

# C.O. POSTED TO EAST STATION

## To Be Commanding Officer No. 1 Wireless At Montreal

Group Captain W. G. Webber, C.O. of No. 3 "M", has been posted to No. 1 Wireless, School, Montreal, as commanding officer. He replaces Group Captain R. M. Smith who is coming to No. 3 "M" as the new C.O. here.

G/C Webber was the second commanding officer and the first Group Captain to be at No. 3 "M". He replaced G/C Malone now on the east coast.

### Win "E" Pennant

Coming here as a Wing Commander, in March 1942 G/C Webber came onto a relatively new depot. A depot that had been operating but a few months. It was under his guidance that the depot marched ahead and was awarded last November the Air Minister's Efficiency Pennant.

Shortly after the award of the "E" Pennant G/C Webber was promoted to his present rank.

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

G/C Webber entered the R.C.A.F. in 1927 as an AC2 and was commissioned in 1938. He has had a varied career in the airforce, having served at Victoria Island, R.C.A.F. H.Q., Shirley's Bay, Rockcliffe, Dartmouth, Camp Borden, Trenton, Valcartier, Lachine, Edmonton and now Montreal. He was one of the airmen that went to England for the Coronation in 1937.

The C.O. bade farewell to all officers, NCO's and men at pay parade last Friday. In his farewell address he mentioned his sorrow in leaving the depot. He was grieved that the posting gave him so little time, and that it would be impossible for him to remain to hand over the station to his successor. It was necessary for him to be in Montreal to take over from G/C Smith.

"Handing over" ceremony will be made by W/C Hodgetts, temporary commanding officer.

On leaving the arena the C.O. was given three cheers.

He and Mrs. Webber left over the week-end by motor car for Quebec.



GROUP CAPTAIN W. G. WEBBER

## SERVICE MEN'S CENTRE OPENS IN CALGARY

Here's good news for the boys of the forces who are stationed in Calgary, or those who visit Calgary from the many nearby training centres.

The Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce have opened a "Service Men's Centre" at 401 8th Avenue West, opposite the T. Eaton store. The centre will be open from 11:00 hours to 23:00 hours each day. A hearty welcome is extended to all NCO's and airmen who visit Calgary. It is hoped the airmen will avail themselves of the fine quarters which are provided, which include lounge, dry canteen, writing room, games room and showers.

The next time you visit Calgary, be sure to visit the Service Men's Centre, 401 - 8th Avenue West, right opposite Eaton's store.

## THANKS, THE COMMUNIQUE!

We thank The Communiqué of Camp Livingstone, La., for many interesting items that The Airman is able to exchange with them. They have a great paper and Sgt. Edward A. Leary, managing editor, is doing a whale of a good job.

## KOSICK'S KOZY KORNER IS NO MORE

Yes, dear readers, Kosick's Kozy Korner is finally getting sidetracked. Not that The Airman wishes to delete this highly entertaining korner. The reason is, our good olde Korporal Kosick is now proudly wearing "Canada" patches on his shoulders, and has left the environs of No. 3 "M" Depot.

Cpl. Kosick joined the R.C.A.F. on January 13, 1941, and became a corporal on March 1 of the same year. Enlisting at Edmonton, Kosick was sent to Toronto. Then he went to No. 2 Wireless School, and from there to No. 5 B and G. A short stay at the University of Manitoba was next on the list, along with a transfer to No. 2 Training Command. All this time our one and only corporal Kosick was in the SP's. His next posting was the end of his career as on SP, to No. 7 A.O.S. (as a sergeant) He was then sent back to Trenton, where he became a Discip, and again, a corporal. On completing his new course, Kosick came to No. 3 "M", and has been here eight months.

On leaving No. 3 "M", Cpl. Kosick's face was wreathed in smiles. Why? Well the writer lives in Kosick's Kozy Korner, henceforth, just plain "Hut 10," and has heard the mighty voice of Kosick bewailing the fact he had to stay on this side of the "Duck Pond." He said he was sorry to leave, but we know he will be happier in his new job. So good luck.

It is interesting to note that Cpl. Kosick's last flight graduated on his birthday, which was also his third birthday in the R.C.A.F. Also, the big moment, the day of his new posting, came on the anniversary of his first putting up the "hooks," March 1.

"Oh . . . my shattered . . . nerves; what in hell with No. 3 "M" Depot do without "Korporal Kosick."

## AC2 HENRY SINGER

Did you see him on the back page of WINGS? AC2 Henry Singer is with the concert group of the R.C.A.F. at Ottawa and is fast becoming popular as a song writer for the R.C.A.F.

Henry is very well known in Edmonton, where he was in business. He is a brother of Major Art Singer, dental officer at No. 3 "M".

## HODGETTS NOW C.O.

Wing Commander G. A. Hodgetts, is temporary commanding officer of the depot, pending the arrival of the new C.O., Group Captain R. M. Smith.

## STICKS NEEDLE IN AND IT BREAKS OFF

The name of the AC2 is not available that went around all day and until 23:00 hours the other night with a needle in his arm. He asked his corporal how long he was supposed to keep it in. The corporal shrugged his shoulders and said, "You were a tough case and they had to give you an extra shot."

At 23:00 hours he dropped around to the hospital and the attendant thought the airman was "nuts" when he even suggested the needle was still in so he could get an extra dose of anti-toxin.

The needle was removed. We need needles with a steel shortage.

## SMOOTHING OUT STATION ACTIVITIES

Keeping the Sports and Entertainment on No. 3 "M" Depot running smoothly is no easy job. Last year, there were two separate committees handling these activities. Consequently, clashes were inevitable. To smooth things out, the two committees were combined into one governing body, with sub-committees to arrange their own activities.

The governing body consists of: President, F/L W. J. Hansen, and committee members, F/O J. C. Jamieson, F/O H. W. Eggleston, P/O R. Y. Hogg and F/S Maynard, secretary.

F/O Jamieson is chairman of the sports sub-committee, and P/O Hogg chairman of the entertainment committee.

The sports and entertainment committee is the central controlling and directing body with respect to all entertainment and sports activities on the station.

## PASTRY BINGO AT AGGIE HUT

The boys in Reception Wing held forth last Saturday night with their popular pastry bingo, under the direction of Art Peacock of the "Y". Tarts, cakes and pies are always an added luxury to any chap in uniform, and therefore these palate pleasers prove popular prizes for bingo Saturday night.

There were some thirty-eight pastry prizes awarded last Saturday, the grand winner of THE PIE being AC2 R. Johnston. Other winners of taste teasers were R. G. Stevens, J. Jeffery, V. Benstead, S. Dunn, J. Cholack, J. Kane, N. Nemirsky, B. Logan, G. Dwyer, F. Lepeborne, W. Huntigford, P. Walton, A. Oman, M. Baines, C. Haider, R. Allan, A. Muwen, G. Loney and W. Millar.

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### IGNORANCE

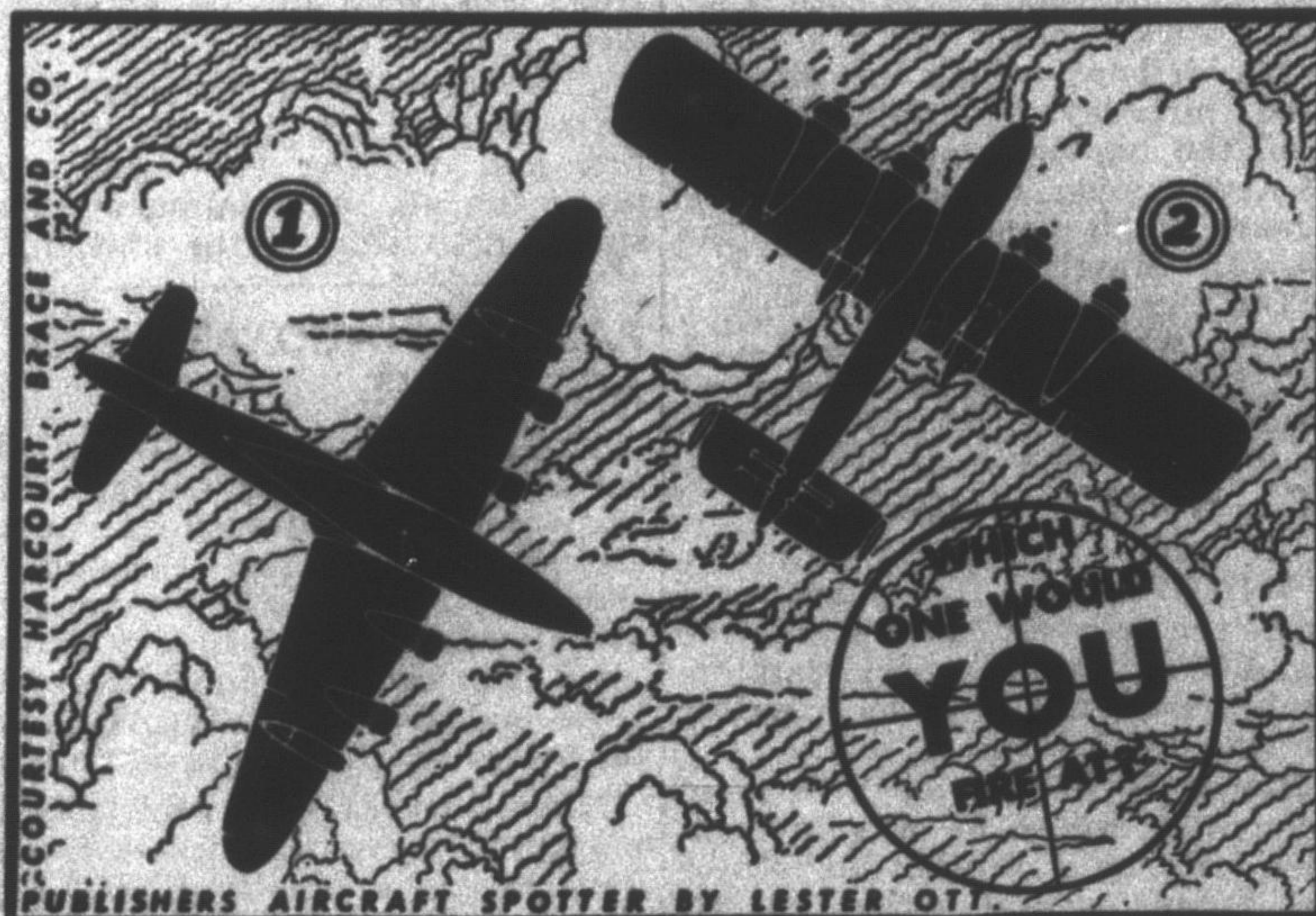
A vast number of people are going about the country today giving away vital information simply because they have no knowledge whatsoever of the way enemy intelligence service works. They just cannot understand it is all a matter of putting two and two together, of going around and collecting bits and pieces of information from a thousand different sources, and then cleverly evaluating them into a dangerous report.

Get it firmly fixed in your mind that enemy agents are not all parading around in Ottawa and our military establishments, preparing to waylay a general and steal the plans of a forthcoming attack. They are quiet, hardworking investigators who go about using their eyes and ears, and picking up a little here and another one there by encouraging people to say more than they should.

A scrap of conversation picked up by an enemy agent may at first seem to be of little value until another report from some other source continues the story and links it up with something else. The intelligence officer's job is to look for clues no matter how small, and to see what he can deduce from them.

Get clear in your mind the difference between an offense against ordinary discipline and an offense against security. People who break rules are sometimes thought to be very daring. The airman who gives away military information is hitting his country below the belt and is no hero to anyone except Hitler and Hirohito.

No matter how fine an airman's record may be, he is still of no value if he undoes his work by careless talk which results in more loss to his country than he inflicts on the enemy. The good airman buttons everything from his lips down.



Not of No. 1! It's the Short "Sunderland," a long-range, patrol flying boat, that the British are using effectively in the Atlantic patrol. It is powered by four radial engines and the high wings taper almost equally to rounded tips. The pointed nose of the large, deep fuselage extends far forward of the engine nacelles, and the end projects behind the tapered tailplane which has a single fin and rudder.

Fire of No. 2! It's the German Blohm and Voss Ha. 142, a low wing, four-engine troop transport that was first used during the invasion of Norway. The wings are rectangular and untapered. The two inner engine nacelles project behind the trailing edges of the wings. It has a braced, rectangular tailplane with twin fins and rudders.



AC2 Ewald of H.Q. Orderly Room dislikes female clerks intensely—during working hours. . . . LAC Broderick during his short stay in the hospital had Sgt.-Major Blundell's nerves on edge—his one man staff. . . . Greetings to our genial F/Sgt. Truswell—the one man on the station who has a few words and a smile for everyone. . . . From information gathered around the Depot at various places such as the Airmen's Mess, library and huts the two most popular corporals on the station are none other than Cpl. Hawthorne and Cpl. Wagner. . . . F/O Turner of the Aircrew Selection Board is growing taller because his head is pushing up through his hair. . . . The trainees tell me that now they can breathe easier on parade since F/Sgt. Mercer has been posted. . . . Yes, before the last fight Sgt. Castilloux said his fight was in the bag—and to prove it kept right on punching it. . . . Sgt. Barnes, F. S., of the Reception Wing is a man of ambition—he's out to find the "perfect recruit." . . . Sgt. Ferguson returns from annual leave—no Vancouverites can get their allotted beer quotas. . . . F/L Turner, J. G., of the Medical Staff would like to have a machine, which when a recruit looked into a glass would say automatically whether he were aircrew material or not. . . . LAC Steadman ran a temperature the other day when he heard the new WD's arriving on this station would be hospital assistants. . . . WO1 Shaw at one time must have been in the cavalry. . . . Sgt. Stevenson is so cruel in "PT" he should read the novel "Bring 'Em Back Alive"—at the rate he's going a lot of us have a one way ticket.

### TOOTHACHES AND EXTRACTIONS

After a hectic week, things are back to normal. Step No. 1, Emily Awid, stenographer, took a notion and went to the hospital to have her tonsils removed; Step No. 2, Pte. George Palfenier, our orderly, takes a notion and gets hit on the ankle by a bowling ball and ends up in the hospital (he's still there); Step No. 3, Sgt. Murphy McCloskey takes over the orderly room all by his lonesome self and does a mighty good job of it. First he'd be here and then he'd be there, and then he wouldn't know which way to turn. In comes a patient—he starts looking for the chart, then someone comes in with a Clearance, and before he gets that signed, the phone rings, and then before he knows it four o'clock rolls around, the mail has to go out, and he always seems to just make it—not a minute to spare. But he did very well by himself and the clinic ran as smoothly ?!?!\*?? as ever.

And every once in a while, for these last few days, Major Singer, Capt. Young, Sgt. Miller and Cpl. Roberts come up to the Orderly Room to pay us a visit—not to see us, but to stand next to the stove and warm up their hands and feet. It must be mighty cold around those dental chairs what with the windows being fixed at this time of year.

We were very glad to see Hugh McPherson back at the clinic again,

### COMPANY

*Before I heard the doctors tell  
The dangers of a kiss  
I had considered kissing you  
The nearest thing to bliss.  
But now I know biology,  
And sit and sigh and moan  
Six million mad bacteria—  
And I thought we were alone.*

### HICKAM HIGHLIGHTS

Published by the United States Army Air Force in Hawaii. It is good. So very good it had us breathless. Beautiful nudes by the car load and no censorship regulations. Our perverted mind loved it.

even though it was only for an afternoon. And why is it, that whenever one of the clinic staff is on leave, they always take time out to pay us a visit. That's just what Cpl. Miller did, and he does seem to be enjoying his leave. And congratulations go out to Capt. McIver, a former dental operator at this clinic, who, the other day took unto himself a wife.

And what really did happen to Costigan on Sunday? And under the circumstances, we wonder if he really did enjoy that dinner? It's too bad we won't be seeing Capt. Orobko back at the clinic for a while—he had to go away on temporary duty—and after that temporary duty he has to go away on some more temporary duty. As long as it's only temporary.

KEEP AN EYE OPEN!  
**Rookie Revue No. 2**  
Be Sure to Read Next Week's AIRMAN!

# SPORTS

## No. 3 'M' Depot Spitfires, Service, City, Northern Alta. Champions



Back Row (left to right): Cpl. Bishop, (7) B. Jackson, (6) E. Gill, (16) J. Kaminsky, (12) W. Forrest, Group Captain W. G. Webber, (11) D. Gray, (13) B. Fisher, (17) T. Derbyshire (Coach), (14) P. Buna, F/L W. C. Cumming. Front Row (left to right): (9) A. Baker, (15) J. Bardsley (Captain), (8) B. Jenion, (10) D. Main.

### "M" DEPOT WINS CITY AND NORTHERN ALTA. HOOP TITLES

The "Spitfires" from No. 3 "M" Depot last Saturday edged out the fighting U.S. Engineers, 39-38, in the final game of a best of three series, to add to their "Service Championship" the Edmonton City, and Northern Alberta titles. Played on the West Glen High School floor, the third game of the series was by far the best. There was little to choose between the two contenders, but the "M" Depot basketballers showed the necessary "will to win" and fight, to come from behind in the dying minutes of the game.

Captain Jimmy Bardsley and "Busher" Jackson, a newcomer from Victoria, and ex-Domino, led the airforce lads on to victory with 14 and 10 points. Pete Buna (6), Don Gray (5) and John Kaminsky (4) were the other point getters for "M" Depot. "Long John" Gullickson, starry U.S. Engineer again led his team with 17 points, while Harley Miller garnered 9. "Long John" was held in check very nicely by Kaminsky, who played a strong defensive game. Buna seemed to get in on every play, and was right in there all the time.

The Engineers raced to a 6-1 lead in the opening quarter. After a time out by the airmen, the Engineers slowed up enough to allow the Spitfires to run in five points while they gathered four more, to lead 10-6 and the end of the first quarter.

Stepping the pace up, the "M" Depot hoopsters started to roll, and ran the score to 17-15 at the half way mark. The second quarter

brought out some of the best basketball of the entire series.

Starting the third quarter minus Gullickson (who had three fouls) the Engineers faded, and the "M" Depot took advantage of the breaks to run the score to 25-17. The Engineers took time out and brought Gullickson back into the game, who steadied down his mates. At three-quarter time the score was 32-26 in favor of the airmen.

#### Thrills Galore

The final quarter held more excitement and thrills than has been seen in many years. Driving hard, the Engineers ran in seven points in a row to take the lead 33-32. Then Bardsley tied it up with a free shot. Three free shots by Miller all rang the bell, and then Miller sank a field goal to give the U.S. team a 38-33 lead with just four minutes to go. This looked fairly safe, but, the Engineers did not figure on the fighting spirit of the lads from the Royal Canadian Air Force. Jackson drilled one through the twine to bring the score up to 35, and then Bardsley sank two free shots to put the airmen one point in arrears. With one minute and 15 seconds left, "Busher" Jackson picked up a rebound, and flipped it home, to give the airmen a one-point lead. A long shot by Miller just missed the hoop, and the airmen then gave a smart passing display to keep possession of the ball until the final whistle.

The local news scribes were high in their praise for both teams, and were not disappointed in the series, for they had forecast that they would be the highlights of the basketball season. Hal Dean of the "Bulletin" even goes so far as to say: "In fact, it would not be surprising to see the 'M' Depot

### INTER-SERVICE SOCIAL SUCCESS

A record crowd enjoyed a pleasant evening at the station inter-service dance last Friday evening under the supervision of our popular master of ceremonies, LAC Claude Blackwood. The lilting strains of modern music from our depot orchestra, rhythmic tempo is really keeping the rug-cutters in the groove.

A feature during the evening was the baton swinging contest by a representative of each of the armed forces present, a CWAC, a soldier, a sailor, and an airman. The airman won by popular acclaim—after all, his airmen friends numbered a thousand.

### IT'S TRUE

Miss Cora Hortie rushed into the tailor shop. "Sgt. Stewart, sew this up quick for me." He did.

It was her stocking. We don't know if the darning was required at the toe or the top.

cop the Dominion honors as well." (We hope he's right).

On the whole series, the "M" Depot held a slight edge in accuracy, and their team play was smoother. Next, the "M" Depot "Spitfires" tangle with the Army from Red Deer, for the right to play the Southern Alberta champions (probably Raymond Union Jacks, perennial Alberta titlists), for the Alberta championship, and the right to enter the Dominion playoffs.

#### LINEUPS

R.C.A.F.—Gill; Jackson, 10; Gray, 5; Fisher; Buna, 6; Bardsley, 14; Kaminsky, 4. Total, 39.  
U.S. ENGINEERS—Hora, 2; Wrigglesworth, 8; Coyle; Murphy, 2; Smith; Miller, 9; Gullickson, 17. Total, 38.

### "M" DEPOT WINS NORTH ALBERTA INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY TITLE

The "M" Depot intermediate hockey team visited Red Deer over the week-end to take on the A20 Army team. After the Saturday night battle, the Airmen held a 6-goal lead, and they won the game 9-3. The second game was played on Monday night and ended in a 8-8 draw, thus giving the "M" Depot the title by a total score of 17-11. The "M" Depot lads are now in Calgary, awaiting the opening bell of their Alberta finals against the Calgary Buffaloes.

In the first game the Airmen took a 2-0 lead in the first period, only to have the Army outscore them 3-1 in the second tie to up the game. In the final period, the lads in airforce blue rammed home 6 straight goals to end up with a 9-3 victory.

#### Tobin Scores

Tobin led the Flyers to victory in game number one, with 3 goals and an assist, Thompson had 2 goals and 3 assists, R. Gardner had 2 goals and Allen and Anderson got the other counters.

In the second game, Allen, Anderson and Thompson with 2 goals each, led the Flyers, while Tobin and Edwards collected the other two goals.

At the end of the first period, the "M" Depot team led 2-1. Right at the start of the second period, Red Deer tied up the game when Sampson picked a hole in Goalie Twaddle's armour. Half way through the second, the airmen started to roll, and ran in four goals without reply, to end the period with a 6-2 lead.

Red Deer slipped up when Thompson, R. Gardner and Anderson teamed up at the start of the third. Thompson put the finishing touches to a lovely play, to put the airmen up 7-2. Then things happened. The Army went on a scoring spree and ran in 6 goals, while the airmen picked up one more. The final bell left the score at 8-8, giving the round to "M" Depot, 17-11.

#### LINEUPS

R.C.A.F.—Twaddle, Anderson, Seaman, Thompson, Tobin, R. Gardner, Allen, Gitts, Edmunds, Wagner, Lucking, Walker.  
RED DEER ARMY—Birkland, Black, Hunter, Bello, Sampson, Dahl, Stephenson, Taylor, Stewart, McIvor, Ferguson.

### "M" DEPOT AIRMEN ACT AS BLOOD DONORS

Word has come to The Airman that two AC2's in Reception Wing have donated their blood to aid others. This week two calls were received from the General Hospital for blood donors for transfusions. AC2 Davey, L. G. and AC2 Cowie, B. E., responded. Mr. N. I. Smith, a civilian, was very ill and required blood, while the other patient was a member of the R.C.A.F., LAC Smith, G. E., of Claresholm.

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## CURRENT CINEMA AVENUE

Saturday, March 6 (for 3 days): "Eagle Squadron" and "Mexican Spitfire Baby." Wednesday, March 10 (for 3 days): "The Big Shot," with Humphrey Bogart; also, "Never Give a Sucker An Even Break," starring W. C. Fields.

## CAPITOL

Tonight and tomorrow: "Once Upon a Honeymoon," with Cary Grant and Ginger Rogers. Monday, March 8 (for one week): "Journey For Margaret," with Robert Young and Marie Day.

## DREAMLAND

Saturday, March 6 (for 3 days): Jack Benny in "Charley's Aunt," also "Powder Town," with Victor McLaglen, Edmon O'Brien and June Havoc. Wednesday, March 10 (for 3 days): "In This Our Life," with Betty Davis, Olivia DeHaviland and George Brent; also, "Mayor of Forty-fourth Street," with George Murphy, Anne Shirley and Freddie Martin.

## EMPRESS

Friday, March 5 (for one week): "Lucky Jordan," with Allan Ladd and Helen Walker.

## RIALTO

Friday, March 5 (for 3 days): Frank Buck's "Jacare," and "Fall In," with William Tracy and Joe Sawyer. Tuesday, March 9 (for 3 days): "The American Empire," with Richard Dix and Leo Carrillo; also, "Hi, Buddy."

## STRAND

Friday, March 5 (for 3 days): "Reap the Wild Winds," with John Wayne and Paulette Goddard; also, the Dead End Kids in "Tough As They Come." Tuesday, March 9 (for 3 days): "King's Row," with Ronald Regan and Anne Sheridan; also, Penny Singleton in "Blondie's Blessed Event."

## Correspondence---

Dear Editor Jerry:

Since leaving the depot here, I have been leading the life of the proverbial Gypsy Baron, wandering from one place to another, having a couple of quick ones and passing on.

My first move, as you recall, was to Swift Current, fondly known to the R.A.F. lads there, as Swift Jackson, or Fast Raisins. Everything to the R.A.F. lads at Swift Current is Jackson. They fly Jacksons, eat Jacksons three times daily, and go to Jackson at night.

The impression I had of the R.A.F. was bad. I was sitting in the C.P.R. station, working up a tremendous rage, as I had phoned the M.T. section three times to come for me. Finally, a little sloppy driver came in, coat flying open, dirty brass and cap askew, and he said, "Are you the . . . corporal bloke from the . . . dental?"



Sgt. George Royds has been on the wagon since January 4—he does not care if prohibition does come in—just so long as they do not put a ration on women. . . . And Sgt. Wally Burton is doing the rounds of the depot—he hails from Regina, I.T.S., and is pinch hitting in the accounts section. . . . And S/L C. E. Moffet, former equipment officer and now at the S.F.T.S., Macleod, was in the city visiting over the week-end. . . . And F/L Crawford knows a fellow that cut off his legs so he could bum around—could have been a Moron. . . . The corporals had a dance—some showed up—some did not show up—all report a fast moving time with plenty of everything that it takes to have a good time. . . . Sgt. Bill Barnes thinks CHAPLAIN is a movie comedian—and WO1 Blundell thinks a PILL BOX is a container for pills. . . . Sgt. Willis will bet that a SNIPER is a guy that picks up cigarette butts. . . . Cpl. Ritch thinks REVELLE is what you do of a New Year's Eve party. . . . AC2 S. Kidd that a DRILL SERGEANT is a dentist. . . . Cpl. Carr wagers that FATIGUE DUTY is taking care of tired people. . . . Sgt. Costigan that a BREECH is half a pair of pants. . . . F/S Smith that a COOTIE is a pretty gal. . . . and F/L Porter that MUSKET is what you smear on hot dogs. . . . F/S Cannings informs me that "If we had some ham and eggs we'd have some ham, if we had some eggs. . . . Sgt. Stewart the tailor gives us the pome of the week:

*A tailor's daughter  
Is Molly Mitchez;  
She always has  
The boys in stitches.*

P/O Gilkes tells us a show girl can afford to play strip poker between acts as he has not much to lose. . . . And as the DUKE said, "No matter how much a Hollywood director makes he is always trying to get a little extra. . . . LAC Monty took his drum home on furlough to see if he could beat his way back.

To which I replied in the affirmative. "Well," he said, if you follow me directly I shall take you to the . . . camp." I then informed him that my name had a handle to it and he replied to the effect that so did a chamber pot. That was Swift Current.

### Losses Weight

From there, I wanted to go either overseas or back here to Edmonton, so in the usual manner, they sent me off to basic training. There, I had a jolly good time, and lost several hundred pounds. I am now very proficient in bayonet fight-

## "Y" ROUNDUP

Last week's cribbage tournament was won by G. F. Coomb, of Vancouver, closely followed by O. Cocker, also of Vancouver.

The table tennis winner for February 25 was LAC E. P. Burke, of Australia, while G. N. Clark of Vancouver was runner-up. J. J. Taylor of Vancouver was winner of the table tennis tournament of March 1, and LAC J. E. L. Gilmore of Australia was runner-up.

For those who dabble in statistics a few figures for February include 321 books being taken out on loan from the library during the last week of the month. Two hundred and eighty-eight telegrams were sent through the "Y" office during the month, 52 of these being sent during the evening of February 24. Forty-one thousand sheets of Y.M.C.A. writing paper were used during the month, while 30,000 envelopes were obtained from the Y.M.C.A. desk. During the month, over 1,000 airmen attended private dances, parties, dinners, etc., through the "Y" office arrangements.

With the increased population over in the Depot hospital, extra purchases of the popular magazines have been made each week to keep the boys supplied with reading material.

A special showing of war films will be shown in the arena this evening, titles for which include "Australia Has Wings," "General Science on the Weather," "Squadron 992," and "All Hands."

### Coming Arena Movies

Sunday, March 7: "The Gay Falcon," detective yarn with George Sanders and Wendy Barrie. Shorts: "Sky Game," a sport short, and Leon Errol in "Home Boner." Tuesday, March 9: "This Gun for Hire," with Veronica Lake and Laird Cregar. Shorts include Popeye cartoon and "Meet the Champs."

ing, gas drill, bren gun and drinking six beers in two minutes.

I returned from Regina to Swift Current, and found that I was not posted there, so I sat about for a week and finally went to the W.S. at Calgary. I did not like that, so I clamored again for Edmonton and the "M" Depot, so they sent me to No. 37 S.F.T.S.

I have been there for two weeks and have been up here on both week-ends. I see very few changes in the station.

### Put On Charge

During my travels, I have come across many officers of the R.C.A.F. who started at No. 2A (T) M Depot at Penhold, or No. 3 here. One morning, I was having breakfast on the train, and along came a young S/L. "Well, Eric," said he, "how are you? How is the piano in the wet canteen?" I smiled weakly, and mumbled something or other to him. "I guess you don't



By LAC G. E. WELLS  
(Aussie)

■ The Aussies on the station take this opportunity to thank their Edmonton friends for the wonderful way they have been looked after during the past few weeks. Special praise is given to the good ladies of the Y.M.C.A. Hostess House and also the young ladies of the Y.W.C.A. All the boys have enjoyed their stay here and have had a "bouzer" time.

■ The long and short of IT! Kingston and Stanton!

■ And then, about those enthusiastic amateurs! The boys are all in favor of it.

■ It is pleasing to see that at least the little drummer boy is remaining faithful to his loss in Maryborough—much to the regret and dismay of one of the local blondes. We have heard she is having "Helena" time.

■ Yes! Buddy Puxty has signed the pledge once again.

■ The boys of Hut 2 are wondering why Wee Tom suddenly decided to change his Australian home address after several nightly lessons on the back porch of one of the well-known city schools.

■ With the boys is LAC J. Oram. He was a purser on one of the Empire Flying Boats, which made several trips from Batavia to Singapore during the last few days of the siege. The plane took in supplies and returned loaded with women and children.

■ One well known city jeweller is expecting to do business any day now with Doug. Wham.

■ George Kennedy is certainly sticking to his motto: ". . . you, I'm alright."

■ Congratulations to LAC's Burke and J. Gillmore on their fine showing in the recent table tennis tournaments. Burke winning two and Gillmore one.

■ Our camera expert John Marquette certainly believes in starting at the right source. However, it is not what they sell at the photographic section of a big city store that John is interested in.

■ Fred "Puss in the Boots" Rush. What will he do when they wear out?

remember me?" he queried, "but fatigue duty in the dental centre the last time I saw you, I was on at Penhold and you were a L/Corporal, threatening to put me on charge for not waxing the floor!"

Your old friend,

ERIC J. HAMILTON.

Dental Clinic, No. 37 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., Calgary.



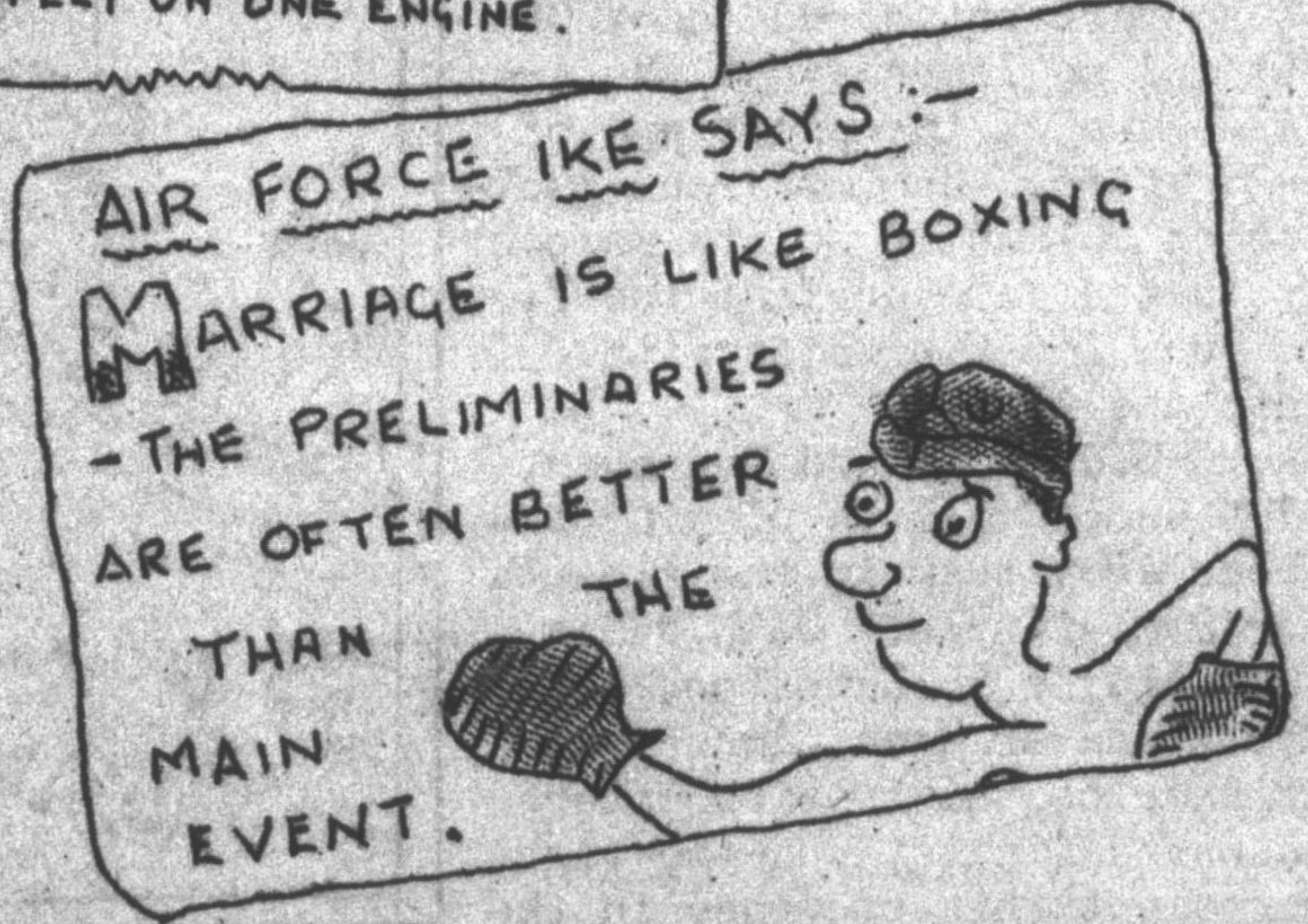
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THE PILOT RETURNED SAFELY ON ONE ENGINE.

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NO MISAPPREHNSION THIS.

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CALGARY BUFFALOES DEFEAT "M" DEPOT IN ALBERTA INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY FINALS.

The amazing Calgary Buffaloes, Southern Alberta Intermediate champions, went on a scoring spree in the third period of the first game in the Alberta Finals to edge out the "M" Depot pucksters 9-8. Outscoring their Northern rivals 6-2 in the final frame, the Buffaloes were fortunate in winning.

Presenting a lineup of former professional and amateur stars, the Buffs were expected to have little trouble with the lads from No. 3 "M" Depot. Soon after the start of the game, it was apparent that the experts were wrong, for the Northerners took the lead. The first period ended 2-1 in Edmonton's favor. In the second, the Airforce lads outscored the Calgarians 4-2 to lead 6-3 going into the final canto. Calgary then came to life, and ended the game one goal up, to take the lead in the two game series.

In the second game, played last night in Calgary, the Calgary Buffaloes won by a decisive margin, 14-2. The Buffaloes are now Alberta Intermediate Champions, and play Vernon Military All-Stars for the Western Canada title.

Pete Atkinson with 3 goals led the Calgary attack, while Tobin and Ron Gardner with 2 each were the spearheads of the "M" Depot team.

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"M" DEPOT BASKETBALL TEAM WINS TWO EXHIBITION GAMES.

Preparing for the Alberta playoffs, the "M" Depot "Spitfires" played two exhibition games this week against teams from the city league. On Wednesday the "M" Depot hoopers outscored the Y.C.A. 76-65; and on Thursday at the Arena the ATC were on the short end of a 59-28 score. Kaminsky and Jackson score 26-and 24 points respectively in the game against the Y, while Buna led his mates with 23 against the ATC.

Next Wednesday and Thursday, the "M" Depot will be playing the Red Deer Army team in the Alberta Senior Semi-finals. Both games will be played in Edmonton, either at the Arena or West Glen gyms. The winner of this series enters the Alberta finals, and the right to represent this province in the Dominion playoffs.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT IN A SUCCESS.

Sixteen players turned out last Wednesday night for the inter-depot badminton tournament held in the Arena.

The winner of the singles was AC2 Kayser of Quesnel, B.C., while the runner-up was AC2 Edmonds of Saskatoon. In the doubles, two R.A.F. lads, LAC Buckley of Bradford, Yorks., and LAC Watkins of Colchester, Essex, Eng., were the ultimate winners.

The officials hope to see more men entered for next Wednesday's tournament. The entries should be handed in as soon as possible to Sgt. Newton, or any of the P.T. Instructors. The birds are issued free, both for practice and tournament play.

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THURSDAY'S BOXING SHOW GOES OVER "BIG".

The Boxing show held in the Arena last night was a huge success. Six interesting bouts were held, and the airmen present were highly pleased with the performances. Winners were: AC2 Putnam over AC2 Wood; AC2 O'Donnell over AC2 Lang; AC2 Stoneman best to AC2 Sorenson; AC2 Bertram and AC2 Ronal Drew; Ac2 Reynolds drew with AC2 Trekopki; and AC2 Apple won over AC2 Bedard. Congratulations to the winners.....and keep up the good work.

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