



## Crabb Presents Efficiency Pennant

GROUP CAPTAIN TO GROUP CAPTAIN

## 6,000 Witness Ceremony Official "E" Presentation

The Efficiency Pennant awarded to the best "M" Depot in Canada was presented to the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W. G. Webber, by Group Captain H. P. Crabb, Administrative Officer of No. 4 Training Command. The Arena was packed to overflowing by airmen and civilians as more than 6,000 people crowded in to watch the ceremony. He made the presentation on behalf of the Minister of National Defence and the A.O.C. who is in Ottawa at present.

In making the presentation G/C Crabb said "the awarding of the Efficiency Pennant was a tribute to every officer, N.C.O. and airman at the 'M' Depot."

### Bouquets to The Airman

"I have been reading with great interest THE AIRMAN published here at No. 3 'M' depot. It is a very good paper and is the only paper published regularly each week in the armed services of Canada." The men at No. 3 "M" were deserving of high praise for their enterprise, the Group Captain added.

The C.O. in accepting the pennant stated: "While the winning of the pennant gives me great satisfaction, I actually hope that we will lose it some day." He then gave the following explanation:

### SEEK EFFICIENCY

"If we lose it then we will know that there is the same striving for a high degree of efficiency in other establishments."

Attending at the presentation was His Honor Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Bowen and Mrs. Bowen, Maj.-Gen. W. A. Griesbach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C., Inspector General for western forces of the Canadian Army, and Mrs. Griesbach. Accompanying G/C Crabb from Command was F/L D. A. B. Marshall.

### PLEASE LEAVE IT ALONE —WE NEED IT!

Gone again!

The Airman's waste paper basket!

This treasured item of our office equipment makes periodic disappearances from the editorial sanctum, each time throwing our whole organization into uproar and confusion. It so happens that it has been missing for the last three days, and the growing mountain of litter at the editorial elbow threatens to start a landslide and engulf the copy-desk.

Will the culprit please restore the missing, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, some time in the P.D.Q.?

### THE FUNNY CAPS ARE CONFUSING

WO1's J. H. Blundell, H. Shaw, C. S. Harland and W. J. Kuehner have taken to stalking about the station in their fur-bearing winter caps. This fact has led to numerous embarrassing incidents. It seems that the trick caps have some uncanny power to inspire salutes where no salute is prescribed. Confidential information has it that not only AC2's but even Flight Sergeants Langford and Truswell recently tripped up on this.

So in the course of your future meandering don't be deceived. Not every fur cap calls for a salute, and when you salute a Warrant Officer you further complicate the situation because he can't under airforce law, return it . . . and then you swear at him for being stuck up.

### RIGHT IN THREES!

Over at the Aggie Hut, Cpl. Lawson's eyes popped when he spotted three Schaeffers on his list. Our reporter called to interview the brothers and found a general hut-scrubbing in progress, but no Schaeffers. It developed that two of the three were absent on dental parade. So, even without having met them, we believe we're safe in saying the Schaeffers learn fast.

They're Charles J., Frank E., and John H., and their regimental numbers follow like clockwork: R194771, R194772 and R194773.

Enlisting at Calgary late in October, the brothers are from Redcliff, Alberta, and all followed farming prior to joining up. A fourth brother is already in the familiar blue-grey, having joined earlier this year.

admit they are not much good at this type of work.

If you happen to be one of the wives who has not yet attended a meeting, won't you make it a point to join us on Dec. 2?

Mrs. L. A. King,  
Secretary.

Phone 71713.



## Women Darn Sox --- Want More!

Here is what we want you to know.

Your sox or any other wearing apparel will be neatly mended if you leave the items in the guard room on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, between the hours of 17:15 and 18:30. These will be ready for you to pick up at the same time and place on Thursday, Dec. 3rd.

Mesdames J. W. Hansen and L. A. King will be there to receive and give them out again.

The last meeting was held in the Games Room, Officers' Mess, at 3:00 p.m., with Mrs. G. W. La Rocque presiding. A large group was in attendance.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.

### New Members Welcome

A cordial welcome is assured all new members, so try and come along to this meeting, as we are anxious that this club goes over the top with a bang.

Although it is but a short time since the club's inception, we are already organized to mend and sew for the Depot hospital, darn and men for all the Airmen on the Depot, knit sweaters and sox for our boys in Alaska, and to send parcels to local boys who are prisoners of war, and have no next-of-kin to do anything for them.

A number of sox were darned at the last meeting which was very much appreciated by the boys, who

PRESENTS PENNANT



Group Captain Crabb came to Edmonton on Sunday to present the "E" Pennant to the Commanding Officer.

GESTAPO NOTES

POLICE GO POETIC

The Service Police Wagon was driving around town on two wheels the other night, and when it came to riding on one wheel, well, that was too much with a certain Sgt. sitting in the front seat, as it just turned over, but no one was hurt. Just a slight bruise.

Flt/Sgt. Wheeler has joined the Gestapo on this Station. He has been in the Service since the outbreak of war, serving for a time overseas. He's an Edmonton boy.

Things We Long For in the Guard House

- Linoleum for the Guard Room floor.
- 3,000 airmen who never come in late.

AN EDITORIAL  
Sorry, No Room For You!

Once more THE AIRMAN hears the familiar plea of a service man's wife, unable to get living accommodation because she has a small child.

"Yes, we have an apartment to rent. "Oh, your child is just a year old? "No—I'm afraid I couldn't in that case. "The children are so destructive—they always rip up the furniture and throw stones at the windows."

Well, perhaps some children do. Some adults commit hatchet murders on living-room carpets, too. The percentage of chance that either of these things will happen is just about as remote in one case as the other.

The families of sailors, of soldiers and airmen must be housed. The husbands and fathers of these families are doing the most important and the most deadly serious job in history—and no man does his best when he's worried sick about the welfare of his own loved ones.

This sort of discrimination is a definite blow at morale, both at home and in the ranks of our fighting men. It isn't working together—and it's in direct opposition to the principles we're fighting to uphold.

Let's wake up—and pull together.

WANTED: QUARTERS FOR AIRFORCE PERSONNEL  
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Each week THE AIRMAN will publish, free of charge, names, addresses and phone numbers of Edmontonians who will rent furnished flats, rooms or houses to airforce families. All you have to do is write a letter to THE AIRMAN, giving your name, address, telephone number and an outline of the accommodation you have to offer.

If Europe's paperhanger and his troops marched in, they wouldn't respect your hardwood floors, papered walls or furniture as much as your own countrymen.

Write this way, folks!

- Snow shoes for the town patrol.
- A good, reliable lie detector to be installed near the wicket in the Guard House.
- Pictures on the "I" cards that have some slight resemblance to the bearer.
- A super man on duty at the Guard Room at all times, able to tell visitors where and when they can see their relatives, who are in the Air Force.
- A new style non-leak roof for the Service Police quarters.

*Accey Duacey gets his pay  
Goes downtown at close of day.  
Feeling thirsty, feeling blue,  
Has a drink, just one or two.*

ETIQUETTE A LA "M" DEPOT

Sidelights of the carry-your-own-cutlery situation: Spoonless rockies gurgling porridge and soup with a fork! Don't ask us now—it must be a gift. Fork-losers, spearing steak on a knife and ravenously gnawing. Also observed—a bread-buttering process involving a spoon-handle, and the rending asunder of meat in bare hands, to the accompanying cry of "My knife was pinched!"

And me just out of finishing school. I'm finished, all right!

*Two leads to four and four leads to a "jag on."  
Oh! Oh! Accey Duacey rides home via S.P. Wagon.*

F/L Porter, M.O., has returned from a quick trip to the coast.

F/O Cowan, Royal New Zealand Air Force, and Capt. Dortort, U.S. Signals, were guests at the officers' mess over the week-end.



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# DANCE TO-NIGHT IN ARENA

Friday, November 27th



8:30 p.m.



By SGT. GEO. ROYDS

■ This affords a welcome chance to answer the burning question—"how come you're a discip?" Cpl. Woodland's version is still tops, though, claiming that we all got a severe bump on our heads at the tender age of two.

■ The best to Sgt. Kirkbey on his course at the Winnipeg Wireless School. "Tisn't very often I have very much to do with these P.T.I. "sharks."

■ So They Tell Me: Sgt. Mercer is still drinking Coca-Cola.—Winter hats, blue, cloth, airmen for the use of, helps the appearance of some fellows, take a look at Cpl. Robinson and if you still don't believe me take a stroll out on the parade ground—there are really some "Lulu's" and I ain't kidding.—Sgt. Stanway tells me he can't tell which is the cue ball when "Curly" Humble bends down to shoot.—Flt. Smith reports a very enjoyable time at the coast.

WO1 Shaw wasn't at the boxing and wrestling show last Friday.—They have a lonesome little brunette in H.Q. orderly rooms these days. This temporary duty lasts quite a while some times, Alice.—

Flt/Lt. Davis has just completed a deal which involves thousands of recruits. I should imagine it's a new set-up for discip—just a word of warning to the trainees—don't forget to "stand still!"—and do remember to scrub the floor, boys.—F/O Ling will read the riot act any day now.—Sgt. Wright is getting up in the mornings—satisfied Cpl. Wenborn?—Certain AC2's in Training were helping senior N.C.O.'s pass their drill test last week.

■ It's bad enough wearing winter hats without this "squarely on the head" stuff—How about a little leeway. P/O Jamieson?

■ This is definitely my first attempt at being a columnist so that should be sufficient alibi for anyone.

■ The parting shot is that someone tried to tell me that the station Sgt. Major parts his hair with a

## CASH OR COMMODITY

A visiting U.S. girl learned last week that although you may upset an airman's week-end plans—or maybe the word is "designs"—you can't put him right behind the eight-ball. At least she couldn't.

Our AC2 Cecil Hoff had dedicated Sunday to the task of selling her on an idea which, while good, was hardly original. He had registered at the same hotel. Having bought her breakfast and lunch, meanwhile supplying her with cigarettes and his good rye, felt, toward midafternoon, that his investment was in danger of skipping a dividend.

So he suggested a nice quiet game of craps, and they lay full length on the floor and merrily rolled the bones. Finally he relieved her of something over \$4.

No doubt that's what's called "poetic justice."

Who is the popular, handsome MO with the long waiting list outside his secluded office. Isn't Corporal Currie showing a few grey hairs trying to keep his chin gang at work after said waiting list has tramped through the hospital.

The R.A.F. boys at Penhold started to learn to play softball last summer. As there was no diamond, they chose a cow pasture field. The game was called in the third inning when one of the lads slid into what he thought was third base.

An owl service may be inaugurated by the street car department. Twenty-five cents seems to be a high price for a night trip. Of course, Edmonton cannot be compared with Montreal where the "Nuit" fare is 10c. Even at a quarter the owl service should be welcomed by the after-midnight travelling public.

billiard cue—or is someone having a "laff-n-chat" again?

■ For next week I'm going to give WO1 Harland a chance to get even—yes sir!—Forgetting all about those two rest periods he had on the way home the other night—he has definitely taken a lot of abuse of late from editors of THE AIRMAN, plus so-called friends of the Sergeant's Mess.

Cheerio.

## WHAT—NO POETS?

Seems we have no budding Shakespeares or Tennysons among us. THE AIRMAN's limerick contest, announced last week, brought surprisingly few responses. Three of the best received are reproduced below, and we ask their authors to drop into THE AIRMAN office. C'mon in, boys—and our thanks to all who submitted their brain-children.

*There once was a sergeant named Humble  
Who prepared food to please even Blundell—  
Till an unwary lad crabbed  
And by the major was nabbed  
Now he scrubs dishes and grumbles  
and mumbles.*

—AC2 Smith, H.A.F.

*'Twas a stormy night on the Depot,  
All Duty Watch to bed wished to go  
But late in the night  
On parade came the flights  
"You must go out and shovel snow."  
—ACE Caughlin.*

*Without ads, how our Editor fumed!  
Is our weekly spice of life forever doomed?  
Don't sit idly by without even a yell,  
Be more like Sam Dornan and really raise hell  
Before this AIRMAN of ours is completely entombed!  
"The Duke".*

LAC William McJannett is going around with a garbage man's daughter just now, says she will inherit a swell dump.

## "WINGS" NEW R.C.A.F. PUBLICATION

It's a monthly tabloid! This "Sunday Supplement" for the service will be packed with informative and interesting stories, humorous items, photos, sketches and cartoons.

"Wings" will be on sale in all dry canteens at five cents the copy. Each copy purchased will provide funds for the continued publication of the station's own paper. THE AIRMAN.

The AIRMAN staff has been asked by the Air Council to act as a "local bureau" for the collection and submission of news and personality stories, minor items of humor and human interest, photographs, cartoons (original), fiction stories (up to 1,500 words), light and serious poetry.

If you've had newspaper writing experience, written short stories, prepared radio script or been successful in producing motion picture scenarios, or such like, submit your MSS at once.

Who will be the first to send copy to THE AIRMAN? Glossy prints should be attached to pictorial articles.

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### GERMANY'S PREPARATION

Did you know that Germany has had a staff of over 1,000 expert geopoliticians working 24 hours a day, seven days a week since the Versailles treaty? Working with the sole idea of scuttling every democratic country on earth.

Their "bunds" and other nefarious organizations have been the "termites" in every freedom-loving country.

Practically every publication, perhaps including The Airman, has been translated into German for their propaganda bureau under Dr. Goebbels.

There may be over 100,000 out-and-out Nazis interned on the North American continent. Perhaps some of their ringleaders purposely taken captive so that a few of their experts would be in every internment camp.

The Nazis are a treacherous lot of scoundrels.

Silence is golden when it comes to dealing with the Fifth Columnist. Careless gossip sinks ships, derails trains, sabots factories and war plants.

So from the first day on this station do not speak or correspond about service information.

### FURTHER ECONOMIES POSSIBLE

Col. John Thompson, director of government office economies control, hopes to save a million dollars a year on inter-government correspondence. No "Dear Sir" or "Yours lovingly" now. That alone is to save 300,000,000 typewriter strokes a year. More will be saved, Colonel, if the American spelling is adopted. Honor for honour, program for programme, etc. Five hundred million letters a year. May we suggest that only half the letters be written?

Recruit a few country newspaper editors and you'll get short letters and not a full stop wasted.

The airforce dispensed with salutations and complimentary closings ages ago.

### AIR MAIL SERVICE

The service from eastern to western points and vice-versa is one day.

A letter posted at Phoenix, Arizona, 12 noon, November 14 for Edmonton, via airmail, was received November 18. The south to north and north to south airmail or passenger service has always been much slower.

This condition has existed for some time without any apparent improvement.

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### AROUND THE "Y"

A minus eight handicap proved but a slight burden for table tennis champ AC2 "Bud" Smalley. when he brought his line of drives to a smashing conclusion, readily trouncing all opposition in the latest "Y" table tennis tournament.

From a large field of cribbage enthusiasts AC2 C. A. Blackmore captured first prize in last Thursday's cribbage match. The lads who take their exercise around the plush covered tables in the Recreation Room saw AC2 C. Lowry take over high spot in the snooker tournament. W. Haryciuk was "behind the eight ball" in the tournament and finished in second spot.

Watch out, fellows, those paper boys are soon going to walk off with all the bingo prizes.

A recent innovation in station movies seems to have proved popular among the airmen that attend the Sunday night picture show. Considerable enthusiasm greeted the plan of having a sing-song before each movie and unless enthusiasm wanes, airmen will have the opportunity of exercising their vocal chords before all station films.

Mrs. Youmans ably led the sing-song and will continue to lend her assistance. AC2 Roy Meredith provided the piano accompaniment while AC2 Sultan handled the projector.

### Coming Shows

"Henry Aldrich for President" is the top-notch film scheduled for Sunday evening's entertainment. Coupled with this film are the short subjects "Beauty on the Beach"—are you still listening—and "Quiet, Please." Tuesday, December 1, brings to the screen the swashbuckling hero "Captain Fury," starring Brian Aherne and Victor McLaglen.

Bud Smalley won his 11th table tennis tournament Monday night. It was his fifth win despite a minus eight handicap. Bud was a former British Columbia junior champ. Fred Bristow was runner-up and from his performance on Monday may fall heir to the champ's crown.

Has F/L G. Prieur's taxi service began to show a profit yet?

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N/S Ofstedal and F/L Porter are quite chummy these days, both went to church last Sunday. Look out, Doc, she may get you into a church one of these days and instead of listening to someone else's service you may be listening to your own, and are these blondes all they are cracked up to be? But yes.

No Levee New Year's Day at Government House! It's filling a greater service today.

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I KNEW A GAL NAMED PASSION  
I ASKED HER FOR A DATE  
I TOOK HER OUT TO DINNER  
GOSH!  
HOW PASSIONATE

NO SERG. HE'S MUCH TOO BUSY, PLEASE CALL BACK.

## HOCKEY PRACTICE

With the rinks in front of the grandstand both in excellent shap, Cpl. Newton will direct the Junior Hockey practice on Thursday next, Dec. 3, at 1830 hours. All former players and those interested in joining the "M" Dept team are urged to turn out. Col. Reid will be in charge of the seniors whose first practice is slated for Monday, Nov. 30, also at 1830 hours.

## BASKETBALL

The referees of Wednesday's game on the Arena floor were scarcely noticeable. Most of their time was spent at the bottom of a heap of kicking, biting, gouging hoopsters. Fur and feathers flew continuously, with the Guards finally scoring a 30-29 victory over the lads from Training Wing.

## BEST MAN?

Also received was an application for a late pass. Here it is. I want a late pass 'till 0200 hours to attend a wedding as the best man in the city". Apparently he has not met our S/O of the selection board.



## POST OFFICE AND WINGS TROUCE ACCOUNTS AND HOSPITAL

Howling enthusiasts continue to flex their brawny biceps each Thursday night at the Recreation Bowling Alley. The teams are still turning out in full edon to heave balls down the drain and knock the pin boy for a loop.

Five pins still predominates so far as the R.C.A.F. is concerned and THE AIRMAN wonders by the lads never have taken to 10 pins. Perhaps they are afraid of losing the fingers.

Here are last nights results. Orderly Room over Dental, 1-1. Equipment knocked, Post Office 2-1. Post Office trounced Accounts for a 3 straight. Wings left the Hospital rushing needles into themselves for another 1-0.

## COMPASSIONATE POSTING

Application for a compassionate posting was received by F/L Davis of Training Wing. From all appearances Wings do not seem to be according to hoyle. The application was signed "Thanking you for your considerations, I remain EXPECTANTLY yours." It would happen here.



*Very Poorly*

# Women's Division Thrills Audience

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### LOCAL GYMNASTS ARE VERY POPULAR

Thrilling 6,000 people with their precision movements, the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) went through their routine at the Arena on Sunday, November 22, of some 138 movements. This amazing display brought a storm of applause from the jammed Arena as the 55 women carried on without a hitch.

The precision drill is different from that presented by men in that the women use all foot movements while the men use rifles. Their clicking is with heels while that of the men is with rifle butts. The airwomen from Rockliffe were a delight to the eye as they went through their various drills.

#### F/S CUTE AND POPULAR

They were loudly cheered as they marched on the floor led by S/O Alice Fahrenholz. The drill was under Flt. Sgt. M. B. Lawrence, a cute little blonde with a deep husky voice. Flt. Sgt. Lawrence made a real hit with the crowd.

The No. 3 "M" Depot band was in attendance under Sgt. V. Taylor. Flt. Sgt. Lange rendered a solo.

#### GYMNASTS VERY GOOD

A pleasant surprise for the crowd was the gymnastics put on by the boys of No. 3 "M". The display was the best ever shown here and the crowd cheered and applauded loudly as they went through their intricate and involved movements.

To the clown who stole the show special mention is made, and to Cpls. G. Newton, J. Prichard and A. Reid under whose training they came.

AC2 E. J. Allen has been posted to Dauphin, Manitoba.

F/O Evans, W.D., R.C.A.F., of Calgary, visited relatives in the city, Sunday.

F/L G. W. LaRocque visited relatives in Regina last week.



¶ A Vancouver wife wrote to her husband who's stationed in Halifax that she didn't mind the meatless Tuesdays but she missed her funless Saturday nights.

¶ There's many an Edmonton belle who prefers a ring to her liberty.

¶ Where was the girl of sweet 16 last summer? Out making hay.

¶ Please pass the affectionate pie! What kind is that? The top and bottom crusts are so close together.

¶ When in doubt how to spell "receive" and "relieve" just put the dot midway between the "e" and "i". If in doubt as to spelling just run your hand through your hair—think of lice. I follows the l and e follows c.

¶ Can you pronounce McIntosh? McIver? McLennan? MacHinery?

¶ With such a shortage of metals, decorations may be of leather.

¶ Canada has its nickel-less nickel and now the U.S.A. is planning on minting a glass 3c piece. It will be fun matching glassies.

¶ In these days one no longer reads of airplane values at submarine prices.

¶ When the Indian chieftain saw a mermaid, he said, "How."

¶ Dill's girl is smart in action but Tick's is smarter still.

¶ Miss Prunella doesn't care much for cotton but she likes her gin.

¶ Zeke: "Why did you spank your girl last night?"

Zeb: "Because she slapped me first."

¶ How could the girls hustle wearing a bustle?

¶ The packing plants have now utilized the pig's squeal—you hear it on the radio.

¶ Back seat driving, girls, is out. "Whoa" is the word now followed by "gettyup."

### TRADE TESTING

By WO1 SHAW.

A few points of interest to all ground tradesmen. Pass marks for "C", "B" and "A" Trade Groupings:

#### "A" GROUP TRADE

Std. to "C"—40%, "C" to "B"—60%, "B" to "A"—80%.

#### "B" GROUP TRADE

Std. to "C"—50%, "C" to "B"—80%.

#### "C" GROUP TRADE

Std. to "C"—80%.

Trades eligible for automatic "B" Groupings on attaining 80% or more when sitting for "C" Group, are: Aero Engine Mechanic, Airframe Mechanic, Clerks Accounting, Electrician, Equipment Assistant, Instrument Repairer, Metal Workers, Machinists, Photographer, Wireless Mechanic, Wireless Operator Ground.

When an automatic "B" Grouping has been attained, the "C" Group is effective the date the Trade Test Board sat, and the "B" Group effective the first day of the next Trade Test quarter.

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 —Pte. Sand Bagg spent a week's furlough on Sunday in Saskatoon, the Hub City.  
 —Dr. I.Q. is mystified as to the classification of the various columnists on this great family newspaper.  
 —"I scream," said the soda fountain girl, when the laddies want a double-header for the price of one.

### "MAN" MAGAZINE

—Is very popular in Australia. In the October issue is a joke that appeared in one of the earlier numbers of The Airman.  
 —Patent medicines are prescribed in homeopathic cases so as to come within the law. The patents dished out by this publication might be described as psychopathic.  
 —An out-of-town father was perturbed about his daughter taking employment in the city. When she returned on a visit recently he enquired as to whether she had time to do crochet and fancy work at night. The little lady said that she couldn't get interested in crocheting but she found time for the other because the soldier laddies were taking it up.  
 —It hasn't been suggested that wigwags and teepees be acquired to relieve the acute housing shortage. The Arctic Ice might provide ice for igloos.  
 —Cpl. Jack Pickford says that after the war is over he's going on a world's cruise.  
 —One AC2 to Another (on the parade ground): "You're the biggest dumbbell in this squad." Sgt. Williams: "Tut, tut, lads, you forget that I'm here."  
 —A millionaire who made his money out of mustard said, "It's not the mustard you eat that makes me rich, it's the mustard you leave on the edge of your plate." He was as Keen as mustard.  
 —Where's the American doughboy, who after returning home in 1918 said, "If the Statue of Liberty wants to see me again, she will have to do an 'about turn'!" We'll answer that one—he's in North Africa and as happy as a kid at his first strawberry and ice cream social.

### EDIQUIPS

The Airman took a bow, Sunday. Group Captain Crabb, of No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, gave praise to the best airforce service weekly, over the public address system in the Arena, before he presented the "E" flag to Group Captain W. G. Webber. Thank you very kindly, sir!

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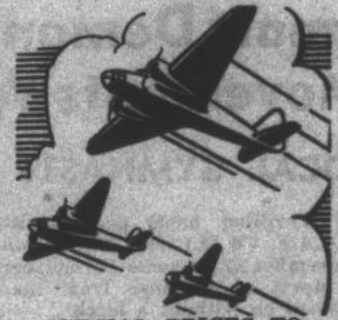
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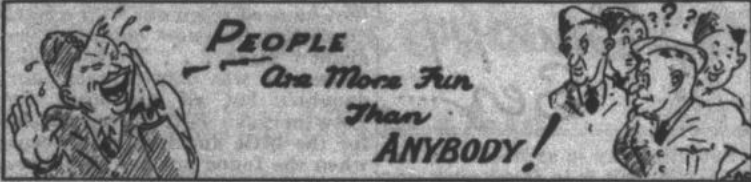
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Say, fellows, don't some women have one hell of a time? Take Grace for instance; every condemned man is allowed a few minutes and sometimes hours of her before they die. Grace must be a busy gal.

Anyhooooo, taking all in all, most women have lots of happiness. In fact I'm about to hire a detective to check up on my wife's happiness.

My advice (and I do hope you all follow it) to you gals is to stop at nothing and you'll have something to show for it.

Doin' the town last week I saw:

A sergeant at a dance in a drunken escapade who is just asking for it. Watch out, Sarge, or you will be publicized.

Cpl. Stevenson is not so particular about a gal who exhibits a generous nature, but wants to see a gal who is willing to exhibit how generous nature has been with her.

Your Editor bragging about the aim of this paper. Sure, you and the M. T. section both aim at the man in the street.

Sgt. Leonard: Here's a nickel, chum, but first tell me how you've become so destitute.

Cpl. Ferris: Just like you, chum, giving away vast sums to the poor.

Cpl. MacDonald continues to raise hell in 18B-2. T'is a fact that even Cpl. Forrest is getting up before 0800 hours. Nice plugging, Lorne.

**Odds and Ends—**

George Washington was the father of the U.S.A. What a man! But my flowers of praise go to Martha Curtis. (MAMA!)

Why do so many people think it outrageous that you can buy a wife in the Orient for a couple of dollars. Who knows a good wife may be worth it. Which reminds me that some men are bossed around by their wives, while other men are bachelors.

ANTI PATTEN still continues the most direct case of plagiarism ever undertaken by any journalist in history.

My wife and I were certainly hissed and booed last night when we stopped the show. How come? Oh, I just pulled down the shades.

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Sgt. Cudney and Sgt. "Pop" Wallace both called upon WO1 Blundell for private instructions on how to keep rooms tidy.

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# ASTRONOMY

By P/O R. Y. HOGG.

At some time in the training of aircrew, the future men with wings must make a study of the sky, must become acquainted with various constellations and stars which appear overhead and shine that man, by their aid, may be guided through the darkness with accuracy.

It is not assumed that Astral Navigation can be taught through the medium of *The Airman*. However, some things such as the nature of the heavens, the significant constellations, where they are to be found in the galaxy of stars, and the stars used as navigation stars can be discussed. This it is proposed to do.

In order to facilitate the study and recognition of star groups and stars, there are available in the airmen's library a number of star locaters. These may be taken out on loan for two nights, giving the borrower ample time to locate the constellations and also to make a copy of the locater.

The locater itself has printed on it the necessary instructions for operation. However, a word may be necessary regarding the names printed on it. If the word is underlined it is the name of a constellation or group of stars. If the name is not underlined, it is the name of a star.

Constellations which are to be learned are: The Great Dipper, Cassiopeia, Cygnus the Swan, the Great Square of Pegasus, Orion and Leo the Lion or the Sickle.

### Important Stars

Stars of importance to aircrew are: Altair, Deneb, Vega, Capella, Castor, Dubhe, Alpheratz, Aldebaran, Arcturus, Benetnasch, Sirius, Regulus, Procyon, Spica, Polaris, Formalhaut, Denebola, Rigel.

The Great Dipper, possibly the best known constellation is composed of seven stars. The two leading stars in the bowl of the Dipper are known as the pointers due to the fact that a line through them passes through Polaris, the North Star. Two of the stars previously mentioned are to be found in this constellation, namely Dubhe and Benetnasch. Dubhe being the pointer nearest Polaris and Benetnasch being the end star in the handle.

On the side of Polaris opposite to the Big Dipper is found a group of stars formed as a W. This is the Constellation Cassiopeia which can be seen at all hours of the night.

The stars Arcturus and Spica can be found by continuing the line made by the handle of the Big Dipper. Arcturus, a very bright star, is approximately equidistant from Dubhe and Spica, the latter being seen throughout the summer months.

The Great Square of Pegasus is located by following a line through Polaris and the upper left star of Cassiopeia for the same distance beyond Cassiopeia as this constellation is distant from Polaris. The Great Square is composed of four stars, Alpheratz being in the upper left hand corner of the group.

### Orion, Most Outstanding Constellation

Orion, the Hunter, is without doubt the most outstanding of all constellations. The Group is easily distinguished by its head and foot stars and the three-star studded belt. In the winter months it is seen low in the eastern sky, rising higher and moving westward as the hours pass.

Betelgeuze and Rigel are the head and foot stars of this group. To the east of Orion is the star Sirius, the brightest of all the stars in the sky, while on the opposite side is Aldebaran. Forming an arc above Orion are the stars Sirius, Procyon, Pollux, Castor and Capella. The stars Pollux and Castor or the Twins, are the outstanding stars of the constellation Gemini.

Leo, the Lion, or the Sickle, a constellation rather low in the sky is located on the opposite side of the Dipper to Polaris and about equidistant from it. The star at the end of the handle is Regulus, the Lion's Head, while the star to the east is Denebola, the Lion's Tail.

Three remaining stars Deneb, Altair, and Vega, although each in separate groups are generally mentioned together. Deneb is the tail star of Cygnus, the Swan, sometimes referred to as the Northern Cross.

Looking at the Swan as it flies south, Vega can be seen as the bright star to the right, and Altair to the left. In order to remember these stars consider the group to form an A or a V, then note that when considered as an A, Altair is at the top of the letter, and when considered as a V that Vega is at the top right.



Sgt. Stanway is amused. He has the Equipment lads doing push ups 'cause they can't learn to tote them rifles . . . Sgt. Taylor, the bandmaster, has three alarm clocks set in ten minute intervals to insure his getting up in the a.m. . . . and those precision girls really have rhythm in their movements . . . only one slipped and made a small faux pas . . . but it passed . . . the female Flt. Sgt. has a deep husky voice that would have shamed P/O Gilkes . . . AND WE SEE IN Air Force Orders where a Sgt. got about 28 days for playing the boys with loaded dice . . . they could only get most of us for one thing . . . gambling . . . not the loaded dice . . . two offences is bad, so be-

ware . . . and Sgt. Royds tells us that he used to go out with a nursing sister but now she is a sergeant's Mess . . . WO1 Blundell states she was only a stableman's daughter but all the horse men knew her . . . F/L Porter vouches for the little duckling that weeped when she found out her pants were "DOWN."

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### EDIQUIPS

Wonder if Petain will ever forgive Lloyd George for "robbing" him of the greatest military honor of being the generalissimo of the Allied armies during the first Great War? The venerable Welshman has forgiven Petain for being a German tool.

# "M" Basketballers Still Undefeated

## TRIM, I.T.S. 47-36

It's still an unbroken line of wins for the No. 3 "M" Depot basketballers in their quest for championship of the inter-service league. Tuesday night on the I.T.S. floor, the "M" boys consolidated their position in top place by handing out a 47-36 trimming to the I.T.S. hoopsters.

In the opening quarter, the I.T.S. squad started off with a bang and went into the lead before the Depot team was able to penetrate a strong defense. But when the "M" team became accustomed to the floor the game settled down to a ding-dong battle, with the play shuttling from one end of the floor to the other.

High scorers for the "M" Depot team were AC2's J. Bardsley and L. Hudson, while McKinley and White took scoring honors for the I.T.S. team.

A newcomer to the "M" Depot team is AC2 Haynes, who will help guide the squad to play-off honors from a coaching position on the bench.

While the league is settling down into a race of the title, some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the services of referees, scorekeepers and timekeepers. Bleacher support is being given, but lets have some help from those who have had previous experience in handling a basketball game.

Lineups: No. 3 "M" Depot—Naples, 6; Manson, 2; Spanier, Hudson, 18; J. Bardsley, 19; Sgt. Darling, McDonald, Adshad, 2. Total, 47. I.T.S.—McMaster, 2; Kirby, McKinley, 14; Husband, Broadhead, 7; Truscott, Etohlberg, White, 11; Scott, 2. Total, 36.



By F/O H. W. Eggleston

The hockey bug has started to hit this depot - - - Possibilities of this depot being represented in two junior puck circuits is looming up - - - It is proposed to enter one team in the City Junior League and the other in the Inter-Services loop - - - This is all in addition to competition between the various wings, so it begins to look like a busy season for the hockeyists - - - Were you out to the last boxing card? - - - If you weren't, then you missed a bang-up show - - - What the boys lacked in science they made up for it in their willingness to mix it - - - A fine crowd was on hand to cheer the gladiators - - - Boxing on the station received a big boost from this show - - - It is planned to stage bigger and better shows in the future. - - - The next card will feature visiting boxers from the R.A.F. station at Penhold, Alta. - - - This show is billed for Tuesday, Dec. 8. - - - Don't forget the date - - - It will be really worthwhile - - - From the list of boxers submitted from the Penhold station it looks like "M" Depot will have to be on its toes to pick up the marbles in this one, so it's up to the lads to get out for training - - - The station needs the best material available - - - Will the sign shop please note and get out the necessary dodgers to advertise the show - - - Thanks for the co-operation on the last one - - - The idea certainly brought the boys out - - - It's hats off to "M" Depot's basketball team in the inter-services league - - - To date the boys are setting a dizzy pace - - - They have yet to meet defeat - - - With basketball and hockey well under way it is now planned to gather two curling teams together for competition against the best in Edmonton - - - P/O Jamieson is seeking material from the ranks of the officers.

## DISPOSAL CAPTURES BOXING SHOW

It was a battle between the Disposal and Training Wings at the No. 3 "M" Depot boxing show in the Arena last Friday night. No less than four of the six boxing bouts were between these two wings and the Disposal boys copped three of them.

Although most of the rivalry was between these two wings it was AC2 Neil, of the Disposal squad, and AC2 Dowdle of the Fire Department who put on the best scrap of the card. These two featherweights went at it hammer and tongs for three bloody rounds with Neil taking a hard-earned decision.

Although Neil took the call, it was Dowdle who got the big hand after the fight. This game young fire laddie was knocked to the canvas in the middle of the second round when Neil caught him flush on the jaw with a straight right. He landed on his head and was out on his feet for a while. After a few seconds rest Dowdle came back and actually won the final round.

AC2 Cassell got Training Wing off to a flying start in the second bout of the evening when he took a close call over Disposal's AC2 Player, but that was the only fight the middle wing won all night.

AC2 McDonald evened the score in the next fight when he took a close decision over AC2 Clawson. Disposal's AC2 Cameron put on the best boxing exhibition of the night as he methodically pecked away at AC2 Cooke's right eye for three rounds and took an easy decision. At the end of the fight Cooke was sporting a full sized mouse as the result of Cameron's flicking jabs.

AC2 Gibson won a hard-fought decision over AC2 Dicken in a real slugfest to wind up the Training-Disposal rivalry. AC2 Wilson upheld the Precision Squad when he took an easy call over AC2 Miller in the final fight of the card.

No opponent showed up for Stan Miles in the wrestling match so he went through a pantomime all by himself.

AC2 McKay started the show off on the right foot when he won the chair push. Only one man was knocked down in the blindfold battle royal so it was declared no contest.

Sgt. Wedley refereed the matches.

### Penhold Boxers Coming Here

With the hopes of taking the measure of "M" Depot's boxing team, a team of leather pushers from the R.A.F. station at Penhold will pay a visit to this station on Tuesday, December 8. The Penhold station is sending seven fighters to compete against the best we can produce, and included in the group is LAC Stevenson, who once swapped punches with such notables as Tommy Farr and Len Harvey. Stevenson weighs in the neighborhood of 180 pounds and is reported to be a top man in his class.

The complete list of boxers coming from Penhold follows:

LAC Stevenson, 180 lbs.; LAC Evans, 175 lbs.; LAC Fowler, 170 lbs.; LAC Foster, 155 lbs.; Sgt. Price, 148 lbs.; Cpl. Alkins, 130 lbs.; LAC Taylor, 130 lbs.

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### AVENUE

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### CAPITOL

"Four Stranger," with Fred MacMurray and Paulette Goddard starred in the feature roles, is the film starting Thursday at the Capitol Theatre. A note which will add interest to this film is the fact that many of the scenes were shot in northern B.C.

### DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Nazi Agent," with Conrad Veidt and Anne Ayres, also showing is the film "Brooklyn Orchid" starring

Joe Sawyers and Margery Woodward. On Wednesday "Two Faced Woman" with Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas, starts a three day run.

### EMPRESS

Starting Friday at the Empress is the film "Orchestra Wives," starring Glenn Miller and his band. If your eyes are not closed listening to the music, watch Anne Rutherford in the leading feminine role.

### STRAND

The action film "Son of Fury" with Tyrone Power in the leading role, makes its appearance at the Strand on Friday. Completing the double bill is the film "Cadets on Parade." William Powell and Ginger Rogers are the leading lights in "Star of Midnight," which opens on Tuesday. The added attraction stars Loretta Young and tells of "Men in Her Life."

### RIALTO

"My Sister Eileen," with Rosalind Russel and Janet Blair is the smash hit coming to the Rialto Theatre on Friday.

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Cpl. Bohm. (von Bugen) Kring, of the lab. staff has been posted to Regina.

Capt. A. Singer, Sgt. "Spider" McCloskey and Cpl. Eric Hamilton have been on the station 16 months now . . . them were the days . . . no water, no heat . . . no, not even Flight Crane around the place. We remember when Sgt. (George The Terrible) Mercer came to us as a recruit in Penhold . . . so did Cpl. Barrett.

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