officer's team 3 to 0. P.T.I.'s downed Junior N.C.O.'s to the tune of 3 to 2. The number two team Senior N.C.O.'s trimmed Headquarters 3 to 1.

