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Depot Christmas Dinner Dec. 22nd

Officers, Sergeants Joed To Work In Bull Pen

SUGGEST AIRMEN WATCH NO GRAVY SLIPS DOWN NECK

Turkey, cranberries, cigarettes, sweets, plum pudding, etc., that is your lot for the evening of December 22. There will be every kind of delicacy that goes to make up a Christmas party... there will be entertainment during and following supper. In short it will be a Christmas party long to remember.

Group Captain W. G. Webber has issued instructions to the messing, entertainment and finance committees to leave no stone unturned in making arrangements for this gala Christmas party. The committees are already busy at work, so remember to keep the eve of Tuesday, December 22 free to partake of hospitality as never before dished out by the service to the service in the service.

TURKEY ORDERED

WO1 Harland already has the orders in for the turkey and there will be enough ounces per man to fill the hungriest. In other words, it will be, Turkey, breast, 12 ounces, airman for the use of, meat white or dark.

The supper to be held on December 22, will not interfere with a Christmas and New Year dinner for the boys on duty during these periods. There will be a big Christmas dinner on December 25 and a huge New Year dinner on January 1, 1943, for those on duty.

AC2's DAY

The reason for the supper on Dec. 22, is to get everyone together for a gala affair before the holiday leave starts. The officers and senior N.C.O.'s will be the waiters and it will be a real day for AC2's as you shout at a Flight Lieutenant: "Hey, you, bring me another dish of turkey, a cigarette and a double dish of plum pudding with heaps of brandy sauce, and make it snappy."

The Women's Club held their usual semi-monthly meeting in the Games Room, Officers' Mess, Wednesday afternoon. From all accounts the lads on the station certainly appreciate the sock-mending service that the wives' club has instituted.

PILOT JOINS R.C.A.F.

Lloyd Tyrell, who qualified for his private pilot's license at the Edmonton and Northern Alberta Aero Club a few years ago, is one of the air crew entries on the station. He was one of Capt. Maurice ("Moses") Burbidge's most adept students. Tyrell could have soloed at five hours—government regulations ruled otherwise—eight hours was the minimum.

ARENA DANCES GET BETTER AND BETTER

"The best dance in town is the station dance." We've heard this many times during past months, and the point was again proved Friday evening, November 27. A good crowd was on the floor and the station orchestra was, as usual, in top form. This is the one local dance where the couples can be sure of enough room to actually dance instead of inching their way about the same square yard of floor all evening. We're already looking ahead to the next in the series, which is slated for Friday, December 11.

EVANS, WEBB, McCANN NOW "B" GROUP

AC1's Evans, of Emlyn, Webb of the waterfront, and McCann of the dustbelt, all from the Equipment Section, have at long last got their "B" Group.

In an interview with a reporter they said, "It was a long, tough grind, of over a year, we plugged, faltered, and failed, but now we won it."

A big celebration is planned as soon as they are able to put up the props.

HARD WORDS

The editorial board of your paper recoiled from an unusually heavy blow. In a letter from Sackville, N.B., enclosing money for a subscription, the writer had observed: "Haven't seen a copy of your paper for many weeks, and miss its gossip, dirt and general misinformation."

In our haste to qualify for a kinder description we promptly fired our ten best reporters, gave up our A.P. franchise, bought a can of Flit and shot the dog.

EATON EMPLOYEES IN THE SERVICES

Almost 4,000 Eaton employees—men and women—have joined the colors. During the war of 1914-18, 3,327 men enlisted. In 1885, 6 or 7 employees were in the Northwest Rebellion. On this station are several former Eaton employees. Among those are: Sgt. Randall, Cpl. Ford, F/Sgt. Spence, F/Sgt. Truswell and S/L. C. E. Moffet. The first to be called to the colors from the local Eaton departmental store were: Major D. Snell (now overseas), Lieut. Harry ("Duke") White, commercial pilot and parachute jumper, now a prisoner in North Point camp, Hong Kong, and F/O Moffet, advertising manager and commercial air pilot.

Other Eaton employees from Edmonton are: S. Bumsted, P/O C. Smith, Bob Stoker, Capt. H. Finnegan, Lieut. T. Walker, D. Grant, F. Elinski, A. Park, Capt. J. Mooney, F. Clark, W. Bilens, P/O J. Riley, Sgt. Ted Heath, Sgt. V. Harling, T. Foster, G. McGinnis, F/O C. Horncastle (killed in action), G. Cooper, F. Southern, A. McAuley, Cpl. Jack Pickford and Earl Dutton.

Several young women have joined the women's units. Miss Edgar, secretary to Mr. J. H. Wildman, general manager, has recently enlisted in the R.C.A.F. (Women's Division).

F/L J. J. McGarvey has returned from Renfrew, Ont., where he attended the funeral of his only sister. Condolances are extended to our popular R.C. padre in his hour of bereavement.

TEMPORARY COMMANDING OFFICER



S/L G. A. HODGETTS

Won his wings in the war of 1914-18. As overseas buyer for a widely known Canadian jewelry firm, he was in Vienna, Austria, when the Nazi troops marched in. S/L Hodgetts was recruiting officer at Niagara Falls. During the absence of Group Capt. W. G. Webber, S/L Hodgetts is temporary commanding officer.

ON REPAYMENT

Several 'tittle airmen
Lost their mittens,
And they began to cry,
Oh, sergeant-major, dear,
We very much fear,
That we've lost our mittens.
What! Lost your mittens!
You naughty rittens!
Then you shall have no pie!
See the S.E.O. and go-buy!

Eddie Shore, famous hockey player, soloed an aircraft at Edmonton, July 6, 1932. It is said that Max Colville also learned to fly.

Here's one for the lads! Edmonton is approximately 2,968 miles south of the North Pole. The altitude of the local airport is about 2,250 feet.

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METEOROLOGY

By SGT. WM. G. COOPER

The novice in aviation soon discovers that weather and a knowledge of weather are important to his safety in flight; and because meteorology is not included in the curriculum of our schools he has many questions to ask.

It is the purpose of this article to deal with a few of the questions that are commonly asked, rather than to deal with any one subject. The following are typical:

How are the clouds measured?

During the day the meteorological observer estimates the height of the clouds, unless the cloud base is obviously below one thousand feet or a pilot of an aircraft asks for a measurement. A measurement is made by means of a balloon inflated with enough hydrogen to cause it to rise a pre-established rate per minute. Its open end is tied securely, then it is released. The instant it is released a stop watch is started. It is stopped the moment the balloon appears to be entering the base of the cloud. Knowing its rate of ascent and the time it takes to enter the cloud, the observer can state the height of the cloud by referring to a prepared table.

At night an almost vertical beam of light is projected upward to the cloud base. At a point exactly one thousand feet from the projector is an instrument consisting of a moveable tube with an indicator pointing to a scale. The tube is focussed on the circle of light which forms on the cloud when the projector is lighted. The height of the cloud is then read directly on the scale.

What causes the white trail that sometimes forms behind aircraft in flight?

Under certain atmospheric conditions an aircraft passing through clear air will produce a condensation trail in its wake. If sufficiently dense, this trail may be seen from the earth and draws attention to the aircraft. The formation is due to the condensation of water vapour from the exhaust of the motors.

What can a pilot do to prevent the formation of such a trail?

The surest way to stop its formation is to enter the stratosphere. This is not possible with some aircraft since it would necessitate climbing to a height of approximately 33,000 feet, which is higher than the service ceiling of the average aircraft. An alternative is to seek a drier stratum. This can usually be found at the top of a cloud layer.

Why is the Chinook a warm, dry wind?

The effects of the Chinook are well known in Alberta, but its origin is not so widely understood.

ALBERTA CHINOOKS

Let us follow a mass of air moving in off the Pacific. Since the air has been in contact with the ocean, it will be of a moderate temperature, and will contain considerable moisture. As the air reaches the mountains it is forced to ascend. As it rises it expands, because it is entering a region of decreasing pressure. As it expands it cools. When air which contains moisture cools, the dew point is eventually reached and condensation takes place. When condensation occurs in a mass of air an amount of heat equal to the amount of heat used to evaporate the moisture from the ocean is given up to the air, providing the products of condensation (rain and snow) are precipitated. It is true that the air is cooled in rising up the mountain side, but that is offset by the heating, due to compression, that takes place as the air subsides on the eastern slopes. Then, as the air mass moves over Alberta, it has gained all the heat of condensation, which may amount to as much as forty degrees Fahrenheit. The Chinook is a dry wind because all its moisture was lost on the windward side of the mountains. Because of its warmth and dryness it is a welcome visitor to the prairies in winter.

SR. EQUIPMENT OFFICER



S/L MOFFET

Squadron Leader C. E. Moffet is the Senior Equipment Officer of the most northerly "M" Depot in Canada. He joined in 1939 and is on leave from The T. Eaton Co. (Western) Ltd. In civil life the S/L was advertising manager of the Edmonton branch, which post he held since November, 1924.

S/L Moffet has held a commercial air pilot's license for the last 12 years, and was president of the Edmonton and Northern Alberta Aero Club in 1935 and 1936.

At the outbreak of war he was called, joining as a pilot. Later he became C/O of the School of Aeronautical Engineering, Montreal. He was then posted to Moncton, and in the course of his R.C.A.F. travels has been stationed at Trenton, Camp Borden,

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THOSE THEATRE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Instead of having "The Forest Rangers," our man wrote "Four Strangers."

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During the last great war, S/L Moffet was a flight cadet in the Royal Air Force, serving in Canada.

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Airmen who fail to qualify during any quarterly period are not to be examined again during that period, but are to be deferred until the following quarterly period. All airmen are required to serve a minimum of three months in each trade group, other than standard, before they are considered eligible for remustering into the next higher trade group.

Consideration is not to be given for any other Trade Test at a subsequent date in the same quarter for airmen who for any reason were not available, when the Trade Tests were held at their unit, and the effective remustering dates for these airmen, if they pass a Trade Test in the succeeding quarterly period, will not be ante-dated to the effective remustering date for airmen Trade Tested in the previous quarterly period.

NEW HOOP LEAGUE FORMED ON STATION

A new plan for station basketball has been arranged. Instead of the inter-wing competition, a league will now be formed with one team from each hut to participate.

Games will be played each Monday and Wednesday. The plan calls for the selection of a team in each hut with the entries to be handed in to one of the basketball officials.

ELKS' HOME

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KAISER BILL ERIC HAMILTON

Cpl. Eric Hamilton is gone.

The best known figure on the station since its inception, the popular little boy of the Dental Clinic, of 270 pounds, has gone. Eric knew everyone on the depot by their first name and at no time hesitated to address them by it . . . even behind their back.

Reproduced above is the familiar picture of Hamilton when he grew his Kaiser Bill moustache. He has grown more moustaches and different kinds than the average man has hair on the entire body . . . including the head.

To Eric at his new home in Medicine Hat, we say "Goodluck," and "Toothaches and Extractions" that familiar column of the Dental Clinic is now dead waiting to be revived.

No one knows just how many copies of The Airman are mailed from Edmonton each week-end. Hundreds are kept in kit bags as souvenirs to be prized when Johnny Canuck rides home in glory.

That man Sgt. Stanway is roughing it again. First he misled the Aircrew Selection Board. Now he has been doing a bit of Judo with Sgt. MacFarland noted PTI of the depot. He wrenched Mac's arm and now Mac is no more. Better get yourself in shape MacFarland. Never can tell what is next.

DANCE, MASONIC TEMPLE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th

Our informal dance will be held Saturday evening, December 5, at the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the R.C.A.F. Ladies' Auxiliary. All members of the R.C.A.F. will be most welcome. A good orchestra will furnish the music.

Proceeds will be used by the auxiliary in their work for the air force, which includes overseas parcels, assistance to families in difficulties, hospital visiting, etc. Tickets may be obtained from Auxiliary members and at the door, and will be 50c per couple.

NOTE:—This is the uptown auxiliary, composed of wives of R.C.A.F. personnel.

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Wing walking was first per- formed in Edmonton by the late Lieut. Locklear, of Texas. His understudy was Mark M. Camp- bell, of Venice, Calif. Campbell's first engagement in Canada was at the Saskatoon Exhibition. In Calgary, the late Chief Baby Long Lance, did wing walking just for fun.

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THE AIRMAN THANKS ALL ADVERTISERS

It is with regret that these lines are penned. With this edition, THE AIRMAN must discontinue all paid advertising in keeping with a decree by the Air Council.

In the last 23 weeks, THE AIRMAN had endeavored to give honest circulation and service to Edmonton business and professional firms, at the lowest possible cost.

Even in these short weeks THE AIRMAN has become well and popularly known from coast to coast. We've been happy to have had such loyal support, and should in the future, the order to discontinue advertising be rescinded, THE AIRMAN will again welcome your support and confidence.

THE AIRMAN lifts its hat to Edmonton firms, which are among the best in the Dominion.

Three cheers for Edmonton—it's a Grand City! And a tiger!

WRITE FOR "WINGS"

Try your hand at writing short stories, fiction, a humor column, illustrated fact stories, sketches and cartoons. Submit same to THE AIRMAN. If the local bureau believes same suitable, it will be forwarded via air mail to "Wings", the new R.C.A.F. monthly tabloid, Ottawa.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER

Watch for the Christmas number of THE AIRMAN. It will carry a Yuletide front page, a pictorial page—Looking Back Over the Year—the usual column features, Christmas dinner menu with "Autograph" space on the obverse side. The whole edition will be on a buff tinted, super calendared heavy book stock. Leave your order at THE AIRMAN office, today, for the edition will be limited.

EDIQUIPS

The air minister's flag is ours to fly until January 31. It's up to every single one of us to strive diligently to merit its retention for a further three months.

Another rumor is afloat! Who started it, matters little. There's no likelihood of American (tax free) cigarettes which are shipped to Canada solely for U.S. troops being spiked with marijuana! Don't spread such unfounded falsehoods.

AROUND THE "Y"

Stepping into top spot recently vacated by "Bud" Smalley, Fred MacDonald captured top spot in the latest table tennis tournament. MacDonald has been entered in several of the recent tournaments but Monday night was his first appearance as head man on the list.

R. L. Main took first place in the cribbage tournament on Thursday night, runner-up was AC2 Kowaczkykas. In the last "Y" snooker tournament AC2 Patterson led a large field on entries in capturing first place. Second spot went to Art "Curly" Scribner.

Mr. Youmans reports that a number of new records have been added to the list on loan in the library. Among the new records are: "Rhapsody in Blue," "Boogie Woogie" lessons, a Bing Crosby folio, Chopin Album, Strauss

waltzes, and assorted sheet music.

On Friday evening in the Arena comes another top-notch entertainment feature. Master of Ceremonies Lin Jordan brings to the Depot on Friday a concert by the Kiwanis Glee Club, with assisting artists. Members of the Glee Club are all prominent Edmonton businessmen.

The feature film on Tuesday is another Kay Kayser musical entitled, "You'll Find Out." Short subjects are: "Wholesaling Along," a comedy short with Edgar Kennedy.

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Cpl. Art Wagner should move brightly when the dogs mistake his legs for a hitching post . . . even the depot warrant officer will excuse you, corporal, if you move from the "attenshun" position when the hounds come at you . . . but getting onto drier things . . . we see WO1 Harland making preparation for the Christmas dinner . . . yep, turkey, cranberries, etc. . . also understand Harland wants a comb for his hair this Christmas as a present and WO1 Blundell just wants some hair to comb . . . and if they get many more cooks and equipment assistants on parades, we think you should change the name to a "STEW" . . . when the war is over Cpl. Woodland informs us that equipment assistants will be the last to be discharged . . . they will have to stay on to count all the aeroplanes, rivets and tunics . . . there will be a few discs kept to give the E.A.'s that 1/2-hour drill in the morning . . . and a few PTI's to give them all a few physical jerks . . . woe is me . . . talking of all this brings us back to WO1 Blundell who was giving his prodigal discipis a bit of "talking too" the other night . . . says Blundell "It was the discipis that won the "E" Pennant. You have been 100% but now my lads you are slipping. You are terrible these last two weeks. You will have to be 200% better." . . . Understand that all they needed at the meetings was a cheer leader and it would have been a good college cheer gang . . . would suggest that when Christmas comes the officers take to serving the boys with the treats and let the cooks serve the turkey . . . keeps the gravy from going down ones neck and also expedites things for those who sweat over a hot stove . . . you know what the wife thinks when you get in her way in the kitchen . . . well, I'm telling you . . . Cpl. Golds tells me that when the "DUKE" saw him crawl out of the wet canteen the "DUKE" neglected to mention all the others that could not crawl . . . really think the Aussies and Newzees like the cold and snow . . . they are always out in it . . . bundled all over and looking for bundling . . . wonder how long it was since Sgt. Wright was a corporal . . . he seems to have forgotten that rank already . . . reprinted by request our poem of the week some weeks ago.

*A young German girl of fashion,
Liked men who were filled with
passion;
To her boy friend she said,
As she jumped into bed,
"This is one thing that Hitler can't
ration."*

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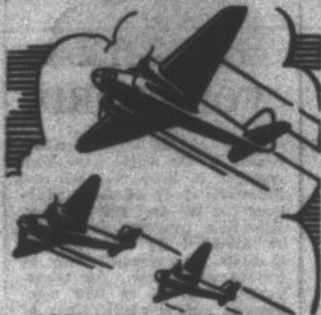
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KANGAROO CONTINGENT WONDERS

It's a mighty long jump, from the early summer of "down under" to midwinter snow and sub-zero Edmonton temperatures, yet our latest batch of "cobbers", who arrived last week-end, are not particularly dismayed about it all.

Like their predecessors, many saw snow for the first time in their lives, and such mercury readings as we have here have never existed for them except in stories and news accounts.

How Old Are The Girls?

But you can't worry these fellows for long. "What sort of a town is this?" "What are the girls like?" "How's the grub on this station?" "Do we get any extra clothing issue for this place?" We were glad to be able to give favorable answers to most of their questions, and we're sure that long before this appears in print the "diggers" will have taken the station and the city by storm. It's an old Aussie custom.

Welcome, chums!

SHEET RUNS AMOK

WARNING! Be on the lookout for one strong and slightly soiled sheet. Be careful in approaching this wild being as it may overpower you before it can be subdued.

When last seen the sheet was heading in the direction of the Arena. If captured please return to Hut 17a.

From corporal in the Imperial Army, to Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, to Flight/Sergeant in the R.C.A.F. is the story of the latest "direct entry" addition to Works and Buildings.

Now treading the rocky trail through Training Wing, F/S Frederick R. Pearse sports "wings on his tunic" and hooks on his sleeve.

Snow Removal

He saw action as a corporal dispatch rider with the 38th and 18th Divisions in the battle of the Somme and then transferred, with the rank of lieutenant to the R.F.C. After such action as he saw in the battle fields of France and in the skies over the battlefields, scrapping with the M.T. section over the subject of snow removal and who built the flower box will probably prove uninteresting business.

60 Miles Per Hour

F/S Pearse is anxiously awaiting the day when he can be transferred to some flying station where he can observe at first hand the differences between the Farmer-Pusher plane in which he took his training and the type of aircraft in which present day fledglings take their initial flights. F/S Pearse reports that the top diving speed of the "Pusher" sometimes equalled the dangerously high speed of 60 miles per hour. It's probably just as well because at a higher rate of speed the pilot would likely have been blown away as the aircraft had no fuselage covering and in flight resembled a mass of steel rods being carried along by the wind.

Comparing camp conditions of "now and way back then," F/S Pearse says, "the food, clothing and housing conditions are all much better but the drill is not a damn bit better."

SUCCESS TO "WINGS"

The new airforce publication, "Wings", is expected off the press January 15th. It is under the wing of Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Sully.

The A.V.M. and the executive editor of THE AIRMAN were both homesteaders back when it was a fad to bet the government \$10 against a quarter section that you'd get 30 acres cultivated within three years. Locale: Goose Lake line in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Note—we both won!

So it is with personal pride that we wish "Wings" great success. The staff of THE AIRMAN will exert much effort in providing "Wings" with suitable material so that its editors will be able to spend their forty-eights in Florida this winter and their summers hitch-hiking over the new Alcan highway.

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 —Mrs. Dickledorff is very kind to her children but her sister slip-pers hers.
 —"Calamity" Warren was a muleskinner with the N.W.M.P. at Fort Saskatchewan before the turn of the century. One night he went on a real binge. The following morning some of his comrades told him that he had signed the pledge at the evangelistic meeting. They impressed "Calamity" so forcefully, it's said that he stayed on the water wagon. The writer met Warren at Shelton, Oregon, in 1929. He enquired after the late Col. Primrose and Brig. Gen. Griesbach and others of the old timers.
 —The Berlin paperhanger must be chewing every rug in his palatial bachelor quarters these days.
 —Germany's "Free love" camps must be short of good stock since the Russians have put the run on Hitler's alleged supermen.
 —The U.S. income tax collector must miss the "velvet" that Clark Gable used to spin for him.
 —What's become of the "Thin Man" in American movies? Likely joined up and is so well fed that he could only do the part of an "Arbuckle."
 —The Duke accused A. P. of literary theft. Nescis, mi fili, quantilla prudentia mundus regatur!

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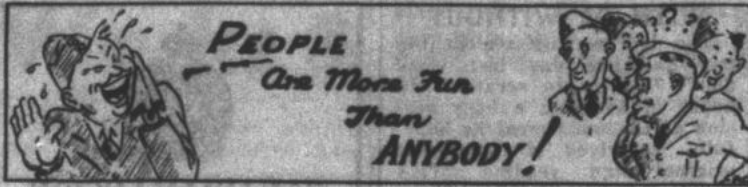
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Flowers of praise are most certainly due to the author of last week's editorial. That was a masterpiece!

So C. E. Chase is now a sergeant. Well in this writer's opinion it's certainly about time. Got quite a laugh out of Charlie crawling home on his hands and knees while three taxis waited for him in vain. In a personal interview, Sgt. Chase says that he has seen many changes in his seven years of service, especially the medical, at one time you had to be Superman to get by the medical board, but now all the board does is count your eyes and feel your body to see if it's warm.

Music reminds me of wedding marches and talking about weddings, I've wondered if you have noticed how so many bridegrooms walk up to the altar as if they had lead in their pants.

Bad girls are usually just nice gals who get sick and tired of being nice.

Gad lads, we're all feeling sorry for ourselves because we get so few tires, so little gas, and must keep below 40 m.p.h. What about the railroad engineers who must now have a very boring time with nobody racing them to the crossings anymore.

Well Christmas is just around the corner and no doubt there will be a few hilarious airmen. This is the season to remember that it's not only cannibal daughters who like airmen when they're well stewed.

Just finished another novel about a couple who spent 20 years of happy married life and are still very much in love. (Ah nuts! I'll bet that neither of them ever mentions the blonde or the gigolo they're in love with).

DOING THE TOWN LAST WEEK

I saw five airmen on pay day with 5 wee gals of questionable character at the Hadden Hall. (Just another case where cold cash leads to a hot time).

The Cameo is back in bounds, so I asked Sgt. Mercer how he felt about it. (Says Mercer, "That's one thing I've never felt). Bragging again, eh chum?

I saw AC2 Browning trying to educate a gal at the Barn, so I did interview her and found out she's a lumberman's daughter. My advice to you chum is to leave her alone, because she's been through the mill in more ways than one.

Then there is the cute little army fluff who says it's a darn shame the way airmen always head for Vermilion on their 48 hour pass. (Shame on you, boys, for going without me!)

Anyway kid remember the good Lord will protect the working gal, but who will protect the man she's working!

LAC Walker of the hospital proving the theory that kisses and good liquor are both old fashioned and sweet.

Well I had better scram now mates, because after 6 months of living with us I just heard that the police have found out that my mother-in-law is dead. It certainly will be a big shock for me. Yes sireee, just 2000 volts of it.

So with the hot foot awaiting me I'll just buzzz along.

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for hire
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dauntless cry,
We'll hold that post to do or die.
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there,
And there isn't a crap game any-
where,
Or if Dorothy isn't by the fence,
Or some damsel has us in a trance.
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To find us around is not very hard,
If we're not on duty or on our beat
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We raise the ensign every morn,
And every night from the post it's
torn
See anyone who's done the task
If he's sane enough to ask.
Some wrap the flag around their
thigh,
And raise it upside down—no lie,
And when you finish you need a
rest,
For from your life it takes the best.
We stand erect upon our beat,
And always look so clean and neat!
Our rifles under our arms we hold,
They make swell crutches I am told.
When the O/O comes his hair turns
grey
We hide and wait till he's in our
way,
Then we scare ten years out of his
life
To us, all officers just are tripe.
Yes to meals we are paraded too
But to us all that is nothing new,
Sometimes we eat five times a day,
And until twelve in our beds we
lay.
We mustn't forget our best dressed
men
Sometimes it's five and sometimes
ten,
Their brass—well, it's not so clean
But shoes—that's where the choice
does lean.
We all fix bayonets with a glance
Sometimes in rhythm but by chance
We hold our slopes so perfectly,
We'll all be P/O's presently.
So if you're not one of our clan
Turn and run as fast as you can
Go AWOL—it's not so hard
But for God's sake stay out of
Security Guard.

Cpl. H. A. M. Currie has re-
turned to duty on the depot after
a short illness in the University
hospital.

THINGS ABOUT NOTHING

(Contributed)
(1) Don't be afraid of opposi-
tion. Remember, a kite rises
against, not with, the wind.
(2) "I've stood about enough,"
said the humorist as they ampu-
tated his legs.
(3) "Why do they call this Fiddle
Hotel?"
"Because it's such a vile inn."
OOMP AT SEVEN!
(4) A woman's most delightful
age is seven. At seven she sits on
a man's knee without hesitation,
affected or genuine, and without
putting the knee to sleep. She
enjoys listening to him, encour-
ages him to talk, and believes any
story he tells. Her curiosity over
what became of his hair is some-
times embarrassing, but her sym-
pathy with him in his loss is
unquestionably sincere. While un-
duly interested, perhaps, in the
state of his exchequer and never
too proud to accept pecuniary aid,
she is no gold digger whose grati-
tude is measured by the amount of
the contribution. For as little as
two copper cents she will bear-hug
his spectacles all out of shape,
and he feels sure she means it. At
seven, she is more or less front-
toothless, to be sure. But then
she doesn't yet chalk her nose or
paint her nails, and she hasn't be-
gun to use tobacco. All in all, a
harming age!

EDIQUIPS

"M" may develop into the designation "marked" instead of its original. Units that live in glass houses should not throw stones. Some of them are beginning to snipe at the "E" pennant. Be careful, boys, we want to turn it over intact to the "M" depot which is successful enough to wrest it from No. 8 "M" Depot.

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¶ "Drink to me with thine eyes" is about all one will be able to do soon because of the stringent regulations in the purchases of hard beverages.

¶ The late John D. Rockefeller, while dining with a confrere, was told that he had one man in his office, who did nothing but look out the office window. The oil magnate hesitated a long time before replying—"That man's a visioner, I wish we had many more like him."

¶ One of the columnists says that he's thinking of re-christening his column, "Old Dutch Cleanser" because the slogan "It Chases Dirt" is more suitable.

¶ Reception Clerk (to rookie): "Were you born in B.C.?"

He: "No, Miss, I was born in 1920 A.D.—after dark."

¶ When F/O G. R. Ling was asked why he was so jovial, he said, "I have to be, I can't fight nor run."

¶ AC2 Smith: "Go to Hades!"

AC2 Brown: "I won't go to your place when you're not home."

¶ One of the lads from Vancouver always starts his letter to the girl friend, "My Dear Liberty Belle."

¶ If Edmonton keeps growing, John Michaels says, the Alcan highway will be within the confines of Edmonton proper. Street car services to the Bering!

¶ Senior equipment officers, in Montreal, two years ago, wore red arm bands with the letter "E". The fad soon died out for the boys were nicknamed after those trusties who were left to guard a harem. Frankly they couldn't be trusted in any harem.

Here is a scientific fact that may interest you: How far is the horizon? At 1,000 feet one can see for 42 miles; at 2,000 feet, 59 miles; at 3,000, 72½ miles; at 5,280, 96 miles.

The first attempt to re-fuel a plane in mid-air over Edmonton was made on May 26, 1932. The pilots were R. H. Stover and B. R. Ronald, of Vancouver, and Grant McConachie, Edmonton.

"BULL-PEN" GETS GUARD SERVICE

We understand the guards object to doing a little extra work in the kitchen "bull-pen." Surely fellows, if you think the cups are dirty you won't mind helping wash them.

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It dealt with dirty barracks
And stressed the need for "Joos."*

*Then I began to wonder
When my turn would come
To be "Joed" for some disorder
Which I had never done.*

*Early one bright morning
When fatigue duties were galore
I got "Joed" by the Orderly Sarg.
To scrub and was the floor.*

*When I finished that job
Just like a "willing-horse"
Who should "Joe" me again
But the NCO of course!*

*With the orders given
I commenced to work as "Joe",
Folding sheets and blankets
To please the NCO.*

*Soon I became tired of "Joe-jobs"
And tried to pass-the-buck
On another of my barrack-mates
Who was never "Joed" enough.*

*The Orderly Sergeant caught me
Trying to swing-the-lead
And so I was "Joed" again
This time right on the HEAD!*

*I suffered from the consequences
Of being put on charge
For the wrong that I had done
When I was "Joed" at "large."*

*After losing my forty-eight
And other privileges too,
I realized that it paid
To be a good "Joe" thru and thru.*

—A. Monette, R93040.

**COMING EVENTS
CUT THIS OUT**

Friday, December 4—Kiwans Concert, Arena, 20:15 hours. Ladies welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 5—Hockey practices, Senior and Junior, 18:30 hours.

Sunday, December 6—Movie, "Forced Landing," also shorts, Bob Chester's Orchestra, Pop-eye Cartoon, Sporting Everglades, in Arena.

Monday, December 7—Table Tennis Tournament, 19:00 hours in recreation room.

Tuesday, December 8—Movie, "You'll Find Out," Kay Kayser's Orchestra.

Wednesday, Dec. 9—Senior and Junior Hockey Practice, 18:30 hours.

Thursday, Dec. 10—Snooker Tournament, 19:00 hours; Cribbage, 19:30 hours.

Friday, December 11—Entertainment not yet planned for Friday, December 11. Consult Notice Board.

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AVENUE

Starting Saturday: "Buy Me That Town," also showing is, "The Fleet's In," with Dorothy Lamour. Starting Wednesday: "Sunny," with Anna Neagle; also, "All Through the Night," starring Humphrey Bogart.

CAPITOL

Starting Thursday (three days): "Panama Hattie," with Red Skelton and Anne Sothern. On Monday starts the hit film, "Hatters Castle."

DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Juke Girl," with Ann Sheridan and Ronald Reagan; also, "Devil's Trail," with Bill Elliott and Tex Ritter. Starting Wednesday: "Woman of the Year," with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn; also, "Hay-foot," with William Tracy and Joe Sawyer.

THANK YOU, CORPORAL, OR BIG WORDS GET YOU OUT

The squad was dejectedly marching out of the station on its reluctant way to maths class. Two particularly weary AC2's, yielding to a sudden impulse, sprang out of the ranks and stood stiffly to attention while their mates passed in column of route. As the corporal in charge came abreast of them he thoughtfully said, "Carry on, men."

"Thank you, corporal," delightedly exclaimed the errant pair, executing a perfect left turn and walking briskly back up the road. A chorus of boos echoed from the rear ranks of their squad and half a dozen others quit the column and joined them.

"You—those men—come back!" roared the corporal.

Obediently, if somewhat crest-fallen, all returned to their places except the two original defaulters, who kept nonchalantly on their way.

Noticing the loud jeers from his men, the NCO again shouted, "Those two men; stand where you are!"

Looking about with a wondering air, the twosome chorused "Who? Me?" and stopped.

"Where in blazes do you suppose you're going?" shouted the corporal upon reaching them.

"We're going to Marfak the pro on the super for the cosine, corporal," spoke up one of the lads, dead-pan.

"Off you go, then, lads, responded the corporal, relieved.

EMPRESS

Starting Friday: "The Glass Key," with Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake; also, "Scattergood Survives a Murder," with Guy Kibbee. Starting Tuesday: "Eyes in the Night," with Edward Arnold; also, "Careful, Soft Shoulders."

RIALTO

Starting Friday (for one week): "The Moon and Sixpence," with George Sanders and Herbert Marshall.

STRAND

Starting Friday: "Dark Command," with Claire Trevor and John Wayne; also, Bon Barry in "Death Valley Outlaw." Starting Tuesday: "The Little Foxes," with Bette Davis; also, "The Male Animal," with Henry Fonda and Olivia DeHavilland.

At a swanky dinner, an American lady remarked that her barrette had dropped down her back. The Englishman sitting next her, volunteered to recover it. As his hand slipped down, he looked up, and a friend gave him the hee-haw. In embarrassment he said, "I feel like a perfect ass." Whereupon the American said, "Cut out the compliments and get the barrette."

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SNOW, RAIN, SLUSH

By AC2 A. T. EMBREE.

We suspect that the poet who wrote about the beautiful snow never had to go out in it before a path was broken to the Mess Hall. Nor did he have to fish to the bottom of his kit bag looking for rubbers and have the feeling of maddened frustration that comes when the elusive article cannot be found. Not that we don't like the snow. A few inches of white crispness at 6:00 a.m. lends an air of enchantment to our home. We insist that there is a happy medium somewhere between an inch and a foot. The question is, what are we going to do about it?

Corporals Like Hitler

Various solutions present themselves. The obvious one is, at 6:00 a.m. to pull the covers over your head and continue that dream which is so different from the harsh realities. There are certain flaws in this solution. The chief one is a horrible man with two stripes on his arm, with a voice that Hitler should get to scare civilian populations, so that's no dice. The second way is to wait until the Alberta boys, used to two feet of snow in November, break a path to the Mess. This works fairly well, unless you meet someone bigger than yourself coming in the opposite direction and you have to stand in the snow while he passes.

Wake Duty Watch 4:30 a.m.

We would like to make a sugges-

SELECTION BOARD LISTENING POST

F/O H. W. Eggleston: "How old would a person be who was born in 1917?" Aircrew Candidate: "Man or woman?"

F/O T. W. H. Saunders: "Did you put water in this ink, Miss Dancer?" "Yes, sir, I was writing to my friend and I just wanted to whisper something to him."

F/L Cumming tells this joke quite often. Baby ear of corn: "Mamma, where did I come from?" Mamma: "Hush, dear, the stalk brought you."

F/L Forster: "Why are half the Chinese named Wing?" Silence. "One half must be Wong." M.O. (to recruit): "Cough."

Recruit: "Why? I haven't a cold."

tion to the duty watch sergeants. A few short weeks ago, you sent us around with little boxes picking up paper. Now that the streets are covered with nature's ermine, why not rouse the boys out of bed at say 4:30 a.m. and have them shovel paths. We know that they would be only too glad to serve their fellowmen in this way, and bursting with patriotic fervor, could even clear the parade square.

If none of these suggestions appeal to you, then all we can do is to advise you to kneel by your little trundle bed tonight and pray for a posting to Victoria. Personally, I always did prefer snow to rain.

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Note: When revolving client be sure to bring the right foot smartly up against his shins. This will prevent him from over-balancing.

F/O L. A. King has returned from Vancouver, where he had a quick survey of the Lions, English Bay, Granville and Hastings streets, with their far famed beauties who wear brogues and woollen hose.

AC1 Tommy Webb has returned from sick leave, which he spent at Vancouver.

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THE AIRMAN POLL SOLID FOR PUBLICATION

Ten traitors, wearing LAC propellers, plunked a solid "no" against 1565 affirmative votes in Tuesday's balloting in the Airmen's Mess.

The issue was, "Shall The Airman continue publication?"

So we continue. Canteen profits will take the burden of most of the cost.

Unlike polls in the Nazi manner, The Airman's balloting was conducted throughout in an atmosphere of high good humor which communicated itself to all voters (barring LAC's).

Not content to register a mere yes, many voters added illuminating, and in some cases startling, postscripts.

"My bloody oath, yes!"

"By all means. It soothes my shattered nerves!"

"Yes—definitely."

"N.Z. says 'Yes'."

"The last spark of democracy available to the common AC2."

"Yeah, man. It's O.K. with me."

"Never have I seen a comparable publication."

"Hell, yes."

"Frightfully good show, lads."

"My, what a wonderful editor."

"Our only chance to take a crack at the NCO's."

Thanks, lads. We'll keep the pot boiling.

"Yes. Hurray Foo."

R.I.P.

Where would I like to be buried? Give me that cemetery on Mount Royal, Montreal. Why? My ancestors came up the St. Lawrence in "wind jammers" from England in about 1837. Settled in York. Grandfather was apprenticed to a brick mason 12 miles from Niagara Falls for seven years. Listened to the roar of falling water—day and night—yet never saw the falls. Why? I asked him that question. He said that there wasn't even a foot path through the virgin forest.

After the Civil War he and his family migrated to the States.

Being a Canadian born in the sand hills of Nebraska, I started to crawl north. Even in a heavy downpour and at night when I saw a Union Jack outstretched from the staff of the school at Emerson, Manitoba, I knew I was in my favorite land—CANADA. The adopted land of my ancestors.

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Oh! Oh!

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GESTAPO NOTES

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Congratulations to LAC Cook who has been promoted to corporal. Nice work, Cookie!

Cpl. Zuleger likes hot chocolate at Harry's Lunch so he can hear the bell ring when it gets hot. We'll have to see if we can't get one put on our Patrol Wagon, so you will enjoy Town Patrol more corporal.

AC2 Baker has attained the rank of AC1. Well! Well!

Sgt. MacPherson went to Wain-

wright this week and ordered a steak and lo and beh'ld if she didn't give him a piece of buffalo meat, or something similar—it may have even been horse meat—who knows.

Business is very quiet these days down town since this new ruling about ladies having to be escorted to dances. If you ever get short ladies, just give the depot a ring and we are sure that you will have no trouble at all.

Lieut. Marcus C. Meurer, U.S. S.C., who has been a guest at the officers' mess, has returned to his post in Texas.

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Just as an illustration of what the telephone stewards at the "Y" have to put up with we publish this gem of a description.

Fair young thing, we think—"I would like to get in touch with a tall, blonde fellow, he has a moustache and just arrived from Vancouver recently. I went out with him once but didn't learn his name—if you get in touch with him would you have him phone me?"

(Note: We won't publish the girl's name as she may be besieged with phone calls from "tall, blonde fellows from Vancouver").

Better than the description is the telephone steward's answer, "The hell you say."

The first tri-motor Ford to be shown in Edmonton was piloted by T. Manning, who later lost his life in a similar craft in England. While flying over the city, the craft dropped 800 feet in a down draft.

S/L Abernathy, liason equipment officer, R.N.Z.A.F., was a visitor on the station last week.

NEW AC2's

Scan this list—it will throw a scare into any fifth columnist who might see this!

B. C. Carrigan, A. Popp, H. L. Sharpe, E. H. Hope, J. T. Queich, R. G. McQuaker, J. E. and T. G. C. Fox, W. A. Nelson, W. H. Tucker, R. M. Rex, W. M. Marconi and F. M. Scudder.

On another day there came: E. L. Gaston, F. C. Moore, L. S. Lamb, C. E. Slade, T. K. H. Wong, J. Haet, C. V. Skinner, W. H. Price, J. R. S. Mitten, R. W. C. Leece, T. E. Rowbottom, D. K. Sam and R. A. Beard.

D. A. and R. W. Kirkham, D. E. Ayre, N. L. Hill, E. T. Shaffer, C. H. Fox and P. W. Hess.

Want to read farther? Well, here are some more staunch citizens of Canada: A. A. Squires, S. C. Webber, D. R. Selkirk, J. R. P. Belair, D. W. and R. Burns, J. E. Davis, K. H. Gagne, H. V. Bell and A. E. Bellman.

T. S. Foy, W. R. Legg, W. G. Day, C. W. Holgate, H. House, J. D. Naples, R. Sampson, J. P. Short, J. Fiest, A. High, W. G. Dare and R. H. Woodman.

These men and a million others will be going to Berlin and Hitler will have to like it!

**PRECISION SQUAD
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The Precision Squad walked away with the test game in the inter-wing basketball league on Tuesday when they defeated the Training Wing team by the score of 37 to 24.

The "M" Depot league is progressing favorably and while the games are sometimes lacking in skill and finesse, nothing is lacking in enthusiasm and spirit.

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By WO1 C. S. HARLAND.

So the keeper of the skillet is to get a long-awaited chance to throw some remarks your way through the courtesy of The Airman. Thank you, Mr. Editor!

There have been continual complaints about the capabilities of our cooks. Hell boys, my cooks are capable of anything! (And that is no lie).

One lad with all of two months service says that he would sooner swallow bullets than our sausages. While on this subject, I have often wondered if a lad did swallow a bullet and took a strong dose of castor oil: would it be premeditated murder if he was to go out on the drill square with all his fellow airmen?

No one knows the meaning of the word "Fatigue" better than an airman on duty watch. A fatigue usually washes floors. The word washes is practically the same as flushes. So we will say that a fatigue flushes floors and therefore by some unknown law, fatigues are just floor-flushers.

During the next month we will feed lots of stew and pickles to you. I quite imagine stewed and pickled airmen will be in fashion. Support The Airman by at least smiling at the jokes of the various columnists—be more like your ancestors, they probably laughed at them.

You know fellows, marriage isn't like a job—you don't apply for it—oh no—you just fool yourself into it. Which again reminds me to ask your opinion: "If a couple have a shot gun wedding—are they legally married if it is found that the lady's father has no license for the gun?"

Rambling Round and Round
The Station I Saw:

LAC Christenson still has the dazed honeymoon look in his eye. Sgt. Randall saying, "Yes we have some in stores today and you certainly can come in and get it!" (Rather unnerved me somewhat)

Passed him without comment and was walking through the lounge where AC1 Gullion was sleeping and so started ambling towards the mess and met WO2 Sparling on the way and he was muttering: "One-two, one-two, one-two—oh ye gods whatever will I do?"

soundly with a satisfied smile on his face and rather than spoil a man who looked happy in the service I tip-toed past him and into the kitchen where as usual hell reigns supreme.

Abused I am,
Abuse I'll lam
The airman who
Says, "Aw Peus"
And doesn't give a good
gosh-damn!

Before closing when the dogs took over last Thursday's parade by acting as markers, it doesn't really mean does it... "that Headquarters are going to the dogs?"

So adieu until next week when AC1 Flint of the Postal Corps will let-ter and you, know all the news!

Canteen Prices Drop

DRASTIC REDUCTIONS TAKE PLACE

It was announced December 1 that sweeping reductions, covering practically every item in the canteen, had been made in canteen prices. This news, forecast in The Airman last month, is of prime importance to every airman on the station.

Prices Posted

A complete list of prices has been posted outside at the counter in the lounge.

The effect of this change is to provide the personnel of our station with canteen goods at prices lower than anywhere else in Canada, making a saving to each airman which will be distinctly noticeable and highly welcome.

Efficient and careful administration of the canteen since the opening of No. 3 "M" Depot seventeen months ago has been the prime factor in securing this further concession to our men.

Sgt. J. R. Mackay has returned from sick leave which was spent at Regina.

WOODEN RATIONS

At last we have discovered where the "gremlins" go when they are not busy working mischievous pranks on aircraft. Yes, at last the truth is out; when not engaged in their prime purpose they gnaw away at our flag pole. But since the lads started walking to and fro in front of the flag pole, the gremlins have refused to make an appearance so that their shape and form can be seen.

Blonde: "I dreamed about you last night."

Sergeant Royds: "You would!"

Blonde: "I would not! I slapped your face."

U.S.A.A.F. officers refer to those light colored trousers they wear as "pinkies." Their tunics are G.I. (government issue) khaki. Prices, trousers, \$18.50; tunics, \$45.00.

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A LETTER TO THE GANG BACK HOME

Dear Joe:

I'm one of the fellows who is making the world safe for democracy. I fought and fought—but I had to go anyway. I was in Class A—the next time I want to be in Class B (B here when they leave and B here when they come back). I remember when I registered—I went up to the desk and the man in charge was my milkman. He said, "What is your name?" I said, "Oh, you know me." "What's your name?" he barked. I told him "August Childs." He said, "Are you alien?" I said, "No, I feel fine." He asked me where I was born and I said "Calgary." Then he said, "When did you first see the light of the day?" And I said, "When we moved to Edmonton." He asked me how old I was, so I told him, twenty-three on the first day of September." He said, "The first day of September you will be in China and that will be the last of August."

Then, I went to camp and I guess they didn't think I would live very long. The first fellow I saw wrote on my card "Flying Corps." I went a little further and some fellow said, "Look what the wind's blowing in." I said, "Wind nothing. The draft's doing it." On the second morning they put these clothes on me. What an outfit. As soon as you're in it, you think you could fight anybody. They have two sizes—too big and

too small. The pants were so tight I couldn't sit down. The shoes were so big I turned around three times and they didn't move. What a raincoat they gave us—it strained the rain. I passed an officer all dressed up. He said, calling to me, "Didn't you notice my uniform when you passed?" I said, "Yeah, what are you kicking about—look at what they gave me."

One morning when it was about five degrees below, they called us out for underwear inspection. Talk about scenery—red flannels, BVD's of all kinds. The union suit I had on would fit Tony Galento. The Squadron Leader lined us up and told us to stand up. I said, "I am up, sir, but this underwear I have on makes you think I'm sitting down."

He got so mad he put me out digging a ditch. A little later he passed me and said, "Don't throw that dirt up here." I said, "Where am I going to put it?" He said, "Dig another hole and put it there."

Three days later we sailed for somewhere. Marching down the pier, I had the worst luck. I had a Flight Sergeant who stuttered and it took him so long to say "Halt" that 27 of us marched overboard. They pulled us out and lined us up on the pier. The same S/L came by and said "Fall in." I said, "I have been in, sir."

I was on the boat 12 days—sea-

sick for 12 days. Nothing going down and everything coming up. I leaned over the rail all the time. In the middle of one of my best leans, the S/L rushed by and said, "What flight are you in?" I said, "I'm all by myself." He asked if the Group Captain was up yet. I said, "If I swallowed it, it's up."

Talk about dumb people—I said to one of the fellows, "I guess we dropped the anchor." He replied, "I knew they'd lose it—it's been hanging out ever since we left Victoria." Well, we landed and were immediately sent to camp; after three nights there, the cannons began to roar and the shells started to pop. I was shaking

with patriotism. I tried to hide behind a tree, but there weren't enough trees for the officers. The S/L came around and said, "We go over the top at 5 o'clock." I said, "I'd like to have a furlough." He said, "Haven't you any red blood in you?" I said, "Yes, but I don't want to see it." Five o'clock we went over the top and 10,000 Japs came at us. The way they looked at me you'd think I had started the war. Our Commander yelled, "Fire at will"—but I didn't know anybody by the name of Will. I guess the fellow behind me thought I was Will, because he fired the gun and shot me in the excitement! Lovingly, Bill.

Good Luck to the Boys of the
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WHAT'S COOKIN'

By AC2 CASHMAN.

More Airacobbers from "down under" on the station. Zoology continues to make amazing strides in Anzac territory, this group has a brand new set of weird animals to report on. The Aussies and the NZ'ers rate the room and board here Al-faih dinkum, (strange that the Air Minister only gave us an E). Summer, we hear, is just getting under way, down under, a-h-h-h!

Sgt. Williams tells of a family of ghosts named Murphy. They were a fine bunch—all except Charley, he was the black sheet of the family.

AC2 "Jersey" Bownes thinks that 96 he's getting is a crack.

A story from No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, shows that all the name and number writing we do at "M" Pool can be useful after all. It seems that a strange Tiger Moth—obviously in trouble—appeared over the tarmac one day and after several minutes of

PROMOTED AND POSTED

Lieut.-Col. T. M. Bolen, Commanding Officer, 383rd Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, is being congratulated on his promotion to a full colonel. In the wake of this news Colonel Bolen is also being posted. No announcement has been made as to the new post.































Mrs. Bolen may return to her parental home in Fargo, N.D.

Colonel and Mrs. Bolen have a wide circle of friends in Edmonton who regret their departure.

The coastline of Alaska is 4,750 miles long.

wobbly manoeuvring made a crash landing at the edge of the field. When they got to him the pilot was unconscious and had no identification discs or papers on him. So they shoved a paper in his hand and even though KO'd he automatically wrote out his name, number, address, religion and hobby.

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But team captain WO1 Blundell came right back with the bold statement, "Sure we'll play them next week, only we hope that then they'll warm us up a bit."

The game scheduled for next Tuesday evening looks like a natural so let's have a real turnout to see the officers and seniors battle it out for top position, with no holds barred.

F/L H. A. Sloan (O/C Alcan Convoy): "Glad to meet you."

Eskimo Maiden: "How do you do?"

He: "And how are you?"

She: "Very well, thank you."

He: "Lovely igloo you have here." After being shown around, "And what's this apse?"

She: "It's the comfort station."

He: "Have you ever been outside?"

She: "I was graduated from Havergal in '39."

He: "Like Toronto?"

She: "Yes, indeed, but the people."

He: "Oh!"

She: "Torontonians seem to think that the world revolves around their city."

SEASON HERE BUT PLAYERS LACKING

The rinks are ready, the equipment is there and so are proficient coaches but as yet an insufficient number of hockey players have been turning out for practices.

Plans so far call for a junior and senior station team but undoubtedly if a sufficient number of puck chasers turn out for practices a station league will be organized.

At six-thirty each evening during the past week practices have been held but while the quality of players is good the quantity is exceedingly small.

All equipment is supplied at rinks so come on fellows, turn out and try for the station teams.

Eight members of the R.A.A.F., No. 3 "M" Depot, will broadcast Yuletide greetings to relatives through the courtesy of the C.B.C.

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Dear Sir:

Well I figured I would write you a letter referring about my harvest leave. My harvest leave is up on October 17, that is on Saturday. I just want to get an extension of only two days from you that is I would come and report back on Tuesday on October 20. At present I am very busy with threshing and am threshing at home now that is my own place. I don't figure to be through till about October 19, that is next Monday. We are only threshing on three teams on a 28-inch machine so that goes pretty slow you know and have to work very hard. I must finish my threshing at home before I go back to your station. I am only asking for two days extension so that surely should be possible as to my situation. I'll be through on October 19 so that would just finish her and I wouldn't have to worry about my grain standing on the field any more, as that grain always is worrying me as it is getting late you know. So I hope you try to realize my situation as I just must have that extension for I can't get help just no where as there is no help around here at all. You must realize that I am not trying to get away with something as I would of never enlisted in the Air Force but I want to help my country. I will be for absolutely sure at your station on October 20 and then I wouldn't have to worry about my threshing anymore as I will be through with my place that time. So if you don't Telegram or write me a letter I will know that you have granted me that 2 days extension which isn't very much but will help me anyways a lot. So please try to co-operate with me and have this at your clearest attention.

Respectfully yours,
AC2.

P.S.—I must have this extension of two days as it will help me to finish my threshing at home. So please look at this matter at your closest consideration as my

WANTED—A BRIDEGROOM

A lad from Training Wing applied for a few hours off duty to get married recently. Application was refused so his only alternative was to apply for a substitute. A substitute however was not available. Result????

SLEEP, AIRMEN, SLEEP!

Thy O/O's watching the sheep,
The major's shaking the dream-land tree,
And down drops a little dream for thee—
Sleep, airmen, sleep!

The first time that the Royal Mail was carried from Calgary to Red Deer, by air, was in an aircraft piloted by Katherine Stinson.

F/O Robert Coote, erstwhile actor from Hollywood, who was on the station, Thursday, stated he was remustering to aircrew. Although slightly over the age limit, he hopes to get through on special qualifications. Mr. Coote has logged over 2,000 hours on the "Link" trainer.

What's the distance from Calgary as the fly crows to Edmonton?

Sgt. Verne Darby has got it again. The same old love bug but not the same old girl.

worries would be over if I would get this two days extension as that would finish my threshing at home here. Thank you.

NOTE: O.C. Wing granted the 48-hour pass.



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SPORTS



By F/O H. W. EGGLESTON.

Winter sport activities are beginning to hum around the "M" Depot. . . . One of the outstanding events coming up is the boxing show to take place in the Arena on Sunday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m. . . . This is the day the Penhold boxers will be on hand to swap punches with our lads. . . . It is expected a big crowd will be on hand from the city to witness the bouts. . . . Don't forget the airmen and the ladies are admitted free. . . . Let's get out and give the visitors a big hand. . . . Each evening the "M" Depot boxers are working out under Sgt. Stanway and Sgt. Stevenson in the absence of Sgt. Wedley. . . . Right now they are looking for a light heavy of note who is capable enough to go a few rounds with LAC Stevenson of the visiting team. . . . He comes here with quite a reputation behind him. . . . Some important boxing news broke Tuesday night. . . . For some time now those behind the scenes have been angling for a return bout between Dave Castilloux of Montreal and Emil Lust of Calgary. . . . It is reported that Lust's commanding officer is all in favor of staging the bout and via the grapevine it is reported that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the services of P/O Castilloux. . . . The date is tentatively set for January 15. . . . With Castilloux's welterweight title on the line this show should draw a crowd. . . . The first bout between these two in Montreal drew over 12,000 at the gate, which isn't hay in any league. . . . It would be a feather in the cap of "M" Depot if it were able to pull off this affair. . . . Although the weather has been none too good for outdoor hockey practices are under way and the officials have been named to handle the teams. . . . Cpl. Jimmy Anderson will coach the entry in the junior city league. . . . Yours truly will manage the team with the assistance of Cpl. Newton. . . . F/L LaRocque has consented to take care of the senior entry in the inter-services league. . . . Cpl. Reid will act as assistant manager. . . . Work-outs are being held every eve-

Set Date For Boxing Show, Penhold Boxers Here Dec. 13

Further arrangements for the big boxing show to take place between representatives from the R.A.F. station at Penhold and the R.C.A.F., No. 3 "M" Depot leather pushers were made at a meeting of the sports committee held Tuesday night.

After some discussion it was decided to stage the meet on Sunday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Arena, instead of December 8 as at first planned. Through the kind permission of Group Captain W. G. Webber it has been arranged for civilians to take in the program. A silver collection will be taken at the door, with the proceeds going toward comforts for R.C.A.F. personnel. The airmen and their ladies will be admitted free of charge.

With the visiting boxers threatening to carry off the honors, the "M" Depot boxers under the tutelage of Sgt. Stanway and Sgt. Stevenson, are in strict training.

A complete program of the bouts will be announced in the next issue of The Airman. Don't forget the date—it's Sunday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Is it true that P/O Ling likes orderly officer so much that he is remustering to the job.

ning at the two rinks. . . . The turnouts have not been very encouraging to date. . . . Come on, boys. . . . How about turning out in an attempt to catch a place on the teams respective? . . . We know that there is plenty of material available on the station. . . . Chalk up another victory for "M" Depot's basketball team. . . . The Navy quintet proved fairly easy victims Tuesday night. . . . While the Flyers had little trouble chalking up a win it was noticed that their finish around the basket was none too good. . . . Don't know whether all this will see the light of day. . . . Cpl. Bricker and his men had their final fling at the advertisers this week. . . . What a job they made of it. . . . It just goes to show how popular the "Airman" has become in these parts. . . . Keep up the good work, boys!

ONE GAME TO PLAY, "M" CAGERS STILL UNBEATEN

With only one game left in the league schedule before Christmas, the No. 3 "M" Depot basketball squad has yet to be defeated. Tuesday night they added to their already lengthy list of wins by trimming the Navy team by the score of 37-17, on the Arena floor.

The first quarter of Tuesday's game opened fast with neither team able to take a lengthy lead but in the succeeding quarters the Navy was definitely "scuttled" as the airmen romped through the opposing defence almost at will.

Except for occasional spurts the Navy at no time threatened the Depot lead. The sharpshooters of the Navy squad were closely guarded all night and had no chance to get away from their checks.

The game was fast throughout but only a small number of fans were on hand to witness the match.

Lineups: No. 3 "M" Depot— I. White, 10; Sgt. Darling, 8; J. Bardsley, 3; B. Adshad, 9; D. Johnston, 7; J. Naples, Mansen, K. MacDonald—37.

Navy—R. N. Bennett, 4; B. Furgchun, D. Hyslop, 2; M. Robertson, 2; B. Sangster, 3; B. Hembeling, 4; Banggylch, 2—17.

Referees—V. G. R. Valentine and Derbyshire.

THE DOINGS OF "FOO"

The Australians were highly amused early this week. It seems that Foo had caused the fire-axes to mysteriously disappear from Huts 28 and 29.

OFF PARADE

This could have happened in the clothing section. An Aussie complained about the fit of his mitts. Sgt. Randall walked down the line and then said to the brace of recruits, "Have any of you lads a towel that doesn't fit?"

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About all we gleaned from a 1943 patent medicine almanac which the postman left at our door was the fact that on the average five minutes elapses between sunsets and sunrises.

The Lilliput Magazine publishes this fact: One's hair grows .11998 inches in one week. My what sharp eyes the depot warrant officer and the inspecting officers possess!

Cpl. Nagy was surprised to learn that his heart beats more than 103,000 times in one day. The day that he met that beautiful blonde it must have fairly raced.

Curbstone salesgirls predict a drop in Christmas trade since it's been ruled they cannot attend public dances unless escorted by male gigolos.

FIRST "LINK" COURSE

The first "Link" trainer course for special reserve officers was held at Rockcliffe, Ontario, in November, 1939. The instructor was F/L "Bud" Newcombe, formerly a captain with T.C.A. He is now a W/C and C.O. of No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon. Among the student officers were Flying Officers Ayres, Bell, Crossly, Gill, Jarvis, Lane, Moffet, Overbury and Roy. The only precise available was one issued by T.C.A. If one neglected to "cage" the gyro after completing a "run" in the "thought eliminator," it cost a round of drinks, and cuban cocktails were \$1.35 each.

AC2 W. Morin, of Montreal, was the "Link" engineer.

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