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AN APPRECIATION

F/L Blackburn, Padre

On Sunday, March 26th D.V. we open our new Station Chapel. This is a source of joy to a chaplain on the station for now we can claim a place all our own where we can hold our services in a proper atmosphere. At long last it has come!

Since June 1940 I have been holding services in parks, in canteens, in auditoriums, and in Recreation Halls. It is true that these were not always conducive to the spirit of worship, nevertheless we had to make the best of things when the country was at war. Through the keen interest of our Commanding Officer, our Chapel will be well furnished and will certainly be an asset to all those who desire to worship God.

I am grateful to our Commanding Officer and all other officers on the station who have made it possible to get a nice Chapel Organ which will no doubt be a great help to our church services. The officers have generously donated the organ for use of the station chapel.

Chapel services will be held every Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. The opening service of dedication will, however, be held at ten o'clock on the morning of the 26th. It is expected that the Command Chaplain will be on hand as well as members of the Clergy and others from the town of MacLeod. I want all of you who can come to the opening services to be there whether it is at the morning service or the evening service which will be held at 1930 hours on the 26th.

The chapel is for your use. Make it your church home while you are on the station. Who will be the first to be married in the new chapel? We shall see.

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OUR NEW CHAPEL

On March 26th when Number Seven S.F.T.S. officially dedicates its new chapel it will achieve a goal toward which it has been aiming for many months. There have been many difficulties that had to be overcome before we could reach this day but the chapel that now stands ready for the ceremony is worth them all.

Painted in white and a pastel shade of green, it reminds you almost immediately you enter the door of "the Church in the wildwood" and peace and quietness take over your mind. Here, too, you sense the united effort that is the strength of the Air Force for there are altars for both the Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths, one in each end of the building. To one side of each altar is a small room where the Padre of each faith may make his office. The various pieces of furnishing have been built right here on the station out of wood and masonite. It is a very pleasing effect to see them standing there and one that appears to lend a touch of majesty to the small building.

The Officers have purchased a Chapel Organ for the use of the chapel. Just where it is to be placed has not been definitely decided as yet but we know that wherever it is it will add much to that "church" effect that many have missed so sadly on various Air Force stations. The very size of the chapel lends a "personalized" air to it. Number Seven is indeed proud to have such a fine chapel.

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EDITORIAL

During the past few weeks much has been said about rehabilitation--many seem to think of it as what the government owes the serviceman. However, there is the other side of the story--what the serviceman owes his country. Have you ever stopped to seriously consider that side?

This is an age of efficiency, of speed. The man to do the job is the man that does it best. What happens when a serviceman comes back to his old job--as is his right under the present rehabilitation scheme? For several years he has been, in most cases, entirely out of contact with it. Many advances have been made, things have changed considerably. He has a hard time fitting in and efficiency suffers. Do you feel that he has a right to demand that job knowing that there are others far better fitted for it?

There is only one way to avoid this--keep in contact with the field you hope to go back to after the war. In all of the Armed Services there are facilities available to those who want them for study in almost any field. The Air Force has set up Educational Officers whose main job is to enable you to get the information you want. At present there are the Canadian Legion Courses offered free to all servicemen; university courses and high-school courses offered at almost no cost; even many of the private correspondence schools are co-operating by offering reduced rates to servicemen. With all these facilities there is absolutely no excuse for not making yourself better fitted to fill that job after victory comes.

To the Air Force come men and women from all over Canada, from every branch of life. In the Air Force you can meet them all, get to know the problems of their particular section. You have the opportunity to learn from them many of the things that perhaps have troubled you in the past, to understand why they do certain things. If you make full use of this Canada after the war will be far more united, the world will be far closer together. What right have you not to make use of it?

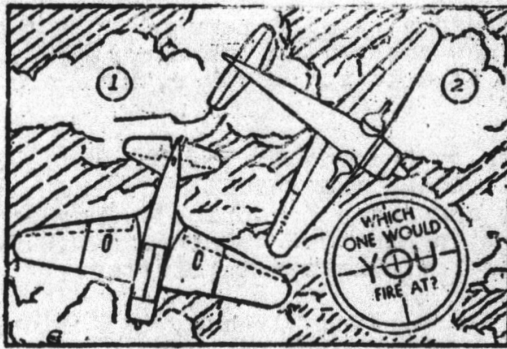
There is no place in the world today that offers a more practical education than the Armed Services. With the future of our country depending on its ability to keep abreast changing conditions what right has any serviceman to insist on his job back when he only knows the way it was done two or three years ago? It's up to each and every one of us to see that, if we want that job back, we are better fitted for it than anyone else; that we have made full use of the time we spent in the service.

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F/O Don MacKay left us the other day to go to Brandon. While Don was with us the Entertainment Committee had a very active and capable member. He will be missed by many, especially by those with whom he worked so energetically. Anyway, we wish him good luck in his new station. How cold is it in Brandon, Don?

NOT AT No. 1!
It's the U.S. Navy
"Devastator," a
low-wing, single
engine, torpedo
bomber. It has a
thick streamlined
fuselage. The lead-
ing edge of the
wings is straight
and the trailing
edge tapers to
rounded tips.

There is a "V" cutout on the trail-
ing edge of the tailplane.



FIRE AT No. 2!
It's the German
Focke-wulf 190, a
low-wing, single
seat fighter. Its
fuselage tapers
from the blunt
radial engine to
a thin tail.
Both edges of the
wings taper to
rounded tips. The
tailplane is swept
back slightly on the leading edge
and the trailing edge is straight.
It has a single fin and rudder.

Courtesy Dodd, Mead & Co., Publishers Aircraft Spotter by Lester Ott

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PAY OR WHY MOST OF US ARE BROKE BEFORE PAY-DAY

This is a major problem that concerns most of us. I have delved into this matter and given it quite some thought and have come to the conclusion that there is only one way to save. When you line up in pay-parade and give your number, name and rank, then pick up your hardearned (?) pay, give a hearty salute (depending on the amount of pay you receive); you then tighten the string around the old leather bag and make the following resolutions:

It's all very well to go over to the Canteen for a refreshing coke or say a cup of coffee, but when your mouth starts watering for that lucious apple-pie and ice-cream just remember that you get extra messing deducted from your pay every month. Bear in mind that you have a second helping of dessert coming to you for supper and concentrate on that coke.

Here's another case. On Saturday nite you take your favourite W.D. to the pictures. Set the date for 8:30 p.m. and by the time you get out of the theatre it's approximately 11 p.m. You consider it too late to go to the dance therefore you suggest a snack and tell her that a steak would make the evening complete but the kind they serve at this restaurant looks like old cow and tastes worse. You end up with a ham sandwich and coffee.

Then there is the income tax problem. Most of us aren't concerned with this. For the benefit of the Senior N.C.O.'s of G.I.S. who hold annotated positions (annotated meaning a writer of notes or commentator) you may be exempt. I've never seen any of them making any notes and as far as comments go I could make a few myself.

Some of these suggestions aren't very difficult to contend with but if you can convince yourself that staying in MacLeod on a '48' and going to the Saturday nite jitney rather than the alternative of spending a weekend in Calgary or Banff; if you can convince yourself of it with your pocket full of shekels; you either have an awful tight knot on the string around the old, leather bag or brother you're a miser!

----LAW Thompson
Accounts Section

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Another graduate of Number Seven S.F.T.S. has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. This time it was F/O Rayne Dennis Schultz. He destroyed three Dornier 217's during one sortie last December. This is the second such award to a graduate of this school in less than six months!

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

We have just had a hurried request from the Slipstream reporter to write a few lines concerning our department, and with such short notice are rather at a loss. However, here are a few items of flotsam and jetsam.

Two newcomers to Records Office are tall, studious-looking Bill Flynn and Cyril I. Rooke (he insisted on the second initial) an R.A.F. lad with a bright and ready "cheerio." They are trainees, awaiting course and are putting in time working on D.R.O.'s and, at the same time, making a few feminine hearts flutter.

The Rations clerk, June Wiseman, is holidaying at her home in Alberta, and will be back with us shortly. Coral Enzenauer, from the Orderly Room is also on leave. F/S D. G. Murley is a new addition to Headquarters. ~~MMMMMMMM~~ Tall, dark, and handsome! (Ee still, my heart, he's a married man). WO2 Pratt is anxiously scanning each signal as it comes in, hoping for that posting that was seen in his tea cup. You don't really want to leave us, do you, Major?

"In the spring a young girl's fancy turns to thoughts of love." How true! The one spring day we had here recently, saw two of our W.D.'s puzzling over "Permission to Marry" forms and a third confessing she had already filled hers out. Could it be they are taking advantage of Leap Year? Stella has been rather evasive, but we caught her wearing a lovely diamond on that certain finger, one day. Was all this merely adventitious, or has Leap Year its compensations?

F/L D. A. Brown is missed very much by us all and especially by one little W.D. Given a little time, there is no doubt she will become just as fond of our new Adjutant, F/O W. R. Jones. Welcome to our midst, Mr. Jones. And a hearty welcome to A/S/O H. Holtby, formerly of No. 2 K.T.S. Toronto.

And now, as Cyril would say, "Cheerio" until a future date.

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICE

There is one little office, way down at Number 5 Hangar--the Educational Office--and what a busy place it is. P/O Marcolin, F/S Young and AWL Johnson certainly fill the place up when they're all in there working hard.

AWL Johnson, or "Johnny" as she is generally called was transferred down to this section from Records and when she gets going on that typewriter it sounds more like the nearby Machine Gun Range. Perhaps one reason for the way she attacks that poor machine is that her home is at Pearce--oh, well, you aren't to blame for a bit of poor luck!

Every Friday morning the place bustles with activity. At that time the aircrew class make their appearance to learn the good old art of scrubbing and sweeping--for C.O.'s inspection. When you graduate from the class you are fully qualified for the top trade grouping in the "Charwomen's Union", at least so say successfully candidates.

P/O Marcolin and F/S Young seemed to be continually sweeping out those stray pebbles, especially during the days of wet weather. However, now there is a soft mat in front of the door which reads "Welcome" -- after you have swept your feet off!

P/O Marcolin has been wondering why visitors always seem to dash out whenever he makes his appearance in the office. After much careful investigation he has come to the conclusion that the size of the office is the only reason--or is it?

The Educational Office is open all day for your convenience. If there is any subject you are interested in why not drop in and see what facilities are available to you.

M.T. Takeoffs

Quite some time ago we intended to give a list of the personnel, with handles, history, deeds, misdeeds, etc. but since November they have come in one door just to go out another. Of course, that concerns the boys only. The big mystery is how we gather enough to keep up with them. "The boys come and go, but we stay on, forever," or so it seems to the girls.

However, just to show that we aren't getting stale, there are a lot of tins of paint waiting to be splashed around the section, and the color isn't red either, just you wait and see how smart we'll be, or rather the section; we'll probably be out of turpentine for weeks.

To date we have all been so busy, the outstanding events go by almost unnoticed, all except a few. e.g. On Friday, March 1, "Pat" and "Steve" or rather LAW Wright and Sgt. Stevens (pilot) decided to pay a visit to the altar. So, if you see a lovely sparkler with matching gold band when Pat waves her hands you'll know who is the lucky fellow. And we do mean lucky. Best of everything to you both from the section. The only unfortunate part was that "Steve" had to leave Monday but we know he'll be back now.

Our two overseas postings last month were Laroque and McNutt, two swell guys, typically western and rarin' to go. How we would like to see them when they put on the old one-two for the "Blymies".

We noticed several W.D.'s from this section at the Sergeant's Valentine Dance. It was nice of them to remember us because it was a lovely party, "Why Don't They Do It More Often." And we all thought the W.D. Leap Year Dance was O.K. The general opinion was it was too short, which proves it was a bit of alright. Next big do will bring St. Patrick and his buddies into their own. Wonder what it will be like, or do we need to. Come, let's see these shamrocks!

It is understood that several voices are recovering after the hockey season. Never mind boys, you were good losers, and that is hardest. Anyone can be a good winner. I never saw a team try so hard for so little, but banquet made the score even, you deserved it.

And here comes the collector, thank goodness it isn't for taxes. He's the man who haunts sections just before press time. I often wonder how many steps go into putting out "The Slipstream"! Thanks, Don.

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It is said that F/O Hugh Jennings demonstrated the Maori Dance to the movie stars and directors in Hollywood (pronounced as does Cecil B. DeMille) while on leave. Also, that Mr. Jennings rejected a contract to play opposite Hedy LaMarre, in a streamlined version of "The Missing Sarong."

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"Even people with thermometers have to take the weather as it comes."
---H.B.C. Barn Dance

THE WOLF

by Sansone



"Time'll go much faster if you know of any games we two can play."

"H Flight at Granum"

or

"WHY AIRMEN DIE YOUNG"

Early this March Granum came--as it must come to all aircrow-- to H Flight,

It cannot be truly said that they wanted to go to Granum. In the first place they'd heard rather gruesome stories concerning the wear and tear on young gentlemen's nice, soft hands--and in the second place--they'd heard that "F" Flight had drunk slightly in excess of their beer ration out there.

But stronger and clearer heads prevailed--referring of course to those rugged characters from that section of North America west of the Rockies commonly known as "The West" and more particularly known to its intimate friends as "Canada." So, H Flight arrived at Granum.

Three hours later H Flight was painting, three days later H Flight was still painting--with the glorious prospect of at least three weeks painting lurking in the future.

Of course the High Command--in the grim guise of Sergeant Rodsuth--broke the monotony--right over their backs!

Besides piddling with paint, H Flight piled peeled potatoes and carted around carloads of coal from one obscure point to an even more obscure destination--a little nearer to the furnace.

Of course, H Flight did fly--until the crash tender froze up and bust--which was in the very early stages of the Granum Campaign.

So some of them peeled off their aprons and skated their feet in to several cases of dangling ownership.

Naturally, then, night flying started and with it more painting, more peeling, and more packing--coal--and more skating with the occasional time out for sleeping. Mostly, however, it was just more peeling, painting, and packing.

Then the ice melted and a few guys had wings tests--the rest continued--peeling, painting, and packing and--oh yes--polishing floors.

Ohmigawd, Mother--Housemaid's Knee is upon us!

Oh! Oh! Excuse me--I think the canteen is opening.....

If you don't hear from H Flight after tonight--they fell in a bottle.

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Some of the older officers who are being retired from the Armed Forces state that they feel like the Swed from Minnesota. He said that after much practice he had learned how to say "yug", everybody started calling the thing a "crock."

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As the station is without attractive drum majorettes, Squadron (cheer) Leader H. V. Brisbin, fills the breach "away from home" basketball games.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tranquillo Sanitorium
Tranquille, B.C.

Hello Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all you swell people there at No. 7 for being so good to me. I surely do appreciate all the cards, letters, and gifts I have received since I have been here. This is a lovely place--more like a happy home instead of a hospital. However, I would much rather be in MacLeod enjoying a dance in the Drill Hall, or spending an evening in the Hostess House.

It is really lovely here in God's Country. Good old B.C. We still have the odd snowfall, but the snow doesn't seem to stop the trees from budding. Only such a condition can happen in B.C.

Everyone here is busy fighting a war of his own against the little T.B. Bug. Modern science is certainly doing a lot for the "White Plague" victims as we are called.

There are four Air Force boys and one Nursing Sister here. There are a few from the Army, but the greatest number are Civilians. All told, there are 350 patients in the buildings, all anxious to get out as soon as possible. The Doctor tells me that I am to be home in June, and I hope this is true, for some people have been here from one to twelve years.

A visiting committee from the R.C.A.F. Station at Rayleigh a few miles from here come out every two weeks. Visitors and mail really mean a lot to the patients.

In closing I wish you all the very best of luck, boys and girls of No. 7 and especially to #1 Hangar where I can say that I spent the happiest days of my life in the Air Force.

Yours very sincerely

KAYE LITTLE

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February 5, 1944

Sir:

I must thank you very much for the copy of the "Slipstream" of December 23rd which I received only today.

It proves very interesting, especially when I notice an account concerning someone I know such as Sgt. "Bus" Murdoch, F/S Dalseg, or LAW Harvey. When I left MacLeod a year ago the 17th of this month she worked in the canteen. Incidentally, she hails from Saskatoon, my hometown.

For the past several months I have been writing for "Wings Abroad" an R.C.A.F. newspaper, published weekly in London. I am sending you a copy of our Christmas number, and you will find my writeup on page 5, entitled "Sports Meeting." At the head of the column my name is mis-spelled but I assure you I corrected that when I spoke to the typesetters.

I am going on leave to Petersfield, Hampshire, a week from tomorrow. Being near Portsmouth, I hope to get a look at Nelson's flagship "Victory."

During my last leave in the south I stepped off the train into an air-raid and an hour later was at work on the business end of a shovel, helping clear the debris away from a bombed church.

What is most surprising during these raids is the speed with which the N.F.S., the C.D. and all other organizations appear. The W.V.S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont)

are soon there, doling out hot tea, etc. and one can see women in overalls and steel helmet, working alongside of men. They're beyond praise!

Thanking you again for sending me the various copies of your paper I wish to remain,

Respectfully

A. V. Horsley

(Thank you LAC Horsley for the copy of "Wings Abroad". If anyone cares to have a look at it drop in to the Legion Office.)

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AIRMENS' CANTEN

The Airmens's Canteen is once again taking the opportunity of entering its news into the "Slipstream". The last months edition gave the staff quite a bit of encouragement to try their best to serve the best.

The Coffee Bar Staff have been kept plenty busy this month due to furloughs granted to part of the staff before the big day, the 31st of March. The boys Nish, Jimmie and Kenneth are fortunate that they are able to get away in their turn but when they get back they'll have to make up for lost time.

Our great lover of "Maizie Doats" is also spending her furlough this month and we all miss her very much.

The Coffee Bar is really thankful (and surprised) at the way the boys and gals have been bringing their dishes back. Could it be because they like our beautiful posters--take a bow LAC Seabourne!

The Sundry Counter has also been missing one of its staff, hardworking LAW Ann Pavilich who is visiting Victoria for the first time, but who knows, maybe she'll want to go there again on her next furlough.

Vi has been very ambitious lately. Is it because--oh, well, maybe she is getting used to the place--or is it the Australian influence.

The hardworking three in the wet canteen seem to be getting along very well whenever they are there. Well, F/S Dalseg and Sgt. McLaren are always in before breakfast. Don't forget that we serve Toast and Coffee here in the Coffee Bar every day.

We also want to extend thanks to Sgt. Russell and LAC Bell from Central Warehouse for supplying our canteen with all the necessities daily. Good work, boys.

Well, we'll see you again next month with more news. In the meantime drop around and refresh yourself.

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We in the Service don't have to be told the work of the Red Cross--it might have been our lives that it saved. Have you done your bit toward seeing that it is able to continue its great work?

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Minds are like parachutes; they function only when open. --Selected



HOSTESS HOUSE

Through the medium of this paper we extend a warm welcome to any of the new boys and girls, who have not yet made our acquaintance.

Situated inside the Station Grounds! Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Ours is the small green building to the left of the Guard House; sometimes full, but never too full for you not to find a friendly welcome.

Monday February 21st was an outstanding evening in our "Hostess House History" when an "Open House" was arranged for Course 91 and their friends. A Musical programme, Contests, the taking of Group Photographs, Group Singing, and good wishes expressed by G/C Hampton all added their quota of enjoyment to the evening. Our Liaison Officer, Mrs. Selby Walker from Calgary was able to be with us on this occasion.

On Saturday, February 26th, the wedding of Cpl. John Neale and LAW Dorothea Johnston was another noteworthy event to record. This was solemnized by Padre Blackburn in the Lounge, suitably decorated with spring flowers of Daffodils and Freesia, and amidst the good wishes of many friends from the Station who were in attendance. Our best wishes go with them for "Happy days ahead."

As this "goes to Press," Mrs. Shapter is at the coast on an Annual Furlough, and is expected to return around the 20th of this month. We have been fortunate to have had with us Mrs. Rosamond, on loan from the Blue Triangle Leave Centre in Calgary, whose "culinary art" is making itself famous according to many of our patrons.

Helena Sowden
Hostess

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MUSINGS FROM THE LEGION HUT

Welcome once more to the Legion Hut!! Its facilities are always there for your use. The Lounge and Reading Room where you can write those letters home or read almost any magazine distributed in Canada today; the Library stocked with the latest in both fiction and non-fiction; the billiards room for all you pool sharks; the table tennis tables for all the exponents of that gentle art; and last but not least, the office where you can send your telegrams and cables.

For quite a while now the table tennis tables have been fairly quiet due to a shortage of table tennis balls. Well, we are glad to say that a few really good balls have come in and there are prospects that we may get a fairly good supply shortly. With a little care these balls should last indefinitely so, what about it, fellas, and gals?

Thanks, too, for not using gum on the billiard cues when the tips break off. It means that we can get them back out there in the racks just that much sooner. You see, when you use gum it means that we have to scrape off every last bit of it before we can start to get the tip ready to be glued on and if you've ever tried to remove hardened gum you know what that means!

This week brings two big events--the St. Patrick's Dance on Wednesday and the Amateur Night on Thursday. The latter is in aid of the "Milk for Britain" Fund and talent scouts will be present to select the best acts for one big "Revue" from the entire #4 T.C.

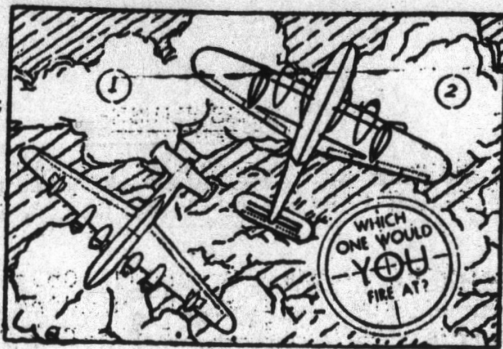
Till next month when we meet again in "The Slipstream" we'll be seeing you at the Hut--the place where you can relax in quiet and comfort.

Jack Tyson
Supervisor

NOT AT No. 1!

It's the U.S. Navy's "Mars", the world's largest flying boat which recently carried a record cargo to Hawaii. It has a large two-step hull and is powered by four radial engines. The thick high wings of enormous span taper on

both edges to rounded tips with a slightly greater taper on the trailing edge. Fixed wing floats extend ahead of the leading edge of the wings. The tailplane is also tapered and has twin fins and twin rudders.



FIRE AT No. 2!

It's the Japanese Kawanishi 97, "Mavis", a high wing, four engine flying boat used as a torpedo bomber and reconnaissance plane. The wings taper slightly less on the leading edge than on the trailing edge to rounded tips.

Fixed wing floats are located in about the middle of each wing. The tailplane has straight edges, rounded tips and twin fins and rudders. Both the wings and the tailplane are externally braced.

Courtesy Dodd, Mead & Co., publishers Aircraft Spotter by Lester Ott.

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HOSPITAL CASES

Another month has rolled by and another changeover of Medical Officers has taken place--a usual occurrence at this hospital. S/L Bruser is attached to #4 T.C. as Assistant Command Surgeon. S/L MacIntyre has taken his place and is doing a very excellent job. F/L Earle has been posted to Assiniboine and was replaced by F/L Emery. To both these officers we wish a long and happy stay in MacLeod.

Sgt. Thibedeau, our boss cook, is taking unto herself another field, being posted on T.D. to Trenton for an Administrative Course. We hope it doesn't interfere with all her cooking recipes as her dieting for the patients relies on good cooking.

The sound of hammers and mechanics tools have been ringing through the hospital for this last week as they make the attachment of the New Wing to the Old Hospital. Anytime of the day you could see the proverbial plumber with his steps taking down pipe and putting up pipe--and making the usual plumbers' mess. Sgt. Gould has had several sleepless nights trying to chase men and assistants into keeping the hospital clean.

We are expecting the painters in the new wing to complete their job soon. Then, with the aid of the local Red Cross curtains and furnishings will be placed in position and the new wing will be officially some time in the very near future. The only thing that is required to go with the new wing is some new staff and we hope they put in an appearance very shortly.

Who was the gal that thought Attention Areas were special places where one could walk hand-in-hand? And who is the W.D. who would like an extended 48 so that she could reach Brandon. If the Air Force is good to us this Easter and gives us the fabled 72-hour pass some of the staff will be seeking further grounds with the longer range. Who was the Sergeant in the Orderly Room who for a few days had a very bad limp? On examination could it have been someone jumped on her foot during a dance--or.....

With the coming of spring, Golf enthusiasts from the hospital are trying to prepare themselves by turning in their old balls for new ones and by next month we hope to have some little golf news from this section.

Maybe the sun was to blame--and maybe it was just..... Well, anyway how can the Orderly Room staff (two W.D.'s and one F/S) explain why they whipped up such beautifully smart salutes to one Chief Petty Officer. From Westerners (or Canadians as some call it) we might understand it but.....!

MURDOCH REVUE PLAYS AT #7

In its 277th show before men of the Armed Services, the Alice Murdoch Revue presented a smooth running, top-notch show to a packed Recreation Hall at #7 S.F.T.S. MacLeod.

Singing stars of the show were Cleone Duncan and Shirley Flock. Miss Duncan had just returned from Toronto where she appeared on the radio show "Stars of Tomorrow." Encored every time she came on the stage the boys were pleasantly surprised when as a finale she sang "This is Worth Fighting For," dedicating it to the Red Cross Drive. So inspiring was her rendition that over sixty dollars was collected in aid of the Red Cross. Shirley, 10-year old darling of the show, made her biggest hit with "those flirty, flirty eyes" of "Paper Doll."

The variety of dancing which this group presents is truly remarkable. From acrobatics to fast moving tap dancing each number gave evidence of the long and careful training and rehearsal under the capable direction of Alice Murdoch. Master-of-Ceremonies, Mr. H.C. Flock, gave the program a serious touch as he stepped to the piano to play "Prelude in C-sharp Minor" and "The Bells of St. Mary's."

In thanking the troupe for their efforts S/L Brisbin expressed the feelings of all those present when he said that the review was definitely something "different." To the Adam's Radio Parlors of Calgary, sponsors of the group, and to all those who took part Number Seven says, "Thanks for a fine evening's entertainment."

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Coming Shows (Free, Canadian Legion 16mm.)

- March 19--"Hangmen Also Die"; the story of the assassination of "Hangman" Heydrich.
 March 26--"Sweet Rosie O'Grady"; a musical starring Betty Grable, Robert Young and Adolphe Menjou. In technicolor!
 April 2---"Air Force"; Starring John Garfield this is the story of a Flying Fortress in the war in the Pacific.

Coming Shows (Week-day 35mm)

- March 13 & 14--"No Time for Love" a comedy-romance starring Claudette Colbert, Fred McMurray, and Ilka Chase.
 March 16 & 17 --"The Navy Comes Through" starring Pat O'Brien and Linda Scott.
 March 20 & 21--"Thank Your Lucky Stars" with an all-star cast.
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MURDOCH REVUE PLAYS AT #7

In its 277th show before men of the Armed Services, the Alice Murdoch Revue presented a smooth running, top-notch show to a packed Recreation Hall at #7 S.F.T.S. MacLeod.

Singing stars of the show were Cleone Duncan and Shirley Flock. Miss Duncan had just returned from Toronto where she appeared on the radio show "Stars of Tomorrow." Encored every time she came on the stage the boys were pleasantly surprised when as a finale she sang "This is Worth Fighting For," dedicating it to the Red Cross Drive. So inspiring was her rendition that over sixty dollars was collected in aid of the Red Cross. Shirley, 10-year old darling of the show, made her biggest hit with "those flirty, flirty eyes" of "Paper Doll."

The variety of dancing which this group presents is truly remarkable. From acrobatics to fast moving tap dancing each number gave evidence of the long and careful training and rehearsal under the capable direction of Alice Murdoch. Master-of-Ceremonies, Mr. H.C. Flock, gave the program a serious touch as he stepped to the piano to play "Prelude in C-sharp Minor" and "The Bells of St. Mary's."

In thanking the troupe for their efforts S/L Brisbin expressed the feelings of all those present when he said that the review was definitely something "different." To the Adam's Radio Parlors of Calgary, sponsors of the group, and to all those who took part Number Seven says, "Thanks for a fine evening's entertainment."

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Coming Shows (Free, Canadian Legion 16mm.)

- March 19--"Hangmen Also Die"; the story of the assassination of "Hangman" Heydrich.
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 April 2---"Air Force"; Starring John Garfield this is the story of a Flying Fortress in the war in the Pacific.

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The Sportsstream
by
F/S "Bus" Murdoch

Once again your would-be, if couldst-be sports reporter has had to burn the midnight oil in order to make publication by the deadline. By the time the grapevine has petered into last months diary, and even A.F.H.Q. receives the odd rumor, I come out with the Sport News. That's almost an acid test for anyones memory. As an intelligence test that could compare with the Quiz Kids; the Air Force Educational Section couldn't do much better. There was a time that I could be counted upon for two scoops a month, believe-it-or-not. It was a strange coincidence too; it always happened on paydays. Don't all rush at once, men, you know I'm always ready to give a hand-out to a vet. of the Second World War. You see, it's like this, I haven't made a scoop for two months so the outlook is rather grim; which leaves me compelled to drool about people and W.D.'s. Please take notice that the following isn't in order alphabetically or merit, and that any similiarity with persons or places outside of our own "Shangri-La" is purely coincidental, and is not to be ridiculed for same.

F/O "Mac" MacConachie, almost a stock phrase over a month ago, has departed to a much cooler climate because of his high blood pressure and the heeby-geebies--caused by one of the most successful fight cards that has ever been held for the privileged. A crowd of 1700 howling fans saw the name of MacConachie go down in ring history along with names like Rickard and Jacobs, the night of February 15, 1944. Mac did a splendid job. It was so good that perhaps he could be induced to come back again.

Whenever the "Battle of MacLeod" is mentioned, no doubt, everyone will think of Dick Bradshaw and Cy Walisser. "Brad" gave away enough beef that night to keep a fair-sized family away from the Ration Board for months. Although his opponent's reputation called for a lot of respect "Brad" chose to battle it toe-to-toe and found himself taking that one punch too many at a bad moment. However, he survived the second round strongly enough that he was able to give his opponent so much contention it is this corners thought that if the fight had gone another round "Brad" would have knocked him colder than a lean shark's heart. It was a tough fight to lose, however, a loss in a case such as this can be more glorified than a win.

Cy Walisser wasn't long out of the hospital when he took on a tough hombre from Vultures Gulch so when you think of intestinal fortitude, moral fibre or just plain (don't bother I'll censor it myself) you can think of our own two-man boxing team. Cy kept a question mark after his bout by scoring a draw.

Frank Schultheis, new boxing coach on the station has a very enviable record in all sports as an all-round athelete. Frank held the B.C. lightweight title a few years back. The boxing team under his tutorship will be boxing at Vulcan this Wednesday 15th and perhaps Edmonton again on the 17th. The boys are in fine shape for the bouts.

F/S Abe Savard of the Service Police (Gestapo) is leaving us soon. Abe was always the forgotten man on Boxing Cards when it came time to hand out the orchids. Abe as a hustler for pushing the fighters out into the ring so that the show always kept moving was one of the best. The big lug could be called upon at any time for help and was more than willing to volunteer his services after the well-known subtle suggestion had been made. He will certainly be missed.

This month will see the breaking up of the "Flyers", a smooth aggregate of basketballers that have only lost one game in 16 starts. Kamisky, Watson, Foulger, Lowden, and Rowell graduate the 24th to make quite a gap in the club. The "Flyers" will make a trip to Regina next Saturday, 18th, which will just about spell "fini" for this season.

Southern Alberta Service League Playoffs to Commence Tuesday, here

The winner of the #8 B & G and Pearce series is to play here Tuesday with the second game to be played at the winners' Thursday.

Sportsstream (cont)

The magic wand, however, has once again waved our direction with the posting of two more Manning Depot players here--Holmes and Kopley. These boys are just what the doctor ordered. They have been playing ball all winter in Edmonton and are very classy; in good shape to boot.

If the ball playoffs aren't completed by the time the boys graduate the big problem will be to find a centre to replace Kamisky. See, Woods, Gibb, Coy, Buna, and Holmes and Kopley will still be available if the club should advance to the Provincial playoffs so there is still lots of class still intact.

F/L Johnson extended the hockey club to the limit in advancing as far as the semi-finals against Claresholm. A newcomer to the station, AC2 Michaluk, formerly of the Calgary Mustangs, proved to be a tower of strength on the defence. It was a shame that he couldn't have gotten a couple of games under his belt with the club before stepping into the semi-finals. The series would have undoubtedly gone our way. "utch" Hutchinson believes in not letting the opposition by, even if it means cleaning the ice the length of the arena in order to bring them down. The two forward lines were working nicely in the series so its rather unfortunate conclusion eliminated them just when their game was improving so well.

Next year should be a banner year for the service hockey in these parts. What the boys lacked in ability they made up for in a fast driving game that constantly kept the fans excitedly on the edge of their seats. If the game is promoted properly next season the crowd should be as large for the opening game as it was this year for the final. It takes a little time to revive the sport after such a lapse as in this town but we think that the seed has been definitely sown.

LAC Alec Sadler of Maintenance has a rather unique apparatus, as far as this country is concerned. It is called a Trampoline and already has a host of admirers and followers, although it has just been on the station a short while.

Athletes usually make good flyers so the U.S. Navy begins the training of cadets by making them good athletes. At one pre-flight school, the men learn balance and coordination by bouncing on this large oblong net supported all around by spring coils. The apparatus rebounds when a man falls into it, sending him high into the air where he can do fancy turns or loops before coming down. Camp Borden has several of these, we are lead to understand, for the training of Paratroopers. Perhaps the boys that are working out on the trampoline daily will become skilled enough to perform an exhibition for the rest of us that are so curious about it.

F/S Len Stolk and his versatile Duke, Manning Depot's gift to the AC's, Sgt. Jack Lunney have the P.T. setup running very smoothly on the station. The idea of dividing the courses up into teams of eight and nine men has created a lot of rivalry in the various competitive sports and at the same time has speeded up the program considerably. Of a 1 the benches that have passed down through history we know of no bench that is more despised than the "Workbench" erected for the Harvard Step Test.

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MALE CALL



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



QUARANTINE



MARRIAGES

LAC F. A. Harlow and Norah Judson were married on the 12th of February, 1944 at MacLeod, Alta. by Rev. C. Axon.

LAC M. Augi and Adeline Kambeitz were married on the 14th of February, 1944, at Bow Island, Alta. by Rev. P. A. Tessier.

LAC G. Somerville and Susan DeMaere were married on the 18th of February, 1944, at Cláresholm, Alta. by T. J. Murphy.

Cpl. J. A. Neale and LAW D. C. Johnston were married on the 26th of February, 1944 at MacLeod, Alta. by F/L M. S. Blackburn.

Sgt. H. R. Steens and LAW P. L. Wright were married on the 4th of March at MacLeod, Alta. by Rev. C. Axon

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BIRTHS

Born to LAC and Mrs. E. J. White, a daughter, BARBARA GALE at Edmonton, Alta. on the 14th of October, 1943.

Born to Cpl. and Mrs. Gilbert, a son, THOMAS RAY at MacLeod, Alta. on the 31st of December 1943.

Born to WOI and Mrs. Eichel at High River, Alta. a daughter, CARA LEE, the 3rd of February, 1944.

Born to Cpl. and Mrs. Parohl, a daughter, MARLENE CLARA at MacLeod, Alta. on the 23rd of January, 1944.

Born to LAC and Mrs. W. H. Arnold, a son, RICHARD WILLIAN at Edmonton Alta. on the 21th of January, 1944.

Born to LAC and Mrs. Watkin, a son, JOHN BARRY at MacLeod, Alta. on the 11th of February, 1944.

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SPORTSTREAM (cont)

Comes now the in-between season when most of us impatiently await the first signs of spring.

Editors Note: During the past few months F/S Murdoch has always managed to get his copy in no matter how short a notice he received. For a time he was in the hospital but still managed to keep right up-to-date on all the sports events so that he could do a write up on the spot. Right now he is away on sick leave but still took time off to see that "The Slipstream" got its "Sportstream". Thanks, Flight, we certainly appreciate it.

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BAND PLAYS IN AID OF RED CROSS

The ever-popular Band from #7 made a trip down to Lethbridge Sunday March 12 to put on a concert in the Capital theatre in aid of the Red Cross. Half an hour of the program was broadcast over station CJOC Lethbridge.

Under the baton of F/S Ice Hopper, the boys played everything from such modern stylings as "Stormy Weather" to the semi-classics as represented by "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier." Whenever they have appeared in Lethbridge they have been enthusiastically received and this trip was no exception. As a result of their efforts over one hundred dollars was turned over to the Red Cross.