

NO, YOU CAN'T HAVE  
EXTRA LEAVE—  
THERE'S A WAR ON!

# The Airman

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"WHAT WAR?"

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## Dance and Floor Show For Tonight

### Orchestra Primed - Floor Waxed - Bring Your Best Girl

Do you want that fascinating, fluffy creature to look up at you and gurgle, "Ooh, you great, big, wonderful mans"? Do you want her to remember you as the airman who took her out for the biggest evening she ever had? Do you want even her room-mate to regard you with a new and special interest?

Okay. Here's the formula: Give yourself a super-shoeshine, mow those nasty bristles down to the vanishing point and don't spare the after-shave lotion. Tonight's the night! It's the 18th, and the special "M" Depot Christmas dance gets under way on the stroke of 20:00 hours. (Who ever heard a clock strike 20?)

#### Orchestra Primed

Confidential reports have it that the orchestra has been suitably primed with whatever it is musicians favor as a primer. The Joes have come and gone, and the floor is as smooth as—well, it'll do. Christmas decorations are all in place, and the floor show artists have been warned to excel themselves "or else."

There's going to be a bottleneck in fun tonight in Edmonton. It'll all be in the Arena, because this is really going to be a "do" to end all "do's"—not only by comparison with previous station dances, but in city dance history.

Phone her, wire her, or go get her, but be sure to come!

#### CALL FOR YOUR MAIL AND LEAVE ADDRESS

The post office is being swamped with mail at No. 3 "M". You can help to remedy this by calling for your mail regularly and over the Christmas and New Year holidays be sure to inform the post office just where you will be and they will see that the unexpected parcels are forwarded with no delay.

How about a little co-operation, fellows?

#### FORMER DEPOT MASCOT HAPPY WITH EX-CHIEF

"Winston Churchill," who was the bull dog mascot of this station for months and months, is waxing fat at the home of ex-Chief and Mrs. Shute in the west-end of the city. Mr. Shute checked up on his pedigree and Winston will be two years old this Christmas. He is very popular in that section of Edmonton. "A superb pet and a grand watch dog" is what the ex-Chief terms Winston.

National traits of Englishmen—to be first apathetic, then enthusiastic, and finally unbeatable.

#### PRECISION'S "PAL" POSTED REMUSTERED AGRICULTURIST

He didn't care if he was never posted. Reception, training, disposal—he took them all in his stride, and to him they were all exactly the same. He liked 'em all, and he loved the NCO's—each and every one.

But best of all he loved the boys of the Precision Squad and Sgt. Bill Barnes.

#### Not Human

He wasn't even human. His name was "Pal." The mascot of the precision Squad, he was the homeliest, friendliest collie dog you ever saw. Long association with the boys who never make mistakes had given this fellow a rare understanding. He could and did follow all the squad's drill movements in time to music. All the boys liked him—he was a real airman.

Last week a posting came through for "Pal." An airman to the tip of his bushy tail, he didn't question the order, though we suspect he would have preferred to stay here.

Escorted by Sgt. Bill Barnes and Mr. Dick MacDonald, he left at the week-end, remustered to "agricultural duties."

We searched D.R.O.'s without learning just where he had gone—but it's to a farm somewhere in Alberta. "Pal" will really be pleased with his new station, we think, when spring comes and the young, green wheat is bursting up through the soil again.

#### FREE WANT AD SERVICE

Articles wanted or for sale will be listed in this column free of charge. Service personnel only.

C.C.M. SPEED SKATES—Complete with leather lined boots. Size 6½. 15-inch blades. Like new. \$9.00. The Airman, Box One.

IMPERIAL BANJO UKE—Black keratol case. \$10.00. The Airman, Box 2.

S/L Hessian, Capt. Art Singer, C.D.C., and F/L J. Porter have returned from Calgary, where they were on temporary duty.

#### CPL. JAMESON LEAVES

Very popular member of the Dental Clinic on the Depot, Cpl. F. H. Jameson, personal assistant to Capt. Orobko has left for the east and it is rumored that he may be sailing one of these days. He arrived here in September but was well known to local boys as he served at Penhold with them.

A farewell smoker was held at the home of Cpl. Burt, at which many corporals, seniors, and privates had a gay old time in wishing the corporal godspeed.

#### CHILDREN'S PARTY IN RECREATION ROOM

A last-minute reminder about the children's big Christmas party, slated for 15:00 hours Sunday next, December 20, in the recreation room in the Airmen's Mess building.

The kids are really in for a wonderful time, so be sure to bring 'em—and bring 'em all.

Good luck, Jameson, and look up the other "M" Depot boys.

## Where, Oh Where Is My Little Boy Gone?

It seems that Cpl. Vic Woodland had a dream the other night. Maybe it would be more to the point to say that he had a nightmare.

He went to sleep and it must have been something he ate because the results were horrible. He dreamed that all disciples would go to hell (that's an acey ducey's dream). The logic in Cpl. Woodland's dream is that they don't need disciples in heaven because only the good people go there. And when they get to that hot spot who should be waiting to meet them but WO1 Blundell, all ready to c.b. them for a week for being late. It must have been the coffee he drank.

The piece of pie he ate must have been good stuff because he then dreamed that the Equipment Section under WO1 Kuehner would all go to heaven, because they needed somebody to issue halos, silk gowns and wings. Maybe he forgot that they needed somebody down below to hand out the shovels.

#### Cooks Feed Equipment

The cooks would go to heaven guided by WO1 Harland according to Cpl. Woodland, because they have to feed the Equipment Section. But you never saw an acey ducey yet that wouldn't follow a cook through hell or high water to get a square meal, so that means the majority of the camp is going to the nice spot. The PTI's would go to heaven because the acey ducey's need somebody to give them physical jerks.

The sergeants would be around Valhalla somewhere because who ever saw a sergeant who wouldn't give a week's pay to joe some AC2.

The selection board officers under F/L Forster would set up their offices in heaven because they wouldn't be happy if they weren't making a WAG out of some joe-boy.

If there were no acey duceys down there where it's hot the disciples wouldn't be needed so they can graduate to a comfortable life. And if there is no disciples to c.b. WO1 Blundell can take the big jump, too.

But who's going to shovel the coal?

#### IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

The applicant was set on joining as an aero engine mechanic. He explained that he knew a compression stroke from a compression strut, a sump from a rump.

You've blue eyes—the eyes of a sniper, you'd make a crack machine gunner. Your ears are shaped right for the headphones. You might some day be a pilot, your nose is the right size. Sorry, lad, the quota is filled—aircrew for you!

Recruit later paraded to O.C. selection board. (Interview en camera).

Yes, sir, I'll go general duties, I've swept floors. I may soon pick up the mechanics of an electric waxer.

Back to hut. Say, boys, in six months I may remuster to the public creations branch or something like that. You know I edited the high school column in the Eckville Standard for a semester. Now I'm to go to stores to get a pair of combination overalls, a mop and a broom. I'll understudy "Snoopy Sez" so I can take over when he's posted.

#### PRIVATE CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Any fellows wishing invitations to private homes for Christmas dinner should get in touch with Mr. Youmans of the Y.M.C.A. immediately.

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### EDITORIALS

(Nil—Too Close to Christmas).

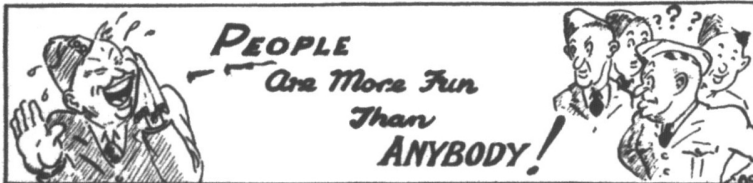
#### RUSSIAN RELIEF

Canada can never fully repay the Russians for holding the line against the Germans but we can show our appreciation by donating towards the fund for the supply of medical requirements and other comforts. Contributions may be left at The Journal office or any branch of the Bank of Commerce.

#### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

For You and Your Girl

If you are caught in the open, away from shelter:  
Lie face down with head resting on forearms.  
Cover your ears and open your mouth. Keep legs close together.



Have you noticed the personnel participating in games of "South American Handball" with the Mississippi marbles? Watch out fellows or some of you are going to be awfully short of greenback "lettuce" for a while.

To those who are wondering: A spinster is an old gal who has never been married while an "old maid" is a gal who has never been married or anything. In other words an "old maid" looks under the bed and then prays, while the spinster prays and then looks under the bed.

I hear that Hank the Barber gives WO1 Blundell and Sgt. Humble, etc. a cigar before they start to get a shave and a haircut so as to have a landmark.

#### DOING THE TOWN LAST WEEK

Saw an acey ducey flashing a nice pile of sugar in disposal wing. Just wait till some honey sees it and puts the bee on him.

A certain corporal changing coats with an LAC so that he could bingle more freely.

Cpl. Bullard's very peeved because he can't get any sugar rations over Christmas. Says Laurie "I'm sick and tired of putting candy in my mouth every time I want a cup of tea."

And finally am I ever very, very lucky. The bank just sent me two of my cheques back. Guess that means I can use them again. (Some day I'll get a long stretch out of a rubber cheque).

#### ODDS AND ENDS

Returned Soldier: "Lady, I was wounded in the Dieppe." Old

Lady: "How dreadful. Does it hurt?"

Diets, calories, vitamins, etc., may all be the very best things to know for longer life, but will someone please explain how "Methusalem" lived 900 years.

Old fashioned girls dress like Mother Hubbard. But "Hank" Smith likes his gals like her cupboard.

A lot of non-coms around here certainly suffer from "I" strain.

Magicians say their hands are more useful than the eyes and a lot of people agree with them. But still, fellows, there's lots of things you can eye but can't handle.

Then there was the traveller with a wife so ugly that he always took her with him as he never had the courage to kiss her goodbye.

Most men were made fools so the girls wouldn't be old maids.

#### THE DUKE.

#### DINNER ON BOTH HOLIDAYS

Quit your worrying if you are on duty Christmas or New Year's Day. WO1 Harland has informed us confidentially that you will not be forgotten and that a special dinner will be served to personnel on the depot over the holiday season.

This in no way interferes with the big Depot Dinner on Wednesday, December 23.

## MAGNETISM

By P/O R. Y. HOGG.

The magnetic compass is an indispensable instrument to navigation, the essential part being the compass needle which is merely a magnetized needle pivoted so that it may swing in response to the magnetic influences of the magnetic pole and the magnetized metal parts of the aircraft.

There are various methods of magnetizing a piece of soft iron. If a piece of unmagnetized iron is brought near the pole of a magnet the iron becomes magnetized. If however the magnet is withdrawn the soft iron loses its magnetism. This type of magnetism is by induction.

Pieces of steel that lie continually in a definite direction become magnetized by induction due to the influence of the earth's magnetic field.

A piece of iron held in a north-south position and dipping down about 70 degrees will exhibit magnetic qualities after it has been struck several sharp blows. The upper end of the iron has become a south-seeking pole and the lower end a north-seeking pole.

A piece of soft iron is easily magnetized by stroking it several times in the one direction with one end of a permanent magnet. The more times the iron is stroked the more highly it is magnetized.

#### WIRE AND CORE BECOME MAGNET

A wire through which an electric current is passing exhibits magnetic properties. If a piece of metal is placed within a coil of wire and the current switched on, the metal core as well as the wire becomes a magnet.

A simple explanation of magnetism is the molecular theory. Each molecule of iron is considered to be a permanent magnet. In an unmagnetized piece of iron these molecules are turned in all sorts of directions, if however, some force tends to arrange the molecules in an orderly manner with like poles pointing in the same direction, magnetism results. It is evident therefore that the same piece of metal can exhibit various degrees of magnetism depending on the extent of the arrangement. When all molecules are pointing in the same direction, magnetism is complete and the metal is said to be saturated.



—A young recruit on his first night in camp must have been lonely for he went over to the fence that separates the zoo from the station. The sentry approached from the rear and was surprised to hear out of the darkness: "Say, Munk, if I could get out, I'd join your circus."

—One of our friends, who never progressed beyond the second grade, but has a cool \$100,000 in tax free securities, is a private in England. He wrote that he turned down two hooks also that he was glad that vitamin E was the last. That was as far as he had learned the alphabet.

—First Cootie: "My grandfather told me what a grand time that he had in the last war." Second: "From the looks of things—clean sheets, pillow slips, showers, etc., there'll be none of us left to perpetuate this war."

—A young woman thumbed her nose at the boy friend, "Sorry it looks too much like your face," said he nonchalantly.

—The army of inoculation will be on special leave at Christmas or New Year—five grand days of leisure—breakfast in bed. To heck with the bugler. The security guard will raise the ensign—Joe, the orderly officer will have it lowered at sunset.

#### LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Ewing, wife of F/L J. H. Ewing, has moved to the city from Victoria.

F/L O. G. Prieur has returned from Calgary, where he was on temporary duty.

F/L G. Richardson is spending Christmas leave with his family in Winnipeg.

Thank goodness that we're in the air force. We can't wear those ferocious neckties that our adoring aunts used to send us.

Sgt. G. M. Lange must stand in well with Santa Claus for he left a brand new hose truck for the fire section. Listen for the siren!

Mrs. H. W. Eggleston has arrived from Saskatoon. If suitable quarters can be found she will reside here. Mac's column "On the Sport Spot" should be unusually good this week.

The class was stumped on this question: "How much coal was exported in any one year?"—except one lad, who wrote, "1492, none."

# Penhold Boxers Gain Slight Edge

## Defeat No. 3 "M" Depot Fighters 4 Bouts To 3

By AC2 DON McCLTAN.

In a blood-splattered card that saw only one fight go the full distance the R.A.F. team from Penhold nosed out No. 3 "M" Depot four bouts to three in an inter-service boxing match held in the Arena Sunday afternoon.

There were six knockouts all together as the fighters went at it hammer and tongs. Although the English fighters only won the odd bout in seven from the depot sluggers they obviously had the better boxers in most bouts.

### Rough and Tumble

The depot squad was mainly made up of a wild-swinging bunch of inexperienced boxers whose main objective was to throw as many punches as possible, let them fall where they may. In two cases their blows fell in the right spot but in four of the fights all the "M" fighters could hit was thin air and the canvas.

The only depot fighter who seemed to know what to do with his hands when he got inside the squared ring was AC2 Johnston. Using a left jab with uncanny precision he had his opponent, LAC Fowler rocking on his heels most of the round and a half he lasted. Johnston had the Penhold fighter down for a seven count in the first round and from then on it was just a matter of how long Fowler could last as the depot fighter chased him round and round the ring.

The other depot K.O. win was in the second fight when AC2 Schaefer caught Penhold's Foster with a lucky punch in the first round and sent him down for a nine-count. Again he caught Foster with a wild swing in the second round and this the English lad didn't bother getting up.

### Slow Affair

AC2 Perry chalked up the depot's third win as he waltzed to a three-round decision over Penhold's Sgt. Price. This bout was a slow, dull affair from the first bell on as the two fighters walked round and round, sometimes going a full thirty seconds and never throwing a punch.

All four Penhold wins were one-sided as the English lads methodically chopped their green opponents down. In the opening bout LAC Evans won by a T.K.O. over AC2 Del Poppo when the latter gave up in the second round. Up till then Del Poppo held the edge but he was tiring badly.

The best exhibition of gameness was put up by young AC2 McLeod of the depot in losing to Cpl. Adkins from Penhold. Giving away eight pounds and pitted against the older and more experienced boxer, the "M" depot fighter gave everything he had but that wasn't enough as Adkins KO'd him in the second round.

Using a lightning-like right hand to the best advantage, LAC Taylor, Penhold veteran, gave away



By F/O H. W. Eggleston

Give a hand to Sgt. Stanway for the fine arrangements he made for the boxing show staged in the Arena last Sunday afternoon. . . . When the bouquets were handed out Sgt. Stanway's name was omitted. . . . He put in a great deal of work on the program. . . . He was keenly disappointed when some of his high class men were posted. . . . Not to be outdone he gathered his fighters together at a few days notice and although they lacked science they certainly provided plenty of action. . . . It was a drag 'em in drag 'em out affair. . . . The "M" Depot boxers did well to come close to taking the honors. . . . Stanway realized that on such short notice they would have to slug it out with their opponents—slug they did. . . .

When any card finishes up with six knockouts out of seven bouts you can rest assured that there was plenty of action. . . . Now the hockeyists are taking over the spotlight. . . . Just to mention it and keep it for future records the juniors took the measure of F/L LaRocque's senior team Monday night to the tune of 6-1. . . . AC2 McLennan in goal was the outstanding player for the juniors. . . . He did everything but stand on his head in turning aside a hail of rubber. . . . It is reported that the junior team will be bolstered by three or four players who failed to make the senior team at Calgary. . . . For some time it was doubtful whether or not the "M" Depot would be represented in the junior circuit. . . . The civilian teams apparently wanted to gang up on our boys for the playoffs by picking an all-star team to play the air force in case "M" Depot qualified for the playoffs. . . .

ten pounds to the depot's AC2 Delarosso, but still had no trouble in flattening the "M" depot boxer in the second round. . . . In the final bout on the card it was just a matter of going through the motions for Penhold's LAC Stevenson to dispose of AC2 Burke. A big heart and a prayer were about all Burke packed into the ring with him and they weren't enough to handle the former English professional. . . . The return bouts will be held at Penhold, December 22.

## HE'S BEEN AROUND

By AC2 DON McCLEAN.

When we dropped in on AC2 Jimmy Bardsley at the sports stores hut the other day he was busy trying to find something to be busy about. So we promptly gave him something to keep him out of mischief.

We walked up in our best interviewing manner and in our best interviewing voice (soprano, E above high C) we squeaked, "Jimmy, we want the story of your life and loves." Just like that we said it. So, being a very friendly sort of cove, Jimmy obliged.

Mr. Bardsley for the uninitiated (those who come from east of the Rockies) is a basketball player, and one of the best. In fact there are only two players in Canada who have been on as many Canadian basketball champions as Jimmy, Art and Chuck Chapman of Victoria, and they have all played on three winners.

### Leads Team to Title

Jim started playing senior basketball in 1932 with the University of B.C. He played with them for six years and climaxed his stay in the Halls of Learning by leading U.B.C. to the Canadian championship in 1937. That team has been called the greatest in Canadian history and appropriately enough there is only one fellow who played on the team who is not in the air force. That is Bill Swan and he was killed in a plunge from the Pattullo Bridge in New Westminster in 1937, just a few months after winning the hoop title.

The rest of the team was composed of P/O Art Willoughby, killed last summer in a crash in Vancouver, F/O "Hunk" Henderson, now a prisoner of war in Germany, F/O George Pringle, an observer in England and F/L Dick Wright, stationed at Winnipeg.

Jimmy seemed to like it on the win wagon so he decided to go along for another ride in 1938. He lined up with the Vancouver Westerns and they promptly won another Canadian title.

The next year the team went on a tour of Japan, China and the Philippines and the list of those players reads like an air force parade call. Joe Ross is at E.F.T.S. in Toronto, F/O Art Watson flies catapult planes overseas, Milt Parsons is a sergeant-pilot overseas, F/O Jack Gordon flies Catalina bombers around Bermuda, Norm Gloag is at A.O.S. here in Edmonton and P/O Wally Mayers is the sports officer at the Sea

This arrangement still stands. . . . However, Coach Jimmy Anderson isn't worrying about this situation. . . . Provided he gets the players he wants the R.C.A.F. entry will give them all a chase for championship honors. . . . Those doing plenty of hard work on the hockey teams are Cpls. Newton, Anderson and Reid. . . . Take a bow, boys.

## ARRANGE SCHEDULE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Following is the second half schedule of the Inter Service Basketball League:

Dec. 17—Garrison vs. No. 3 "M" Depot, at Armories; No. 2 A.O.S. vs. No. 4 I.T.S., at Normal School.

Dec. 21—No. 3 "M" Depot vs. Navy, at Arena.

Jan. 5—U.S.A. Air Corps vs. Navy, at McDougall School.

Jan. 7—No. 4 I.T.S. vs. C.S.A. Air Corps, at Normal School; No. 2 A.O.S. vs. Garrison, at Armories.

Jan. 12—Navy vs. No. 4 I.T.S., at Normal School.

Jan. 14—No. 2 A.O.S. vs. No. 3 "M" Depot, at Arena; Garrison vs. U.S.A. Air Corps, at Armories.

Jan. 19—Navy vs. No. 2 A.O.S.; No. 4 I.T.S. vs. Garrison, at Normal School; U.S.A. Air Corps vs. No. 3 "M" Depot, at McDougall School.

Jan. 26—Garrison vs. Navy, at Armories; No. 2 A.O.S. vs. U.S.A. Air Corps, at McDougall School.

Jan. 28—No. 3 "M" Depot vs. No. 4 I.T.S., at Arena.

A sheaf of rush copy, glossy prints and cartoons have been dispatched via airmail for insertion in the first edition of "Wings," the new R.C.A.F. monthly tabloid. Get your "Wings" on January 15. On sale in the dry canteen, 5 cents the copy. NOTE: Air Council and the public, this is not an advertisement—it's a free reader.

Island station in Vancouver. Also included in that group were P/O Art Willoughby and F/L Dick Wright.

Jimmy played with his third Canadian championship team in 1940 when Vancouver Westerns copped the gonfalon. He played for Vancouver Maple Leafs in '41 and Shores in '42. 1943? That's right, No. 3 "M" Depot.

### Lose Four Key Men

We asked him how the depot team stacked up and he said he thought it was pretty fair, although they suffered a tough break in losing four key men. They were Bill Adhead, Ian White, Lance Hudson and Dough Johnson, all first string players. In their place the depot team has gained Wes Mansen, who played with last year's Canadian titlists, the Victoria Dominoes, "Truck" McDonald, former New Westminster Adanac player and Coach Larry Haynes.

Jimmy was married in July to a Vancouver girl, Jean Eckhardt, who was quite some athlete herself before she took the vows of matrimony. She was prominent in track, tennis and badminton, holding a number of titles in the latter two.

Just before taking our leave we asked Jimmy if he would pick an all-star team from the boys he has played with and against. Although he couldn't keep it down to five here it is: Art and Chuck Chapman (Victoria), Hank Rowe, M.M. (Victoria), George Pringle (Vancouver), Rann Matthison (New Westminster), Art Willoughby (Vancouver), Joe Ross (Vancouver) and Pat Flynn (Vancouver). In picking the best team Jimmy chose the Windsor, Ont., Grads of 1933-34, and the Vancouver Westerns of 1940.

AN AIRMAN CHASES A  
GIRL UNTIL SHE CATCHES  
HIM.

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## Big Holiday Dinner December 23rd



¶ Aren't you living in fear of having to drink near-beer?

¶ Yes, a nickel checks that tickle! Slogan for Smyth Bros. cough drops—Trade and Mark.

¶ Household Hint for Duty Watch—To keep floors, all 33 of 'em, sweetly clean and shiny, wash them with a sponge (borrowed from the M.T. section) frequently dipped into, oh, so hot water and soapsuds. Wipe off quickly with a soft, clean cloth if it wasn't sent to the steam laundry in October.

¶ Topper the Teacher: "Can you give me a definition for the word 'home'?"

Little Charlie the Pupil: "Home is where you can scratch any spot that itches."

¶ Let's start making a woodpile for Schickelgruber!

¶ Those new two-way portable radios that speed front line communications are called "Walkie Talkie." We have one too—but she wants to stop at every cafe.

¶ Kay Francis is the mistress of ceremony with one of the traveling troupes in Great Britain. Surely she did not have to go there to find out what the troops want!

Rommel! Rommel! Rommel!  
No matter which way you're headed,

You're headed for hell!

¶ If the salvage committee could only utilize the scrap that often develops between lovers. It's nothing, Mills-Graham, compared to real set-toos after you're united.

¶ When a girl goes out with a male, she must be all dolled up. The Airman can get to the best homes in Canada in a "single wrapper" for a cent.

You're a hunk

If you flunk.

And a punk

If you dunk.

If you kiss her

You're sunk.

So what?

¶ Misses sometimes follow kisses. ¶ As R. M. (Dick) Harrison wrote in "Starbeams" years ago—church attendance would grow by leaps and bounds if a register were kept at the door. You'd drop in so you could meet your favorite girl after the service.

Push! Push! Push!  
Mush! Mush! Mush!  
Rush! Rush! Rush!  
Hush! Hush! Hush!  
Bushed! Bushed! Bushed!

What fur? Cat's fur. What fur? To make kitten's breeches.

### AROUND THE "Y"

The civilian "Y" organization reports that machinery is being set up to study problems of post-war rehabilitation of young men.

Meet Abe Cook, currently sharing Fred Youmans' burdens as "Y" supervisor here. Genial Mr. Cook is from 'way down east in Niagara Falls.

Table tennis winners: December 10, J. L. Brown, Vancouver; December 14, B. A. Morris. Our minus 6 handicapper Fred Bristow lost out in the finals after winning five previous tournaments.

Cribbage winners, December 10, J. B. Murray, Calgary; runner-up, S. C. duMont, Bridesville, Alta.

Handy hint: To keep stamps from sticking together, try rubbing them on your glossy, golden locks (or maybe hers). It seems this coats the glue with a fine film of hair oil, thereby preventing the sticking. Suggestion to bald-heads: Buy 'em one at a time.

#### Moving Pictures

Sunday, "Pacific Blackout"; also short subjects and "Popeye." Tuesday: "Flying Down to Rio," stars are Dolores del Rio, Gene Raymond, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire and Xavier Cugat's orchestra. A show has also been arranged for Thursday, Christmas Eve.

### EDITOR'S LETTERS

Dear Editor:

In reply to the bouquet handed to me in *The Airman*, it is at least gratifying to know I have at last made the headlines after being on the station since its inception.

I still wear the same size hat but I am afraid I will have to let the G string out a little on my "Yukon" in case my head does show a slight inclination to enlarge somewhat.

Besides chambermaid work I give lessons in tatting and crochet.

Now to get a little more serious, being a veteran of the last war I sure appreciate a spring bed even if the sheets are not changed for the last fourteen weeks.

If the boys ever complain of being crowded in bed, I can remember when we had five huts all using our washrooms in No. 8 Hut, also when we wanted to turn in bed we all turned, we were that close.

I am now in the Post Office dishing out the mail for the boys and believe me if I had not taken a course in Egyptian Hieroglyphics I would sure have a tough time when their girl friends forget to put their names on the letters.

Efficiency "Plus,"

LAC B. N. HOLLOWAY,  
Hut 18a.

## It's Still On December 23 And More And More Of It

### CURRENT CINEMA

#### AVENUE

Starting Thursday: Erroll Flynn in "Gentleman Jim," with beautiful Alexis Smith.

#### CAPITOL

Starting Fri.: "The Big Street," with Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball. "Apache Trail," with Lloyd Nolan. Tuesday: "Down Argentine Way," and "Maryland."

#### DREAMLAND

Starting Fri.: "Top Sergeant," with Leo Carillo and Andy Devine. Tues.: "Mystery of Marie Roget," with Maria Montez and Pat Knowles. Added Feature, "Gallant Lady."

#### EMPRESS

Starting Saturday: "To Be or Not To Be," with Jack Benny and Carole Lombard. Also, Walt Disney's "The Reluctant Dragon." Wednesday: "Arizona," with Jean Arthur. Also "Tillie the Toiler."

#### RIALTO

Starting Friday: "Juke Girl," with Anne Sheridan and Ronald Reagan and "Wild Bill Hickok Rides." Tuesday: "Moscow Strikes Back," and "The Men in Her Life," with Loretta Young.

#### STRAND

Starting Saturday: "Beyond the Blue Horizon," with Dorothy Lamour and Richard Denning and "Enemy Agents Meet Ellery Queen," with William Gargan and Margaret Lindsay. Wednesday: "Annie Rooney," with Shirley Temple and Guy Kibbee. Also "Doctor Broadway," with McDonald Carey and Jean Phillips.

### LT. KEY, OBSERVER, WITH ALLAN McLEOD, V.C.

Lieut. Allan McLeod, of Brandon, Manitoba, won the Victoria Cross for his exploits during the Great War of 1914-18. His observer was a young Englishman named Lieut. Reg Key. That's our own F/L Key, O.C. Reception Wing. You'd have never gleaned that information from F/L Key himself. A perusal of a book about the first aces of the last war revealed Key's name.

During the influenza epidemic in 1918, Lieut. McLeod was invalidated home. He died later. The hero's father, Dr. McLeod invited Lieut. Key to visit him in Manitoba. He left England to visit the McLeods, and was so taken up with Canada that he stayed. Edmonton was

Bring your eatin' tools, your best table manners and the most ravenous appetite you can muster—but above all come! The date is Wednesday next, the 23rd, the place the Airmen's Mess and the time twelve o'clock noon—on the nose.

There'll be everything on hand to gladden the heart of the persecuted AC2. All the turkey and trimmings you can eat—cigarettes, candies, music, maybe something special to wash it all down with—and the unbelievable, heartening spectacle of officers and non-coms manning the "dipper" and other instruments of torture in the bullpen. See you then!

### LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Group Captain and Mrs. W. G. Webber have gone to the coast for a short holiday.

Mr. J. D. Eaton has been made president of The T. Eaton Co., Ltd., the largest retailers in the British Empire. John David presented his own private aircraft, a brand new twin-engined Beechcraft, to the R.C.A.F. in 1939. The pilot was Lieut. Spradbrow, who at one time was on the forestry patrol out of High River, Alberta.

Capt. L. J. Conn has been posted to the dental section of this station.

The engagement of F/L J. G. Turner, M.O., Aircrew Selection Board, and Miss Petrie, of Calgary, was announced Saturday. The marriage will take place, December 26.

If it were called "calf" or "puppy" love in the old days, how would it be described today?

### No. 4 TRAINING COMMAND A.O.C. PROMOTED

Air Commodore G. R. Howsam, M.C., A.O.C. at No. 4 Training Command, R.C.A.F., at Calgary for the last nine months, has been promoted this week to the rank of Air Vice-Marshal.

S/O B. M. Ofstedal has recovered from her recent illness.

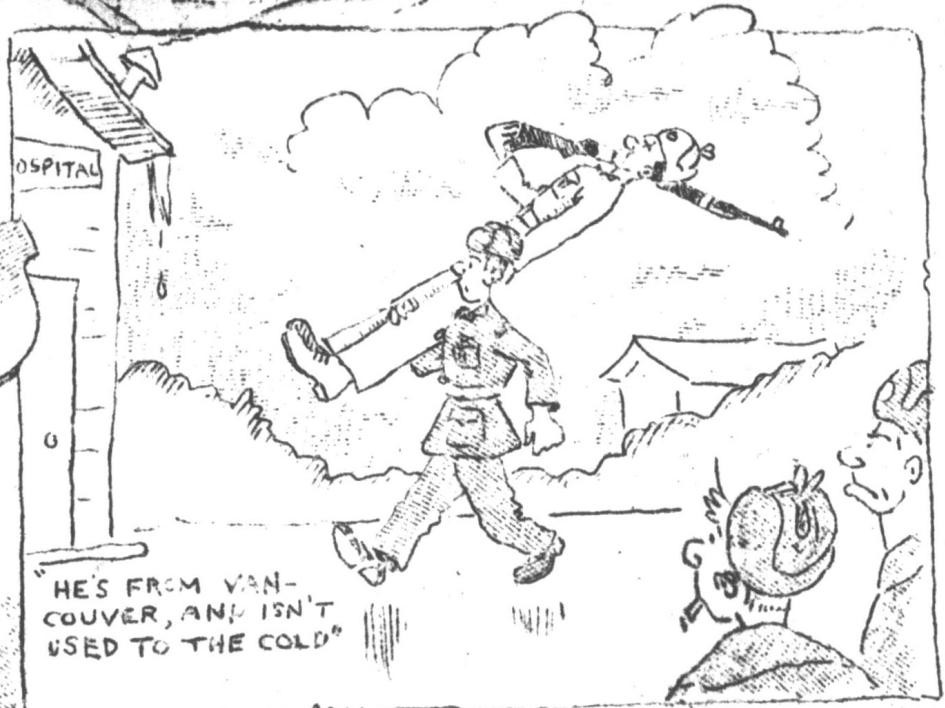
Key's home for a few years then he moved to Toronto.

F/L Key has two sons—the older is a pilot now serving overseas. The younger son is too young to join the air cadets.

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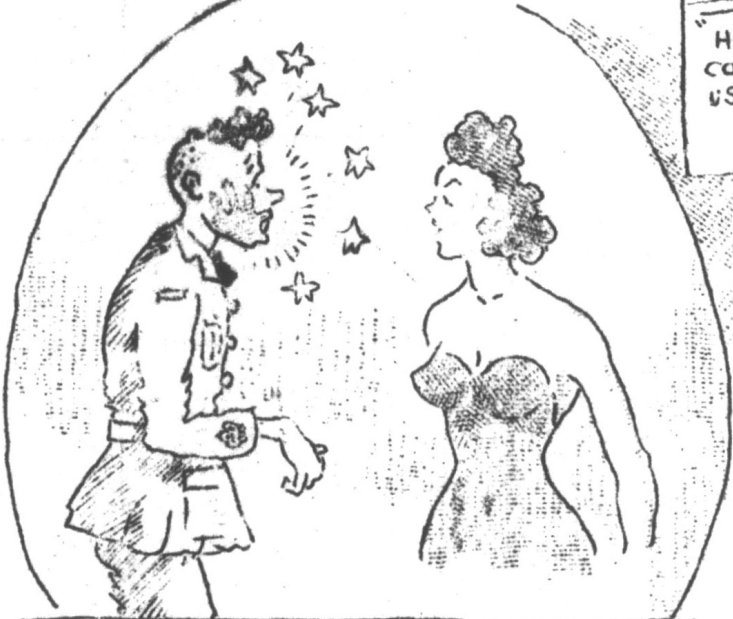
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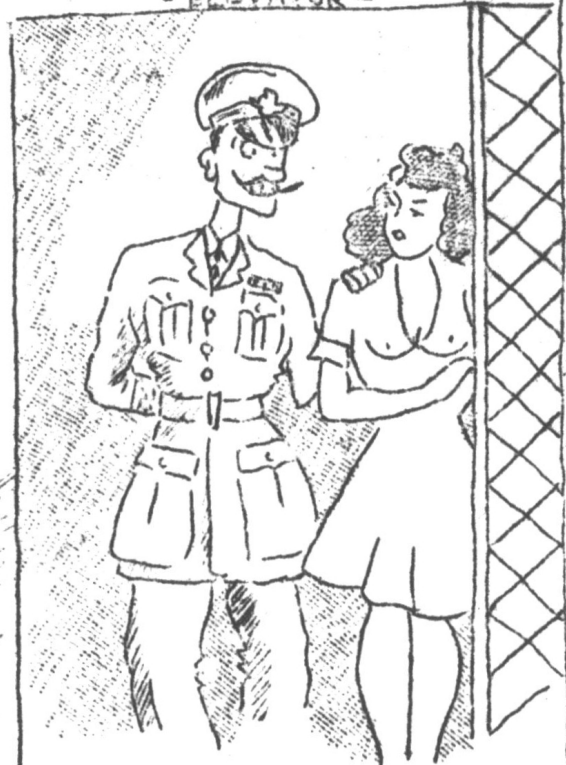


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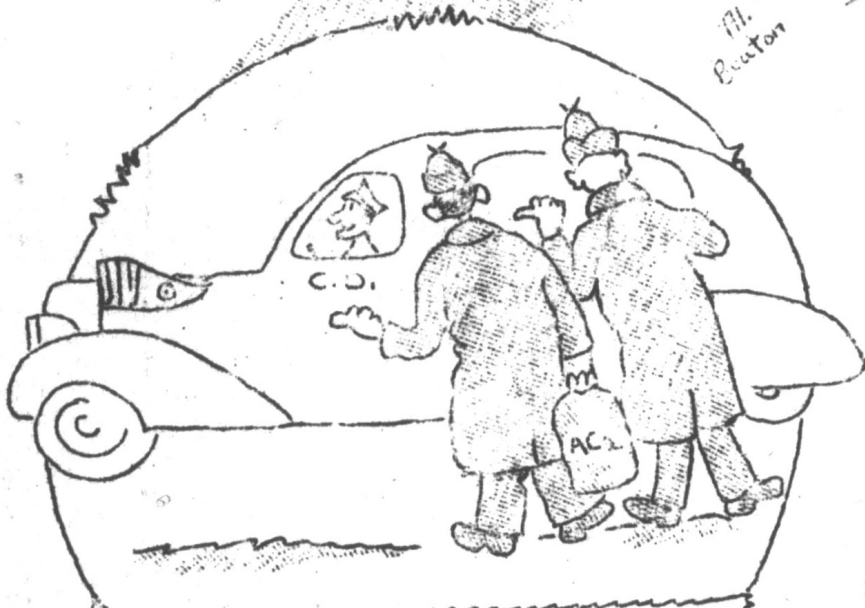
- ELEVATOR -



"IT WAS QUITE ALRIGHT TO KISS ME GOODNIGHT, SGT. MAJOR, BUT AS FOR THE REST OF IT....."



"A BIRD IN A GILDED CAGE I MAY BE, WING COMMANDER, BUT AT LEAST I'M A LADY BIRD -"



THE OPTIMISTS



AIR FORCE IKE SAYS  
NEXT WEEK WE SHOULD ALL GET OUR WINGS — OFF THE XMAS TURKEY!

RODGER

HOCKEY LEAGUE

The scheduled Edmonton Junior Hockey League game between "M" Depot and Canadians Wednesday night was postponed, due to the inclement weather. The fixture will be played at the 119th street rink Saturday night, Dec. 19, 2030 hours.

RIFLE TEAM - DATES TO REMEMBER

The schedule of matches in the Turvey Cup competition is as follows:

- Jan 6 8 p.m. vs. SSVVR
- Jan 27 8 p.m. vs. CDC
- Jan 31 2 p.m. vs. RCMP (R)

Draw to be made at the conclusion of the shoot for the finals. Members of the team are:

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| F/L W.J. Hansen (Capt.) |                  |
| F/O A.S. Bird           | F/O C.R. Ling    |
| P/O R.Y. Hogg           | F/S W.J. Hancock |
| Sgt. F.S. Barnes        | F/S K.E. Gibson  |
| Sgt. A. Befur           | Sgt. M.E. Haight |
| Cpl. J.L. Acker         | LAC F.A. Dorward |
| Sgt. A. Williamson      | AC2 E.R. Donais  |

TRAINEES ARE REPLACED WHEN POSTED.

BASKETBALL NOTE:

Players who turn out Monday, December 21 at 1900 hours will be assured of a scrub game.

THE AIRMAN

Every Friday in each week  
THE AIRMAN comes to life  
Is read by all the fellows  
And many an Airman's wife.

So she can read at home  
Of our life from day to day  
It helps to make her cheerful  
And pass the time away.

It covers all the depot  
Of the news we like to hear  
With comments for and against  
It is bigger and better each year.

Never was there so much  
Owed by so many to so few  
Is a statement which I'm sure  
Could apply to men like you.

Best wishes to the "Staff"  
I hope that I've made it clear  
And may your success continue  
Throughout the coming year.

-LAC Kellington, K.C.

LET'S GO, HOCKEY PLAYERS

Cpl. Reid is beginning to think hockey players must be as scarce as dodos at #3 "M" Depot. Slated to soon play in the Inter-Service League, the Senior team still lacks sufficient pucksters. All equipment is supplied, and daily practices are held at 1630 hours. Likely talent is strongly urged to contact Cpl. Reid at the Jock Room or the sports field.

TO ALL GROUND TRADESMEN

It appears that airmen who are enlisted in RCAF ground trades are not paying any attention to the Trade Qualifications, which are in the library and writing room. If you don't see them when you first go in, ask Sgt. White of the library or Mr. Youmans of the Y.M.C.A. They will tell you where they are kept. These Trade Qualifications are for your benefit. Read them over; make notes, and you will become acquainted with what you have to know for a trade test.

Don't be caught sleeping. Keep up your end and you will be an intelligent and smart airman.

If you are not sure of yourself or don't understand the qualifications, drop into the Trade Test Interview room. We will be pleased to explain them to you.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE NOTES

Not all rookies are dismayed into speechlessness by the formidable needle wielded by the M.O. Cpl. Penson reports a brand-new recruit this week, going through for his first "nocs", turning to the M.O. with the classic advice "Shoot the nectar to me, Hector!"

LEASE-LENA

At a marriage service in a Catholic church, a British groom was exchanging vows with an American bride. An admiral, unacquainted with the Roman Catholic marriage service conducted in Latin, was perplexed. The man next to him was obviously familiar with the service. After the recessional, he turned and said pleasantly, "Beautiful service, wasn't it?" The admiral answered, "You must understand Latin." His neighbour admitted that he did. Then said the admiral, "What did the priest say," The Latin scholar replied, "The Father said, 'Who lease-lendeth this woman to the Britisher?'"

- Reader's Digest.