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REHABILITATION

Perhaps the commonest subject for discussion among the Service personnel is rehabilitation. In an effort to answer the questions that come up this paper starts in this issue a series of question and answers, each month covering some particular phase of the topic. These questions are released by the Department of Pensions and National Health and have been approved by the various Departments of National Defence for publication. As such they represent official attitudes on the subject.

- Q. Has Canada any concrete plans for the re-establishment in civil life of personnel in the Armed Forces?
- A. Canada not only has concrete plans but it also has legislation and orders-in-council in effect and operating. Under the orders-in-council and legislation, up until the end of 1943, approximately 6,500 veterans of this war had received cash benefits and grants in addition to mustering-out pay and allowances to assist in their re-establishment. More than 6,000 veterans of this war are in receipt of pensions. Hundreds are receiving vocational training and a number are completing education at Canadian Universities. Those in need of medical and dental treatment are receiving that care.
- Q. Does the programme apply to men and women alike?
- A. Except for a few reasonable modifications with reference to women in the Service, ex-service women and ex-service men benefit equally under the programme set up.
- Q. In its broad features what does Canada's rehabilitation policy do?
- A. It provides assistance to those ex-service personnel who are prepared to help themselves. It provides, where practicable, for return with seniority, to former civil employment to bona fide employees who wish to return to their former positions. It provides the facilities and finances for acquiring necessary trade skills. It enables those who interrupted their education to enlist to continue that education through grants and payment of fees. It provides financial benefits during the period ex-service personnel, fit and available for work, and for whom no suitable work is available, are seeking employment. It gives financial assistance while they are awaiting returns to those who embark on private enterprise. For those temporarily incapacitated but whose health is not so badly impaired as to necessitate hospitalization, there is financial assistance while rebuilding health. The pensions plan for those disabled as a result of service is fully operative while free treatment facilities are available for those whom departmental doctors find require treatment and hospitalization.
- Q. What is the period during which grants and benefits are operative?
- A. In the main these apply for a maximum of twelve months or the period of service, whichever is less.
- Q. What is the scale of grants and benefits?
- A. Single men receive \$10.20 weekly and married men, with their wives, \$14.40 weekly. In addition there are allowances for children and other dependents on approximately the same scale as paid by the Dependents' Allowance Board.

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EDITORIAL

At Easter the Christian world re-dedicates itself to the way of life for which He died. If you were to ask most people just what that way of life was you would get many different answers--it's not something that many can put in exact words. Perhaps as close a way of describing it as any is--the democratic way of life. Even that doesn't fully answer the question though since how many can say what they mean by that? We all believe it, we all try to live it; and yet, so very few can say what it is they are following--certainly still fewer could give the same answer.

It's the same way in the service when the talk turns to rehabilitation. Everyone has something different as his idea of what he needs and wants. It would be an impossible job to fit everyone's requests into one program and even if it were done it wouldn't be enough. It isn't a question of having something given to you but rather what you can give the country in which you live.

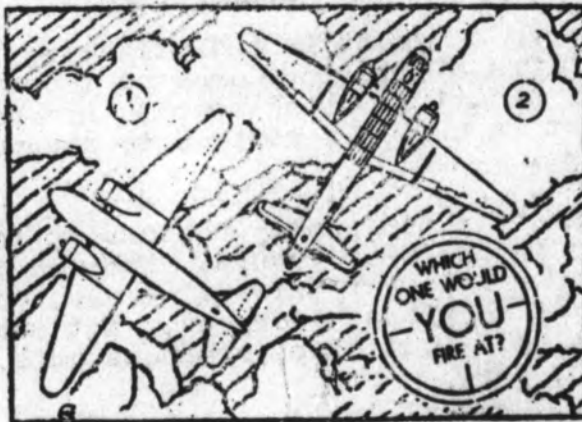
The strength of that country after the war is won is going to depend on just one thing--the strength of its people; and that means every one of us. Not just a brute strength but a strength intelligently directed in the manner which will do the most good. It cannot be developed overnight. In fact, wherever the attempt has been made it has resulted in disaster such as in Germany and France--a few getting control of the many. No, that strength must be built up now!

In the Air Force, or in any of the Armed Forces, you are obtaining an education impossible to receive without a lot of time and money during peacetime--the knowledge of other places but home. In the Air Force you meet men and women from all over the world, you are stationed at places you only heard of vaguely before. With this knowledge can be built a closer understanding of world problems. With this knowledge it must be built--and maintained. If we don't it will be the old story of a few controlling the masses by virtue of their co-operative abilities.

The only way such control can exist is ignorance of the majority to the true condition of things. If the majority know, and act intelligently on what they know it can't happen. To obtain the necessary understanding is your job all the time. No one is going to force you to make the study; in fact, there are some who wouldn't care that you learned too much. At times it may be tough going with everyone apparently out to stop you but the will to win will carry you through.

Education can be the greatest asset to a country and it can be its downfall. Take a look at what Hitler has accomplished by education--in a distorted viewpoint. And yet from him we can draw the lesson of just what extent people can be educated in a way of life. It is your duty to educate yourself in the way of life you want to live--and do it NOW!!

NOT AT No. 1!
It's the AAF's C-47 Skytrain, a low-wing, twin engine cargo transport. The nose of the large, rounded fuselage extends far in front of the radial engines. The centre section of the wings is rectangular and the leading edge of the outer panels is swept back to rounded tips. Its tailplane is swept back on the leading edge with the trailing edge straight and has a single fin and rudder.



NOT AT No. 2 EITHER!
It's the British Hampden, a mid-wing medium bomber powered by twin radial engines. It has a long narrow fuselage, the nose of which extends well forward of the underslung engine nacelles. The leading edge of the wings is swept back slightly and the trailing edge sweeps forward to narrow, rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane tapers to rounded tips.

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C.P.R. "BILL" MOOSE, OFFICERS' MESS,
AWARDED C.S.V. MEDAL POSTHUMOUSLY.

Big "Bill" Moose, who was monarch of all he surveyed for years in the foothills, west of Calgary, and latterly a faithful inner guard at the Officers' Mess since the station opened in December, 1940, has been awarded the Canadian Service Volunteer Medal. In a very private ceremony after dark, the grand, old Moose was also presented with silver chevron (22H/148) and triple red chevron (22H/151). The first signifies 18 months volunteer service; the latter, four years of service in His Majesty's Service, having enrolled as a P/O prior to September 10, 1940.

Following the presentation C.P.R. Bill whispered in an unintelligible tongue that he regretted that the "three musketeers" who made him famous were absent. Of course, he referred to none other than F/L A. Bossenberry, F/O Ed. Cawker, and F/L M. A. Coderre. A twinkle came in Bill's right eye when he learned that Mr. Cawker is back in Canada.

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THE AWFUL TRUTH

A man without a woman
Is like a ship without a sail,
Is like a boat without a rudder,
Is like a fish without a tail,
A man without a woman
Is like a wreck upon the sand.
There's only one thing worse
In this whole wide universe,
And that's a woman--I say a woman--
I mean a woman--without a man!

"Right Around Home"
South Porcupine, Ont.

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During the last Victory Loan, Number Seven maintained its position among the leaders in Southern Alberta. The Sixth Victory Loan campaign gets under way April 29. Are we still going to be up there this time!

BAND NOTES

Your band correspondent is sadly lacking in sufficient material for this issue! For a time it seemed as though the band column would be enhanced by a beautiful blank space! However, being nonplussed (how did that get in here) we managed to secure enough data to furnish a column of sorts.

The band has been diligently rehearsing for several concerts which are to be played in the near future. From what this reporter has seen they should be of particular interest to everyone. They will provide sufficient variety to please everyone. Not only will the band play but they will be ably abetted by numerous acts.

Things we'd like to know:

What attraction has a particular band hat for a certain bandsman?

THE WOLF

by Sansone



What Bert Nyhoff eats to make him so thin? Some of the girls would like to know!

Since the announcement of the closing of this station the band's theme song is:

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

Among those missing during the past month was clarinetist "Moe" Feinstein. He's been away with the Kinsmen "Victory Revue" on its tour of Southern Alberta. Not only does Moe get a solo spot but he can be seen in action with the pit orchestra supplying background for most of the other acts.

Heard in the Band Room:

Moe Auji--My girl wears evening clothes to tease!

Moe Assoff--Who?

Moe Auji--Me!

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SERVICE POLICE NOTES

Since the last issue of this paper F/S Savard has left us and has been posted to Camp Borden, Ont. We wish him the best of luck. His place is being filled here by F/S Fitter whom we all join in welcoming to our midst.

It's a sure sign of spring! We saw Cpl. Oliver out scratching in the flower beds around the Guard House one day this week. The seeds will be up immediately if not sooner.

Cpl. Boyd was all smiles to learn he has been granted a raise in pay as from April 1st. No fooling!

We would like to know why so many Postal Notes are being dispatched in an easterly direction.

Sgt. Judson is expected back shortly from Trenton where he has been on special course. W.D.'s beware! Sgt. Oggelsby leaves in the near future to take the same course.

We are pleased to know--that there are Overseas Cards arriving to a certain section from S.P.

M.T. TAKEOFFS

Easter Greetings! We are looking forward to the Easter season in spite of wearing our last year bonnets. The holiday part means quite a lot for those fortunate enough to have the right 48's. The spring weather, a little fresh paint, raked over gardens, even the mushy roads are pretty true signs of real spring itself and I noticed the odd golfer roaming around also. Nothing like an early start.

Our section is finally getting its first coat of green. Many recent postings have slowed us up, but we'll see it through--to the last dab. The polka-dot ties are the contributors' sign. I do hope there aren't any shy artists too bashful to come forward and use a brush; we'd love to have you join us. Even the padre did one day--he was on his way to a wedding but decided his costume needed that extra touch, you know. He chose a green sleeve, which was lovely against the blue. But we thought that new perfume, "Thinners" would do much more and it did.

Have you heard the latest speed record. Cpl. Goodhall made a non-stop flight to Calgary; round trip, too, in 30 seconds. One minute he was going and the next he was coming back.

And the lovely roses we were sporting this week. Pat Stevens was actually the lucky recipient, but you'd never know it the way we all went for those flowers. Nice husband you have, Pat.

If you have noticed the excitement lately it's all because we have several postings in and what postings!--a new W.D., Zola Riddell and areal air-gunner, fresh from overseas, Sgt. Dunn. Our Sgt. has only a few days and is still getting his "land legs" but Zola has a few weeks and lost no time, she gets around.

Well, I believe I smell hot cross buns, so I'll be seeing you all.

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FLOTSAM AND JETTSON

Here is your poor, tired reporter struggling for the dead line once again.

We are still mourning the loss of our Records Clerk, Gerry Raymond to #2 A.G.T.S., Calgary. Our loss is their gain. Lots of luck, Gerry. Postings have been coming in for nearly everyone except Major Pratt. Don't give up, Major, the Ouija Board says it's coming????

A pair of great, beautiful props are now adorning Ada's arms. Oh, happy day!!

Stella is in a great daze dreaming of pots and pans and worrying how on earth two can climb such narrow steps of a church. A certain gal very interested in the Navy was a bridesmaid just lately and is hoping that she will be taking the fatal steps soon.

There has been a lot of shuffling around in Headquarters bringing the addition of Penny and Dalli to our happy midst. Elsie is now buzzing around with E42's and E56's. What in the world have they got you doing, Elsie??? We have lost Lil to the Sergeants' Mess. Be careful, Lil, we've noticed bandaged fingers already.

The new course has sported us two new runners (Mark 1) Johnny Coxwell and (Mark 2) Johnny Cloutier.

Cpl. Bainbridge has seemed suddenly very interested in doings at the Legion Hut. Ping-pong has a few ardent followers, eh, Ursie?!

Flo, our little mail clerk is now buried in D.R.O.'s. We hope she will like her new job one she gets settled.

Well, since news and reporters are exhausted for this trip we say cheerio and isn't it wonderful that spring is in the air?

COURSE 95 "D" FLIGHT AT GRANUM

Green grass, gophers, and spring! Of course, we have our doubts about the green grass part so ample splashes of paint on barrack walls create the same impression.

SPRING! And all the young men's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of--Softball! Two crews mowing it up on the taxi strip and the permanent season slightly overcoming the Indian Summer.

SPRING! And Ansons on the tarmac sprouting trailers in place of the past season's undercarriage.

SPRING! And budding pilots wagering if wings will sprout???

Sgt. Ruller supplying plenty of exercise to promote their speedy emergence.

SPRING! With all our pretty female staff doffing Easter bonnets. Instructors and the boys that keep us flying delighted with a promise of viewing the bonnets on city byways.

SPRING AT GRANUM! But Spring here for us must end or rather be transferred. With us we will take those thoughts of two weeks' freedom and the memories of all those friendly shoulders we have rubbed against and leaned upon. So thanks to F/L Pilon and his willing and efficient staff for our "Spring at Granum."

BOYS OF "D" Flight

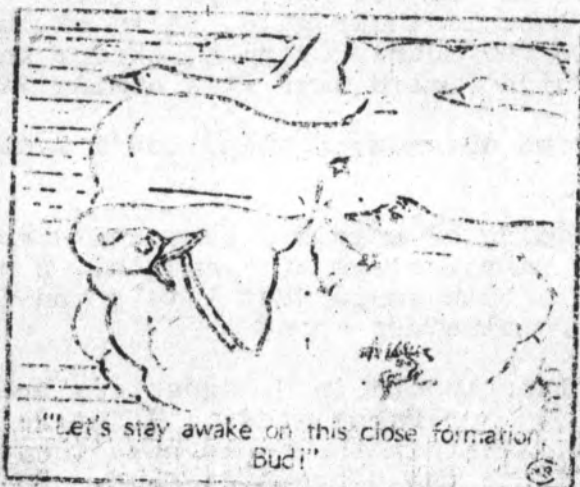
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AIRMEN'S CANTEEN

I've thought of a thousand introductions to this column but I have at last arrived at the conclusion that I'll be original and do without one.

First, we wish to take the opportunity to welcome back to our section, F/L Kearns who, after his short absence, has taken over his former duties as Canteen Secretary.

During the past week F/S Dalsog has been absent from our midst due to his mother's illness. We wish her a very speedy recovery, Mel.



Along with all other sections the Canteen has suffered as a result of the arrivals and postings of the potential airdrew. Most unfortunately, though, what we had come to consider as permanent staff suffered to-day with the posting of L/C Nish. Just plain "Nish" or "Duff" as he was better known has been posted overseas. Loads of luck and don't forget the rest of us who have been left behind: drop us a line and give us the lowdown on things are at the front.

Along with the seventy-two hour passes that some of us will be enjoying this week-end is an interesting fact about our Canteen. Good Friday will experience the first day in over a year and a half that the Airmen's Canteen will be run totally by service personnel! A number of you will remember the days when our staff was without a civilian face, and also some will notice that Rosie is the only girl who has been capable of staying with us since that time. Congratulations, Rose and may you be with us when they hand the padlock on our rendezvous.

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Some of the questions you have been asking for the past while are: "What's the music for? Who's playing, etc. etc." Well, today it came to light, for our bulletin board bears a notice that there will be a dance in the Rec Hall on April 19th sponsored by #7's Old-time Orchestra. This is the music you have been listening to every afternoon, fellows; and I know those of you who have heard them are guaranteed patrons.

Speaking of notices, we also have a new sign on our door listing the Canteen hours. Take a look at it and you won't be disappointed next Saturday morning.

Incidentally, I have noticed in Canteen write-ups that came before there has been no mention of the two who are upholding the catering on the feminine side of the fence. They are LAW's Stagg and Harvey, known as "Lou" and "Blondie", the observant pair who let the toast burn and the coffee boil over at the W.D. Canteen. We, the airmen, don't have much opportunity of getting to know them with the exception of Thursday, which is open night over there. Believe me, fellows, the girls usually have a good programme prepared.

In closing I think I had better explain the two different colored drapes which adorned one of our Wet Canteen windows last week. The powers that be have been discussing colors that would appear harmonizing when viewed through hazy eyes. I think they have arrived at a decision, but we'll wait and see.

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WORLD TRAVELLER AT 41

We wax the floor for shine they must,
Our elbow joints will never rust;
We admit of course it's a bloody mess
But the only cure is I.T.S.

We only ask that if you store
These paper punches on the floor
Think of how it blackens our souls
When we talk of how they stick in holes.

I push and push but get nowhere
These blasted things get in my hair,
They're in the brush and in the cracks
My helper and I have broken backs.

We wash and scrub, for work we're hogs,
Even play nursemaid to some of the dogs;
But there is one place we should miss
'Tis the dirty floor in Records Office.

These punched out papers on the floor
Are making me swear more and more;
I know it's probably no fun for you
But by the ----- I joined AIRCREW.

"JOE"

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

HE'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH CHANEL'S



NOT AT No. 1:

It's the AAF's B-24 "Liberator", a high wing, four engine heavy bomber. This famed plane has wings of wide span and full taper. The nose of the deep fuselage projects well ahead of the engine nacelles. Its tailplane is rectangular and has twin rudders.



FIRE AT No. 2:

It's the Nazi's Fw.200K "Kurier", a low-wing heavy bomber powered with four engines. The long, pointed nose of the fuselage extends forward of the underslung engine nacelles. Its wings are equally tapered. The tapered tailplane has a single rudder.

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REHABILITATION (cont.)

- Q. What about ex-service personnel who wish to establish themselves on the farm?
- A. The Veterans' Land Act, passed in 1941, takes care of this. Complete details of this Act will be given in a later issue but in general it gives the veteran, as a grant from the Government, a substantial equity in his farm from the outset, conditional on his fulfilling his obligation for ten years.
- Q. Is there any similar home-owning benefit for the urban worker?
- A. At present there is no such provision for an urban community, but ex-service personnel can receive similar assistance under the Veterans' Land Act if they wish a home with a small land holding within reach of their employment but outside the high taxation area. Similarly, commercial fishermen who return to that occupation after discharge from the Armed Services can receive help in establishing a home on small holdings near their fishing grounds and in purchasing their fishing equipment.

(The next instalment of this feature will deal with procedure on discharge.)

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COMING SHOWS (35 mm.)

- April 10-11--The Constant Nymph starring Charles Boyer and Joan Fontaine
 13-14--Northern Pursuit starring Errol Flynn
 17-18--My Friend Flicka starring Roddy McDowell and Preston Foster.
 In technicolor.
 20-21--Wintertime starring Sonja Henie
 24-25--Standing Room Only starring Fred McMurray and Paulette Goddard
 27-28--Old Acquaintance starring Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins
 May 1-2--The Uninvited starring Ray Milland and introducing Gail Russell

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COMING SHOWS (16 mm.)

- April 16--The Iron Major starring Pat O'Brien, Ruth Warrick and Robert Ryan
 April 23--What a Woman starring Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne, and Ann Savage
 April 30--Lady Takes a Chance starring Jean Arthur and John Wayne
 May 7--Random Harvest starring Greg Garson, Ronald Coleman, and Susan Peters
 May 14--His Butler's Sister starring Deanna Durbin, Pat O'Brien and Franchot Tone.

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VICTORY VARIETIES PLAY #7

Sunday, March 19, "Victory Varieties of 1944" presented their smooth-running musicale to a packed Recreation Hall here at #7. Much credit goes to Father O'Byrne, manager; Ed Holmes, dramatic director; and Margaret Robinson, musical director and accompanist for a show that rates high in entertainment value.

Home on embarkation leave, P/O Jack McMahon still found time to come with the troupe and his rendition of "It Ain't Necessarily So" was well received. Introducing "I Can't Say No" from the musical production "Oklahoma" Peggy McGannon displayed a nice voice and a flair for comedy that was shown still further in her skit "Hollywood Fever." Aileen Cullen and Lucien Auclair combined to sing "No Matter What You Say Ah Still Suits Me"; and we couldn't forget Donald Hoad's medley sung during her trip around the hall which included "The Fluters' Bill" and "Marie" and embarrassed more than one member of the audience.

Ed Holmes portrayal of a Shakespearian actor from England was, to say the least, amazing. Faced with adversity from the start he carried on even when the spotlight insisted on wandering all over the stage at the slightest notice and his audience gave him a rather severe heckling. As a dead-pan act it's well worth seeing.

An excellent example of the versatile arranging of Miss Robinson was Dick Moore's rendition of "Live Maria" supported by the chorus. It gave that serious interlude that placed the show right up on top.

When the finale rolled around the entire audience was fully behind S/L Miller when he said that it was a very enjoyable evening and they showed it with applause that substantially weakened the roof of the Hall. And so, with the singing of Jerome Kern's "I Told Every Little Star" a very pleasant evening with "Victory Varieties of 1944" came to an end. To the Calgary Catholic Youth Organization who organized this troupe Number Seven says, "Thank you!"

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.CONCERT IN AID OF RED CROSS

MacLeod, March 26--Number 7 S.F.T.S. presented its band and many outstanding soloists to the citizens of MacLeod at the Empress Theatre. S/L Brisbin, in introducing the troupe said that it was in aid of the Red Cross "and you all know without me telling you how important a cause that is."

He then turned the program over to F/S Lee Hepner, bandmaster, and the band swung out with the March "The Great Little Army." After this number they took a trip to the world of the light opera playing selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" and "My Hero" from Oscar Straus' "The Chocolate Soldier." Next, a descriptive number entitled "The Grasshopper's Dance." A jump to South America for the next number "Rhythms of Rio", a medley of Latin American rhythms. Closing the first portion of the program the band played the "Over There Fantasia" which included such well-known songs as "Goodbye Broadway, Hello France" (Goodbye MacLeod as the bandmaster announced it), "K-K-K-Katy" and "Your In the Army Now."

Master of Ceremonies S/L Brisbin now introduced the second half of the program, a group of variety numbers by outstanding talent. Leading of was LaC Seabourne of London, England who nervously asked the audience's pardon with the excuse that he didn't expect such a "dense" crowd. From there on the audience stopped laughing at one joke only to start on another. Winding up his act he asked the audience to name any number or letter and then proceeded to caricature the most outlandish faces from it.

A vocal number from F/L Pilon came next--"Oh What a Beautiful Morning" and he was encored to sing "My Ideal." Cpl. DeMarce then proceed to show just how many poses the human body can get itself with

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RED CROSS CONCERT (Cont.)

a little practice. To watch her adagio number was as hard on the audience as a good stiff period of P.T! F/S Pritchard presented his interpretation of "Friend of Mine", Hit of the evening were L.C Walker's accordion solos which he successfully combined with facial expressions that kept the audience roaring most of the time. Encored three times this soloist could have stayed on the stage for the rest of the evening. Final number in the variety show was L.C Murray's tapdancing. Just arrived on the station this artist is one of the best tap dancers ever seen in the vicinity.

S/L Brisbin briefly described the work of the Red Cross and appealed for the fullest support from everyone. He reminded the audience that while we back here can walk around a corner quite safely our boys over there take their lives into their hands every time they do." In many cases it is only the prompt work of the Red Cross that allows them to be living right now.

Back to the band for the final third of the program. Leading off with the feature band number of the evening, "Slavonic Rhapsody" which painted a picture of the wild Balkan dances so vividly that the audience could almost see them. LAC Nick Gregorish presented an excellent interpretation of "The Toy Trumpet" which displayed his technique and artistic ability to the full. A trip to old New Orleans for the world famous Mardi Gras festival as the band played an excerpt from the "Mississippi Suite" by Ferde Grofe. A brief pause as the band brought forward it's one man army, LAC Dunc Muirhead, and his impersonations. The quick use of a comb and he mounted the conductors podium to caricature Adolph in a manner that would put even that personage to shame. Back to the modern style of music with a charming arrangement of "I'll See You Again" by Noel Coward. Closing the program with the hymn "Abide with Me" the band ended an evening of pleasant entertainment well enjoyed by all present.

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VICTORY REVUE PACKS REC HALL AT NUMBER SEVEN

Making their second appearance of a fifteen-stop tour of Southern Alberta, the "Victory Revue" sponsored by the Lethbridge Kinsmen Club Milk for Britain Fund, packed the Recreation Hall on Wednesday, March 30. Setting a new all-time tops in entertainment this show is the smoothest running seen in MacLeod, yet. Hats off to the producer, Mr. Ken Howard and the entire cast for a musicale that's a "wow!"

The opening number "Dear Mom", sung by Sgt. George Clinton, set the theme for the program--a serviceman's thoughts as he writes home. He remembers a trip that the family made through Europe before the war. First came memory of the Russian "Ballet Russe" and the next thing the audience saw was Jean Gauld's ballet troupe. Then a concert performance in Poland appeared on the stage as Miss Helen McKenzie played "Grand Valse Brilliant." Paris night life--LAW Leone Marshall sang "Jeanine, I Dream of Lilac Time." Mrs. Elsie Persson, violinist, presented the "Gypsy Czardas."

Then came remembrance of Mom's first air trip, across the English Channel. The English countryside looked good that day "as it soon did to many others." Sgt. John Blair, bass soloist brought it to light as he sang "The Lonely Road." Mom was so exhausted after that flight so the two men took a trip to a London music hall and saw a military tap troupe second to none for precision. After the show they heard a harmonica player through the fog--LAC Bernie Bray played "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."

All these memories of the happy days were summed up in the song "My Shining Hour" as sung by Sgt. Clinton. A brief trip into a tropical mood as Jean Gauld's dancing troupe presented a hulu number that could be described as all servicemens' dreams come true.

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VICTORY REVUE (cont.)

After joining up and going back to England with the service the letter tells his parents how well they are looked after and assures them that there is nothing to worry about. Whenever they get a spare moment the boys all get together. F/S Jim MacDonald stepped in front of the curtain to do a series of impersonations. Built around the theme of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" he showed how he thought a Scotchman, an Irishman, an Englishman, a Frenchman, a retired clergyman, and a Swede would interpret it. Then, an imitation of Hitler as he would deliver it and, best of them all, Churchill's answer--an excerpt from his speech, "I have nothing to offer you but blood, sweat and tears." The intonation and style of speech were an excellent replica of England's fighting Prime Minister.



Representing Number 7 was L.C. "Moe" Feinstein, a member of the station band who is accompanying the show on its tour. His saxophone solo "Valse Marilyn" should add greatly to his fame on the station.

A serious moment as Sgt. John Blair, bass soloist, accompanied by Clifford Palmer on the violin and Dixie Botterill on the piano, sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Back to the modern style with "Maisie Doats." The first chorus was sung by Sgt. Clinton but--for the second chorus cut staggered F/S MacDonald to put the audience in roaring laughter as he sang it first of all as a drunk then as an over-dramatic singer.

No show would be complete without a George Gershwin or Cole Porter tune the "Victory Revue" is definitely complete. Dixie Botterill stepped to the piano to play a medley of George Gershwin "hits."

Representing the spirit of co-operation between the three services Sgt. Blair in Army uniform, Sgt. Clinton in Navy Blue and LAW Marshall in Air Force blue sang "A Soldier, a Sailor, and an Airman." and then with the entire cast LAW Marshall sang "There's a Great Day Coming."

Closing the show was "The Closing of a Son's Letter to his Mom" just as Lights Out sounded. So, came to an end one of the best evenings of entertainment ever presented at Number 7. Here's one show that should be made a crime to miss. It's tops!!

A production of this quality is worth the price of admission for its own sake but when it's in aid of such a worthy cause as the "Milk for Britain Fund" it is doubly important. The Kinsmen Clubs all over Canada have sent millions of quarts of Canadian milk to motherless youngsters in Britain's orphanages; the mangled and burned and nerve wracked in the war hospitals; and the wee toddlers in the nurseries. Mail your contributions to "The Kinsmen Fund, P.O. Box 431, LETHBRIDGE, Alta."

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Remember the dance sponsored by the Air Cadets of MacLeod. Music is to be supplied by the new Maintenance Old-Time Orchestra and you'll have one of the best times of your life!

HOSTESS HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

March seemed to have been a month of much coming and going among Hostess personnel in the War Services. Mrs. E. Rosamond, who was loaned to this House during my absence on Annual Leave very capably carried on and made many friends among the boys and girls who visit the House, leaving us March 17. Mrs. Gordon Miller, Visiting Hostess for the W.W.C.A. War Services arrived March 18 and was with us until Wednesday, March 21.

Tuesday, March 20 the House entertained the MacLeod Ladies Council when they met Mrs. Miller who told them of her work as she visits the various Hostess Houses, Leave Centres, Girls Barracks across Canada.

The Knitting Group held their meeting here on the 3rd. It was a well attended meeting and a group picture was taken.

Three parties have been arranged and those interested enjoyed very pleasant evenings. The sing-songs prove very popular but most enjoyed of all is the Fireside Hour on Sunday evening at 2130 hours.

We extend a welcome to the new arrivals on the various courses. We are pleased to have you with us. If you have a birthday this month why not give us the opportunity of helping you enjoy it here at the Hostess House. Everyone loves to share a birthday cake with you and when you add the fun and laughter and happy sing song which helps to round out the evening it will be something to remember.

We have had many visitors during March among whom were: Rev. Rather Sharron from the R.C. School, also the Indian Agent, and Mrs. MacMillan from the Blood Indian Reserve.

Our sympathy Course 95 in the loss of a classmate.

Margaret Shapter
Hostess

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MUSINGS FROM THE LEGION HUT

Greetings once more from the Legion Hut! During the past month more and more of you can be seen here in the evenings using the pool tables, enjoying a fast game of table tennis, writing a letter home, sitting down reading, or relaxing and listening to the radio. We're glad to see you any time of the day because that's why we're here.

There are several special services that are at your disposal, too, and many have found that they suited an emergency. Remember, that as long as the Hut is open you can send telegrams or cables from the office. If you have occasion to need some means of fast communication here it is. We also have complete bus and train schedules so that you can check all the connections before you start out on that 48. For those personnel from Allied nations we carry both airgraph and the blue airmail forms. You can get them just for the asking.

A popular Sunday evening feature has always been the Legion 16 mm. shows. Since the New Year the quality of pictures has been improving fast and many of the pictures which are to be shown during the next month or two have only been released from Hollywood since the start of the year. We can promise you the tops in film entertainment every Sunday and from what we've seen of the full halls we know that you do appreciate it.

Planned for the coming month are several dances--the first station dance being the one on the 19th and featuring the Maintenance Old-Time Dance Orchestra. These boys made their debut at the first Maintenance Dance and were so popular that they've been reorganized. They play for the MacLeod Air Cadets' Dance on the 14th. Also under way are several variety shows to be presented in the Rec Hall so watch the bulletin boards for further dope.

Jack Tyson
Supervisor

HOSPITAL CASES

The Orderly Room staff of the hospital are, as usual, still beefing--especially those people from so-called "Canada."

Nurses come and nurses go and Miss Chisholm, after eighteen months of faithful service is leaving us on posting to Penhold. Our loss is others gain and we wish her every success in her new station.

The dance in aid of the hospital new wing was a huge success and the wing now is just waiting for the board of officers to accept the building and it's well worth anyone's while to walk over and look it over--we're very proud of it. When it is opened it will allow us to look after our infectious diseases--which by the way are declining. Fortunately, we have no typhoid with us but in MacLeod we understand that there are several cases. Once again proof that the much groused over T.A.B.T. is still effective.

Sgt. Thibideau has returned from her administration course in that bilingual part of Canada called "the east" and she is now back at her job, cooking real meals for those who will eat them.

Sgt. Schultz is still as lovely as ever whenever we see her in the Sergeant's Mess singing and enjoying herself to the full.

Another voice from "Canada" heard in the corner passing remarks about the Managing Editor of this paper. It's a pity she can't express her mind in words fit for human consumption!

Congratulations go to LAW Standell on her remuster from G.D. to Hospital Assistants trade and we're sure that she will be of great assistance to this hospital.

Cpl. Jerreld has now left the hospital for sick leave after being confined for the past three weeks. L. Robertson, one of our popular cooks, is still in hospital but we wish her all the best of health and a speedy recovery since she is missed badly in the kitchen by those who appreciate her cooking.

One of our newcomers is Cal Carey, one of the I.T.S. boys is busy working in the Orderly Room and slowly going crazy over documents that keep piling up. The faster he works the faster they come in. He'll be well acquainted with medical documentation by the time he reaches I.T.S.!

The last time we saw Sgt. Shultz she was heading for Winnipeg. When we tried to ascertain the nature of her duty we were told that this like all others was a military secret! Mm-mm-mm!!

We were sorry to see S/L MacIntyre return to Calgary after a short stay as Senior Medical Officer. However, we are pleased to welcome S/L Bruser, our permanent S.M.O., on his return from T.D. as Assistant Command Surgeon.

Nursing Siter Sullivan has come to our hospital replacing Miss Patterson as Senior Nursing Sister. After leaving Goose Bay she wonders why she came west to see what MacLeod looks like. All the same we wish her a long stay amidst our mountain air.

And now we'll attempt to run the blockade with this material and get it in before deadline. (Editors note: you made it--but did you have to make yourself a hospital case doing it!!)



THE SPORTSTREAM

by
F/S "Bus" Murdoch

Summer Sports to Boom.

The call to the great outdoors has built up our hopes for a big season in football, baseball, tennis, soccer and golf. Many of the stalwarts of past seasons are still on the calling list so with them to form the backbone of the various activities it is anticipated that as well organized potential force will be taking action to promote the program.

F/L Ross (Maintenance), formerly manager of the #10 R.D. Baseball team which played in the Foothill Baseball League, is assembling players and equipment early for the big time sport! As yet no one has taken over fastball. However, it is expected that whoever is chosen will be setting up an inter-sectional schedule to commence the season. By building up the league on the station it will give everyone a chance to show their wares and the possibility of making the "All-Star" club for inter-station play. We know there are enough enthusiasts on the station to make at least an eight team league--all it will take is a little organization. The officer detailed for the job will have his hand full.

S/L "Tommy" Burke (now big man) (chairman) of the Sports Committee

Wednesday, April 8th the representatives of the various sports met in the newly appointed Sports Officer's office at the Control Tower to once again hash over the condition of what is supposed to be so important station sports. S/L Burke is a keen participant in most of the sports himself and can speak from a personal experience along the sport line, something that helps tremendously. The bottle neck may soon be removed or make way for action. Incidentally there is to be another meeting next Monday, April 10th.

Boxing is in the last stages of the season

The "Old Faithfuls" of the boxing fraternity, LAC's Walisser and Bradshaw, along with a newcomer to the station LAC Andrews will be representing us again at a boxing meet at Lethbridge #8 B & G on the 13th and again at Claresholm the 27th. These two fights will culminate a very successful season for the boys. Bradshaw has built up a very enviable record and in so doing has taken on all comers regardless of experience and in a number of cases, weight.

Walisser has displayed lots of action that has at times left him on the wrong side of the judges' ledger, nevertheless he has never failed to please. Andrews has yet to prove himself, but being a sturdy, tough looking hembra he shouldn't have any trouble at all.

Basketball playoffs didn't pay off

The #4 T.C. semi-final playoffs at Regina left lots to be desired. Our highly touted club that always went their best away from home fell down in the clutch and were on the short end of a 30-56 score at the hands of #2 I.T.S. Our lads conceded an apple box that was familiar to Regina as a basketball court in the first place and then to prove that the Reginans weren't satisfied with that they had to throw in two referees that were to be neutral but were actually from the league in which #2 I.T.S. had been playing all season. The whole set up had a very familiar odor that can be noticed in quite a few service sports. The reason for it is inefficiency and lack of co-operation. The officials at Command are there to see that sports are properly organized and they should appoint officials, floors, and lay down the complete set up so that we, the victims don't have to operate in the dark. A set up similar to the various Amateur Athletic bodies could act as a clearing house and properly promote the sports as they should. A thorough house cleaning in this department would make a tremendous difference to the likes of us that try to stimulate interest on stations such as #7. It is time to cut this short since a full report on what is necessary for a change would take months to compile--so we'll let it be.

F/S Wally Stipe's Services Very Much In Demand

F/S Wally Stipe, who formerly officiated for all the bit-time basketball games along the west coast has had two busy seasons in the past two years handling games throughout the central and southern portions of the province. Stipe's impartial and crowd-pleasing style of refereeing make him in demand wherever he goes. He just completed the handling of the Edmonton "Yanks" and Magrath "Lions" series in which the Alberta championship was decided. As in most contests good referees are at a premium and their services are needed desperately.

The "Yanks" swamped Magrath and appear to be the team to watch for the Canadian title. Edmonton and Pat Bay "Gremlins" will now be meeting to decide the Alberta--B.C. Championship. Gremlins won the Canadian title in 1943. However, this corner will ride along with the "Yanks" all the way.

NEW P.T. & DRILL OFFICER for #7

F/O Finn, formerly of Number 15, Claresholm and #10 R.D. Calgary has arrived on the station to take over the duties that were vacated at the time of F/O MacLuckie's posting. Mr. Finn's co-operative and organizing spirit will certainly be appreciated.

It is anticipated that a Sports Store will be moved to the sports field where it will be central for all the summer sports. In this way it will eliminate unnecessary walking before getting equipment to play the outdoor games. It is also contemplated that the Commando Course will be set at a more suitable location, likely west of the Officers Mess.

Tennis, Golf, Archery and Soccer

1. P/O Bond, F/O Coy and F/L Johnson have been pressing the fixing of the tennis courts. As in the case of the golf situation it still isn't very clear. More will come out of the next Sports meeting.
2. F/O Fraser, in charge of golf, has 12 complete sets of clubs ready for the use of any of the personnel on the station wishing to use them. The course is in terrible condition but until the town or the station reach an agreement there isn't much that can be done.
3. F/L Hemenway will be moving his archery equipment from the Drill Hall outdoors. It is to be understood that it is for any of the personnel that wish to take advantage of it.
4. The station soccer team had a pre-season meeting Wednesday, April 5th and prospects look very favorable for the coming season. F/O Neill, F/O McNeill are sharing the responsibility.

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This month the Slipstream is up to 16 pages and the following sections are represented: the Band, page 4; Service Police, page 4; Motor Transport, page 5; Admin Building, page 5; Course 95 "D" Flight at Gramum, page 6; Womens Canteen, page 8; Hostess House, page 12; Legion Hut, page 12; and the Hospital, page 12.

Many sections are now regular contributors and others are being made to start. The rest of the sections will be in the future, we hope, so that this paper can become truly representative of Number 7. Chief offenders at present are the various aircrew courses. We know you've got a tough course but surely time can be spared to let the rest of us know a little about you. How about it?

Deadline for the next issue will be May 12 with the paper coming on Monday, May 15.

