

I'm glad that I'm a Canadian
I'm glad that I am free;
I wish I were a little dog,
And Hitler were a tree.

The Airman

"The dimmer the porch
light,
The greater the scandal
power."

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"M" Depot Wins Alberta Basketball Championship

"Red Devils" to Play Manitoba-Saskatchewan Winner In Arena On April 12 and 14, 1943

By AC2 T. DERBYSHIRE.

By dethroning the perennial Alberta title-holders, the Raymond Union Jacks, the "M" Depot "Red Devils" now hold four basketball titles, and the right to represent this province in the Dominion playoffs.

WIN BY 32 POINTS

Taking the game total-point series by a score of 116 to 84, the Red Devils brought to Edmonton the Senior Men's Basketball Championship for the second time. The old Edmonton Auroras were the first northern team to capture this honor. Every other year, the title has remained in the hands of the famous "Union Jacks" from Raymond.

Outclassed by a wide margin in the first encounter, the Jacks came back to make a real bid for victory in the second game, but they could not overcome the speed and stamina of their younger opponents. The majority of the Jacks have been playing ball for ten to fourteen years, and they could not keep up the pace set by the Red Devils. However, they held a one point edge in accuracy, and were really in there pitching all the way. The Jacks still have a good team, and they'll be in there again next year.

WHY I'M STILL HERE

I've been used, misused and accused;
I've been cussed and discussed;
I've been sworn at and about, too;
I've been pushed and shoved
around too d - - - long,
And the only reason I'm still here,
Is to see what in h - - - is "gonna"
happen next.

ACEY DUCEY.

NEWS OF THE OFFICERS

F/L Key is now the acting Senior Administration Officer for No. 3 "M", having taken over the position vacated by W/C G. A. Hodgetts, who is now Commanding Officer of No. 2 "M" Depot in Brandon.

New arrivals to Training Wing are F/L L. P. Laidlaw and P/O K. K. Knapp.

F/O Brett and F/O Ling have both returned to No. 3 "M" from a six weeks training course at Trenton.

F/O MacDonald is the new officer in charge of Works and Buildings.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S "GRACE"

"For what we are about to eat,
We thank the Lord, and the British
Fleet."

ALBERTA CHAMPIONS



Back Row (left to right): Cpl. Bishop, Busher Jackson, Ellery Gill, John Kaminsky, Jack Forrest, G/C Webber, Don Gray, Bruce Fisher, Tom Derbyshire (Coach), "Chief" Buna, F/L W. C. Cumming. Front Row (left to right): Alma Baker, Jimmy Bardsley (Capt.), Clarence Jenion, Dale Main.

C.O. Addresses All Ranks

Officers, NCO's and airmen trainees of No. 3 "M" Depot, I have called this parade today to say hello to you all. I am not going to make a long drawn out speech and in a case of this kind I do not believe in it. However, I wish to say that, while I regretted very much losing my previous station, No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal, I am looking forward to some very interesting work here at No. 3 "M" Depot. I might also say that manning depot work to me is not new as I took part in opening No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto, in September, 1939, and built and opened No. 2 "M" Depot at Brandon. I also flew over and recommended the selection of this site for No. 3 "M" Depot—so this is my third manning depot.

I would also like to say a word here and now in regard to the service which you have picked, the Royal Canadian Air Force. This force is ripe with tradition from the last war and you who are wearing the blue uniform today, I know will carry those traditions onward.

Every Job Important

Another thing, and that is the

COMMANDING OFFICER



G/C R. M. SMITH

importance of each and everyone of your jobs in this force, whether you be selected as pilots, observers, gunners or any other part of air-crew, or whether you be ground

crew or maintenance, your job in the scheme or in a war of this kind is just as important as that of anyone else. You are all new to the service here and I ask you to be conscientious and gain all the knowledge you possibly can. You will be posted to other stations across Canada for further training and the basic training you get here will be invaluable.

There are only one or two other points of which I wish to speak of today and that is discipline. In every game that you play there are rules and regulations. If you break those rules, you are punished as in hockey you are "put on the bench." There is one thing I demand at any station I command and that is discipline and adherence to the regulations. There is an easy way to maintain and get discipline and there is a hard way. I much prefer the easy way and might say that it is in your hands whether you have it the easy way or the hard way. I only ask for your co-operation and your loyalty to the service.

Unfortunately I cannot get to know you all personally but that is the same on every large station. I want to wish you the very best of luck and success during your service with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Captain of the Guard: "When a nursing sister comes by, you always salute her."

Sentry: "Well, what do I do if along comes a nursing mother?"

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THANK YOU!

We thank AC2 Tom Derbyshire for a job well done. So well done that we hesitate to move back in, but all good things must come to a close. Here we are back in the harness again.

At least almost back in the harness but we keep kicking it off. That New York climate is in our blood and has put a kink in our breathing.

We can not settle down to write properly, nor do we seem able to find the time this week. Next week we will try and pass on a few tips of what to do when you get posted to the border and decided to visit the U.S.A. on that furlough.

W/C DAY CAUGHT IN ACT

The other day, W/C Day, Senior Medical Officer of No. 3 "M" gave us the idea that he has plans about remustering to "Works & Bricks." It seems that a great amount of noise, grunts and groans were emanating from behind a closed door in the hospital, which later turned out to be the dispensary. Upon investigation, the Wing Commander was found with file in hand, desperately trying to dissect a coat hanger.

It Has Happened Again—

Twenty girls gave a buckshee invitation for twenty airmen to a club dance. Twenty airmen accepted. Only four showed up. Up to 300 invitations a week, of all kinds, come into this station. Bids to a dance, a party, dinner or to spend a 48. This generosity is a compliment as well as a privilege. But, aside from the issue of decent manners, the impression of airmen that a few thoughtless welshers can make it not nice to think of.



SR. EQUIPMENT OFFICER



S/L I. H. WALKER

On many R.C.A.F. stations, there are several officers who have a back seat when it comes to contact with the trainees. Such a man is Squadron Leader I. H. Walker, Senior Equipment Officer of No. 3 "M" Depot.

One of the most important jobs on a "M" Depot is that of outfitting the men who arrive at these induction centres. Issuing clothing is a mighty important job, one that takes considerable time and experience. S/L Walker has been connected with R.C.A.F. Stores ever since he joined the Air Force back in 1928.

Joining the R.C.A.F. in November, 1928, S/L Walker served with the R.C.A.F. until March, 1932, when he was retired to the Reserve Officers along with 89 other officers and 150 other ranks.

During his early service with the R.C.A.F. he was O/C of R.C.A.F. Stores at the Victoria Island station in Ottawa.

On leaving the permanent force for the Reserve, S/L Walker then seconded to Civil Government Air Operation as assistant to Air Commodore Tackaberry (then Squadron Leader).

During the depression years, he finally settled in the automobile business, selling and servicing Packards and Studebakers. He remained in business for himself until September 3, 1939, when a telegram from the Department of National Defence called him back to Active Service with the R.C.A.F.

Reporting for duty in the present conflict, S/L Walker was immediately posted to No. 1 Depot, Ottawa, for duty. Two days later he was transferred to Senior Equipment Officer at the R.C.A.F. station "Rockcliffe," holding this position until September 14, 1941. During his stay at "Rock" he outfitted several overseas squadrons, among those one commanded by the late Group Captain W. D. Vliet. While at "Rock" S/L Walker served under four C/O's, G/C Ashton, G/C MacLeod, W/C Riddell and G/C Hurley.

Posted to No. 7 S.F.T.S. at Macleod, Alberta, on September 14, 1941, S/L Walker came west and has served in Alberta since then. He was at Macleod until February of this year, when he was posted to his present position, Senior Equipment Officer of No. 3 "M".

Squadron Leader Walker has two sons on Active Service. One son is a P/O with a fighter squadron serving in the North Africa field, giving Rommel hell; while the other son is in the Royal Canadian Navy on East Coast Patrol. S/L Walker likes No. 3 "M", especially the high morale of the personnel and trainees.



Cpl. Rudd asks for a "Stand-to" . . . Has that baby come to Edmonton. LAC Steadman has a cousin he wishes were not related to him. . . Oh, I get it! Our basketball team the "Red Devils" sure live up to their name. . . Don't you think so Raymond Union Jacks? F/S Annett was questioning one of the bandsmen to see if they had seen his "shoe horn." LAC Stewart of the Photographic Section says that he is getting tired changing his clothes to meet weather conditions. . . Do you find the climate more severe here than in your home town of "Pembroke"? March came in like a lamb . . . and you know the rest. Did you hear about the Scotsman who wouldn't buy a pair of shoes with rubber heels? . . . He thought they might give a little. A turkey dinner on Sunday—Wow! . . . This girl in the "Equipment Section" seems to meet the approval of many airmen. . . How about a few introductions Cpl. Smith? Max Henry has returned from his leave in the East . . . see they always come back to the west . . . why? Now as it was told to me The Airman's managing editor received a nice letter from an acquaintance in New York by the name of Althea Shanahan . . . he should celebrate St. Patrick's Day annually henceforth. Sgt. McDonald of the Aircrew Selection Board attends large R.C.A.F. funeral parade . . . he always did look on the dark side of things. AC2 Krangle wishes he could sleep out . . . it shouldn't be hard to do if you would just pop the old question and marry that girl in Vancouver. AC1 Musgrave is singing a new hit now . . . "Show Me a Way to Get Home." After the descriptions of the girls in Calgary I think I'll go south for the summer. Sgt. Ford thinks a fork in the road is a piece of cutlery dropped by some pedestrian. LAC Marchant has returned from his annual leave . . . his girlfriend's loss is the Aircrew Selection Board's gain.



SPORTS



"M" DEPOT WINS ALBERTA BASKETBALL TITLE

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Kaminsky and Gray Set Pace

Paced by John Kaminsky with 16 points and Don Gray with 14, the "M" Depot hoopsters recovered from a first quarter deficit in the second game to take the lead in the second canto. At the half-way mark the score read 23-16. The first quarter score read 7-4 in Raymond's favor.

Don Gray with 6, Kaminsky with 2 and Jackson with 3 pushed the Red Devils total up to 34 in the third frame, while the Jacks counted 12 points to end the quarter with 28.

In the final period, the Red Devils outscored the Union Jacks 15-12 to win the game 49 to 40. Added to their previous 67-44 victory on Thursday night, this left the final score of the series at 116 to 84 in the Red Devils favor.

Jackson Leading Scorer

Busher Jackson of the Red Devils was the leading scorer for the series, with 32 points. Kaminsky was in second place with 28, and Butler Nalder took third place with 27. Other point getters in the series were: Red Devils—Jimmy Bardsley 21, "Chief" Buna 17, Don Gray 16, and Ellery Gill 2; Raymond Union Jacks—Stone 18, Nilsson 17, Dunlop 13, Turner 6 and Rolfson 3.

Smoothly Balanced Team

Jackson got 23 points in the first game to be high man, with Bardsley and Buna closely following with 13 and 15. In the second game, it was Kaminsky and Gray who led the scoring parade. This just goes to show you that the Red Devils are all very dangerous when it comes to scoring. With such scoring power the "M" Depot lads should go a long way.

As F/O Eggleston says, there are "ifs" in all games; but in spite of the "ifs" the Red Devils have an eye on that trip to the coast, for the Western Title, and the right to play the eastern champs for the Dominion title.

The only beating the basketball team is taking these days, comes from the lads on the station, and their girl friends. Their "moustaches" are now visible, and the boys on the team are keeping them until after they have put away their strip for the season.

"Y" Supervisor Fred Youmans comes back from Saskatoon with news of the R.C.A.F. Cranes, the Saskatchewan champions who are playing off with Winnipeg St. Andrews. Fred says they have a smooth, nicely balanced team in Saskatoon . . . that the Red Devils should win . . . but . . . it will be a series worth seeing, for the Cranes have a mighty slick team. Also, Fred says, the Cranes are confident of downing the Saints from Winnipeg. We're not counting our



By F/O H. W. EGGLESTON.

It's hats off to No. 3 "M" Depot's Red Devils. Besides annexing the Alberta senior basketball title in two straight games the Red Devils qualified for the Western Canada semi-finals. . . . They now await the winners of the Saskatoon R.C.A.F. Cranes and Winnipeg St. Andrew's. . . . These games will be played here in the Arena on April 12 and 14—it will be a two-game total point series. . . . The competition is bound to get tougher as the team moves along the playoff trail, so look for some interesting games in the near future. . . . The "IFS" play a big part in the success of the team from this point on. . . . Against the Manitoba-Saskatchewan winners the "M" Depot cagers will be fighting for a trip to the coast to meet the British Columbia champions in best of three series April 16, 17 and 19. Here the "IFS" enter the picture again. . . . The winners against B.C. contest the Canadian finals against the Eastern champions April 23, 24, 26, 28 and 30 unless other arrangements are made in the meantime. . . . You can well see that it is quite possible to form an "IFFY CLUB" on the outcome. . . . We'll keep our fingers crossed. . . . It's going to take a tough club to topple the "M" Depot hoopsters judging from the display against Raymond Union Jacks. . . . The Jacks put up a hard battle. . . . The visitors didn't lack basketball experience. When it came to condition they were not in it with the fast travelling airmen. . . . Another feature was the scoring punch of the winners. . . . Scoring was evenly spread throughout the team. . . . This is an encouraging sign. . . . It demonstrates that every man on the team is a potential scoring threat. . . . Enough on the basketballers for the present. . . . Did you know that the officers bowling team won the championship of the R.C.A.F. Officers Bowling League? . . . They turned the trick by sweeping all three games against No. 2 A.O.S. Monday night. . . . Take a bow, lads! . . . Our interservices hockey champions were feted Monday night at a banquet staged by the Interservices Hockey League. . . . A good time was reported by all who attended. . . . It is plain to see that "M" Depot didn't take a back seat altogether in the sports world during the past winter (who

chickens before they're hatched . . . but we can say this . . . the Red Devils will be in there . . . all the way. So be sure to see these games. . . . Remember . . . they are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, April 12 and 14, in the Arena.

BOWLING CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Two weeks ago, The Airman ran a challenge by the "M" Depot team to take on all comers. A letter has been received by the Editor from the boys in Hut 17A1 to take on the "M" Depot's Commercial League team . . . all that remains now is to set the time and place.

P.S.—The boys say: "If you cannot pay . . . don't play." Looks like these lads have an eye on winning.

Monday night the station volleyball team went down to defeat at the hands of the Y.M.C.A. lads. Three games were played, and while the scores were close, the "Y" won all three by scores of 19-7, 15-12 and 15-13. Play was very close, and the "M" Depot Airmen put up a valiant battle before dropping the encounters with the "Y".

'Twas 'Indian' Spring

Ho-hum, Spring is grand . . . wasn't it?

Edmonton's winter beat all snow records, in depth, frequency, and general cussedness. Shovel gangs wondered where it all fell from. Shortlegged corporals had to march after their flights had broken trail or else be lost in the snow.

That seemed to be all behind us last week. Airmen were finding occasional green grass blades, unmuddy spots and postings. The station's Spring dance was held Friday.

This week the nimbostratus uncorked again and turned the calendar back three pages. Shovel gang Joe-boys and training flights are casualties. Shortlegged discipis are again draggin'.

No reinforcements were forthcoming from Old Sol. The Aussies are asking if this is next winter we are having. Maybe, boys, we wouldn't know ourselves.

said that?) . . . By the looks of things we will soon be able to start in on next winter's activities.

. . . The skiers certainly can't complain over lack of snow. . . . Saw our new commanding officer and F/L Hansen in a huddle the other day. . . . And they weren't talking about the price of wheat. . . . It appears the boys are going to get some stiff competition in the shooting field from now on. . . . The C.O. wears a silver tie clip in the form of a gun that he won for being a member of the champion skeet team in the Maritimes for five straight years. . . . It is reported he is just as efficient with a rifle. . . . Now that F/O Ling has returned maybe it would be a good idea to get a wrestling team going. . . . Don't forget to keep those dates open for the next basketball series. The boys reserve the support of every man on the station.



¶ This week "Patter" has heard of several happenings on No. 3 "M", and firmly believes that bouquets should go to those responsible.

¶ One to the lads in Hut 28 . . . and a big bunch of roses too. Seems that one of the occupants of Hut 28 had the misfortune to lose his child. On hearing the sad news from Calgary, this airman found he had only enough to get to his wife. The lads in 28, unknown to anyone, made a collection, sent a lovely bouquet of roses to his wife, with condolences on their loss . . . and then put the balance in a kitty to help the airman return to his station. With men like this in the R.C.A.F., we cannot fail in our mission.

¶ One to the "Aussie" Pilot Officers who were "joed" into the orderly officers job. The airmen more than appreciate their "cleaning up the cutlery" in the Mess Hall. Thanks to our "Aussie" friends . . . the cutlery is now A1.

¶ Another to the two Aussies who pinch-hit for "Y"-men Fred Youmans and Art Peacock over the last week-end. A "Y" convention called our capable supervisors to Saskatoon, and two Aussie officers took over their duties . . . and made a good job of it too.

¶ Laff of the Week: Cpl. Bricker trying to get a new pair of oxfords in the stores (where he works) . . . seems like 12's are slightly on the large size . . . anyhow the boys had some fun, and Bricker still can't get a fit.

¶ Congrats to the efficiency of the M.T. lads who are handling the difficult chore "disposing of tons of snow." The way old "Susy-Anne" (the big four-wheel battle wagon) gets around is really sum-pin . . . you should see the snow fly . . . high, wide and lots of it.

¶ Bruce Fisher of the "Red Devils" was shaving the other day, and carrying on a verbal battle at the same time . . . and it cost him \$2.10, when he came to and found his upper lip shorn clean (which is contrary to the present basketball team's rules). Too bad, "Fish" . . . your fine will help dampen someone's palate.

¶ Well, we're short of space this week, and anyhow . . . the old bean is in need of repair, or rest. . . . Cheerio till next week.

A sergeant from Works and Bricks very carefully placed a large block of wood while an AC2 from disposal wing stood by with a sledge hammer.

"Now," said the Sarge, when he had the block placed to his satisfaction. "When I nod my head, you hit it."

That AC2 won't hit another sergeant for some time.

Where do jailbirds come from?

From larks, bats and swallows. (V.M.I. "Turn-out").

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Official Organ of No. 1 "M" Depot, Edmonton.

The shades of night were falling fast,
When for a kiss he asked her;
She must have answered "yes" because
The shades came down much faster.

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This Week, 2,000



Sgt. Royds knows a R.A.F. lad who became most intimate with a young lady one evening. While the R.A.F. man was taking her home she said, "If anything comes of what we did tonight, I'll do away with myself." His reply, "Jolly sporting of you, I say." . . . Which leads us on to that famous character "EMELYN the GREMLIN" the man in the I and R who got a sore back counting shirts. . . . And F/S Randall who is now using a new hair tonic—and spring or something must certainly have done it . . . it is going to hit stores with a bang and will the cigars ever be popping . . . must be on account of the heavy pressure of business but on our travels we find the following expecting blessed events in the very near future . . . Cpl. Jimmy Anderson, F/S Dick Randall, LAC Allan Milne, Sgt. Gerry Willis, LAC Claude Blackwood, LAC Fred Burden beat them all—his just arrived and that is all for now.

TOOTHACHES AND EXTRACTIONS

Our staff has changed once more, for Captain Gropper has returned to North Battleford. Captain Hervieux and Sgt. Wood have returned.

But for the news of the week: After straining their ears each morning to listen to the "Happy Gang" for weeks now. Well the tune was finally played but not one of them heard it because they were too busy arguing what they were to wear on parade. Talk about women—I'm afraid Sgt. Lees has them all beat—"he just doesn't know what to wear." But finally they reported on parade and from some source I heard they looked quite smart.

But hold everything—it's great news—Robberstad has just returned from holidays and Pte. Leinweber is reporting for duty. Wonderful world.

Perhaps this week we just won't mention the bowling—it seems to be a military secret around here or perhaps we should say Pte. Palfenier and Sgt. Costigan were celebrating the sergeant's birthday just a little too much.

There is also a rumor around the Clinic that Sgt. Lees is trying desperately to "prove himself."

A girl can be gay,
In a classy coupe;
In a taxi they all can be jolly;
But the girl worth while
Is the girl that can smile
When you're bringing her home
on the trolley.

"Y" ROUNDUP

The results of the table tennis tournament held last week-end were AC2 R. J. Stirling winning in a hotly contested final over AC2 Cowan, of Guelph, Ont. Stirling ran the tournament in the absence of Art Peacock, and hails from Vancouver.

Five tables of bridge were running in last week's session and some real close play resulted. AC2 E. J. Miron, of Sudbury, Ont., came out on top with a grand total of 2950 points, while AC2 L. Parsons ran a close second with 2890 points.

There was no snooker tournament last week owing to the basketball series, but this tournament is to continue this week as scheduled.

In the district table tennis tournament held at the downtown "Y", one of the "M" Depot artists, Cpl. R. A. Smith was runner-up in the finals.

Fred Youmans and Art Peacock spent last week-end in Saskatoon at the "Y" War Services convention. Mr. Shell, director of the "Y" War Services addressed the meeting, and outlined their activities. His main topic was finance and budget, and the startling news came out that the "Y" War Services spent over \$3,500,000 last year, and have the same budget this year. John Beaton discussed policies and relationship, and brought out the fact that sports equipment for all types of sports is dwindling rapidly. The "Y" will supply only the services in the future, and all servicemen are warned to take good care of existing equipment as it cannot be replaced.

Fred Youmans and Art Peacock wish to extend their best wishes and thanks to P/O Graham Young and P/O Chase Matthews, of the

CURRENT CINEMA AVENUE

Showing today: "Ball of Fire," with Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck; also, "Blondie's Blessed Event." Showing Saturday, Monday and Tuesday: "Son of Fury," starring Tyrone Power; added, Kay Kayser in "Playmate."

CAPITOL

Now showing for an indefinite period: "Random Harvest," starring Ronald Colman and Greer Garson. Random Harvest is the Academy Award picture and is a MUST on your list.

DREAMLAND

Showing today only, "Rise and Shine," starring Jack Oakie, Geo. Murphy and Linda Darnell; added hit, "Gentlemen After Dark." Coming on Saturday and showing until Tuesday, "Margie Gets Her Man," featuring Anne Southern and Red Skelton.

EMPRESS

Starting today and showing until next Thursday, "One of Our Aircraft Is Missing," a British film showing the operations of the R.A.F.

RIALTO

Starting today, Friday: "Crystal Ball," starring Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard.

STRAND

Showing today, Saturday and Monday: "Babes on Broadway," with Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney; also, "Sage Brush Law," featuring Tim Holt. Coming on Tuesday is "Who Done It," with Abbott and Costello, and the added hit will be "Shadows on the Sage" plus the "Three Muskateers."

R.A.A.F. who very capably took over their duties while in Saskatoon. The two "Aussies" gave up their last week-end in Edmonton to



■ I will start this week's column by giving the Acey-Duceys on parade a very valuable bit of advice. According to the weather man the snow we have won't be gone until July 1. You fellows can heave your mother-in-law corporals in a snow bank and no one will be the wiser until July 1. Alice McLean of Civilian Records may notice the scarcity of visiting corporals.

■ Who was the sergeant who drove himself nuts trying to out-shout an echo—I don't know of any sergeant on the station who seems mentally deranged, do you? But of course we of the "Airman's" staff are in disposal.

■ Did you hear about the AC2 employed in the fire picket who went to a wedding of a Y.M.C.A. hostess to put out an old flame.

■ An airman's nature is revealed in the color of his eyes. Black eyes, for instance, usually denotes a quarrelsome disposition.

■ An inebriated airman was walking along the curb with one foot on the sidewalk and the other in the gutter. An S.P. followed him for several blocks and then said, "Come along, Jo, and I'll help you back to the station. You're drunk." "Thank God," said the airman, "I thought I was crippled."

■ Do you know what the Indian chief said to the mermaid—"How"—(Or?)

■ One of the station's NCO's told an AC2 that he must have a sixth sense because there was no sign of the other five.

■ We understand that P/O Gilke's departure was preceded with a "picnic." But what is a picnic without lemonade and sandwiches.

■ Do you know what a fearless airman is? He is an AC2 who will wink at a blonde who is walking with an NCO.

■ AB went to see MO about his QT who had BO but MO asked AB to tell MO2 about Miss Q who had BO who was a QT. Follow ME. So MO2 told AB that no QT could have BO and still be OK. (Don't miss the next episode of this gripping serial).

help out the "Y" supervisors, who are always helping out any and all airmen.

Coming Movies

Sunday: "40,000 Horsemen" and "The Fighting Anzacs of the Last War," starring Grant Taylor and Betty Bryant. There will also be an added short.

Tuesday: "Sabateur," starring Priscilla Lane, Robert Cumming and Otto Kreuger. There will also be a cartoon and short.



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GUYS MOVE
OVER, IT'S MY
TURN TO SLEEP.

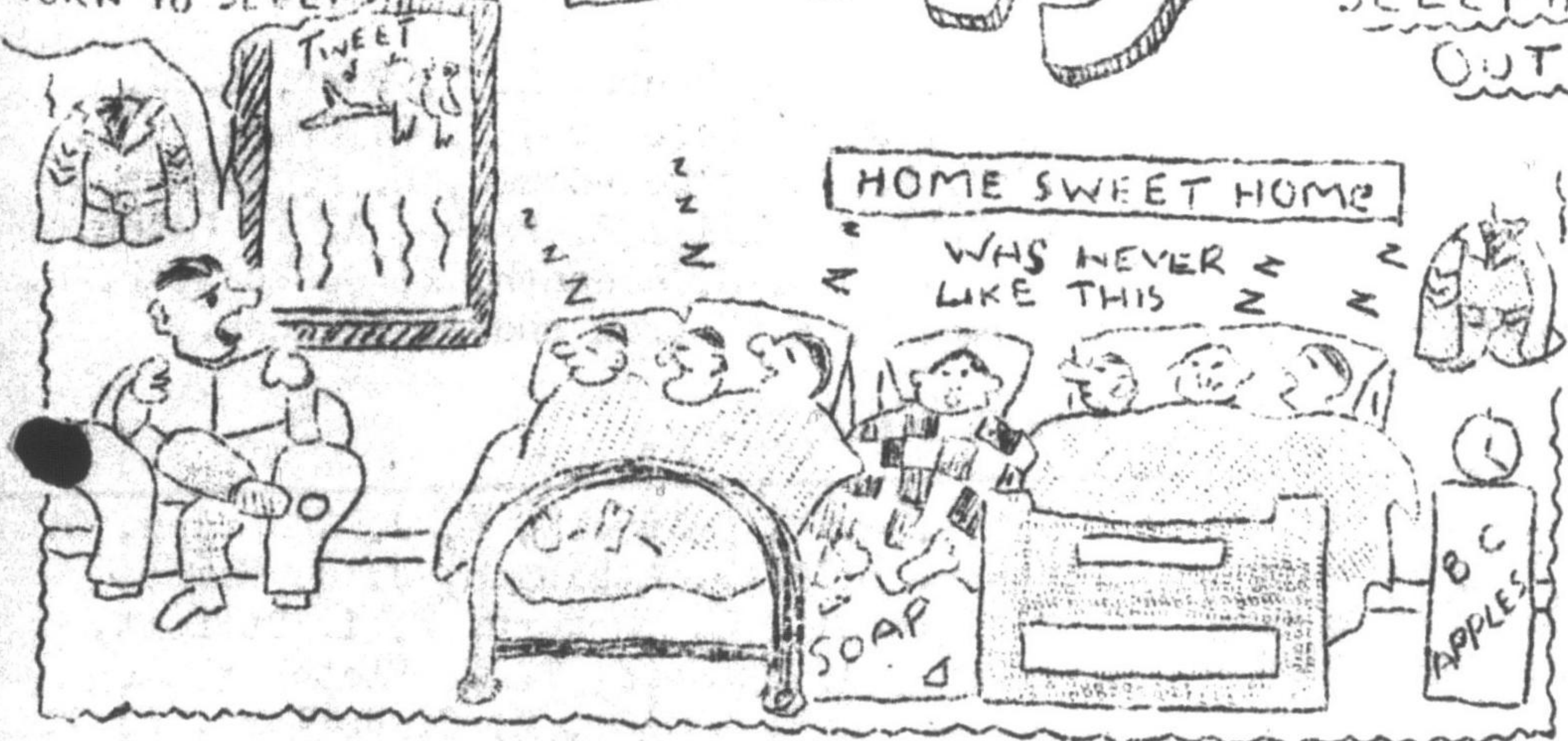
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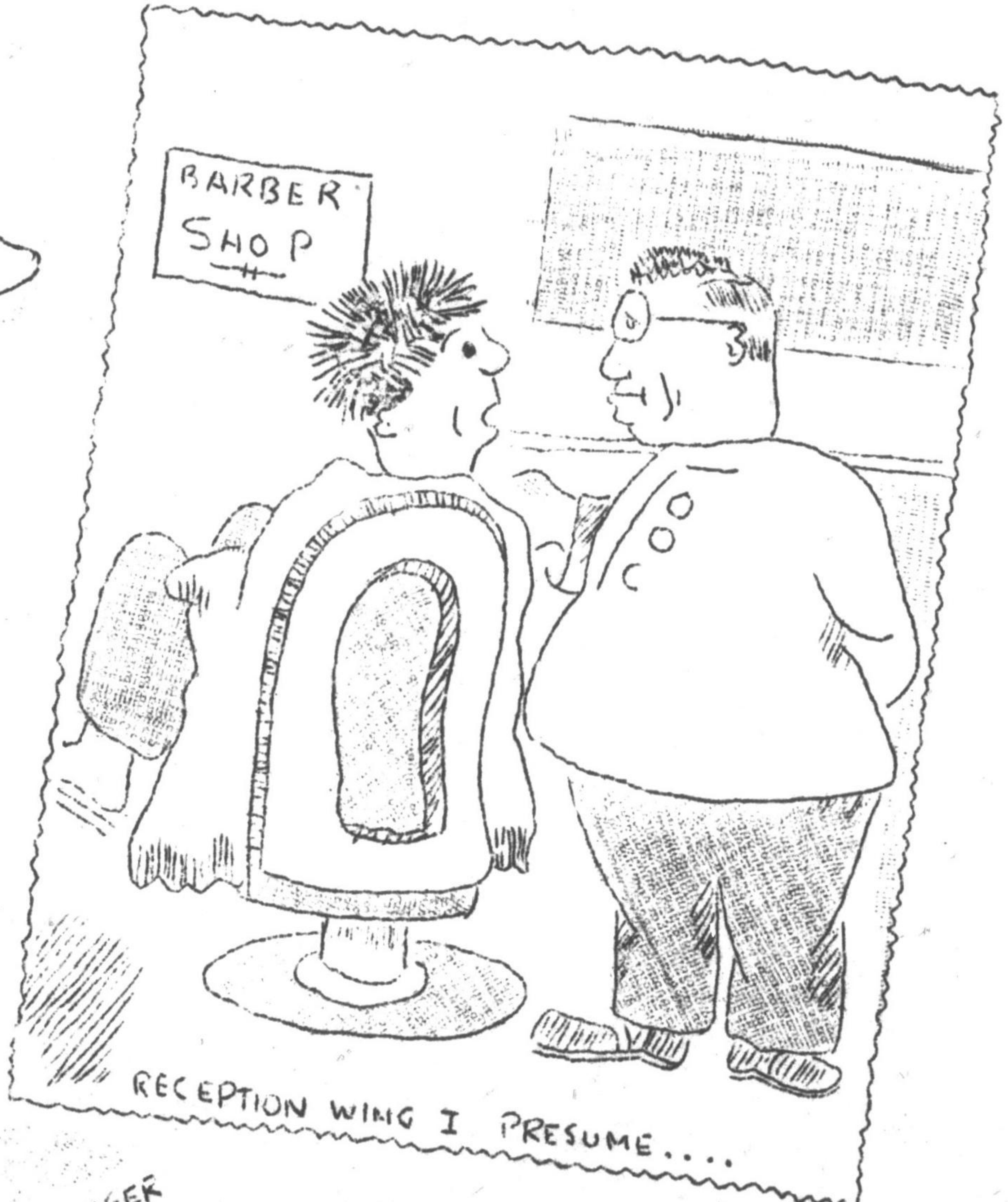
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TWO NATIONS, THREE STATIONS ATTEND MONSTER
"WINGS PARADE" IN ARENA ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Arena at No. 3 "M" Depot was the setting last night for a large and colorful "Wings Parade" for the two graduating classes of Air Navigators and Air Bombers from No. 2 A.O.S. in Edmonton.

The Wings were pinned on the tunics of the graduates by Colonel F. L. Mosley, commanding officer of the Alaskan Wing, U. S. Air Transport Command.

The parade was under the command of S./L R. P. Opie, Chief Supervisory Officer of No. 2 A.O.S.

Colonel Mosley was accompanied on the inspection of the graduates by S/L Bythell, F/O Larcombe of No. 3 "M" Depot was the parade adjutant, and F/S Hancock, also of No. 3 "M" was parade Sergeant-Major.

Representative flights comprising the parade were from the U.S. Army Air Corps, under the command of Lt. Herman Wittig; No. 3 "M" Depot, commanded by F/L Laidlaw, and also students from the No. 2 A.O.S..

Colonel Mosely was introduced by S/L Opie. In his address to the graduates, Col. Mosley spoke of aircrew and international co-operation. At the conclusion of his opening address, Colonel Mosely presented a loving cup to Captain "Wop" May, civilian manager of No. 2 A.O.S. for Canadian Airways Training Ltd. This loving cup will serve to mark the mutual amity of their respective work in the furthering the training of airmen to carry on our battle for freedom.

The Arena was attractively decorated for the occasion, with the flags of all the United Nations holding places of honor. The Band from No. 3 "M" Depot was in attendance, and a large number of civilians were present for the "Wings Parade".

Leading the class of graduating Navigators was an Edmonton youth, Sgt. R. H. Blackburn. Blackburn is 24 years old, and received all his education in Edmonton schools. He also attended the University of Alberta, receiving his B.A. in 1940, and his M. A. in 1941. He then went to the University of Toronto where he graduated with his B.L.S. (Library Science) in 1942.

Heading the graduates for Air Bombers was Sgt. J. H. Caldwell, who hails from "Down Under", New South Wales, Australia. Sgt. Caldwell is 19 years old, and has served three and one half years with the N.S.W. Police Dept. He attended school in Sydney, at the Fort Street High School.

LIST OF GRADUATING "NAVIGATORS".

Sgt's. R. H. Blackburn, D. W. Barr, E. J. Burchell, J. W. Chalmers, W. G. Gray, D. A. Hayward, N. E. Hughes-Cames, H. F. McKenzie, G. A. Noble, William R. Parks, A. T. Paton, D. B. Payne, H. H. Redpath, A. G. Ross, P. H. Simonson, R. E. Warren and J. Zinkhan.

"AIR BOMBERS".

Sgt's. J. H. Caldwell, E. J. Anderson, G.A. Armstrong, E. H. F. Atkinson, J. J. Bewes, K. W. Campbell, L. Corkery, F. I. Duffett, R. B. Ede, J. Epstein, T. E. Fletcher, A. Harkness, J. W. Hedley, M. C. Hollard, A. J. McNeil, J. H. Noble, S. F. Polkowski and G. A. Price.

Engraved Identification bracelets were presented to Sgt's. Blackburn and Caldwell for leading their classes. The presentation was made by Capt. W. R. "Wop" May on behalf of Canadian Airways (Training) Limited.

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"M" DEPOT "RED DEVILS" WIN EXHIBITION GAME WITH EDMONTON "COMETS".....60 0-45.

On Thursday night, the Red Devils, Alberta Senior Men's Basketball Champions, played an exhibition game with the Edmonton Girls "Comets", Percy Page's present day edition of the famed Edmonton "Grads". While the boys won by 15 points, their main advantage was in height. The girls played a very smart and interesting game, and had their share of the floor play. The "Comets" are deadly on long shots, and scored the majority of their points on them.

The "Red Devils" are now prepping for their Western Canada semi-final series with the winner of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan series, which is being played on the 9th and 10 in Saskatoon. The winner will come to Edmonton to take on the "Red Devils" for the right to continue on to Vancouver for the Western Finals. The games will be played here in the Arena on April 12 and 14. DON'T MISS THEM.....GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

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