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BOXING & WRESTLING CARD EXCEPTIONAL

Colossal, epic, and stupendous are standard Hollywood words that have been worn down till you can see through them, so your own tame crystal ball gazer (yogi, too, at reduced rates after 5 p.m. but don't bring your husband) will say simply "fantastic". It's fantastic that, isolated as #7 is (7 days by dogteam and 2 more by motorcycle from the next village) a card of this calibre can be assembled. Calibre has nothing to do with shooting; no one is allowed in the ring with either a gun, knives or blackjack weighing over two pounds. I started to tell you about the boxing show but if you keep interrupting this way we'll be here all night (fun, isn't it) and never get anywhere (Dull, isn't it!).

The point is that, at tremendous expense and with the active co-operation of the Commanding Officer, boxers and wrestlers from all over Alberta and Saskatchewan will coagulate on #7...come Tuesday, February 15th. These athletes are the pick of the crop. Hailing from Edmonton, Calgary, Vulcan, Claresholm, Lethbridge, Pearce, Regina, Mossbank, and MacLeod they are the best, from the little fellows to the heavyweights.

Of the little people--that refers to people who don't weigh much--our Brad Bradshaw, the pride of Maintenance, is top man. Complete with his trunks he weighs only 125 pounds, which makes him a feather weight. But he was the Champion Featherweight of Alberta in 1943. Compact and vaguely reminiscent of a stoll spring or a rubber ball, this mighty atom is just sheer bad news. Before he enters a ring he's a nice joe, good to his family and all that sort of thing but as soon as he steps inside the workroom he is completely lacking in brotherly love. Five of his last nine opponents he has knocked out; three others he beat by decisions; and once he lost a decision. The fight that Brad lost was to Buzzsaw Richardson, an R.A.F. Type from #2 B&G at Mossbank. That was at Regina two weeks ago and it was a hair raising performance. For three rounds these two packages hit each other with everything but the ring posts and it was a draw to everyone except the three judges and the referee. Richardson is coming here for the return go on Tuesday and rumor says he is going to have trouble. Brad is a liar out of rumor.

Kid Kornuta from Pearce, who fights at 155 pounds, will be on hand with his usual cut-ups and Cpl. Frank Petroski, from Vulcan, will also be on deck. This boy Petroski has the general aspect of a professor which is deceiving, as proved by the fact that he was Canadian Open Welter Champion in 1940.

Gas Eichel from Command, a Warrant Officer in his spare time, will be battering an opponent and he packs a mean batter, all 195 pounds of him. This little chap was Canadian Open Lightweight Champ for years. He will tangle with John Pahara of Lethbridge; Pahara only weighs 190 but he has always been able to look after himself in the past.

LAC Lapointe, from #15 E.F.T.S. Regina, fights at 155 pounds and is near the top of his class in Canada. His opponent will probably be Art Berry of the Y.M.C.A. at Edmonton.

Eight more bouts fill out the boxing card.

For those who demand conversation and noisy pain with the competition, Vern Pettigrew of Regina and Cpl. Stevens of Claresholm will wrestle for two falls out of three. Pettigrew took the title at 160 pounds at the last Olympic Games and is current Canadian Champion. Stevens is a ball of fire in his own right having learned his act on the Pacific coast. With Pettigrew he really puts on a good show.

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EDITORIAL

One of the many organizations or groups that operate in connection with #7 S.F.T.S. is the Knitting Group composed of wives of the officers. This group has been working quietly and efficiently. Patients in the Station Hospital have probably wondered at the prompt appearance each Monday afternoon of two ladies who, bearing fruit and magazines, have stopped to chat at each bedside. Who are they? They are members of the above-named group who take their turn at weekly hospital visitation. Under the leadership of Mrs. P. R. Hampton this group has been carrying on a splendid work.

What have they done? The group recently packed ten Ditty Bags and sent them to the Merchant Navy at Christmas. These bags contained many articles such as a knitted sweater, a pair of socks, and a pair of mitts as well as other useful things. A parcel was sent to F/L Boyd Larsen who was posted overseas from #7 S.F.T.S. and is now a prisoner-of-war. Further plans are being made to meet the needs of other men who are prisoners-of-war in different parts of the world.

As well as knitting for the Air Force and the Navy, curtains have been made for the Hospital and for the Fire Hall. And now, with cheerfulness, the members of this group are shouldering the task of providing curtains and drapes for the Station Campel.

Other duties are helping at the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House; tagging on Poppy Day; handing out Ration Books and other essential things which aid in making the War effort the success it is. Ladies, we of "The Slipstream" wish to say that the personnel of our station appreciate your work here. We hope that your good work continues for the welfare of the station.

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We were glad to hear from Miss Kay Little last week. Kay is at present near her home in Kamloops. To be exact she is in Tranquille Sanitorium, but is getting along very well. She expects to be fit and well again in another two months. Kay says the weather is balmy and warm in the beautiful little City of Kamloops. Well anyway, we wish our former LAW Little good wishes and swift recovery.

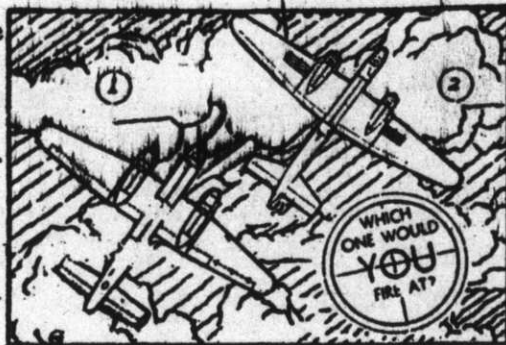
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This month "The Slipstream" contains fourteen pages. With so much news pouring in from all sections it seems likely that it will increase still further in the next issue. This month welcomes the Kitchen, Airmen's Canteen and Accounts to the list of columns. May we hope to see them become regular contributors.

If your section still isn't represented you'd better get your copy in now because you're soon going to be the only section not mentioned. Both the Motor Transport and Electrical Section turned copy in but we just didn't have enough room this time. Sorry, but we'll make it for sure next issue.

The next issue will come out on March 13, copy deadline is March 10.

**NOT AT No. 1!** It's the British Avro "Manchester", a mid-wing twin engine medium bomber. It has a long nose extending ahead of the engine nacelles. The center section of the wings is rectangular and the outer panels taper to equally rounded tips. Both edges of the tailplan taper slightly to square tips and it has twin fins and rudders.



**FIRST AT No. 2!** It's the Nazi Heinkel He.177, a low-mid-wing heavy bomber. This plane gives you the impression that it is equipped with twin engines but each nacelle houses two engines. It has a long narrow fuselage. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips. The tailplane is mounted on the leading edge to square tip; the trailing edge is straight with single fin and rudder.

Courtesy Dodd, Mead & Co. publishers  
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ACCOUNTS

At long last we of the Accounts Section take time off long enough to make ourselves known to you. We will begin with an Inventory of the Accounts Section (and by Inventory we don't mean the Pay Ledgers and typewriters and stuff.).

Our responsible Inventory Holders are F/L Milne, F/L Robson and F/C Atha with F/S Goddes and F/S Norris as co-signers. Note: It is the responsibility of the inventory holders to see that this Inventory is brought up to date monthly.

Under Section, Pay, Ref. No. 1

SGT. Scott: Oh, Betty!

Connie: cut her hand with a razor blade while searching in Scotty's desk for a pencil the other day. Item: Blades Razor, for the use of cuts in pay only.

Nonei: celebrated her beirthday on the 10th. A lovely birthday cake was presented to her by

Harriet: our civilian steno in the pay section. How's chances of bringing on another Cakes, birthday, by C.R.V. Harriet or is that the proper procedure to follow?

Mary: Sick in the hospital at present. A speedy recovery Mary.

Ethyl Gordonier: a new girl in the pay section. Pretty, too.

Ruth: takes care of our Invoice Department with the able assistance of

Al: the only boy left in the office. Have you got your bags all packed, Al.

Under Section, Equipment, Ref. No. 2

Hazel: you should have seen her photo, boys. "Her eyes like stars".et.c..

Honey: our artist. Specialty--Girls, pin-up.

Dick Morley: Our A.I.U. man issued out (by C.I.V.) to Estevan, Sask. Good Luck to you, Dick.

Julie: who has consented to take over the responsibilities and the headaches of the A.I.U.

June: our blonde corporal who sees to it that Flight gets his daily supply of cokes.

Wilma Hebben: another new girl. Welcome to our section, Wilma.

Dorothy: takes care of the typing in this section. We couldn't do without your smile, Dot.

Under Section, Civilian, Pay, Ref. No. 3

Joan: takes care of all travelling claims (luggage not included).

Under Section, Non/Public Funds, Ref. No. 4

Barbara: our representative for the W.D. Basketball team.

Myra: the little gal who is so popular with class 101. Last but not least

Alice: our civilian Steno for Non-Public Funds.

Any discrepancies found in this inventory may be adjusted by a suitable voucher duly completed. Now that we have become acquainted maybe we can get together next month and have a little talk on Pay or "Why most of us are broke before payday." Gadi! I must have a hole in

Old-timers at #7 S.F.T.S. Will remember Cpl. Kitchener's poems which appeared regularly in this paper. It is with great pleasure that we present this poem.

### TURNING WHEELS

Maybe it isn't a glamorous job, we are only small cogs in the wheel  
But there is something about it that is satisfying and real.  
There's a certain challenge that urges us on as we swing down the  
long highway,  
Thro' glaring sun, thro' mud and rain and a blanketing fog of grey.  
We listen to tales of "skids" and "rolls"; adventures on the road,  
How elated we fell each time we return all safe and sound with our  
load.  
And what a varied load it is, Rations and Postings and L.P.O.'s,  
The Paymaster's money, Service Police, trips to the laundry for nice  
clean clothes.  
A plane needs gas and it calls on us before it can reach its goal.  
On Sunday we convey the Padre around to minister to the soul.  
Our Ambulance stand at the Hospital door ready to aid in distress.  
For a hasty trip to the city and back, we sally forth in a "jeep"--  
no less.  
Proudly we drive the C.O.'s car--or we may be "Joe" on a truck,  
There's cars to washed, and cars to be checked--but we always consider  
it luck  
That brought us here, near home--and friends that we've found in the  
M.T. Section,  
Where tales are swapped of "Newfie", Alaska, Dafoe, MacLeod, a vast  
collection.  
Happy in the Service? Yes, Sir! Why? Because there's, Oh! so many  
things  
Woven into each day of living, to forge a chain where memory clings.  
When the chaos all is over, and we lay aside our Air Force blue,  
We can live in peace, contented, glad we helped to see it thro'.  
So if our day is sometimes weary--tires go flat and engines stall,  
Let us keep a happy spirit--wear a smile--and be "on call."  
Turning wheels can bring us victory as we guid them on their way,  
Ours the task to keep them turning--much depends on us today.  
Let their rhythm find an echo in the part we humbly fill,  
Ever surging onward--smoothing ruts--and conquering hill.  
Planes and ships and transport motors beating out their tunes of war  
Speeding to our day of "Victory"--isn't this worth fighting for?  
Men and women of the Air Force serving in so many ways,  
Of't impatient, sometimes wondering how we progress 'mid "delays"  
Small our part and un-rewarded--fame will surely pass us by  
But keep our shoulders to the wheels, and let us "Serve that men may  
fly!

Cpl. Kitchener H. A.  
Sea Island, B.C.

Many thanks, "Kitch", and may we expect another very soon.

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### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The young airman who gathers bits of news here and there will be interested to know his trick worked. Headquarters Staff have decided to write their own column after reading that venomous article printed in last month's Slipstream.

Despite the unpredictable changes that occur, both Records and the O.R. are running smoothly under the expert supervision of WO2 Pratt. The Major has been in very high spirits recently. We wonder if he gets his inspiration from the beautiful pin-up girl pictured above his desk?

On her return from Granum, AWL Lowes was warmly welcomed back to this office. She declared enthusiastically that she was glad to be back with us, but a far away look was detected in her eyes. And those deep sighs! What can they mean, Ada?  
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As you have been hearing from all the other sections we thought you might like to read something interesting this month, so--here are a few "INSIGHTS from the Airmen's Canteen."

How important it is to the Airmen. How they long for the moment when they dash into that haven, forget about discipline and routine, to relax one more. It makes them fall right at home. Whatever else happens the canteen must be there and open, so being a Canteen Steward is no easy job. You must have the temper of an angel, have a mind of a high financier, and possess courage beyond human understanding. In this canteen you must also speak many languages as few speak plain English.

First of all we would like to introduce the Canteen Staff.

There is F/S DALSEG, a tall, chubby, very fair sort of a fellow. You see him walking around with his hands in his pockets thinking--well maybe his is--he is running the place.

SGT. McLAREN, a young, but we know its making him grey, good natured gentleman. You find him most anywhere: in the coffee bar, sundry counter, or in the back part of the wet canteen figuring out the imprest sheets.

SGT. RUSSEL is a small, dark, attractive soul. He sees that everything is plentiful and the boys get lots of Vitamins. Don't forget your vitamin pills sold at the Sundrie Counter.

LAC GORDON BELL, you may not see much of him around since he was stationed at Newfoundland before here and is used to Isolation. They sure keep him isolated here by making him spend most of his time at the Central Warehouse.

CPL. PALMER can't help but be noticed since so few have such dimples in their cheeks. He, LAW GROSSMAN, and LAC KENNET are our newcomers. We don't know them very well so can't tell you much about them except that we trust they will give you the best of service.

LAC COPPS, a red-headed little man, who works 24 hours a day seeing that all the dirty laundry goes out and comes back clean. Most of you see him at the Laundry. At the Canteen he may be seen about 1015 getting in a little breakfast.

LAW 's ANN and MARY PAVELICK (the twins they are often called) busy in the Sundrie Counter. Regardless of how boring the job they always give you that "Service with a Smile."

LAC NISH and JIMMIE as we all know them are dashing around gathering dirty dishes. If they're not in the dishpan, they are lugging cans of milk, etc. from the frididaire to the coffee bar.

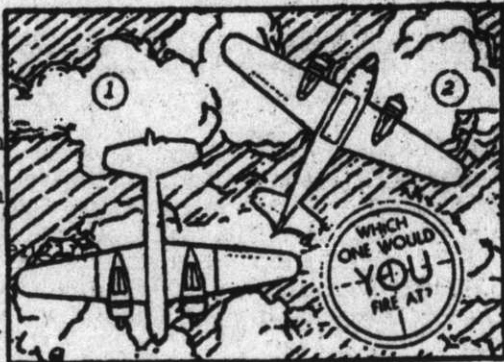
Then we have the lucky ones. Six civilian girls--ALICE, VONDA, GERMAINE, ROSE, IDA and ALVIN. in the coffee bar. Late getting here most of the time, but when they do the work sureflies as we have to open on time. For them there is no discipline. If they come late they can't be put "on the peg" (Oh! No, but now they sign "In and Out" and coming late just doesn't PAY).

There are two civilian men, MACLEAN and OGLESTONE. No matter how early you come to work in the morning they are here working hard cleaning up the mess--and I do mean mess--the boys make during their pleasure hours at night. And they sure keep ut cleaned up.

And now for a few happenings around the canteen. A while ago we lost one of our staff. Best of luck on your new posting, Cpl. Murray.

This is all for this time. Come in and do your shopping at the Airmen's Canteen. We are always glad to serve you and if perhaps at times we don't appear as cheerful as you'd like to find us forgive us for deep down we wish to do all we can to serve you.

NOT AT No. 1! It's the AAF's Martin "Maryland," a low mid-wing, twin engine bomber and reconnaissance plane. The nose of the fuselage extends well forward of the engine nacelles. Both edges of the wing taper to rounded tips. It has an elliptical tailplane and a single fin and rudder.



FIRE AT No. 2! It's a Japanese long range, twin engine bomber, the Nakajima Type 19. This bomber has a large car shaped fuselage with the nose extending far in front of the engines. The mid-wings taper on both edges to rounded tips. The tailplane is tapered to rounded tips and has a single fin and rudder.

Courtesy Mead & Co. publishers of Aircraft Spotters by Lester Ott

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#### ENTERTAINMENT

##### Jean Farquharson Concert Party

Sunday, January 23, saw a program presented in the Rec Hall which was a welcome change to lovers of the classics. With Jean Farquharson at the piano; Olga Nickle on the violin; and Eleanor Carlisle, soprano a program of both light and moderately heavy classics was presented.

Miss Nickle's interpretations of each number she played were a pleasure to listen to. To even the least interested swing fan her rendition of "Ave Maria" as a final number drew close attention; to the person who enjoys good music, well played the piece lived.

Eleanor Carlisle presented her songs in a delightful manner. They provided the lighter side of the program so necessary when playing to an audience who are not too familiar with the classics.

Behind each number was the skilled piano accompaniment of Miss Farquharson. Her solo numbers kept fairly well to the lighter matter. Of special interest to the audience was her rendition of parts of her own composition "Ballet Victoriana"

To many this program was something that they had missed for a long time, to others it brought an awakening interest in the classics, and to all it was a delightful two hours. The inclusion of the occasional troupe of this kind might well be considered seriously.

##### Birk's Variety Party

Two hours of the best variety show ever seen on this station! We have never seen a variety show which managed to combine comedy and serious numbers so skillfully. The timing from start to finish was excellent and there was not a single break in the continuity.

Top billing without a doubt goes to Jerry Tillesley, "A most temperamental artist." His "mellow" tone in the number which he dedicated to the personnel of #7, "I Don't Work for a Living" will long be remembered. Brought back several times by applause he could have stayed out in front all night.

Other numbers in this sparkling show were: Harry Power's soprano rendition of "How'd You Like to Spoon with Me!" (we wonder just how many realised he was singing until the wig came off); Clausen the magician ("Pardon me, please"); Helen Higginbotham, Gracy Fields #2; and of course we couldn't forget the hard working dancers, just how they managed to get changed from one costume to another in the short time they had would make a very interesting story (just think, you  
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could get up at 0729 and have breakfast through before 0730).

Providing the more serious side of the music were Millicent and Dorothy on the violins and Jimmy, tenor soloist. Fitting in to the program at just the right time they presented music of a high quality. Possibly the most popular of their numbers was the violin duet.

Speaking to Mr. Clausen after the show he said that it was a pleasure to work before such a "rand audience". It certainly isn't hard to be a responsive audience when you see such an excellent show. We certainly hope to see you again in the very, very near future.

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S.P. PINCHES

We are sorry to report the posting of Cpl. Tolen since the las time we chatted with you. Also on the role of those missing is Cpl. Kerr, at present in the hospital. However, to make things up we are glad to report that LAC George is back with us after a short, rewinding in the hospital.

Did you notice? (1) all the inquiries we have had since Cpl. Chrapko went on leave. (2) how heatedly two of our Cpls. are vieing for the favors of one civilian gal in the Airmen's Mess (3) Sgt. Kelly's dazzling smile since those new teeth arrived. (4) all the ribbons and maple leafes adorning the various members of our section.

Recently one member of the S.P.'s has been seen in the vicinity of the Legion Hut patiently waiting for Padre F/L Blackburn. It seems that he requires special instructions before taking that jump. One thing that all the boys would like to kn.. is whether Leap Year had anything to d. with it?

A constant battle right now is the one to decide which of the two R'S is going to win and take the third R to the next station dance. Whichever one does, the battle has provided plenty of excitement up to now.

Who is the S.P. who is so anxious to get to the Airmen's Mess round about 3 in the morning these last ten days? It might have something to do with eating--but only vaguely we fear.

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COMING 35mm. SHOWS

Feb. 17 & 18: Iceberg  
Feb. 21 & 22: Crash Dive (color)  
Feb. 24 & 25: The Sky's the Limit  
Feb. 28 & 29: Du Barry was a Lady  
(color)  
Mar. 2 & 3: Best Foot Forward  
(color)  
Mar. 6 & 7: Sahara  
Mar. 9 & 10: Northern Pursuit  
Mar. 13 & 14: No Time for Love

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COMING 16 mm. SHOWS

Feb. 20: Lady of Burlesque  
Feb. 27: Crazy House  
Mar. 5: Northern Pursuit  
Mar. 12: For Me and My Gal

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THE WOLF

by Sansone





Tell the girls nothing except how pretty they are. That's all they should be interested in anyway. One might be a blonde from Berlin.



Where you have been or where you might be going is your business, no one else's. The oceans are deep, wide and rough—you can't swim back, you know!

### CULINARY QUIPS

For a long time there has been no mention of that forgotten group, the cooks. This is one trade where you are sure of only one thing, no thanks. If the meal is good--no comment, that's what it should be; if just one thing isn't perfect--the house is raised, what do the cooks' think they're doing? Felling that at least some mention should be made of this important section your reporter took the opportunity to do a little detective work--and what he didn't find out!

The kitchen welcomed two new members recently in the persons of LAW Smith of Vulcan and LAW Robertson from Lethbridge. They fill spots that should do much toward keeping things rolling smoothly.

Who is the Cpl. who took six days leave so that she could learn how to write French following one posting to Pearce? There's following one posting to Pearce? There's more than one reason for learning, isn't there, Slater? At the same time we might ask why Wes prefers to work on the Corporal's side of the Mess. Did you notice that constant duo of the gal from Works and Bricks and the curly haired lad in the kitchen. And to complete the story there is Audrey and the Service Police, and Marg and the Band. One thing about it, you meet everyone in the Mess.

"Cpl. Jack" from Granum came down to take care of the afternoon shift in the Airmen's Mess on Saturday. From what we saw, by the time he caught on to the way of things, supper was over. Incidentally we wouldn't want to miss "Curly" and Peggy out there at Granum. Between the three of them they manage to get some top notch meals out. As a darn good sample there was the turkey dinner of last Thursday.

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GRANUM

Course 91

Hello, public! It is with profoundest relief I am at last able to jot down a few Australian impressions of Canada. With G.I.S. a thing of the past, time permits me to dash down the article you have all--no doubt--been eagerly awaiting.

A word about our thoughts on Canada first. Short skirts--weak beer--wind--and WAX. In God's country aircrew learn to fly! Attention Mr. Jones: no more housemaids' knees, eh?

Most of our boys have been amazed at the wonderful hospitality extended to us by Canadians. We all appreciate it deeply, and hope that wherever we may go on leaving here we get a welcome equally as warm. Our thanks also to the Hostess House and staff for making our stay something to look back upon, not forget. What say you, "Twinkle"? Many a happy friendship has blossomed there--how about it, "Mac" and "Shep"? If "Killer" doesn't receive a posting soon we may be listening to the strains of "Here comes the Bride!" Keep it up, clobber!

To all of our instructors we would like to offer our thanks and compliment them upon their fortitude during the trials and tribulations of attempting to instill a little flying knowledge into our thick (and several bald) skulls. Congratulations especially to P/O Moffitt on his recent promotion--you'll have to battle now to catch him, Griff. But we're all on your side, Flight, and wish you the best.

Christmas and New Years were unanimously declared as being the most enjoyable ones yet since this skirmish began. The majority of our boys spent last Christmas in action--and ate a Christmas dinner of bully beef and biscuits. The leave spent at Nelson will be a topic of conversation for years to come. We would like to know where Cpl. "Wolf" Dimples spent his leave--he had ten days in hospital to recover.

So, Pass on the "Inebriated Aviators." Until Wings Parade, cheerio.

THE SPORTSTREAMby  
F/S "Bus" Murdoch

"There is a tide in the affairs of man" --Believe me. Your scribe has been indisposed for the past 18 days so you'll have to excuse me if I'm not right up on the current sporting news.

Basketball--Hockey--Boxing are hitting a new high on the station due to the untiring efforts of F/O See, F/L Johnson and F/O MacGonachie. These gentlemen have gone all out in their work, which is an extra activity and seldom appreciated, just to see that interest in these various sports is stimulated for the likes of us. The lack of a necessary evil, A Sports and Drill Officer, has proved to be a boom to this station. The abovementioned have surmounted tremendous odds to drag the red out of the red tape that they have been forced to face. You see, they aren't the type to give up easily, thank heavens.

The Sports Meeting called last month by S/W Byers unveiled a room full of teary-eyed, sad faces that completely outdid themselves in tears before the whole truth of the station sports was shed. However, cry as we may, there is still a bottleneck that will only permit the purchasing of so much and then we are cold-cocked, so now it's your move.

## BASKETBALL TEAM IS MAKING A REPUTATION

There was a time when the only claim to fame of MacLeod was its title as the windiest town in civilization, that is, until this year's basketball edition was displayed for the netertainment-starved. Quite by accident, it couldn't happen otherwise, a select lot of basketeers fell in our midst to blossom forth with one of the classiest clubs to be seen around here in years. The "Flyers" managed by F/O Bud See and captained by Syd, Watson, formerly of Victoria Dominoes, have pushed the club through to ten consecutive wins in as many games.

Practices for the team have been few and far between due to some of the boys writing exams (#93), however, now that they are over the team will have to get down to the serious business of winning play-offs and advancing to the championship of the Command.

Calgary's Currie Army, No. 1 contenders for the Alberta title weren't considering two little town here in the south when they touted themselves to that spot. Their exhibition tour netted them exactly two losses in the two-game series. MacLeod beat them 30-25 and then they moved on to the sugar-town where they again took a beating 32-25.

The locals dished up a brand of ball that is bound to draw twice the crowd when they play again as the fans present that night still haven't quit talking about it. Three new bleachers have been built so exhibition games with the best available teams will certainly put these to good use.

Capacity crowd is a certainty when the "locals" battle it out with last year's rivals, the Raymond Union Jacks, Alberta perennial champs.

The station Band and F/S "Wally" Stipe, former west coast referee make the whole show more colorful than a three-ring circus, so for entertainment it can't be beaten.

"Buck" Buchanan's graduation (#91) means quite a loss to the station. Buck not only played faultless ball with the B.B. Team but starred at Aerial football as well. Our best goes with "Buck" all the way.

F/O MacConachie's Boxing Show to be Top-notch

F/O "Mac" MacConachie has been busier than a one-armed bootlegger rustling together the best the west has to offer for Tuesday's big Boxing and Wrestling Card. This card will definitely eclipse any Service cards that I have seen in the past two years, and believe me, I've seen some good ones. F/O MacConachie has so many champions, past and present, that it is hard to choose between them.

The Bradshaw, Richardson bout will be a high light. They are both exceptionally fast and can hit.

Gas Eichel, many times Canadian Lightweight champion remained undefeated during his long reign so the bout between he and Pahara, who has always been a strong battler, may see an upset. Unfortunately Cy Walisser was confined to the hospital so will be sitting this one out. Frank Petrosky of Vulcan, 1940 welter champ. combines speed and hitting, whereas Kornuta, former Golden Gloves Champ. is all battler.

Vern Pettigrue is without a doubt the best Canada has to offer in the way of Amateur Wrestling.

SPENCE Mould of Lethbridge 8 B&E is also a Canada champ in his class. How can you beat it?

The forgotten men of any card is the referees. F/S "Billy" Evans of Lethbridge fought up until last year and then decided to hang them up for an easier job. Bill was at one time Western Canadian Champ. The second man in the ring will be Cpl. Norm Grayson of the station. Norm at one time battled the best along the west coast. Age has shelved these two stalwarts as far as the actual battle goes, however, it will be good to see them in the ring again even if it is as a referee.

FLASH!! Gordon Thompson, many times lightweight and welterweight champion of Western Canada may appear on the All-Star card. Thompson is at present at Regina so if his services can be secured he may be matched with Cpl. Kid Kornuta. Thompson has never failed to put up a crowd-pleasing go so if it's with Kornuta it will mean a toe-to-toe battle.

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HOCKEY

Since the beginning of the hockey season, our team has changed somewhat, due to unexpected postings and remusterings. With the exception of losing LAC Steve Dunn this last week things have steadied down and we all have hopes of keeping our line-up intact for the remainder of the season.

From the opening exhibition game of the season when we lost P/O Johnny Kenedy and LAC Doug Pearce due to injuries, bad luck seems to have dogged us. Many and varied are our excuses for such numerous losses as we've had! Out of condition, irregular schedule of practices, not enough rest the nite before, too much rest the nite before, good ice, bad ice, dull skates, girl friend troubles, marital troubles, troubles, and of course, ETC!! (There is a rumor around that even the "Gremlins" are against us--whisking the puck away just as we endeavor to take a shot on goal, or moving the goal just as the puck tries to lodge in a corner. And now, of all things, they've been running away with Cpl. Lysle Cowan's safety pins, leaving him with no means of support and liable anytime to be caught with his socks down--this is a military secret, of course.



## Hockey (cont.)

In our mad search for a hockey team that would bow to our Superior strength (?) Colonel Minors came through with a very promising offer. In high spirits (entirely mental) we wended our way westward. In low spirits (entirely mental and physical) we wended our way homeward, after a beating of 8-5. However, when we again arranged a match we triumphantly screamed home with a 5-1 win; our first victory of the season, no loss!! To climax the game apiece situation Coleman visited Macleod Wolves at the local arena for the third game and after a hectic three periods bowed down to a 8-5 defeat.

The Wolves have three league games left to play and must win two of them to achieve a standing for the playoffs. To date they have played the following games:

Wolves v. Pearce Professors....loss.....4-9  
 Wolves vs. Vulcan Hawks.....win!.....5-4  
 Wolves vs. Lethbridge Bombers..loss.....0-2  
 Wolves vs. Claresholm Falcons..loss.....5-12  
 Wolves vs. Lethbridge Bombers..loss.....2-7

Weather permitting, possibly two of the remaining games will be played during this week (Feb. 14--20) in the local arena and the Wolves would like to see everyone there cheering them on. Is it a date?

Wouldn't you like to know a little bit about our team? Here it is:

S/L TOMMY BURKE has given up his goal tending temporarily to an up and coming youngster LAC GERRY BEAULAC and Gerry has had a busy time of it.

We have four men holding out on defence:

CPL. DOUG (alias "Curly," "Pop") BOYD, who can be no slouch.  
 LAC "WEGGIE" HUTCHINSON--ask a certain W.D. about him!  
 LAC HIGH FULLERTON--who can do lots of damage.  
 LAC RED DOBIE--who can do the same!

The first forward line consists of:

LAC WALLY WAGNER, right wing--who came all the way from Calgary when he was on leave, just to help the team out when they played Claresholm--he brought the girl friend too!!  
 CPL. LYSLE COWAN (coach) center--who is a slippery goal-getter even if he is over 25 years old!  
 LAC LEO HADDER, left wing--a recent addition and valuable play-maker.

Other forwards consist of:

LAC (first name's a secret!) COUSINS, r. wing--quite a spark at times.  
 LAC ROSS McMILLAN, r. wing--a new addition who is showing lots of fight.  
 F/O LLOYD JOHNSON (Johnny), r. wing--our star ticket salesman and arrangement man, too!  
 Sgt. CASSELMAN (Cass), l. wing--who is always thinking of that nice bus ride home!  
 F/L W. H. JOHNSON (Johnny), centre--a "Could-be" hockey widower!

Incidentally, S/L Tommy Burke has been trying out for right wing, left wing, center and defense. WE'LL GUARANTEE he gains no weight on the job!

Highlights of all games is Coach Lysle Cowan's "pop" talk. All doors and windows are banged during same and there have been requests made to have doors and windows (and walls) soundproofed. I wonder why??

Hope we have better news next issue!

student of #2 I.T.S. Regina when asked, "which is the best Mexican?" answered, "A Calgary blonde". He received full marks.

BOXING & WRESTLING CARD (cont)

You may ask who has done all the work in connection with this show-- or you may not, so I'll tell you anyway.

A lot of the credit goes to Course 101--headed by LAC Al Broom, who is top hot-dog purveyor for the evening, ably assisted by F/O Waters. F/O Waters has done the thinking. R/O Reeves has sold all the tickets, except those passed out by Mary and Ann in the Dry Canteen, and the Java Shop and Al's Pool Hall in MacLeod. F/O Cheley has estimated the number of seats required and has done all the work except to move them from various parts of the station to the Drill Hall; the M.T. has done that and the lads of 101 arranged things when the seats were delivered to the Drill Hall. P/O Marcolin has done any loose thinking that was required-- a sort of rover position.

To complete the credit roster, F/S Bus Murdoch deserves mention. Bus is the father of boxing on this station but at present he is holding down a hospital bed with a great lack of enthusiasm. From there he has co-ordinated all the necessary moves in building this show and the most credit goes to him.

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BIRTHS

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. B. J. Viens at MacLeod, Alta. On 4th of December, 1943 a son, JOHN JEROME.

Born to LAC and Mrs. R. V. Read at Saskatoon, Sask. on 15th of November, 1943 a daughter, LINDA CLAIRE.

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. A. G. Scott at Calgary, Alta. on 25th of November, 1943 a daughter, LAURA ELAINE

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. R. A. Sorsdahl at Goodwater, Sask. on 2nd of January, 1944 a son, NEIL EDWARD

Born to LAC and Mrs. P. Giguere at MacLeod, Alta. on 6th of January, 1944 a son, JOSEPH PAUL ANDRE BERNARD

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MARRIAGES

LAW M. C. Herbert and LAC J. C. H. Robinson were married at Vancouver B.C. on 25th of December, 1943 by Rev. F. C. Church.

Cpl. W. C. Guy and N/S J. R. Williams were married at Calgary Alta. on 15th of January, 1944 by F/L H. F. Ross (Padre #2 W.S. Calgary)

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**MALE CALL**

by Milton Caniff

**LONG OVERDUE—MUST BE CONSIDERED LOST**



HOSTESS HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

"Never a dull moment" would be a very good description of the past month here in the Hostess House. Activities have been many and varied.

There were the surprise Birthday parties for several 21 year olds arranged by interested friends, the Xmas C ke parties, and those parties celebrating the belated arrival of Xmas parcels from homes far away. January was indeed a month of Fun and Frolic, all to the tune of the "Hostess Special"-- Coffee and Hot Chocolate.

There was the farewell party to "Russ" who left on his way to England. Our best wishes to with this genial S.P.

The new Jigsaw Puzzle proved a pleasant surprise package for those patient enthusiasts who will sit up evening after evening painting a picture with one piece after another.

Tuesday, January 25 was Open House to Course 89 and proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Our special thanks to these R.A.R. boys who called in a group to say Good-bye. We miss them badly but hope that the new Courses will find us and make this "A Friendly Place To Meet Their Friends."

There were three well-attended meetings of the Ladies War Service Groups during the month.

Remember the Fireside Hour at 9.30. It will be continued during this month so come and join in a happy sing-song.

Margaret Shapter  
Hostess

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MUSINGS FROM THE LEGION HUT

Now that events at the hut are back to normal once more and training is in full swing again on the station the hut has accumulated one or two improvements.

The pool room is taking quite a heavy amount of traffic these days and that's what we like to see. However, there are still those who persist in replacing the cue tips with gum when they come off and continue to play. It's a difficult proposition to clean these cues after they have been treated this way. It just holds up the repair of the broken tips and often results in no cues being available. If you'll bring the cues in as soon as they are U.S. we can fix them in short notice and get them back out again.

The ping-pong room is quiet these days since the shortage of balls means that only those who happen to have a ball of their own are able to play. We are trying our best to get a new supply but there just doesn't seem to be any available. However, just as soon as a few show up we'll let you know and be able to sing "Happy Days are Here Again."

Don't forget the coming R.C.A.F. Art Exhibit at the National Gallery, Ottawa. The last day for you to get the work into the hands of the Legion Supervisor on the station has been set for February 22nd since we must have time to pack this precious material so that it will withstand the trip to Ottawa and get there by March 1st.

If there is anything that we can do for the contestants don't be backward in letting us know. You'll find we can help quite a bit since we have a supply of cardboard at the hut for this purpose, and also water colors and brushes. Let's make a good showing for #7 in this First Royal Canadian Air Force Art Exhibit.

This being all the space I have I'll just say, "keep up the

HOSPITAL CASES

During the past month the Hospital have developed two sharpshooting teams. Much against the ethics of medical science, every Tuesday and Thursday evenings these teams can be seen at the butts drilling the centre out of the bullseye (?). F/L Ewart was once the top shot but S/L Bruser and F/S Pritchard find it very easy to hold the champion down now! Sgt. Schultz of our girl team is making quite an art of knocking out the black centre and is waiting for some W.D. opposition.

Our new wing is fast approaching completion and it has been rumoured that the opening will take place within the next month with the possibility of it being celebrated with a dance and novelty evening.

We have another real Canadian adorning our Orderly Room in the person of AWL Jean Underhill who has reported to us as a "Clerk Steno from that far distant country, Eastern Canada. She returns for duty in her native land.

LAW Camiro has been transferred to this medical staff from Pearce and we wish her luck during her stay at MacLeod.

Our little blonde with the dark hair from Eastern Canada has adopted a new language, forsaking the old bilingual for that of dumbness. It relieves the ear-tension of the Orderly Room but we sincerely hope that it is only a temporary measure as we would prefer her bilingual dialect. Her's wishing her a speedy recovery.

What member of our hospital staff got her arrangements so mixed up that she made promises to four lads for the same day and then had to have the S.P.'s escort her downtown. You might ask the kitchen staff about that!!!

A word of warning to girls who are considering remusters to the Hospital. Keep clear of the Orderly Room or you will be as bad as the rest of the staff. After working with one F/S we can take anything. He is conspicuous by his absence these days but maybe time will alter that. Then again, maybe we don't know when we're well off. What say Flight?

Then there is the member of the hospital staff spends her days (and nights) dreaming about FOUR photographs. Dreams are fun, aren't they Joan?

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## FLORENCE AND JESSAM (cont)

Dona Embinger, the busiest girl in Records, is leaving us for lovely Vancouver. Best of luck to you, Dona. Do you like what some people call "God's Country." There has been much controversy over this "intention" it's rather a touchy subject in here. However, we won't go into the matter--but, have you ever visited Ontario?

A dash of color in the form of Edna Millard, is a welcome sight to Records. She has been transferred from across the hall and is to be our new Steno. Another new addition to our Staff is pretty AWL Holter, formerly with the Precision Squadron at Rockliffe. Is it any wonder LAC Jones spends so much time at Records? Sandy is still budgeting and LAW Grosset struggles over DRO's. She will find solace in the tremendous amount of work her job involves now that Course 89 has left. (confidentially, Elsie, I shed a few tears myself).

The remainder of the Staff continues on as usual. The new arrivals are attending lectures and typing classes as the date for the dreaded Trade Test Board approaches, and the LAW's are sighing with relief and saying, "Thank Goodness, we don't have to go through that again."

So much for Headquarters. We will be with you again with more news and happenings in a future issue.