

Nice girls are made, not born.  
Many girls are nice girls.

# The Airman

Fay: "Why do all the girls call May a reasonable girl?"  
Flo: "Because she begins making love in the Spring, and in September starts looking for a Fall guy."

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## New Commanding Officer Takes Over Command

This week, we welcome to No. 3 "M" Depot, our new Commanding Officer, Group Captain R. M. Smith, formerly Commanding Officer of No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal. G/C R. M. Smith succeeds G/C W. G. Webber, who is now Commanding Officer of No. 1 Wireless School.

Whether he be a new officer or an N.C.O. in this war's effort, if he saw action in the last conflict, as soon as he takes over command, there is something that distinguishes him from those who have started military life in the present struggle. It is more than cold efficiency. It is that which creates an atmosphere of respect rather than demands it. It is no respecter of rank.

Group Captain R. M. Smith is such a man.

Airmen sense on first contact with our Commanding Officer that he's been "through the mill." They do not know why they sense it. It is not rank alone, for an N.C.O. with the same experience behind him would gain the same response; which is as it should be. Highlights of the new commanding officers' career reveal a wealth of experience few men are privileged to have, even with many years in the allotted span.

A native of Toronto, G/C Smith passed through the normal life of a boy and upon graduation from school, gained experience with a government survey party. Later he became connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

When the last war broke out, he was associated with internment operations in Canada. In 1915 he was granted a commission with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, and went overseas some months later. He was not long there, when he saw the importance of air work, and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He gained his wings at the Reading School of Aeronautics. Assigned to No. 23 Squadron, R.F.C., he was with a fighter unit that used the famous "Spads," and fought in many battles before he got the "bump" that knocked him out of the last war.

October 31, 1917, was the "dark day," and the position, just above the Ypres Salient during the famous Passchendaele Ridge push. He was not fated the fight through, for Hun lead riddled his plane. (In those days, fighter pilots did not have parachutes, and when a

plane was badly shot up, it was out of the fight). When his plane, which was in very bad condition, was finally brought down, it was on the wrong side of the lines. Led away to internment he chafed at the sudden jerk from activity, but he immediately started to plan escape. However, he was unsuccessful, being caught every time he tried. He was forced to await repatriation, and finally after hostilities ceased, he made his way to England.

At the outbreak of this war, he lost no time in "getting back in harness," September 12, 1939, being the date of his re-enlistment at Toronto. He was appointed a Flight Lieutenant immediately, and was put to work with F/L Green (now deceased) and F/L Nash, to open the No. 1 "M" Depot at Toronto. Promoted to Squadron Leader, he was then transferred to No. 2 Command at Brandon. Starting from scratch, he built up the No. 2 "M" Depot to its present high state of efficiency. His promotion to Wing Commander was made at the "Wheat City" station, and after serving 14 months there, he was transferred to No. 1 Wireless School at Montreal in June, 1941. His next promotion, that to Group Captain came while he was commanding Officer of No. 1 Wireless School. He remained at this station until his new posting, that of Commanding Officer of No. 3 "M" Depot.

On behalf of the entire station personnel, The Airman wishes to welcome you, sir, to our station. We are proud of No. 3 "M", and proud to have a man of your experience and ability as our commanding officer. We trust your stay with us will be a happy one, for we are sure that every man on this Depot will do his utmost to make No. 3 "M" Canada's finest "Manning Depot". . . . Welcome, and good luck."

No. 3 "M" Depot lost another popular officer this week with the departure of F/L O. P. Gosling for No. 2 Wireless School at Calgary.

### ROOKIES' REVUE No. 2 IS A BIG HIT

Last Friday night, the Entertainment Committee came up with edition number 2 of the "Rookies' Revue" and it was truly an outstanding show. Full of fun, humor, music and song, every one of the 1700 who saw the performance, were more than pleased. Featuring the station band and orchestra, guest artists, and talent chosen from the large number of airmen stationed at No. 3 "M", the Rookies' Revue covered a wide range of entertainment. If edition number 3 is as successful, the Arena will be jammed to the doors.

Among those who took part were F/S Lang, AC2 Dick Tannauser, AC2 Lou Snider, Jeannette Bradey, Budd Bennett, Frank Forth, Hugh Campbell, Henry Oak, Margaret Hosmer, Charlie Pawlett, Betty Freeman and Alex. White.

The band was under the direction of Sgt. U. V. Taylor, and stage settings were Sgt. J. Pritchard. Cpl. J. A. Palmer acted as stage manager, and the whole show was produced and directed by LAC Claude Blackwood.

Congratulations to the committee for their efforts in supplying the airmen of No. 3 "M" Depot with such outstanding entertainment.

### PRESENTATIONS

W/C G. A. Hodgetts, who leaves this week to take over command of No. 2 "M" Depot at Brandon, was the recipient of two presentations this week. First the officers took the opportunity of wishing him bon voyage. Then the sergeants had their turn. Judging from the presents it appears that it is going to be an awful dry summer in Brandon.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for three officers on the station on receiving promotions. A/SO Thompson of the accounts section is now a section officer; P/O Hogg our educational officer now goes under the title of flying officer, while F/O S. A. Turner of the Aircrew Selection Board joined the select band of flight looys.

### EDUCATION AND TRADE TEST OFFICES

The Education and Trade Test Offices have been moved and are now situated in the room just below the tailor shop. Any personnel wishing information on Trade Testing or Educational courses drop in and see F/O Hogg or WO1 Shaw.

### POSTINGS

More postings came through during the past week. P/O Gilkes has been posted to Mossbank, while F/L "Tiny" Davis, who spent a few days here has taken up duties at No. 2 Wireless School at Calgary. Good luck, fellows.

### BINGO

Bingo is really going over big in Reception Wing these days. Here is a list of the winners for March 17 in the bingo tournaments held in Aggie and 28 and 29:

AC2's Boomer, H.; Hammond, J. R.; Simmons, S. E.; McDowell, W. S.; Peterson, W. L.; Smith, E.; Vernon, D.; Herd, L. G.; Rae, J. M.; Tosh, L.; MacFarlane, D.; Liddell, H.; Simpson, J. R.; Simpson, R. S.; Maki, V. A.; Morris, J.; Paulick, A.; Smith, R. E.; Leines, W. E.; Jarvis, J. G.; Mark, W. H.; Gilmore, L. G.

### HERE AND THERE

Spring has finally sprung. This is the time of the year when a young man's fancy turns to the weaker sex. As the sun rose the first day of Spring, so rose the sons of the No. 3 "M". The boys will all be trying the techniques they have been rehearsing the past frigid winter. Possibly this poem is fitting:

*My lady, be wary of cupid  
And listen to the lines of this verse,  
To let a fool kiss you is stupid,  
To let a kiss fool you is worse.*

We have heard that the guards at the gates are going to pass out spoons so the airmen can finish their spooning after eleven o'clock—who said that?

How about the airman from the Pacific Coast who was invited to a rat-race and was disappointed because it was a dance? Do you suppose the lads out at the coast are kind of out of date with the times?

# DANCE TO-NIGHT IN ARENA

Friday, March 26th

Time: 20:30 Hours

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## The Airman

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:**—The following editorial is re-printed from "Cominco," the monthly magazine published by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, at Trail, British Columbia. Due to the many opinions of enlisted men, that civilians are not doing their part, we print this editorial to show that they ARE doing all they can to further the cause of the United Nations. May we, in our humble opinion, salute those who are "providing us with the tools, so that we can do our own job."

### PROCESSIONAL

Some months ago this space was given over to a message entitled "Prelude," a message designed to convey to our fighting men, the determination of our company, management and men, to back them to the very limit.

The restraint of war-time censorship, coupled with an instinctive aversion to colorizing and dramatizing our work have combined to keep our magazine largely free from information concerning the manner in which our promise is being kept; but our men in khaki and blue have a right to know that we ARE keeping it, and it is past time for a report.

Early in December our smelter crew broke all previous records for production; on January 16 of this year the Ammonia Nitrate men set a new record in their plant.

Nearly 1,000 men have sent in suggestions to the Joint Production Committee during the first five months of its operation.

Our machine shop crew has undertaken and completed contracts for special Naval equipment that has proven to be the very best of its kind.

The refineries have been undergoing continual expansion and are now at a production peak undreamed of in days of peace.

The management has instituted a vigorous exploration program that has resulted in the development of new and unfamiliar metals in quantity.

Employees have invested \$275,000 in War Savings, \$1,250,000 in Victory Bonds, nearly \$100,000 in our Patriotic Funds, and paid over \$1,000,000 in income taxes during 1942.

Not one hour of time or one ounce of production has been lost through friction in our family circle.

We are keeping our promise.

The facts have been stated briefly, without any of the background of individual initiative, inspiration and plain sweat that went to make these things possible, but it may serve to show that our Prelude has changed to a Processional. Seven hundred and fifty men have stepped out of our ranks during the year to "go active" and join you, but the tread of their marching feet is still part of the whole. Over 1,500 men on service and our 8,000 men at home comprise one of the most efficient armies of the United Kingdom.

Your lives are your stake in the conflict. We will do our best to match that stake. Cost what it may in work, money, time or effort, just as long as these hills of home will yield their riches for your arms, just so long will we continue to add production record to production record, pile our earnings, our ideas and our efforts on the scales of justice so that *your* cause and *ours* shall be triumphant.

We are marching together.

### WANTED

One "20" power telescope for the Rifle Range. Anyone wanting to donate, or sell same, please see F/L Hensen, O/C Reception Wing.

### RECEPTION WING SHOW SUCCESSFUL

Last Saturday night the Reception Wing staged another successful show. This musical extravaganza, called the "Strip to the Waist Revue," was produced and directed by AC2 Norman Green, a law graduate of the University of Toronto.

AC2 Andy Paulich assisted in the selection of talent and direction. The stage manager, AC2 Kip, did a fine job and was ably assisted by John Morden.

The revue started off with a bang and was peppered full of laughs from beginning to end. Headlining the show were AC2 N. Green and AC2 A. Paulich who did a song and dance representing Stalin and Hitler. These two recruits also presented several skits which were full of gags that went over very well with the boys of the Reception Wing.

Featured too on the program was a well performed tumbling act. The four tumblers were AC2's Johnson, Tarnowsky and the two Bell brothers.

Vocals on the show were beautifully provided by AC2 Ray Kip, a former semi-pro hockey player, and AC2 McCloy who also played a fine trumpet selection. AC2 L. Lepage rendered several harmonica solos in grand style.

AC2 Norman Green acted as master of ceremonies.

AC2 Doug. Ireland, paraded over with the isolation wing was called on by the master of ceremonies without any notice to do some of his impersonations and sing some of his comic songs. He proved to be a fine entertainer and was well received by the boys.

Once again hats off to the Y.M.C.A. for making this weekly Saturday entertainment possible and for their whole-hearted co-operation in this particular show.

Stage crew consisted of: AC2's Roy Pierre, Bill Slater, John Cornwall, John Fever, Oust Antoniuk, Jim Mustrave, Bob Hughes, W. Miller.

### ★This 'n That

Well now the fellows can bring that "wedge" cap right out in the open and wear it instead of keeping it in their great coat pockets until they get down town.

Everybody would give their eye tooth to see the new commanding officer . . . but who will approach him concerning the abolishing of Duty Watch for Headquarters . . . and Airmen?

And now this "ever-joking" Cpl. Rudd claims he got scratched on the head by a baby. . . . How old?

A certain friend of Alice Scott's said he was introduced by her to the most wonderful girl. . . . Remember me, Alice?

F/O Eggleston's mother thought his Christian name should have been "Austin" because he was built so close to the ground.

Cpl. Yule went in the canteen the other day and asked to buy a pound of "Readers" so he could "Digest" it.

Cpl. Alexander is whispering it around. . . . You guessed it—he bought a ring and had it "installed around her finger" . . . get it?

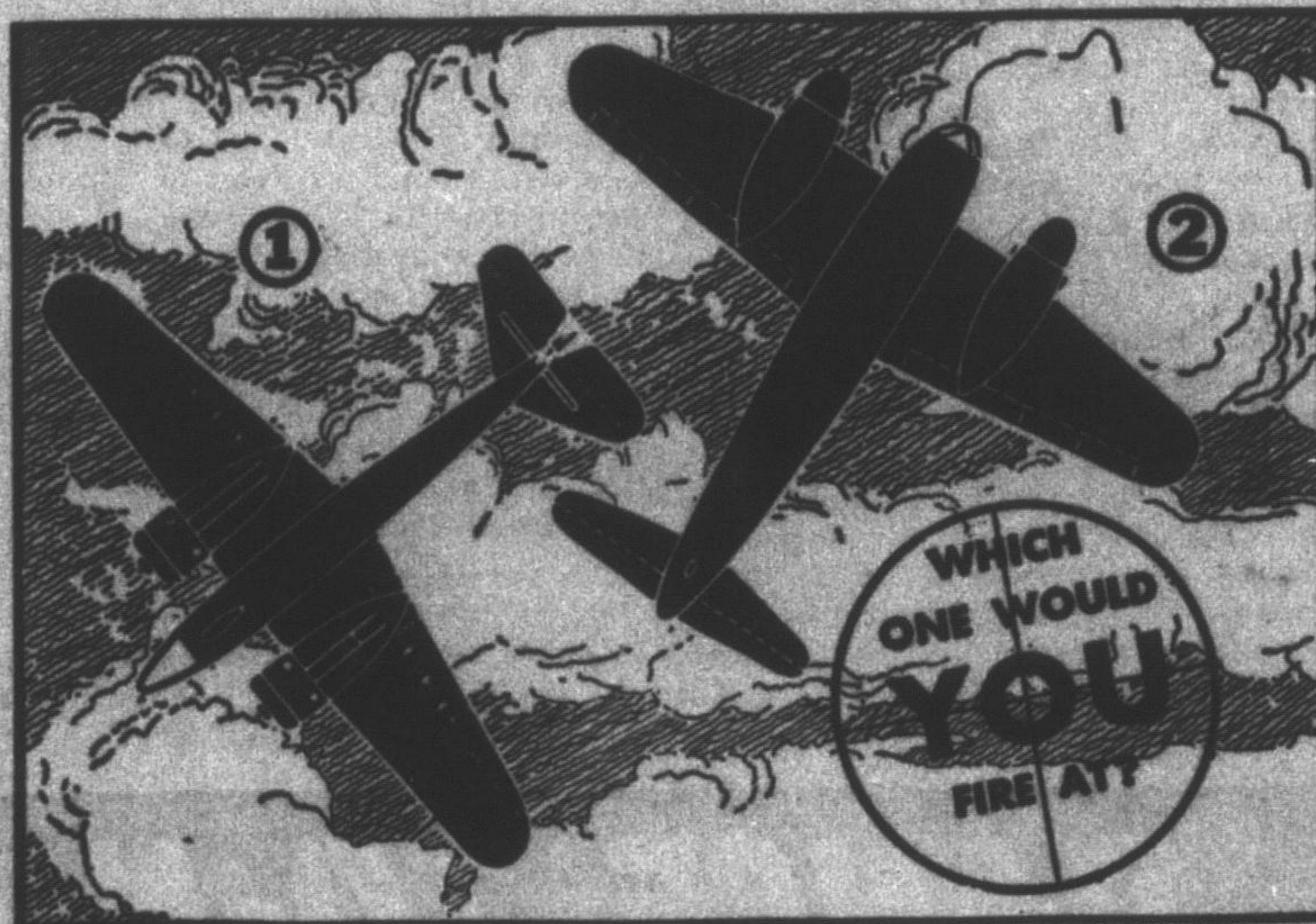
LAC Knowles thinks "vericose veins" are something they use in weather forecasting.

Why did the chicken run to the other side of the road? . . . Wrong. . . . Not to get to the other side, but for some "fowl" reason.

Yes, Sgt. Dobson looked all day for a file but couldn't seem to find it. . . . Mae Thompson said she thought he had a nice "profile."

The "Wings" should get together and after a Reception they could stand a little Training at their Disposal.

AC1 Briggs says there are three means of communication: Telegram, telephone and tell his wife. Remember Briggs, what Tennyson once wrote. Quote: Better to have loved than never to have loved at all.



**Fire at No. 1!** It's the Italian Savoia-Marchetti SM.85, a twin engine, single seat dive bomber. Both edges of the high mid-wings taper to rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept back sharply and the trailing edge is straight. It has a single fin and rudder.

**Not at No. 2!** It's the British De Havilland "Mosquito," a low wing bomber powered by two in-line engines. The fuselage is cigar shaped. The wings taper on both edges to rounded tips. Tapered tailplane has single fin and rudder.

**STORES PROCEDURE**  
OR  
"PER ARDUA AD ASTRA"  
THROUGH DIFFICULTIES TO THE  
STORES

The following poem is taken from the R.C.A.F. magazine of the Bella Bella Station.

An airman needing material one day  
Went to his flight sergeant, "Say  
I need a bolt, a nut, a screw,  
The equipment guy said, 'See you.'  
"What's that?" said Flight, just  
like that,  
As if the bloke was going "on the  
mat":  
"You need a bolt, a nut, a screw—  
What the . . . do you want me to  
do?"  
"It's just like this," the airman  
said—  
"Now in the book that's bound in  
red,  
C.U.P. 10, I think it's known,  
Each spare part has a place of its  
very own.  
The bolt I need—yes, one like that,  
Is in Section 10—what page is that?  
Oh yes: Now for an E. 42  
The stores guy said 'signed by you'.  
"Now," said Flight, "this nut and  
screw—  
I thought you wanted things too."  
"Oh yes," the airman said, "you see  
But they come under Section 'C'.  
"Another section like hell," says  
Flight,  
"They all go in to make things  
tight.  
These sections don't make sense to  
me,  
Let's go to the stores and have a  
look-see."  
To stores they went to get the stuff,  
And as if that wasn't trouble  
enough,  
They got there just in time to see  
The wicket down—'twas half-past  
three.  
"Well strike me down," says Flight,  
quite mad,  
"How's this bl . . . stuff to be had?  
We got the forms in triplicate,  
And now they shut the bl . . . gate.  
It jolly well isn't cricket  
To go ahead and close the wicket.  
Last week when I went for an  
engine spare,  
The Equipment Officer gave me an  
icy glare,  
'No,' he said, 'we haven't a thing;  
Why don't you fix it with some  
string'.  
Back they go into the hangar  
To watch the C.O. vent his anger.  
His pet aircraft, it had no fin,  
No rudder control, nor seat set in.  
"Flight," he barks, in tiptop shape,  
"The crew on this is a bl . . . ape.  
I said I'd fly at half-past four,  
And now the parts are all over the  
floor."  
"Sir," says Flight, in approved  
type manner,  
"Your crew man here he's got his  
spanner,  
But nary bolt, nor nut, nor screw,  
To put it together again for you."  
"No good at all, Flight Sergeant,"  
says he,  
"Bring the man in front of me.  
We'll soon find out the proper score  
And why the parts are on the floor."



By F/O H. W. EGGLESTON.

This week this corner has to tender its thanks to AC2 Tom Derbyshire for his fine work in looking after the interests of The Airman . . . during . . . the . . . writer's absence, also the absence of the managing editor, Cpl. Jerry Bricker. . . . A fine job he made of it, too. . . . But take due warning. . . . Bricker will be back next week. . . . We understand that he took in all the larger cities in the U.S. during his tour. . . . Look out for some stories as tall as some of the buildings in New York when he gets back on the station. . . . F/L Cummings' basketballers are getting superstitious. . . . Notice the boys have all had brush haircuts and are the proud possessors of moustaches (if you can call them that). . . . They have vowed that there will be no change in their appearance until the basketball playoffs have been completed. . . . And don't think the "M" Depot cagers haven't got a battle on their hands. . . . Raymond Union Jacks will no doubt provide plenty of opposition for the Red Devils. . . . Perennial champions of Alberta the Jacks have held the provincial title 12 times in the last 13 years. . . . No wonder F/L Hansen is all of a dither this week. . . . Latest reports have it that the new rifle range will be in operation Saturday. . . . Outside of basketball there is little sports activity on the station at present. . . . All we can hope for now is a few real warm days to pave the way for spring and summer sports. . . . F/O Jamieson is busy lining up equipment for softball, baseball, soccer, etc.

"Fall in two men," barks out the  
Flight,  
"Squad 'sun, and then a turn to  
the right.  
This man is charged under Section  
Four,  
With having aircraft parts on the  
floor."  
"What have you to say?" the C.O.  
said,  
While the airman's face got very  
red.  
Says he, "No bolt, no nut, no screw,  
Sir, what the hell am I going to  
do?  
By the time I get the sections right,  
And wait at stores most all the  
night,  
Because the wicket closed at three  
We'er out of luck, the Flight and  
me."  
"Case dismissed," the C.O. cried.  
"The stores to blame—darn their  
hide.  
I'll go and get the stuff myself,  
If I have to swipe it off the shelf."  
Away they go—C.O. and crew,  
To tell the stores just what to do.  
The stores don't seem to care a  
damn,  
Because the C.O.'s in a jam.  
One store man said, "The proper  
thing to do



Here we are again, and no one knows what kind of dirt will come forth . . . but here goes.

Among the many new arrivals at No. 3 "M" is "Torchy" Peden, the world famous "bike-rider." Torchy is one of the new PTTers which have come to relieve the "overcrowded PT situation." A big, rawboned, husky brute, this Peden looks the part, and there is plenty of power packed into his frame. Wonder if he'll be as tough on the rookies as he was when in active competition against the foremost riders in the cycle racing profession. Welcome to No. 3, Torchy . . . we're glad to have you with us.

This guy (Sgt. Darling) seems to be giving everyone the run-around these days. The rumors running around have him married, not married, engaged . . . and what have you. Darling himself says it won't happen till next month . . . but someone else sends us news that we are to offer congratulations. Come clean, Sarge, let's have the right news, please.

AC2 Mitchell, G. C., recently went through the Selection Board and the result came up with some news about his family. He seemingly has 6 brothers . . . two in the Army overseas, three in the R.C.A.F., one overseas. One of the brothers is in Ground Crew and the other in training for a bombardier. This is quite a record, 6 out of one family "on active service," two in the Army, and four in the R.C.A.F. The other brother is only 17, and is anxiously awaiting the time when he will be old enough to join his older brothers.

We wonder why a big fire broke out every time Padre Griffiths visits Satkatoon? . . . The news of his arrival is always cause for some excitement in the Hub City. Why some of the officers nicknamed F/O Hogg "The Shadow"? When the four musketeers are going to form a singing quartet? From the loud tones coming from the shower bath P/O Hunter should have little trouble training S/L R. Walker, F/L Crawford and F/L S. A. Turner—and you should see them on the badminton court—gracefulness personified. Why the officers' mess doesn't install a private telephone for F/O Larcombe? Why some of the airmen are going short on female partners for functions in the city? Is it that the Aussie officers have corralled all the gorgeous creatures for the time being?

Is to get permission from A.F.H.Q.,  
Then we can raise an L.P.O.—  
That is if stores have any dough,  
Then no doubt in a month or two  
You'll get your bl . . . nut and  
screw."  
In the meantime though, here's the  
rub,  
The airman, he can't fix the "tub,"  
He has no bolt, no nut, no screw—  
What in hell's he going to do?



Say, did you hear about the AC2 who went before the M/O and asked for something to take before he went to bed for every morning he awoke he was tired because he dreamt he couldn't sleep?

Then there was the AC2 who asked the sergeant why they put the white crystalline stuff in the food. The illogical answer was, to supply the body with salt that was lost in sweating on parades. But why do they feed the AC2's with eggs in the morning?

Do you know what the dog said when he sat down on the sandpaper . . . Ruff!

Why are so many AC2's coming on parades lately with sleep in their eyes? Could it be the custard pudding they feed us in the mess?

Who's the acting editor they call Goldie? Is it because of the glint of his brass?

Who was the bone head who thought a McIntosh Red was a Scotch Communist? Was it Dale Main of 16A1?

Why is it AC2's prefer blondes? Is it because where there is light there is heat?

The fellows of "M" Depot extend their thanks to the feminine clubs for their invitations to the airmen. Quit hinting.

We understand that a lot of the boys are falling down town. We suggest that the streets be cleaned of ice. Remember girls, a serviceman is damn useless to the Air Force if he is physically unfit, so please leave the hearts alone.

How about the recruit who asked the sergeant where he could put his ash, and the rather dull sergeant said, "On that chair, you damn fool . . ."

Who's this fellow they call Don Juan? Is it because all the girls Don Juan him?

One of the AC2's asked his girl friend to join the WAAC's for she would get a bang out of life too.

Who was the nit-wit who would only look at his watch two or three times out of the hour because he was told if he looked at it too often he would wear it out?

Wanted—More plough jockeys fresh off the farm to write corn columns, will I do? I'm no farmer I'm a minor. You can't eat it, you can't drink it, but it is still corn.

**OFFICERS BOWLING TEAM  
QUALIFY FOR FINAL**

Sweeping all three games the officers' bowling team from No. 3 "M" Depot captured the semi-finals of the R.C.A.F. Officers' Bowling League Monday night by defeating the No. 2 team from A.O.S.

By turning in the victory the "M" Depot representatives qualified to meet the No. 1 team from A.O.S. in the finals for the championship.

We always say that it's natural a fellow should find himself up a tree when he puts his hand on the wrong limb.

# The Airman

Japanese Tombstone:  
"Me, in person.  
No movie,  
No talkie."

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## CURRENT CINEMA

### AVENUE

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday: "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire; added is Preston Foster in "Parachute Battalion." Wednesday to Friday: "Ball of Fire," featuring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck; also "Blondie's Blessed Event."

### CAPITOL

Today and tomorrow: "Pride of the Yankees," the life story of Lou Gehrig. Coming Monday (all week): "Random Harvest," starring Greer Garson and Ronald Colman.

### DREAMLAND

Starting Wednesday: "Gentleman After Dark," starring Brian Donlevy, Miriam Hopkins and Preston Foster; added, a comedy hit, "Rise and Shine."

### EMPRESS

Starting today (for one week): "The War Against Mrs. Hadley," featuring Edward Arnold and Fay Bainter.

### RIALTO

Starting today until Monday: "A Night to Remember," starring Loretta Young and Brian Aherne; added, "The Devil with Hitler," a comedy hit. Starting Tuesday: "Silver Skates," starring Fay Baker. The Great Impersonator is the added hit.

### STRAND

Showing Friday, Saturday and Monday: "Johnny Eager," with Robert Taylor and Lana Turner; added, Roy Rogers in "Romance of the Range." Coming Tuesday: "Strawberry Blonde," starring Jimmy Cagney and Olivia Dehaviland; added, "Nightmare," starring Diana Barrymore.

### AC2 LOU SNIDER

AC2 Lou Snider, late of CBL, Toronto, commenced his training as a pianist at the age of seven. His skill won him an assortment of awards and at the age of ten he made his public debut. Up until he was fourteen his work was strictly classical, after that time he turned to modern music. His first appearance on the radio was at the age of twelve over CFRB, Toronto. About 1937 he teamed up with Murray Ross to form the popular two-piano team, Snider-Ross. It was about this time that he started playing over the CBC network at station CBL, Toronto, where he has been employed almost constantly since.

AC2 Snider was offered a sergeant's stripes in the army and a rank in the Air Force if he went into these services in the musical field, however, owing to his keenness to fly he turned down both these offers.

Don't forget the basketball game Saturday night.



Did you ever meet the airman on the depot who made too good a friend of a cat and as it was going to give birth to a few kittens he threw it out of the hut because he thought he might be held responsible? . . . Through the grapevine system I hear Sgt. Darling is looking and feeling very happy this past while and the same system would like to know if he has taken the final "plunge" into matrimony. Has he? . . . And did you hear about the rookie who, at H.Q. Staff Parade the other morning, approached F/Sgt. Barnes and quite seriously asked, "Please, Flight, is this the sick parade? . . . I understand that AC2 Robert Green has lately put in a nightly appearance at the roller rink. Could it be that he is waiting for another "ladies choice"? . . . AC2 Physick has acquired a new name for himself. He is now referred to as MacIntosh's corporal. . . I'm hearing quite a lot about these rookies it seems: Here's one about a rookie who was filling out civilian records. Ann, the stenographer, was asking him a few questions and was indeed stunned

### THIS IS NOT ALL ELIZABETH WEBB.

*Though squalor of pain and heaped up dead  
Lie in the wake of the Devil's tread—  
This is not all!  
Though nations, choked with mechanized lust,  
Be brought to their knees in blood-stained dust—  
This is not all!  
This they can do, perhaps; trample and plunder;  
Rip out our hearts and tear them asunder.  
But God! There is a city: one holy span  
Unwalled: deep-rooted within each man  
Who treads the earth, who breathes the air,  
And he shall find his refuge there.  
No cannon's reach, nor bayonet thrust,  
Shall bring this city to the dust.  
One impregnable, unconquerable place,  
Where lies tranquility, mirroring God's face.  
Thus it has been since the world began;  
They have no power in the soul of man!*

when he added, "I also have an upper and lower set of false teeth."

### "HUBERT"

by Snyder



'He gets 'em—with the sugar he brings from the mess hall!'

### "Y" ROUNDUP

Here are the results of the weekly tournaments held under the direction of the "Y" supervisors, Fred Youmans and Art Peacock.

Bridge: On Monday, March 22, AC2 McPhail, of Vancouver, took first place with a total of 3,770 points in 16 hands. AC2 Stewart, also of Vancouver, took second prize with 3,060 points.

Table Tennis: AC2 Morris, of Courtenay, B.C., won the Thursday night battle over AC2 Stirling, of Vancouver. On Monday, March 22, AC2 Lamothe, of Smooth Rock Falls, Ont., took top honors, with Cpl. R. A. Smith, of Edmonton, taking second prize. A team of our six best men were entered in the city service men's tournament in the downtown Y.M.C.A. on Thursday night, and the results will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Airman.

On the Snooker Tables last Thursday, some very interesting games were held, with AC2 Jenson outpointing AC2 Giesbacht in the finals.

Special showing of the movie programs were held in Hut 7 for the scarlet contacts, on Sunday afternoon and Monday night. A quiz program was held in Hut 7 on Friday night while the station dance was going on.

There is a big "Bingo" tournament every Wednesday in the Aggie Hut.

### Movies for Next Week

Sunday in the Arena: "Talk of the Town," a comedy drama starring Cary Grant, Jean Arthur and Ronald Coleman. Tuesday night: "Sweetheart of the Fleet," a musical comedy featuring Jinx Falkenburg, Joan Davis, and Harry James and his band.

### THE FRONT LINE— THE INNER LINE

*Behind the roaring cannon, behind the flashing steel,  
The defenders of the Inner Line,  
steady and constant kneel.*

*Some bent, some grey or crippled,  
some three-score years and ten,  
Just praying, always praying,  
for the front-line fighting men.*

*These cannot lead a sortie, nor  
breast the ocean foam,  
But their fervent prayers as incense  
rise from church and cottage  
home.*

*The poor man and the wealthy all  
from the Inner Line,  
Linked by a common sorrow in a  
brotherhood divine.*

*You can hear old voices quaver, you  
can see the slow tears fall,  
Yet the Inner Line keeps steady,  
England and honor call.*

*They pray, and who can measure  
such prayers' resistless might?  
They trust the Lord of Battles—  
He will defend the right.*

# "M" DEPOT "RED DEVILS" WIN FIRST GAME OF ALBERTA FINALS 67-44

JACKSON, BUNA AND BARDSLEY LEAD NO. 3  
"M" DEPOT HOOPERS TO 23 POINT LEAD IN  
ALBERTA FINALS AGAINST RAYMOND.

Taking the first game of the two-game total point series with the Raymond Union Jacks, the "M" Depot "Red Devils" now hold a 25 point advantage going into the final game tomorrow night.

Playing smart ball all the way, the Red Devils took the lead right after the opening whistle and held a good margin in the scoring column right through to the end of the game. "Busher" Jackson with a grand total of 23 points for his evening's work, led the Devils on to victory. "Chief" Buna held down the second slot with 15, and Captain Jimmy Bardsley and Johnny Kaminsky followed closely with 13 and 12 respectively.

Don Nilsson led the Raymond Union Jacks attack with 12 points. Butler Nalder garnered 11 and Bob Dunlap with 9 were the other high scorers for the Jacks.

The referees called the game very closely and a total of 14 personal fouls being called on the Red Devils and 11 on the visitors. Turner and Nilsson both had three fouls for Raymond, while Gray and Watson collected three each for the "M" Depot hoopsters.

Raymond scored the first point of the game on a free shot, Nilsson scoring after being fouled by Gray. Buna came right back for the Devils and sank a lovely shot to put the Flyers ahead, a position they never relinquished for the rest of the game. At the end of the first quarter the Red Devils held a 19-10 lead, scoring nine field baskets and one free throw. Raymond picked up three field goals to add to their four free tosses.

In the second quarter, the "M" Depot artists kept up the Pressure and outscored the Jacks 17-10 to take a commanding 36-20 lead at the half way mark. In the second

quarter Busher Jackson collected 12 points out of the "M" Depot's 17.

HALFTIME SCORE: Red Devils 36, Jacks 20.

In the third quarter, the Jacks recovered somewhat, and went on a scoring spree. The Red Devils took time out and re-organized their attack, and finally started to click. However, they did not overcome the Jacks scoring in this quarter, and when the quarter ended, they had outscored the Red Devils 16-13. The score at the three-quarter mark was 49-36 in favor of the "M" Depot.

In the final canto, the Red Devils found the range again, and went on to outscore the Union Jacks 18-8. "Chief" Buna collected 7 points in this quarter to lead the attack, closely followed by Busher Jackson and John Kaminsky with 5 and 4 respectively. Nilsson and Nalder each collected 4 points for the Jacks in the final quarter.

The second game of the series will be played tomorrow, Saturday night in the Arena, with the game starting at 2030 hours (8.30p.m.). The opening game will bring the two girls' teams from the City league into action with Starlets meeting Bissells at 7.30 p.m.

The game last night was officially opened with the two teams lining up across the floor as the band played O Canada. Group Captain R. M. Smith, No. 3 "M" Depot's new Commanding Officer opened the series by tossing up the first ball.

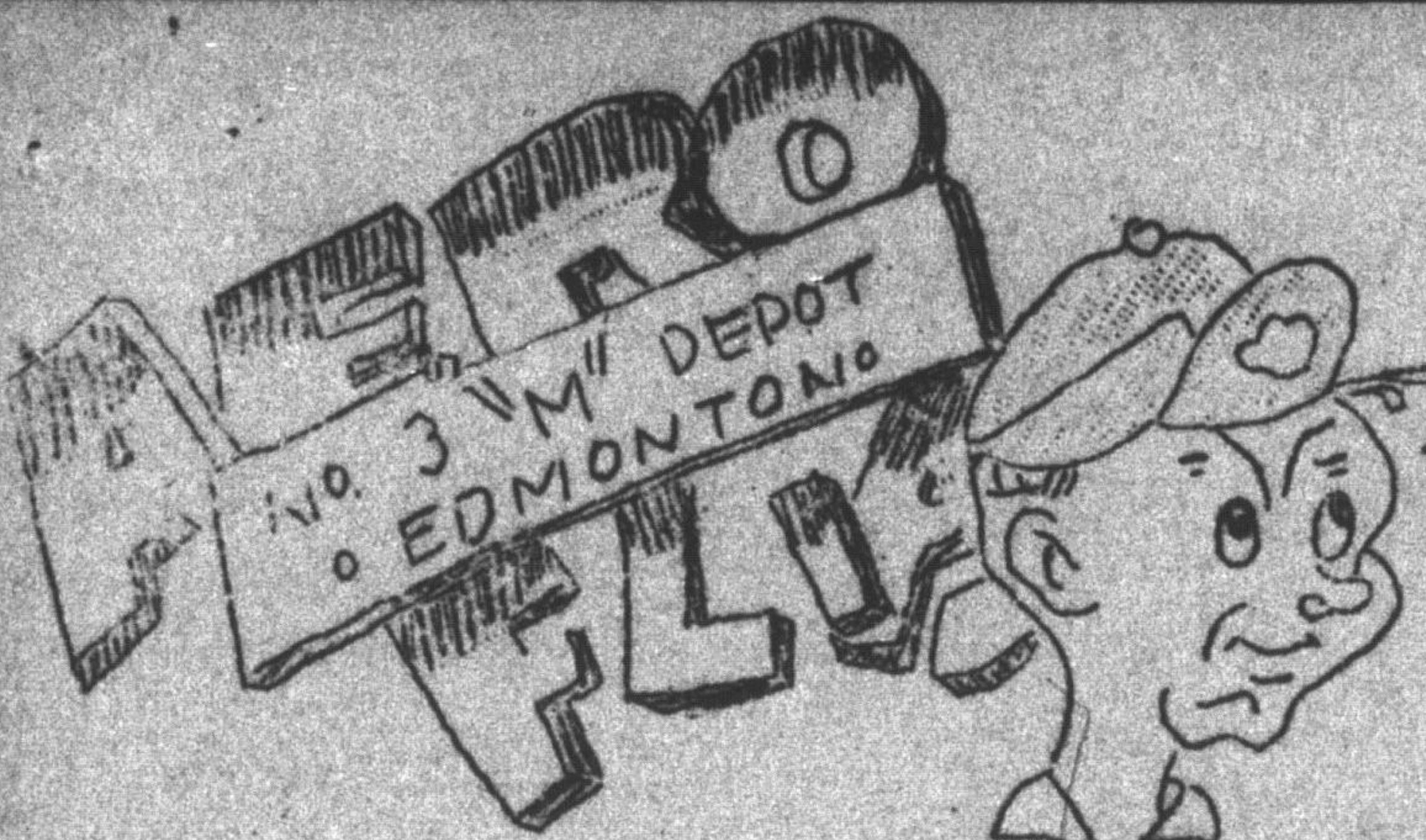
## LINEUP:

RAYMOND UNION JACKS: Dunlap 9, Evans, Turner 4, Don Nilsson 12, Stone 7, Rolfson 1, Nalder 11. TOTAL: 44.

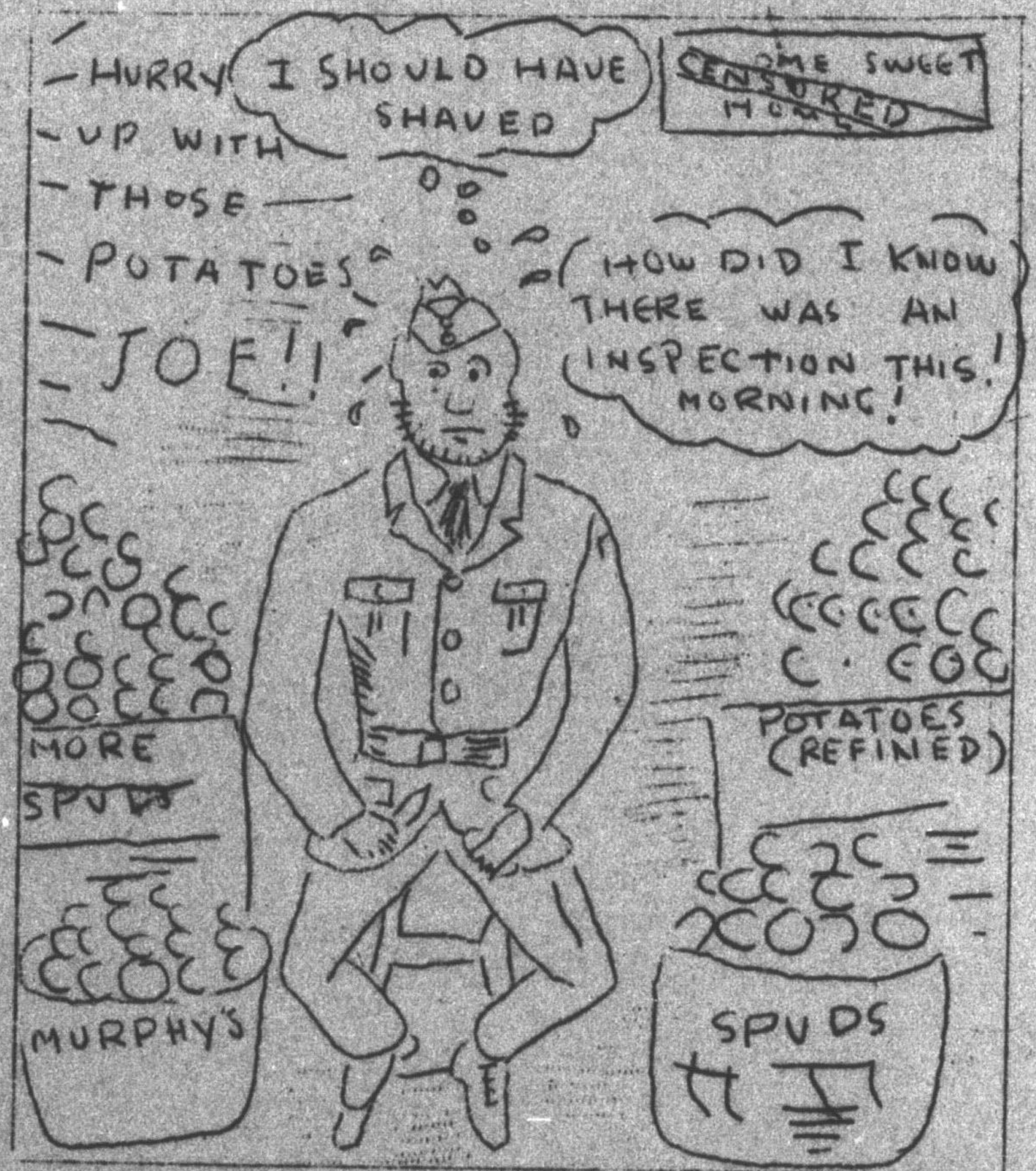
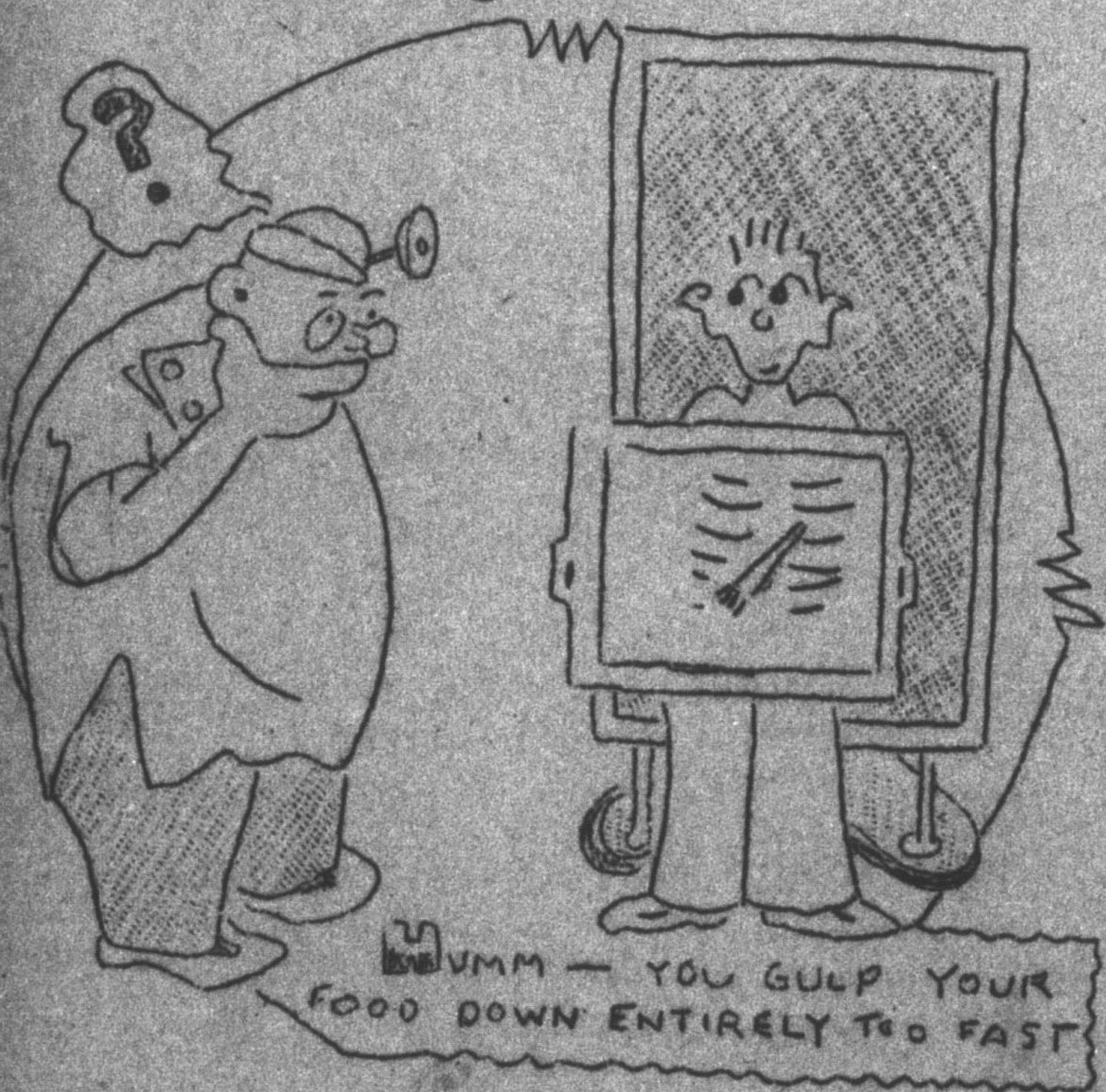
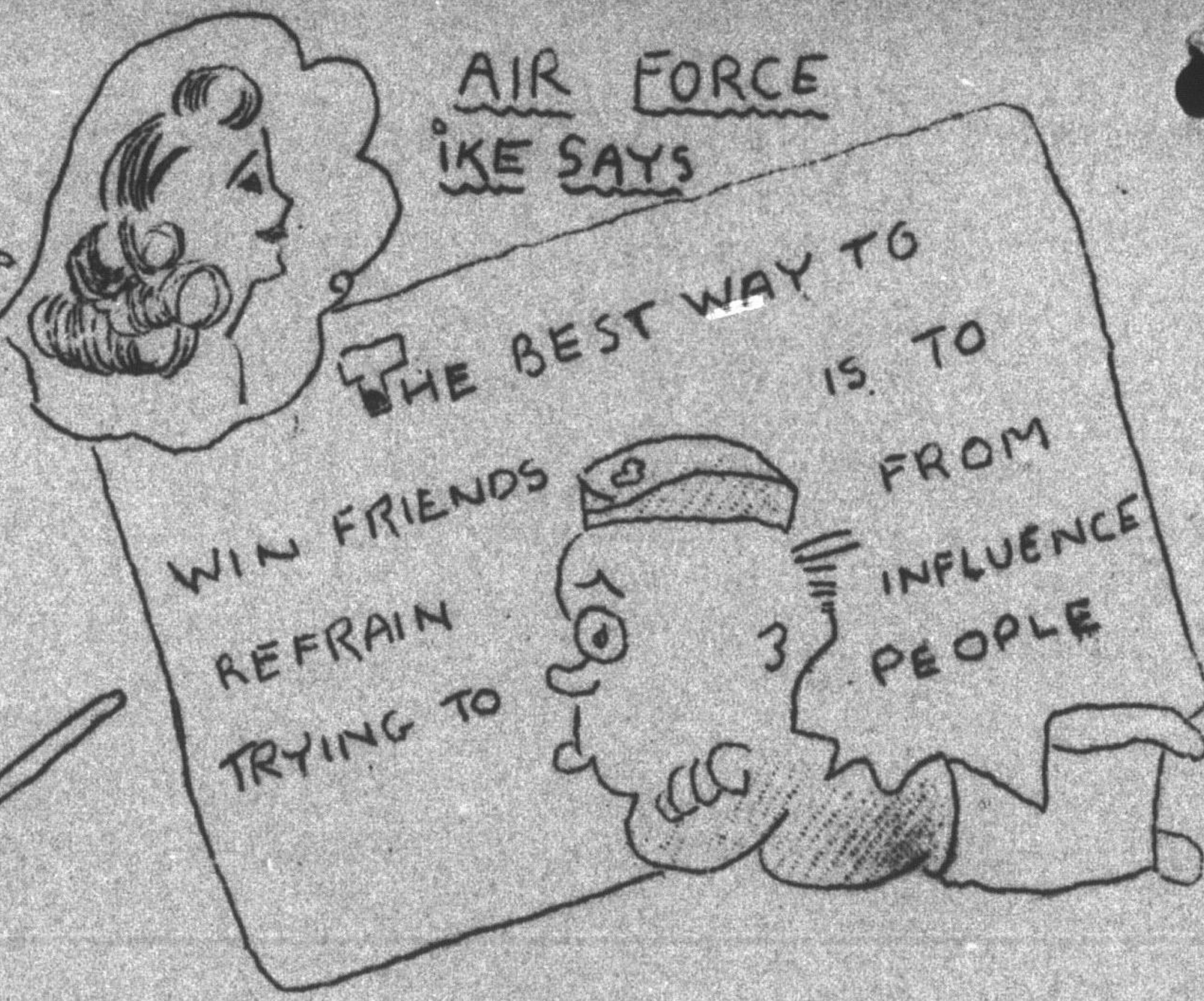
NO. 3 "M" DEPOT RED DEVILS: Gill 2, Jackson 23, Baker, Main, Gray, Fisher, Buna 15, Bardsley 13, Kaminsky 12, Watson. TOTAL 67.

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In the preliminary game, The U. S. Engineers defeated the No. 2 A. O. S. hoopsters by a score of 32-22.



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