



C. O. Promoted To Group Captain

THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT



Here you see AC2 F. C. Samuels (long) and AC2 W. K. Schindell (short) who have been with us for some time, but left early this week for Regina. Samuels is so tall that his pals have to fold him into bed. Schindell is so short, that even though they gave him the smallest pair of overalls in stores, every time he walks his feet come out the front. Best of luck, boys, at your new posting.

WHO WROTE THIS?

It's happend again. We have received another copy of "Barrack Joe" for publication. It is a good enough poem, and we would like to publish it, but it has been passed in by seven people, all claiming to be the author, so naturally we are diffident about putting it in the paper. If the real author can establish his identity, we will be glad to bring his opus to light.

AC2 H. H. Powe is now at No. 1 "M" Depot. He served for seven years in the Canadian Navy prior to the war. Visited the Central Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China.

TWENTY BIG PRIZES IN LIMERICK CONTEST

Hear ye! Hear ye! The Airman announces a limerick contest open to all men on the station. Here is a chance to turn your spare time to profit in a contest greater than anything Oxydol has to offer. Just write a five line limerick on life as lived at No. 3, and pass it in on or before Tuesday, November 24. The twenty first prizes consist of a free pass to one of the local theatres and a five week subscription of The Airman to your best girl friend. So you have an excellent chance of cashing in on one of the prizes. Pass your brain child in at the office, or drop it in the box in the Library. Here is a sample of a limerick, but use your own imagination:

Once there was a corporal named Kosick

Who bragged that his hut was a classic;

Twenty-seven big fleas
Jumped into the breeze

And completely wrecked poor Kosick's logic.

It's your turn now. Go to it!

AIN'T SCIENCE WONDERFUL

"Tut, tut!" the boys used to say, as they vainly sought for a dry square inch of mess-hall towel, upon which to dry their eatin' tools. The more violently profane of them even at times were known to bawl, "drat it!"

Word got around that something new was planned for this purpose; that some more sanitary manner of accomplishing the task had been perfected and would soon be put into operation.

Sighs of relief were heard on every hand. The lads all bowed reverent heads at the implication that some brain great enough to grapple with and conquer so stupendous a problem was at work. After all, it was patent that each airman could not be issued with an individual towel, and to the layman no other solution seemed possible.

But one was. They took the towels away!

Someone has sent in the suggestion that instead of "Fall out the sick," the call should be "Fall out the slick."

C. O. Gains Right to Wear 4 Rings On Sleeve, Gold Braid On Cap



G/C W. G. WEBBER

The entire personnel of the depot was pleased on Thursday, November 19, when it was announced from Ottawa that the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander W. G. Webber, had been promoted to the rank of Group Captain. He is the first G/C to be on strength at this station.

Group Captain Webber entered the R.C.A.F. as an AC2 in 1927. In 1938 he received his commission, and has attained his present high rank during the last four years.

The C/O has had a varied career in the airforce, having served at many stations across Canada, including Victoria Island, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Shirley's Bay, Rockcliffe, Dartmouth, Camp Borden, Trenton, Valcartier, Lachine and Edmonton. He was one of the airmen who went to England for the Coronation in 1937.

YOUNGEST GROUP CAPTAIN

At 34 he is a veteran. While THE AIRMAN has no authentic information, it is understood that he is the youngest administrative Group Captain in the R.C.A.F.

Under Group Captain Webber's direction, No. 3 "M" Depot has won the Air Minister's Pennant for Efficiency, and is now able to fly the "E" Pennant and a Group Captain's Flag.

In the nine months since he took over command many improvements have been effected here. The various wings have undergone a complete re-organization. Training of recruits and depot administration has been greatly facilitated. Recreational quarters and general messing facilities have gone ahead by leaps and bounds. In the words of the C.O.: "Every man on the station, from the newest AC2 recruit up, has had a part in making this the best "M" depot in Canada."

One girl remarked as she sank into the snow up to her seat, "My gawd, my seat is cold and wet."

LAC Reg. Windsor is still lost.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SNOW STORM

WO1 J. H. Blundell hoofed it in for some six miles and made it more or less on time.

Cpl. J. Bricker left at 06:30 hours and through steady plugging made it to the depot by noon.

LAC Jack Blower came across the low level bridge on skis.

P/O Jamieson hoofed out quite a few miles with only ski boots on.

The M.T. could not get any trucks out 'till noon. Not even near the gas tanks. Sgt. Haight tore out all his hair.

The adjutant F/L J. W. Dempsey took no chances. He started for the depot on Sunday and made it early Monday morning through a lot of perseverance. Should have saved some of that "stuff" they dished out at the corporals' dance.

BOXING IN ARENA TO-NIGHT

Friday, Nov. 20th 8 p.m. Bring Your Girl

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—“Did you ever give rapturous thanks for the bathroom?”—From the Guide Camp book.

—“That’s that,” panted Kate as she stepped out of the bath dripping wet.

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GOING Highbrow

—H. L. Mencken wrote . . . “The Days of the Giants” (not N.Y.’ers). George Ade . . . “The Joy of Single Blessedness” (Days of Real Sport). Jesse Stuart . . . “Another April” (must be next year). Upton Sinclair . . . “The Slaughter of the Pigs (Swift-Canadian). James T. Adams . . . “The American Dream” (A Japless Nippon). Louis Bromfield . . . “The Rains Came” (Exhibition Time). Edna Ferber . . . “No Room at the Inn” (any hotel in any Canadian city). Robert Bemerley . . . “The Treasurer’s Report” (Corporals’ Mess). S. J. Perelman . . . “Kitchen Bouquet” (remove the ‘Rosies’). Ogden Nash . . . “Two and One Are a Problem” (Two and one equals three). Louis Adamic . . . “Girl on a Road” (Hitchhiker?). Dorothy Parker . . . “The Standard of Living (Continental or Double, Dot?). Carl Sundberg . . . The People, Yes (a bunch of Yessers).—Published with apologies to The Book of the Month Club.

—Our “Cobbers” from Australia are a grand bunch of Diggers. We’re even speaking like them! We ring for a “lift” and wait for a “tram.” Welcome is always on the door mat for the lads from “Down Under.”

—Is milady’s stocking the First National Bank?

—Alberta will be the Land of Hope and Glory. . . . After the war is over . . . three years’ pay and allowances . . . The Life of Reilly . . . More “snow” please!

—No one has yet claimed that —Buckskin Kate’s headed for the she’s the first hitchhiker to cover “Last Roundup” in Alaska and the full Alcan Hiway. Yukon.

—Texas Guinan once advertised that her show was too “hot” for gay Paree. She was the girl of “Hello Sucker” fame.

—Those were the days when you could read the “Police Gazette” while waiting for your favorite barber.

—Cicero, Illinois, used to be the hangout of the famous Al Capone gangsters. One of the younger boys has had his name legally changed. Hoover’s “G” (F.B.I.) men dealt ‘em cards not of the Bicycle brand.

—The piano in the Arena may have come over on the Mayflower. A wit came in out of the snow—selected four dance program numbers—1943—and placed them on the music ledge.

—Better get to work, Babe needs a new pair of pumps.

CORPORALS MAKE MERRY

The corporals held a very successful dance on Saturday, November 14. Everything went off with precision and a swell time is reported by all. You did a good job of organizing Cpl. Ritch and the sandwiches, we understand, Cpl. Young, were not to be sneezed at.

ANOTHER SKI CHAMP

Last week we told of the arrival of ski champ Earl Pletch on the station. Later it was brought to our attention that we have also another outstanding skier in our midst: AC2 Norman Rault, who has a long list of championships to his credit. He was the winner in many meets, including the North West Canada in '40. He is well-known in Edmonton sport circles, having captained the local team, and as the ski council instructor.

F/L J. W. Caldwell has returned from Toronto, where he attended the school of aviation medicine. F/L G. Garrison, who accompanied him, is now at No. 2 A.O.S.

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The group will entrain here later to fulfil an engagement in Vancouver.

"Date" yourself with Canada's new precision squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division), Sunday, November 22.

TRADE TESTING

By WOI SHAW.

Some of the trade groupings, reclassifications and promotions have the boys worried. A trade such as Pigeon Loftmen, with the groupings from Standard to "B", and the rank of Flight Sergeant must not be confused. An airman does not necessarily become the rank of Flight Sergeant when re-mustered to "B" Group in such a trade. As a "C" Group tradesman he holds the reclassification of AC1, but can also go to LAC. Thus, to become a corporal or sergeant there must be a vacancy in the establishment on the station to which he is attached, and he must also have the required knowledge of drill and be efficient in his trade. When he passes his "B" Group and has served the required service in the rank of sergeant and there is a vacancy in the establishment on the station concerned, he may be recommended for appointment to the rank of flight sergeant.

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¶ Has everybody forgotten that once popular saying: Bee's knees? Gentlemen never discuss women. Some of them may stand at the corner of Jasper at 101st Street watching Bea's knees.

¶ "Cheese and rice" expression was bequeathed by the Australians to station boys before "shoving off" for other points.

¶ Chinese alphabet may have more letters than the English one but have they one that is as much overworked as "I"?

¶ Tim Buck, Esq., will be in the city, December 4. How many recruiting centres are there between Toronto and Alberta's Capital City?

¶ No one needs to ask a ouija board where Hitler and his brainless cohorts have been consigned. They've a one way ticket to—and they're headed straight for it. None of us will care to eavesdrop on the never-ending argument between Der Führer, Mussie and Hirohito, as to who was responsible for the Axis losing the war of 1939 to 1943.

¶ Here's a delicate mystery. Visitors to the "powder room" usually go in pairs.

¶ A Quebec service paper quoted, "Ye Olde Fish and Chipee Shoppe."

¶ Absentee service husbands believe that all false roomers should be squelched.

¶ After you've read The Airman send it to some one in the charmed forces.

¶ A brassiere must be the custodian of bosom pals.

¶ What has become of the old time carpet baggers who used to "sell" ones like this, "They're not making wagon boxes any longer." And someone would say, "Why?" "They're long enough!"

¶ The farm girls aren't the only ones who end up in the country. ¶ This concludes writing activities for today. Henry, the barber, has trimmed our wave length—the batman's shined our boots and buttons, pressed our tunic and now he's asking for our trousers. A hop, skip and jump and we'll be in the top berth of a double-decker. George Rormsby lent us his grandfather's flannelette shirt. Good night!

AIRWOMAN 2

*What's to do with a sleepy AW2,
Early in the morning?
Way ay, still she slumbers,
Early in the morning.
Heave ho and take her blankets,
Early in the morning.
Pour a bucket o' water on her,
Early in the morning.
Way ay, UP she rises,
Early in the morning.*

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We suggest that F/L Forster, F/O Eggleston and Sgt. Stanway take a course in astral navigation, or carry a compass on their night out. It would have saved that 14 block walk the other evening when they took the wrong car.

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OLD COUNTRY BELLS RING OUT

Sunday was the day of thanksgiving and rejoicing in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The chimes from the solitary church which was left standing in the city of Coventry were among those heard over a broadcast which was flashed around the world.

After a silence of over two years the bells were ordered to be rung in celebration of the victory of the British Eighth Army.

May they ring soon in celebration of a conclusive victory over the Satanic forces which would destroy for all time, the democratic way of life.

AIRMAN GETS AROUND

A recent copy of the monthly "Post" issued by the Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Manitoba, carries several reprints from The Airman. A local piano firm repeated an Airman quip on its radio program last Friday night. The Airman is being read in the U.S.A., Alaska, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Overseas and in Canada from Victoria to Halifax. Also in Prince Edward Island, Labrador and Newfoundland.

CHRISTMAS EDITION A LA CARTE

Plans are in hand for a smart yuletide number of THE AIRMAN. As it must now function sans advertising, an appeal is being made for subscriptions.

If you would like copies mailed to friends or relatives, drop into the office of THE AIRMAN at once.

The Christmas dinner menu will be run with the obverse side left plain for autographs. That's the day, according to custom, your officers will serve the dinner. They will be pleased to autograph any menus presented.

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PROPOSED PUBLICATION

It is said that the new R.C.A.F. weekly or monthly tabloid may be published by Maclean's in Toronto. Also that P/O Anglin, formerly associate editor of that semi-monthly magazine, will be the editor. Right?

EDIQUIPS

The "Yank," one of the service papers published by the U.S. War Department, passed a bouquet to THE AIRMAN in the form of a very complimentary letter. Thank you! Thank you!

Sam Dornan, editor of The Despatch, Alameda, Sask., upon hearing the plight of all airforce service papers, wrote a scathing editorial. Space does not permit reprinting.

The Edmonton Journal took up the cudgels for service publications, and in particular, THE AIRMAN, in a news item, Tuesday, November 10. With such friends, THE AIRMAN is not likely to suffer an excruciating death. But it might be said that amid death and fortitude we'd provide the humor.

OFF PARADE

WIDOW BLAMES ME

Oh, it's a terrible war!
The widow blames me for the lot.
As the bullet passed through my arm first,
It was through me that her husband was shot.

Duty Watch is your lot—on the station you must tarry—over the fence is out!

Wee men will like those Seymour sweaters that the women will soon be wearing because of the shortage of wool.

It's becoming harder for the women to pull the wool over the men's eyes for the same reason.

One officer who is apart from his wife says that he trusts her but it's the other fellow that he's worried about.

Rastus ran up a grocery bill. He fell heir to a small legacy. The storekeeper saw him come out

of the opposition store and load his democrat. A few days later the grocer saw Rastus and asked if he had been left some money. "Yes, sah, I was!" "Why didn't you buy your buggy-load of goods at my store, Rastus?" "Ah didn't know sah, that's you's sold for cash."

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MATHEMATICS

By SGT. L. D. STAPLES.

In aircrew mathematics the twin objectives are accuracy and speed. There are many calculations, ordinarily requiring considerable pencil work, which may be much shortened by special methods. The following illustrations furnish examples of time-saving expedients.

The figures below suggest the successive steps of the mental process rather than the actual pencil work, which is the object to curtail.

I—IN ADDITION

- (a) Of whole numbers, by adding tens and units separately:

$$58 + 93, 58 + 90 = 148$$

$$148 + 3 = 151.$$

- (b) Of two fractions:

$$1/5 + 1/3 = \frac{3+5}{5 \times 3} = 8/15.$$

$$2/3 + 5/8 = \frac{16+15}{3 \times 8} = 17/24.$$

II—IN SUBTRACTION

- (a) Of whole numbers, by subtracting tens and units separately:

$$161 - 74, 161 - 70 = 91$$

$$91 - 4 = 87.$$

- (b) Of mixed numbers, other than easy calculations, add to each part the fraction which will make the subtrahend a whole number:

$$6 \frac{1}{4} - 2 \frac{3}{5} = (6 \frac{1}{4} + 2/5) - (2 \frac{3}{5} + 2/5) =$$

$$(6 \frac{5+8}{4 \times 5}) - 3 = 6 \frac{13}{20} - 3 = 3 \frac{13}{20}.$$

III—IN MULTIPLICATION

- (a) In the case of whole numbers, by using the aliquot parts of 10, 100, 1000, etc.:

$$137 \times 25 = \frac{137 \times 100}{4} = 3425.$$

$$7356 \times 16 \frac{2}{3} = \frac{7356 \times 100}{6} = 122600.$$

$$872 \times 125 = \frac{872 \times 1000}{8} = 109000.$$

- (b) By fractions, using aliquot parts of 10, 100, 1000, etc.:

$$2 \frac{1}{2} = \frac{10}{4}; 3 \frac{1}{3} = \frac{10}{3}; 12 \frac{1}{2} = \frac{100}{8}, \text{ etc.}$$

- (c) By mixed numbers, multiplying by the nearest ten and subtracting the requisite amount:

To find distance travelled in $4\frac{3}{4}$ hours, at 184 m.p.h.
 Find distance travelled in 5 hours and deduct distance travelled in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour, thus:

$$184 \times 4\frac{3}{4} = (184 \times 5) - (184 \times \frac{1}{4}) = 920 - 46 = 874.$$

IV—IN DIVISION

- (a) By using aliquot parts of 10, 100, 1000, etc.:

$$1872 \div 25 = \frac{1872 \times 4}{100} = 74.88.$$

$$876 \div 8 \frac{1}{3} = \frac{876 \times 12}{100} = 105.12.$$

- (b) By using the factors of the divisor:

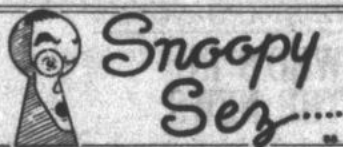
$$1880 \div 24 = (1880 \div 4) \div 6 = 470 \div 6 = 78 \frac{1}{3}.$$

V—IN PERCENTAGE

- (a) Turn easy percentages in fractions:

$$75\% \text{ of } 960 = 3/4 \text{ of } 960 = 3 \times 240 = 720.$$

$$66 \frac{2}{3}\% \text{ of } 960 = 2/3 \text{ of } 960 = 640.$$



Just had a chat with Cpl. MacDonald. He tells me that the bashful girl got married 'cause her slip was showing . . . so I applied a mustard plaster to her chest and that made her hot . . . and WO1 Harland losing a shoe on parade the other morning . . . that takes the cake . . . talking about cake, we think that it is time a bouquet was handed out to said Harland for the good job he is doing at the mess . . . we all kick a little too easily about food . . . we think that food here tops all . . . Bullard assures us that Garbutt swipes the eggs from Bullard's locker . . . and the recruit that went to the hospital to have his fingernails trimmed because his mother always did it at home . . . no wonder the medics hack people up . . . and did any of you ever think of dropping into visit your pals when they are sick in depot hospital or over at the University . . . some of the boys have never seen a friend for weeks . . . pardon me while I dig turnips out of the snow . . . Look here, Sgt. Stewart, you must not sew those funny rubber things on the pants of Sgt. Fazackerley . . . Is it true that Sgt. Rodger threw F/S Hancock's false teeth into the garbage can? How did the flight manage his morning chow?

LEAVE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following men have had their prayers answered, having been posted last week. They left subscriptions for The Airman to follow them to their new stations: AC2 Lowe, G. W.; Graham, W.; Grant, A. M.; MacLeod, A. N. S.; McRae, R. L.; Riley, W. M.; Robertson, J. C.; Shirley, H. A.; Single-

ton, A. F.; Whish, H. A.; Wilkinson, R. J.; West, G. A.; Tymchuk, B.; Samuels, F. C.; Schindell, W. K.; Forbes, T. S.; Kay, A. C.; Price, S. R.; Fiddler, G. R. M.

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By WO1 J. H. BLUNDELL.

- Heigh-ho!
- So what will we talk about this week?
- There seems to be one common desire in the minds of The Airman columnists, namely, what goes into the make-up of a depot warrant officer. This depot warrant officer in particular. Practically all of them have passed their opinion in some way or other, and I must say that they are to be commended for their fairness, and appreciation of the difficulties of the other chap's job. Kipling once said, when speaking of RSM's: "He's the loneliest man in the service. There's no one that he can call friend!" Very true words.
- The "Duke" may expect a visit from me anytime. If I didn't have some consideration for the AC's on the depot, I would arrange with Cpl. Forrest to have a new type of sausage for dinner, one day.
- Must congratulate the corporals on their dance. I really enjoyed myself with them, while there.
- Considerable concern has been expressed over the lack of foliage in the region of my cranium. The explanation? As a boy I grew so rapidly, I grew right through the said foliage. I might add, I still manage to have a little pleasure out of life.
- If any of the Trumpeters want a Stand-To, we have a warrant officer on the depot, who will oblige. His name isn't Blundell.
- Famous sayings by one of our officers: "Wonderful! Lovely!" "Take a gander at that lot!"
- Did you know? That WO1 Shaw wants someone to show him a flying tackle.
- That WO1 Harland has affectionate eyes? They are always looking at each other.
- That WO1 Kuehner could not talk if they tied his hands behind him?
- That I am going to ask for seven days leave after writing this column.
- For next week, the appointed

GESTAPO NOTES

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Cpl. Wolstenholme was running around in circles answering the phone these last few days with wind and snow in his hair.

Too bad you couldn't get your harvesting finished in your 48 Cpl. Upshall but let's hope that this snow won't wash your crop away when it starts to thaw.

An airman came in 25 hours late. When on trial the officer asked him for an explanation at which he replied, "I missed my street car." The officer remarked, "Well that accounts for the hour but what about the other 24 hours." The airman just turned red.

And so with this poem we close hoping that a chinook blows this way before long.

*The Queen Bee is a hearty soul
She thumbs her nose at birth control;
Which is the reason beyond a doubt,
There's so many sons of bees about.*

columnist is SGT. GEO. ROYDS. Make it a good column sergeant and get it in on time or I'll jump down your throat.
■ Adios!

AROUND THE "Y"

Among recent table tennis winners are AC2 F. E. Casher, who took first place on Thursday, November 12, and AC2 F. Bristow, who on November 16 scored his third win, this time despite a minus 5 handicap. In the semi-finals Bristow succeeded in putting out AC2 E. B. Smalley, perennial winner.

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 OF THIS CITY.
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 A RED-HEAD!

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 COMES MY REGULAR BOY FRIEND.



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN



By WO1 J. H. BLUNDELL.

- Heigh-ho!
- So what will we talk about this week?
- There seems to be one common desire in the minds of The Airman columnists, namely, what goes into the make-up of a depot warrant officer. This depot warrant officer in particular. Practically all of them have passed their opinion in some way or other, and I must say that they are to be commended for their fairness, and appreciation of the difficulties of the other chap's job. Kipling once said, when speaking of RSM's: "He's the loneliest man in the service. There's no one that he can call friend!" Very true words.
- The "Duke" may expect a visit from me anytime. If I didn't have some consideration for the AC's on the depot, I would arrange with Cpl. Forrest to have a new type of sausage for dinner, one day.
- Must congratulate the corporals on their dance. I really enjoyed myself with them, while there.
- Considerable concern has been expressed over the lack of foliage in the region of my cranium. The explanation? As a boy I grew so rapidly, I grew right through the said foliage. I might add, I still manage to have a little pleasure out of life.
- If any of the Trumpeters want a Stand-To, we have a warrant officer on the depot, who will oblige. His name isn't Blundell.
- Famous sayings by one of our officers: "Wonderful! Lovely!" "Take a gander at that lot!"
- Did you know? That WO1 Shaw wants someone to show him a flying tackle.
- That WO1 Harland has affectionate eyes? They are always looking at each other.
- That WO1 Kuehner could not talk if they tied his hands behind him?
- That I am going to ask for seven days leave after writing this column.
- For next week, the appointed

GESTAPO NOTES

WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Cpl. Wolstenholme was running around in circles answering the phone these last few days with wind and snow in his hair.

Too bad you couldn't get your harvesting finished in your 48 Cpl. Upshall but let's hope that this snow won't wash your crop away when it starts to thaw.

An airman came in 25 hours late. When on trial the officer asked him for an explanation at which he replied, "I missed my street car." The officer remarked, "Well that accounts for the hour but what about the other 24 hours." The airman just turned red.

And so with this poem we close hoping that a chinook blows this way before long.

*The Queen Bee is a hearty soul
She thumps her nose at birth control;*

*Which is the reason beyond a doubt,
There's so many sons of bees about.*

columnist is SGT. GEO. ROYDS. Make it a good column sergeant and get it in on time or I'll jump down your throat.

■ Adios!

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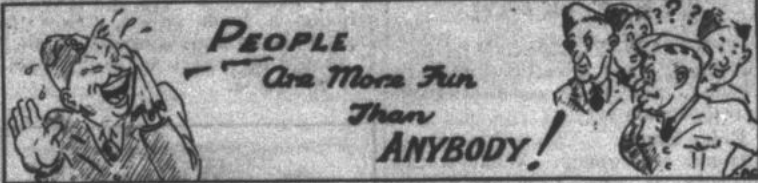
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The jive of the two-hook wonders is over—there's still many a haggard look to a corporal's eye. Majority of our junior non-coms are back in stride again. Despite the many restrictions your "Duke" gives the low down: There was the Adjutant, the S.S.M., one sergeant, seventy-two jerks, five Acey Ducey's and one million pretty gals. Which reminds me that Cpl. Service had two gals, Cpl. Bricker had three, Cpl. Chase had two and as per usual, Cpl. Kosick had none! (Tony says he's a queer character but I say "Leave out the word 'character'") President Penson was well behaved—(Guess he misses his very good pal "Jock" Currie), WO1 Blundell worked up an appetite for some "Chow Mein". Forrest, Burton and Kennedy all got shall I say "Stinkeroo" and failed to show up.

Doing the town last week, I saw: F/L Davis buying more than one 40. Could it all be for you?

A lovely sing-song by two popular WO1's in Chinatown.

Acey Ducey Thompson and a cute red head coming out of a down town hotel at 3 a.m.

A politician promising \$400 per month to all citizens over 96 years, provided they have their mother and father there to vouch for their age.

A certain LAC asking for a posting because he found out we used showers instead of bath-tubs on this station.

Cutey: "Oh Ray dear, I'll make you the happiest man in the R.C.A.F."

Ray Lowden: "But I don't want to be the happiest man in the service, I want to marry you."

Sgt. Stanway: "There is the command "Right Form" and the command, "Form Flight." What's the difference?"

Cpl. Young: "That's what I say, what the hell is the difference?"

Flt. Sgt. Langford: "Yes, the bullet struck my head and went careening into space!"

Future Cpl. Vener: "How awful—did they get it out?"

Cpl. Sjerven: "Now honestly, sir, what would you do if you were in my shoes?"

WO1: "Get a shine."

.Goofy Odds and Ends!

(And not from "Judge" wither, my well-read critic!)

It is an established fact that:

Any gal can branch out in business if she has nice limbs.

My wife knows I have a past because she gave it to me.

To be noticed by women, a live wire must give a gal a good shock, and to be noticed by men a gal must accept these shocks and therefore by my reasoning, most gals are just shock absorbers.

An airman's idea of the proper dress for a gal is a silly grin.

The steaks served in the airmen's mess are very, very rare. (In fact there's the cowboy recruit who say's he's seen cows hurt worse and recover).

You know chums, I've often wondered how a neglected wife felt. Last night I found out and I got slapped.

With the following advice, I bid you all adieu.

"Do unto others as they do unto you." (But do them first).

As ever, your
"DUKE."

WALLACE MAKES RESCUE

The station was the scene of a thrilling mercy rescue over the week-end. Sgt. Wallace had to bring a man to the hospital from the Aggie Building. He had eight men to carry his patient, four more to relieve the eight, and twelve to shovel a path through the snow. That's what we call heroism.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE LISTED

Some keen competition is on tap for the basketball fans judging from the schedule of the Inter-Service Basketball League issued this week.

Six teams will compete for the championship, namely R.C.N.V.R., Edmonton Garrison, and Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, No. 2 A.O.S., R.C.A.F., No. 4 I.T.S., R.C.A.F., and No. 3 "M" Depot, R.C.A.F., and U.S. Army Air Corps.

With a wealth of material on hand the "M" Depot's team is expected to be right in the running for titular honors, and every effort will be made to emulate the feats of the "M" depot's rugby team.

An added attraction to the league is the entry from the U.S. Army Air Corps, which is expected to give the other teams a run for their money.

Our own Fred Youmans is secretary of the league.

Following are the rules drawn up by the league executive and the balance of the first half of the schedule. The second half of the schedule will be released in December.

The first named team is the home team.

Each team provides a referee, scorer, and timer. Home team officials are designated as in charge of the game.

At the conclusion of a home and home schedule there will be a play-off. Second and third play-off and the winner then plays the top team.

Play-off series will consist of home and home games with total points to count.

Home team is responsible for checking arrangements with the visitors and also for reporting the result to the league secretary.

SCHEDULE

November 24:
Officers vs. Headquarters.

Junior NCO's vs. No. 1 Team Senior NCO's.

PTI's vs. No. 2 Team Senior NCO's.

December 1:
No. 2 Team Senior NCO's vs. Officers Headquarters vs. Junior NCO's.

No. 1 Team Senior NCO's vs. PTI's.

December 8:
Junior NCO's vs. Officers Headquarters vs. PTI's.

No. 1 Team Senior NCO's vs. No. 2 Team Senior NCO's.

December 15:
Officers vs. No. 1 Team Senior NCO's Headquarters vs. No. 2 Team Senior NCO's.

Junior NCO's vs. PTI's.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PLAYOFFS.



LAC Stewart licking his lips in anticipation. Hope he will have his teeth (both sets) for Christmas.

LAC Stockley back from an eighteen day stay in the hospital.

We are sorry to hear that the Service Police Town Patrol are walking these days.

Well it's snowed! W.&B. were no where to be seen, when we were once more able to see. After the last snow storm, about a month ago, they gave us the impression that snow removal was their pigeon. So, this time, after no action for 24 hours, we took the onus upon ourselves, borrowed a snow plow from the U.S. Army, for which we owe them a deep vote of gratitude, and cleaned the roads ourselves. Our sincere apologies, W.&B.

LAC Showers was seen under a truck with his hands in front of his face and his eyes closed. We suppose he was just praying that it would go again after he sorts out all the left-over pieces.

Dr. Goebels: "Vos volen zee haben?"

Herr Hitler: "Ach himmel, der Airman, Edmonton."

Lord Haw-Haw: "That's a pain in the neck for me."

You may heckle us, Lord H.H., but we know your breed. We've seen their stripes and know their odor!

Santa Claus will be a happy man Christmas eve—he won't have to look for a suite in the Edmonton hotels.

SMITH—BROWN

Miss Ethel Clara Brown to AC2 L. C. Smith, at Colwood, B.C., on September 25, 1942, by Rev. P. J. Disney.

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WO2 Spence tells me that the clerks in Eaton's aren't what they used to be . . . he was downtown the other day buying some alligator shoes. The sales clerk asked him innocently "What size does your alligator wear?" . . . Maxie Liebowitch would say that that is typical of Edmonton gals. . . .

*A man sat underneath a tree
He felt a raindrop fall,
He mopped his bald spot tenderly,
It wasn't rain at all. . . .*

THEY'RE TELLING ME THAT
. . . LAC Holloway always wins the money. . . . Sgt. Jerry Seaman is quite the lady killer. . . . The corporals' dance was a real success . . . and that Cpl. Art Wagner actually had a date! . . . Cpl. Charlie Chase looked like he'd been "punched" the next morning. . . . Cpl. Woodland thinks Orderly Sergeant is O.K. . . . so much so that he took it four nights in a row . . . but that's nothing on Sgt. Hickey. . . . Someone should re-

mind Sgt. Wright not to sleep in. . . . LAC Jimmy Steadman is still working feverishly to get a dozen on each side. . . . Cpl. Eric Hamilton is cooling down a bit now—at least he's not quite so crabby. . . . The Duty Watch love shovelling snow, especially when it blows in faster than you can scoop it out—must have been an Easterner that thought that one up. . . . Cpl. Geo. Hawthorne doesn't care for sailors. . . . Corporals S-S-Stewart and Gus-s-s-s-ola are sleeping behind locked doors these nights. . . . WO2 Chudley is always bringing that radio back and then taking it out again (the suspense gets us sergeant-major). . . . WO2 Sparling just loves showing the snaps of the twins to everyone. . . . Bud Martin sez it was the first scam-deen inch snow fall he's ever seen. . . . Earl Weatherby was the only man to make three tracks in the snow drifts—one with each foot, the other with the seat of his pants.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Following is the balance of the schedule for intermurel volleyball.

These games will take place at 18:30 hours every Tuesday. Winners will be determined each evening on a best three out of five games of 15 points each. Captains will be responsible in seeing that their teams are on the Arena floor at the above hour.

Arrangements have been made to have felt crests presented to players of the winning teams.

The rules and scoring of volleyball are listed below.

Rules and Scoring

"Game" is 15 points, but must be won by 2 clear points (e.g. 18-16).

Your opponents score if they are serving you; you lose the ball if you are serving.

It is foul if you:

- (1) Step over or on the line while serving.
- (2) Hit the net while serving or ball goes out of bounds.
- (3) Step over the centre line under the net.
- (4) Touch the net with any part of your body when the ball is in play.
- (5) Reach over the net under any circumstances.

- (6) Scoop, lift, shove or follow the ball, so that it comes to rest momentarily in your hands; it must be clearly batted.
- (7) Play the ball twice in succession; some other player must handle it before you may play it a second time.
- (8) Give "four hits"; the ball must go over the net on the third play if not before.
- (9) Serve out of turn.

Fundamental strategy (outside of service): To give the best pass possible to the set-up player in the front rank, so that the latter can set the ball up to the liking of the "spiker" who jumps into the air and spikes or kills it.

SCHEDULE

- November:
- 24—Navy vs. U.S.A. Air Corps—McDougall School.
 - 24—No. 4 I.T.S. vs. No. 3 "M" Depot—Normal School, 19:00 hours.
 - 25—Navy vs. Garrison—Armouries, 18:30 hours.
- December:
- 1—U.S.A. Air Corps vs. Garrison—McDougall School.
 - 3—No. 3 "M" Depot vs. Garrison—Arena, 19:00 hours.
 - 8—U.S.A. Air Corps vs. No. 2 A.O.S.—McDougall School.
 - 10—No. 4 I.T.S. vs. Navy—Normal School, 19:00 hours.
 - 10—Garrison vs. No. 2 A.O.S.—Armouries, 18:30 hours.
 - 15—U.S.A. Air Corps vs. No. 4 I.T.S.—McDougall School.

DRAMA IN ONE ACT

Scene: Kitchen fatigue last Sunday night.

AC2: "Sir, I have been on duty all day, can I be excused from shovelling snow?"

F/L Davis: "No, this is a national emergency. What would you do if the Germans were coming?"

AC2: "Let them shovel towards me, the b - - - s."

GIRL FRIEND TURNS ON HEAT

AC2 D. E. Agur hurried into The Airman office and rushed subscription to Doreen for plenty of weeks. Don't let this happen to the rest of youse guys—mail it today—5c per copy delivered.

Mail order houses are asking their customers to only have one catalog in the household—share yours with your neighbor idea. It's dashed cold to run out of your smoke house to a neighbor's just to get two or three pages at a time.

Capt. Young is the new acquisition to the local dental company.

The Airman is a serviceman's newspaper! It is eagerly sought by outsiders. Why?

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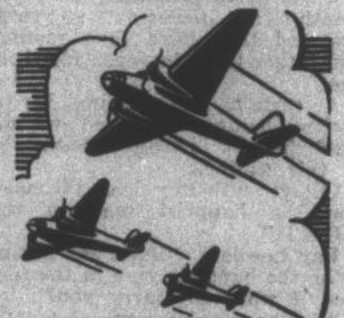
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SPORTS



ON THE SPORT SPOTLIGHT

By F/O EGGLESTON.

Old Man Winter certainly put a crimp in the sport activities during the past week. . . . Just when P/O Jamieson had everything set to get hockey underway a beautiful blizzard comes along and buries the surface under several feet of snow. . . . It will take a few days to get things going again, but when the rinks are ready for use there is plenty of talent on hand to try out for berths on the respective teams. . . . The coaches would be well advised to keep an eye on the boys posted here from London, Ont. . . . Several of these lads have had experience with eastern teams and are anxious to pit their strength against the westerners. . . . AC2 "Bud" Brown of the training wing is one of the far westerners of note who boasts hockey ability. . . . He hails from Vancouver. . . . Played with the junior Clippers last season. . . . Here's a tip for F/O Bird and his basketball assistants. . . . In training wing at the present time is a lad who had the distinction of performing on the Dominion championship Victoria Dominoes basketball team last season. . . . He has a beautiful ring to prove it, boys. . . . His name is AC2 Wesley Manson. . . . Besides being an outstanding basketball player Manson is well known in soccer and lacrosse circles on the coast. . . . He should prove a valuable acquisition to "M" Depot's entry in the Inter-service League. . . . Too bad the rugby season is over. . . . A recent addition to the station is Larry Haynes. . . . Haynes performed with Calgary Bronks in the Western Inter-provincial League. . . . He is also a star basketball player. . . . If we could only hold some of this talent. . . . "M" Depot wouldn't take a back seat to any of them if this were possible. . . . All the above named athletes are slated for aircrew duties. . . . It looks like Hitler and his cohorts are in for a rough time. . . . Here's a good story which came out of the blizzard Sunday night. . . . It appears three airmen were visiting in the city and the kind hostess thought she would do them a good turn by telephoning the depot and asking what she would do with them. . . . The reply was short and sweet. . . . "Just rot them on the back and send them home to bed," was the advice given from this end of the line. . . . Then there was the sergeant who phoned in to say that he had been sitting in the station all night and would like transportation to the depot. . . . Quick on the trigger the orderly officer replied, "I've been standing up all night, what have you got to beef about?" . . . Some of the airmen even had

the audacity to telephone the guard house and advise the guard to send the black maria for them as they were in trouble. . . . No doubt they were in trouble with four or five miles to hike but the dodge didn't work. . . . Another boxing card will be staged in the arena tonight. . . . The turnout last time was none too encouraging for those in charge of arrangements, so don't forget the date. . . . It's tonight in the arena. . . . We're still interested in staging a championship bout in the arena at some future date. . . . At the last meeting of the sports and entertainment committee the president was empowered to appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating the possibility of staging a return fight here between Al Lust, of Calgary, and Dave Castilloux, of Montreal. . . . Castilloux took the decision in the bout staged recently in the east, but it is understood that Lust would like another crack at the title. . . . It would certainly prove a drawing card and also give Edmonton the opportunity of staging its first Dominion championship bout in history. . . . Famous last words, "Has anyone in the crowd a pair of snowshoes they would like to rent?" They'd come in handy in case we forget to get off the street car again.

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- F/O A. S. Bird, 1 target accumulated, prone position.
- Sgt. A. Befus, 2 targets accumulated, prone position.
- Sgt. F. S. Barnes, 5 targets accumulated, prone position.
- Sgt. E. K. Gibson, 14 targets accumulated, prone position.
- Cpl. J. Hafner, 14 targets accumulated, prone position.
- Sgt. N. E. Haight, 11 targets accumulated, prone position.
- F/S W. J. Hancock, 2 targets accumulated, prone position.
- F/O R. Y. Hogg, 1 target accumulated, prone position.
- F/L W. J. Hansen, 20 targets accumulated, prone position.

F/O G. R. Ling, 1 target accumulated, prone position.

Cpl. J. M. Showers, 4 targets accumulated, prone position.

Sgt. A. Williamson, 3 targets accumulated, prone position.

E. Harrison, the tumbling sergeant, has hung out his shingle at No. 7 S.F.T.S., Macleod. That's where the hens lay eggs and they don't quit rolling until they reach Lethbridge.



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CURRENT CINEMA

AVENUE

Starting Saturday: "One Foot in Heaven," with Frederic March; also, "Death of Jesse James." Starting Wednesday: "They Died with Their Boots On," with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland; also, a feature, "The Don Cossack Choir."

CAPITOL

Starting Thursday: "Pied Piper," with Monty Woolley, Roddie McDowall and Ann Baxter.

DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Big Shot," with Humphry Bogart; also, "Tombstone," with Richard Dix. Starting Wednesday: "The Man Who Came to Dinner," with Monty Woolley, Bette Davis and Ann Sheridan; also, "I Live on Danger," with Chester Morris and Jean Parker.

EMPRESS

Starting Friday: "A Haunting We Will Go," with Laurel and Hardy; also, "Manila Calling," with Lloyd Nolan and Carole Landis. Starting Tuesday: "The Magnificent Ambertons"; also, "Atlantic Ferry."

STRAND

Starting Friday: "Pardon My Sarong," with Abbott and Costello; also, "The Devil's Trail." Starting Tuesday: "Third Finger, Left Hand," with Melvin Douglas and Myrna Loy; also, "Waterloo Bridge," with Robert Taylor and Vivian Leigh.

RIALTO

Starting Friday: "Men of Texas," with Robert Staack and Bob Crawford; also, "Strictly in the Groove." Starting Tuesday: "New Moon," with Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald; also, "Duke of the Navy."

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