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## Message to All Ranks

It is a pleasure to have an opportunity to address all ranks in the first edition of "The Slipstream" published since I assumed command of No. 7 S.F.T.S.

It is my hope that during my tenure as Commanding Officer of this school we will be able to graduate the finest pilots possible, better than those of any other school. In order to do this it will take unselfish co-operation, keenness, and willingness to assume any duties asked. By the degree that these have been shown by all ranks the objective appears to be a foregone conclusion.

It is realized that the closing of this school casts a gloom over many of us. This, coupled with the uncertainty of our future sometimes makes working with a will difficult. But, if we remember that the closing of the school foreshadows the victory we have all been working and praying for things automatically brighten.

So let's all buckle down; do our work to the best of our ability; make things as pleasant as possible for everyone around us; and keep this unit the best one in the R.C.A.F.

W/C C. F. Newcombe

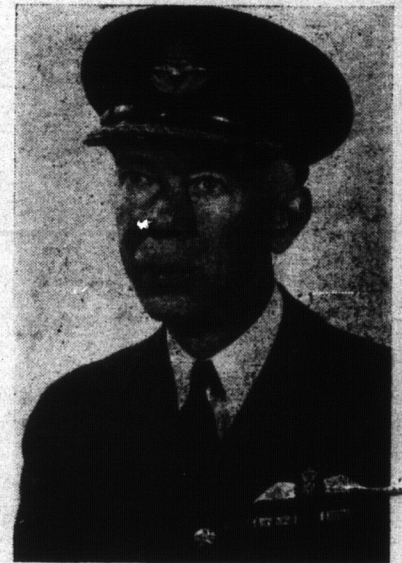


## Meet W.C. F. W. Newcombe

In June W/C Newcombe became C.O. of the station. Prior to that he was the C.I. having been in that position since his return from overseas. His life has been one which many fliers would like to follow—flying, and then a little more flying.

W/C Newcombe learned to fly in 1928. In 1933 he received a commission with the R.A.F.; under which he flew until his return to Canada in December, 1937. Leaving the Air Force he joined the T.C.A. and flew as an airline pilot with them until the outbreak of war. It is interesting to note that his Canadian Transport licence bears the number 185. On top of that he holds the top ratings in the States for transport flying including Instrument and Beam flying. Not only is he a good flier but the fact that he holds the Canadian Air Engineer licences "A", "B", "C", and "D", shows that he knows what makes his planes tick and is fully capable of making any repairs

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Group Captain Hampton

## Farewell to G.C. P. R. Hampton

After one year as Commanding Officer of No. 7, G/C P. R. Hampton, E.D., received a posting to his home, Toronto. We were indeed sorry to see him leave but to him and Mrs. Hampton we wish the very best of luck.

During his term he was always to be seen around the station checking the various sections to see that all was running smoothly. His first interest at all times was for the airmen and airwomen of the staff. While to some he might have at times appeared severe there are many who will remember and be thankful for his aid during some difficulty.

His life is living proof that he lived what he taught. During the World War I, he served in the army and then transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. After the end of the war he served for a time with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Shortly after that he returned to civilian life and then was appointed a subaltern in the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

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## First Chapel Marriage

The honor of being the first husband and wife created in our new Chapel goes to F/O Wayne Thomas Merrick, D.F.C., D.F.M., and Miss Violet Roberta Hay, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hay of Abbotsford, B.C. Rev. F/L M.S. Blackburn, performed the ceremony.

W/C C. F. Newcombe gave the bride in marriage. Miss Eva Hay of Abbotsford was bridesmaid while Mrs. F. S. McKen acted as matron-of-honor. Best man was F/L Frank Millery, D.F.C. Mrs. Margaret Shapter played the organ and all the members of the guard-of-honor and the ushers were members of the groom's

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## Interstation Field and Track Meet

The first Interstation Track and Field Meet of the Southern Air Force League was held at Vulcan on Wednesday, July 5. A beautiful day it was—clear, warm and no wind.

Representatives of five stations were present, Pearce, Lethbridge, Claresholm, Macleod and Vulcan. By super efforts and the assistance of runner Bill Dale Vulcan was able to win the meet on total points with Macleod coming a good second. At the present time our station team is champing at the bit waiting for the next meet when they promise to hit the top. More power to them!

Highlights of the meet were

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## Editorial

This month after an eight month sojourn in the realm of mimeographing, "The Slipstream" returns to print. To all those who stayed with us during those eight months our many thanks and we know you'll be with us the rest of the way.

Going back into print will enable us to cover more sections in one issue; will help make this more truly a station paper. But, we do need your co-operation. Henceforth a copy deadline will have to be set in order to give the Macleod Gazette a fair chance to do a proper job on the printing. There can be no more of the days when if there was more copy all we did was add another page or two. There are only a certain number of inches of copy available and once they are filled not one more word can be added.

However, the number of words that must be used in one copy of the new paper is far greater than before—in fact there are approximately 10,000 words in each issue. There must be that number before the paper goes to press. What remains is whether they will be a worthwhile 10,000 words. That's up to you.

With this copy we add a column from Maintenance and the long absent Fire Hall. Perhaps with the next we can actually get one or two of the flights in on the job. Come on one of you at least, just to show us that you're still here.

## Education Office

Back to the section situated at the south-west side of the station in Number 5 Hanger—the Education Office. Since our last note we have added one AC2 Jimmy Reid to the staff. His major duties to date seem to have been that new flower bed on the east side of the Hanger. Perhaps he's grooming it for the competition with Barrack Store's bed in a few weeks.

Current affairs have become a major problem to the rest of the staff. Now that there is the information department in the Legion Hut as well as in G.I.S. there's no telling where you'll run into members of this office. F/S Young can even be seen carrying his little white radio under his arm as he walks to work in the morning. (Ed.: Are you sure it's the news he's listening to).

Two current mysteries may be cleared up by the time this appears in print but we doubt it. The first is that of the disappearing candy. Chief suspect at present is "Johnny" who could have treated some of those N.C.-O. Instructors while the Trade Test Officer wasn't looking—or did she eat it all herself? The second is when that treat is forthcoming from F/O Marcolin in celebration of those wider bands on his sleeves.

In and out of the office at all times of the day is Mr. Marcolin. Yes, indeed, being Officer in charge of Fastball is no joke—but is excellent for the figure. Rumour has it that the next sport's day may see a new entry for the long distance events.

## FAREWELL TO G/C HAMPTON

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Remaining with the regiment he became the O.C. in 1937. At the outbreak of war he offered his services to the R.C.A.F. and served in A.F.H.Q. until the formation of No. 4, T.C. at which time he took over the post of Senior Personnel Staff Officer.

G/C Hampton's background of service and his exemplification of the duties of a C.O. as demonstrated here prove that his aim was at times to command an efficient and happy unit.

## MEET W/C F. W. NEWCOMBE

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which are necessary. At the outbreak of war he joined up again with the rank of Flight-Lieutenant. After receiving a review training at Montreal and Winnipeg he went on

## Flotsam and Jetsam

Since we were last heard from there have been the usual numerous changes around Records and Orderly Room. Sgt. "Mac" MacDonald is now in charge of Central Registry and Records while Major Pratt is still carrying on in the Orderly Room waiting for that posting—don't give up hope, Major. To our staff has been added AW1 Bowman of Weyburn, Sask.

Wiseman, better known as June, has what we call a headache these days. Might it be that the good news of travelling time is responsible. Don't let it get you down though, Jean, your leave is yet to come.

Proudly displayed on the arm of our W.D. Steno, now are a set of Corporal hooks. Where did they come from Ruby?

Back in our midst is our favorite runner. The south seems to agree with him. How about it, Tommy

If you should ask Sandy when she's going to take leave we'll give you any odds that the answer will be "When the Fleet comes in." The way she wanders around in a daze most of the time should certainly hurry the Fleet back.

Our congratulations go to our civilian gal, Stella, who on July 5th became Mrs. Harden Atkin. Her husband is at present on the strength of No. 2 F.I.S. Pearce. Best wishes to you both for all the happiness the future can bring.

operations in Newfoundland where he completed one tour of duty. From there he was transferred to No. 4 S.F.T.S. Saskatoon as C.O. and from there to the same post at No. 10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin.

A year ago he received a posting overseas. Modestly he refuses to say much about his actions over there and only admitted that he was there until he had to return, medically unfit.

Upon his return he came to No. 7 as C.I. and all on the station know the story from there on. He can be seen at any hour of the day in his car, which he drives himself, travelling from one place to another on the station to make sure that everything and everybody is in first-class shape. Up in the Headquarters building the general opinion is that "he can get more work done in half an hour than most men can do in a week." No. 7 S.F.T.S. is indeed in able hands.

## Hospital Cases

Here we come from the place of the greatest suffering and pain; but whether it is the patients of the staff that suffers the most is undecided.

Since our last visit with you the wee lassie from "Canada" doesn't exist in the Orderly Room any more. She is a permanent patient, taking a rest cure in the hospital after working "so very hard (?)". Another favorite Orderly Room adorable has deserted us for the city of Winnipeg while on annual leave. We hope that she had plenty of opportunity to get away from the routine duties of office work, but our tongues are in our cheeks for fear that she did say, "yes!"

A third threat is the coming summer vacation for another member of the Orderly room staff (the little gal from Vancouver). Don't you say, "Yes!", please!!

Recruited to our aid is one of our old clerks who had been working in the Hospital Wing—none other than little "Lonnie". She can fill the bill perfectly in all cases of emergency—just ask any of the trainees! So kind hearted is this l'il gal that she even gave away her 48. Fortunately it was noticed before the recipient tried to go through the gate with it—at that it would have looked strange to head north on a pass made out to Waterton Lakes!

However, Lonnie isn't the only too generous person in the hospital. Just the week before F/S Pritchard made a grab for a pass and ration card for Sgt. Gould who promptly left in a cloud of dust. Not till the next day was it discovered that he had one of the W.D.'s passes! Some S.P. would have been in for a surprise if he'd ever seen that one.

Who is the night-flying airman that gets such a definite "No" from Lil when he begs a chance to take her to the movin' pictures? And why!

During the coming week we are planning to have our Annual Weiner Roast at the home of F/S Emery. This, in its early stages promises to be a party equal to that of our yearly Christmas do and the mosquitoes of Macleod are sure to be present in large clouds for their annual feed. The staff, though will be having too good a time to let such minor details as mosquitoes, smoke in the eyes, and grit in the weiners dampen their

## HOSTESS HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

The Spring months of 1944 have, in spite of all the wind been much more pleasant than a year ago when the dust sifted through the house in quantities enough to make one dizzy. A real station beauty spot is the grass plot opposite the Guard House. The care it receives daily is certainly well rewarded.

Miss Helena Sowden, Associate Hostess here from January till the end of April is now with the W.R.N.'s Barracks at Galt, Ont. In her place is Mrs. S. Sangathe, of Granum. Mrs. J. W. Dick, another former Associate Hostess, whom many will remember, has been posted from Camrose to Jericho Beach, Vancouver as Hostess and is enjoying the change as well as her work there.

We would like to extend our wishes for the best of luck to G/C and Mrs. P. R. Hapton in their home in Toronto. Both were always the best of friends to the Hostess House and they are missed deeply.

Our many thanks to the airman's and officer's wives for their splendid volunteer services. We are ever grateful to the Pearce officer's wives for their regular help. These neighborly gestures are most appreciated by us here and by the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.

With the heavy sports schedule now under way we are glad to extend the hospitality of this House to any visiting teams or groups who may wish to drop in. We hope that all newcomers will find the House as rapidly as did the Air Cadets whose presence these last few weeks has been very enjoyable.

And so with a "cheerio" for this time we will see you at the House in a day or two. It's a date.

Margaret Shapter, Hostess

festive mood.

One Corporal looks pretty droopy after that leave in Winnipeg. Reliable sources report that while there he was cornered and to get out of it he had to say, "Yes." To Cpl. and Mrs. Doaks we wish all the happiness and troubles that usually go with those "yes's."

Cpl. "Jerry" left for that foreign country called Eastern Canada with two patients for Toronto but he would't tell us why it was necessary to take 7 days annual leave when his home is in

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## INTERSTATION FIELD AND TRACK MEET

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as follows:

Mens' High Jump: 1. F/O Hansford 2. P/O Robertson 3. Parisien, all of Macleod. Mens' 100 yd. Dash: LAC Parisien took second, losing by a very narrow margin.

Mens' Running Broad: 1. LAC Parisien, P/O Hansford.

Mens' Hop Step and Jump: 2. F/O Hansford.

Mens' 440 yd.: 2. LAC MacLean.

Mens' Shotput: 3. LAC Gibson.

Pole Vault: At the time the competition was cancelled due to faulty poles. Macleod had two of the four contestants left at that time—LAC Wanless and P/O Curran.

Mens' Medley Relay—This was the best show of the day and all Macleod personnel were really thrilled to see LAC Maclean come forging in ahead of Vulcan's ace-runner Bill Dale. What a race! LAC Parisien started the ball rolling running the first lap (220) in beautiful style. Second man was F/O Clifford who certainly didn't give any distance away. Our third man, LAC Crough, ran a wonderful 440 to give MacLean a slight lead for the finishing lap (440) no one could have taken the last lap away from "Mac" and Bill Dale, try as he might, didn't!

2 Mile—3. Johnny Park.

In the W.D. events our small number of representatives did very well but it was too much for so few (MORAL: we need more W.D.'s turning out for Track and Field!) Cpl. McCabe took first in Broad Jump and second in Hop Step and Jump. In the W.D. Medley, MacLeod took second with Cpl. McCabe, LAW Pennington, LAW Grossett and LAW McGregor putting forth their very best efforts.

Congratulations to the station team for their fine showing and their sportsman-like fighting spirit. That's what we do like to see. The next inter-station sports meet is at Pearce on August 2—Watch out for Number Seven!

Following is a list of the station Team members who went to Vulcan: LAC Parisien, P/O Clifford, LAC Crough, F/L Johnson, P/O Robertson, LAC MacLean, LAC MacDonald, LAC Gibson, LAC Burkes, LAC Tweten, P/O Hansford, LAC Wanless,

## Macleod Invaded

For the past two weeks No. 7 S.F.T.S. has been in the throes of one of the most active invasions it has ever seen or heard of—that of the Regina Air Cadets.

Your reporter took his life in his hands and ventured to creep through their barrack block just before lights went out one night. The first bed that he saw had been beautifully made up with the special addition of gravel and wheat. A few bunks down another lad was busy taking the hinges of his locker for the rest had considerably locked his keys in it. Just about that time the harassed Cadet Orderly Sergeant came roaring through the hut for things to quieten down but—no effect. Yes, they certainly didn't take long to learn all the joys of camp life (?).

During the days the boys were assigned to various sections where they performed some of the duties usually assigned the aircrew on tarmac duty. Many went home well able to show Mom just how to wash and wipe dishes. Their experience in a day or two would equal a year of ordinary house dishwashing. At least once or twice a day they could be seen out on the Drill Square making the most proficient drill squad look like amateurs—we blush to think what they made the average flight here feel like.

When the time comes and they enter the Service for active training they will be perfectly able to adjust themselves to Service life—thanks to their Cadet training.

P/O Curran, Cpl. Gowin, LAC Mullis, LAC Hocking. W.D. Members present were: Cpl. McCabe, LAW McGregor, LAW Grossett, LAW Pennington, LAW Scott.

## CRICKET

The opening game of the Cricket season proved to be a sensational victory for the home team over Lethbridge. The score—Macleod, 110 runs; Lethbridge, 93 runs. Best scorers for Macleod were: 1. Joe Crane who batted out 35 runs 2. Gris Gilhome with 19 and 3. Chesterton with 11. Top bowlers were: 1. Amarasckera who gave 6 runs in 8 wickets, 2. Gilhome with 8 runs for 2 wickets, and 3. Ashall, 2 wickets for 12 runs. The next match is with Vulcan at the Home pitch on Wednesday, July 19. We promise a good game.

## Reinstatement in Civil Employment

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Q.—If ex-service personnel wish to return to the position which they held prior to the war, is there any provision insuring their reinstatement?

A.—The Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act was one of the first measures passed. Under this Act is laid down that it is an employer's duty, if application is made, to reinstate ex-service personnel who were bona-fide employees for at least three months immediately prior to enlistment.

Q.—Is this a blanket ruling or are there any exceptions?

A.—Reasonable safeguard, both for the employer and the employee, were made. For instance, if the ex-service personnel was hired in civil employment to replace a man who was already in the Services and the original employee in that position had applied for reinstatement, then the original employee has the preference.

Q.—Are there any other regulations?

A.—Yes. Steps of necessity had to be taken to the possibility of changing economic conditions. For instance, an employer's business might be seriously jeopardized by the war and he might not be able to offer employment which was as good as, or better than, the situation the ex-service man left. In this case proceedings will not be taken against offers employment under the the employer under the Act if he best possible conditions and if he is not retaining someone else in the position that ex-service personnel left to enlist.

Q.—Is seniority protected under the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act?

A.—Yes. Ex-service personnel employed in an industry where there are seniority rights must be reinstated with seniority for the period spent in the Services. If there are no seniority rights the employee must be re-engaged with preference according to the first date of employment and on terms no less favorable than would have prevailed had the period of employment not been interrupted by war service.

Q.—What about disabled personnel under this Act?

A.—If the employer can show that ex-service personnel are

## Births

Born to F/L nd Mrs. P. W. White a son, Ronald Phillip, at Lethbridge Alta on the 23rd of March, 1944.

Born to LAC and Mrs. C. L. Wallace, two daughters, Betty Lois and Beatrice Louise on the 28th of March, 1944, at High River, Alberta.

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. W. E. Judson a son, James Wright, at Macleod, Alta. on the 15th of April, 1944.

physically or mentally incapable of doing work which he has to offer, the Act does not apply.

Q.—Is reinstatement in civil employment a permanent right or is there a time limit?

A.—The onus is on the ex-service man to apply for reinstatement within three months after discharge from the Forces or from hospital in Canada, or within four months of similar discharge overseas.

Q.—Who administers this Act?

A.—It is administered by the Department of Labour and cases of infractions may be reported to the nearest Employment and Selective Service office.

(The next instalment deals with the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order).

Born to LAC and Mrs. J. Muirhead, a son, John William, at Macleod, Alta. on the 25th of April, 1944.

Born to LAC and Mrs. Plomp a son, John Lloyd, at Lethbridge, Alberta. on the 25th of April, 1944.

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. R. W. McLaren, a daughter, Donna Rae, at New Westminster, B. C. on the 2nd of May, 1944.

Born to Cpl. and Mrs. M. K. Skjerieland a son, Mervyn Kenneth, on the 4th of May, 1944 at Macleod, Alberta.

Born to LAC and Mrs. J. Vest a son, Richard Arnold, on the 16th of May, 1944 at Macleod, Alberta.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Shand a daughter, Jeanne Louise Kilfoyle, on the 1st of June 1944 at Vancouver, B.C.

## Marriages

LAC W. Hall and LAW D. J. Campbell were married on the 27th of April, 1944. at Macleod, Alberta. by F/L M. S. Blackburn.

LAC H. W. Wagner and Pamela LeFelch were married on the 19th of April, 1944, at Macleod, Alberta. by Rev. E. J. Heuer.

F/O H. W. Hollet and Lorraine

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course, 99.

The bride wore a dress of white satin, with low waist and gathered lines with lily point sleeves, adorned with a full length veil caught in a halo about her head. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Officers' Mess which was attended by friends of the couple. Among the gifts presented to them were a silver cocktail set, from the members of the Mess; and the small cocker spaniel now known as "Butch, Jr." a gift of F/L Millery and F/O Robinson. Following the reception the newlyweds left for Waterton by car for a brief honeymoon. Upon their return they will take up residence in Macleod.

Virginia McInnes were married on the 6th of May, 1944, at Regina, Sask. by Rev. H. Joyce.

LAC A. E. Goeson and Edna Marguerite Preston were married on the 25th of May, 1944 at Ottawa, Ont. by Rev. C. D. Donald.

LAC J. W. L. Muir and Audrey Jeanne McRae were married on the 8th of June, 1944 at Vancouver, B. C. by Rev. A. S. Syrer.

LAC J. Bachusky and Elizabeth Kravcenko were married at Winnipeg, Man. on the 3rd of June, 1944, by Rev. I.E. Kielonka.

LAC R. C. Crocker and Ethel Esther Johnson were married at Vancouver, B.C. on the 12th of June, 1944, by Mr. P. J. Dilne.

LAC C. L. Prova and Norma Margaret Doreen Tufts were married at Yorkton, Sask. on the 22nd of June, 1944 by Rev. J. Benard Jones.

LAC P.S. Smook and Lola Elizabeth Ross were married at Portage la Prairie, Man. on the 30th of June, 1944, by Rev. P. C. Bays.

F/O W. T. Merrick and Violet Roberta Hay were married at Macleod, Alberta. on the 1st of July, 1944 by F/L M. S. Blackburn.

### Extra Noise

The taxi was a very ancient one and had taken an unusually long time to reach its destination.

As the passenger paid his fare, he remarked:

"How do you manage when your fare is in a hurry?" "Ah," said the driver, leaning toward the passenger, confidentially, "I keep on changin' me gears an' 'onking me 'ooter."

## The Wolf

## by Sansone



# The Sportstream

by  
F|S "BUS" MURDOCH

The general "Gen" on sports doings finds us moving out of our spring quarters into our summer season for the busy session of inter-station Southern Air Force League play. Much of the rustiness has been shaken with the result most of the teams know just where they stand as far as competition is concerned. Many of the team managers know the loopholes in their respective clubs but find replacements hard to find, however, we can always depend on No. 7 being in there fighting to the end. The Playoffs are so arranged that a team can very easily come from behind and top the honors, which means that a cellar team can always prove threatening.

Tournaments throughout the south country will give many of our teams an opportunity to cop some prize money for themselves and at the same time have a lot of fun, which of course, is what we are all looking for. In any case there shouldn't be any excuses when it comes to the final offering.

## No. 7 S.F.T.S. IMPROMTU SPORTS DAY HUGE SUCCESS!

Perfect weather aided No. 7 in staging an inter squadron track and field meet on Wed. June 28, under the supervision of F|L Johnson, and F|O Finn, the sport's officer of No. 7, the events were run off very smoothly and systematically.

LAC Partisien, LAC MacLean, LAW Pennington proved to be individual stars of the meet. For the officers P|O Clifford, P|O Hansford, and P|O Curran did remarkably well.

In the evening the W.D. station fastball team played the married officers with the officers eking out a win by a narrow margin.

The day was concluded by a dance in the Recreation Hall which was attended by nearly all the personnel of the station. W|C Newcombe, Commanding officer of the station presented prizes to the winners.

The final results were as follows:

Men's 100 yd. dash: LAC Partisien, P|O Clifford.

Ladies 75 yd. dash: Cpl. McCabe, LAW Pennington.

Men's Discus: LAC Crough, F|L Johnson.

Tug of war: Blue trainees, Maintenance.

Men's High Jump: LAC Partisien, F|O Robertson.

Men's 440 yd dash: LAC MacLean, P|O Clifford.

W.D. Discus: LAW Pennington, Cpl. Calder.

W.D. Running Broad Jump: Cpl. McCabe, LAW Pennington.

W.D. 220 yd dash: Cpl. McCabe, LAW Pennington.

Men's Broad Jump: LAC Partisien, P|O Hansford.

Men's Shot Put: LAC MacDonald, LAC Gibson.

The Teams and Captains were:

1. Officers — S|L Gain

2. Trainees- Red — F|O Sutherland

3. Trainees- Blue — F|O Borgal

4. Potential Aircrew & Headquarters — S|L Brisbin.

5. Maintenance - Repair & Maintenance - Servicing — F|L Aird.

The purpose of the Inter Squadron Track & Field Meet is to create enthusiasm and competitive spirit in the various sports. This was a forerunner to the coming inter-station competitions, and from this meet will be determined the quantity and quality of our representatives for No. 7. Your co-operation in making this day a success meant a great deal in the fostering of sports on the station.

## LACROSSE IS WINNING SPORTS POPULARITY ROLE

Macleod's box lacrosse team, ably coached by F|S Ducklow, former Calgary Pontiac player, has upheld No. 7's honor on the sports field. Up to the middle of June they defeated Claresholm three times in a row and revenged their first game defeat at the hands of the Lethbridge club, and so far are batting a hot .800.

Playing no mean part in the last two Southern Air Force league games has been "Tiny" Heatherington, last year's goalie of the famous New Westminster Salmonbellies. This seems to be the best year yet for the massive pilot and incoming forwards complain that there is practically no net to shoot at.

Four B.C. men form the defence, McAlpine, Gibson and

Grayson hail from Vancouver and Bathie from the Rossland Redmen.

Up on the forward line "Butch" Williams takes the starring roles, and the smooth working centreman from the coast league is just starting to hit his stride. He is flanked by two other B.C. men, Bell and O'Neil and supported by rover Hal Johnson who is playing the game for the first time and seems to adapt his hockey abilities to the boxla floor.

The second string is much lighter than the first line but make up for their size by speed and deception. Green, Gray and Fullerton are the speed merchants while Webber and Lewis are both steady players. Denalenko, McCabe, Mansfield and goalie Verna form a formidable array as utility men and the coach Ducklow is recovering from a couple of broken ribs.

"Wolves" on and off the floor, Macleod can be sure of being capably represented in the lacrosse wars this summer. Games are played in the downtown arena on Monday nights. Have YOU seen Canada's national summer game?

## RUGBY UNION

Our station rugby team is only in its infancy. The team is being slowly moulded into a speedy combination under the able captaincy of LAC Lorn Pinch. Our team is much more international than the other teams in the competition in that it comprises Canucks, Kangaroos, Kiwis and Limays. The competition will be carried on for two more months and a match will be played on the home back yard every second Monday.

The presence is requested of those who have not seen rugby played or are interested in the game in order to give the boys a little maral support on the home ground.

Watch D.R.O. for the dates of the big battles.

## GOLF

Golf has probably been the most popular game on the station for the past two seasons—at least it is played by more people than any other game (except possibly "pitching woo"). We are fortunate at this station in having a better than average small town course at our disposal and within easy walking distance of the station. When we remember that most of the work on the course has been voluntary and carried out by relatively inexperienced persons, it must be ad-

mitted that the committee in charge is deserving of a great deal of credit. Between 12 and 15 yards of sand had to be screened, shovelled into trucks, "oiled" and spread on the Greens in order to put them in playing condition this Spring. And wet sand is doggone heavy (Ask Johnny Kirchner, even if he did have the light shovel). In general don't beef about the condition of the course—do what you can to help keep it in shape.

Did you know that P|O Rod Lee gave par a beating the other day—shot a 2 under par 34. A very nice score indeed.

Speaking of breaking par, Gordie McWilliams (4 times Calgary amateur champion) is said to have toured our local divot patch in 32.

Our 8 man team came out in front at the first tournament of Southern Alberta R.C.A.F. stations held at Pearce. Lee (11), Scott (6), Breen (5), Robinson (4) Fraser (3) and Wilshire (3) were the scorers for No. 7. 12 points were awarded for a par score—1 point was deducted for each stroke above par and 2 points were added for each stroke under par. LAC Joe Mitchell from Vulcan, formerly from Vancouver, was low scorer for the day with a 70, 2 under par.

Pearce is to be congratulated on hewing such an enjoyable little course out of the bald prairie in less than a year. The course borders the north side of the station — some of it is actually on the station.

What's wrong between Monty and O'Heerne and their wives.—don't they get along. Usually Don is off to one side about 100 yards, Monty is 100 yards to the other side while their wives stroll amicably down the middle of the fairway.

Pritch says he is going to install a toll esculator system on the hill at the 4th and make a fortune.

The most electrifying remark of the season — Johnny Kirchner saying "Dear, dear" after dubbing a drive.

## W.D. SPORTS

It has been suggested that we form a W.D. tennis club here on No. 7 and play off with the other stations of te S.A.F.L. In order to do this we will have to form a tennis club with as many members as possible. For the information of those who can't play and who are ready willing and

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## Accounts Section

I arrived in the office feeling half awake on Monday morning after a hectic 48. As soon as I stepped inside I sensed something amiss. A feeling of tension and excitement. After a little inquiry it was discovered that what had been long prayed for had at last come to pass—an overseas posting for one girl. The question was which one would go. After the battle cleared it was decided that Connie Trenouth should go.

Now, with the ledgers balanced

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able to learn there will be an instructor at the courts to help you brush up on your game, so how about it gals let's have a good turnout and who knows maybe we have some Alice Marbles in the crowd.

Cpl. Perman formerly of Vancouver C.P.R. Club will be on hand to smooth out a few rough spots in your game.

The W.D. station Fastball team is going in full swing now with "Marge" Adams as the captain. With only one loss this season, this team is really going to town on the other teams of the S.A.F.L.

The girls are all busy making those swell new satin shorts and it looks like we all have new slacks soon.

Mr. Marcolin has great confidence in this gang, with "Tibby" Thibideau catching for her third consecutive year here.

"Scotty" Scott throws a wicked ball over plate, which most of the opposition cannot see, let alone hit. Chris, Pat Stevens and Home run queen Edith Swallow hold their own on the outfield with the infield held under control by Dot Huscroft, Marge Adams "Red" Edwards Pat Stevens, and Betty McCabe.

There are a number of archery fans among the W. D.'s and with the range going up this weekend we expect to see several of the girls out on the range the beginning of the week.

Swimming will soon be started in our W.D. P.T. periods, altho' some of the braver W.D.'s have been in already the weather has held back most of us from going in as yet.

Myr and Dalli, a couple of our lady golfers, were sporting a beautiful sunburn a week ago—the golf course or too much sunbathing, I wonder

and the unexpected posting coming in there was only one thing to do. That's right, throw a party to celebrate—and that's just what we did!

The place: Men's Canteen. The time: 2200 hours.

Bang! and the party went off in full swing. The long counter was set up as a bar from which beer and soft drinks could be had for the asking. The Wurlitzer was kept in full swing with the occasional tune on the piano from Lee Hepner. Later on the floor was cleared and chairs set up for a game of musical chairs. When the music stopped the fight was on; everyone grabbed for a chair and proceeded to sit down—where a chair had been. If you were lucky you landed on someone's knee and then proceeded to maneuver him off.

The famous characters seen during the course of the evening were:

F/L Robson—the life of the party, never a dull moment.

F/O Henry and F/O Milrea—prefer the waltzes.

F/S and Mrs. Geddes—helping us enjoy the party.

Mac and Honey in a jitterbug contest competing against Scotty and "your truly". They still insist they won.

Incidentally Honey proclaimed

to one and all that she was having her last fling before settling down to her newly-married life.

July and Ruth were both present with a couple of handsome wolves of Course 105. I wonder if the floor was smoother to dance on in the other section of the canteen—or?

Connie as hostess and bartender set up the drinks with a smile.

Dorothy was apparently getting more fun from looking on but she wasn't lacking in the party spirit. Neither was our civilian steno, Gerry, who was present with one Corporal of the S.P.'s.

Our two new clerk accountants, Mary MacDonald, and Cecile Eckenfelder were "right in the groove."

The officer's headpiece looked cute on Myra even through it was two sizes too big!

Everyone had a grand time and the party ended with Connie stepping hesitantly to the centre of the floor with a few helpful shoves from Joan to make her farewell speech.

As I opened my eyes long enough to take a look around the office the next morning I noticed that Mary Parritt wasn't the only one looking rather weary.

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the opposite direction. Another "yes"?

The prodigal son has returned to the station hospital after his usual tour of Temporary Duty in this Commnd. We notice he carries quite a worried look with him these last few days. The problem—whether to unpack his dirty laundry or leave it ready for his next T.D. job. We sincerely hope that his T.D. will be over for a while and he can once again take his job as a pillar on the medical staff.

Who is the charming member of the Hospital Staff whose taste runs for the boys across the herring pond?

The other night one of the Senior N.C.O.'s ran into a telephone pole at the base of which was a considerable sum of money. He immediately took off for an Eastern town before the wind from Macleod took his windfall away. We can assure all that his short stay was well worth it from his disposition on return.

Black bands will be in order at the Hospital as our "Gracie Fields" has left us to seek greener fields in the Postal Service of the R.C.A.F. Peggy has been with us for a long time and her cheerful smile will be missed by all. To her in her new trade we wish all the luck and success (Continued on Page 7)

## SPORTS PASSING PARADE

The past month has seen the following pass from the station sport's picture.

S/L "Johnny" Ross, Mtee Manager of the station baseball club has made his exit. S/L Ross did a wonderful job of organizing the baseball club. F/O Sutherland of G.I.S. Nav. staff now takes over the reins.

WO 2 "Tick" Payne the jovial joker that kept up the morale on the soccer team the past two seasons and the Rugger team for this spring has been posted to Greenwood N.S. He will certainly be missed in these circles.

LAC "Hutch" Hutchinson is another of the notables to leave our midst. A star in most games makes him greatly missed for football at present.

LAW Bea McDowell stalwart on the W.D. fastball team is furthering her P.T. ventures by going to Trenton to take a course.

F/L Hemenway officer ic of archery has been posted.

LAC Miller, third baseman for the baseball team is another of the lot to go over the pond.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## Maintenance

Surprise! Just because we haven't had any gossip in the paper recently doesn't mean that we don't get around down here in 6 Hanger. (Ed: This practically knocked the whole Slipstream staff out when it appeared for Maintenance have been missing from our lists for six or seven months. However, keep up the good work now for we'll expect something every month).

That case of beer that stands at the end of the first run when the Fastball team plays seems to do wonders to the third baseman. Is it because he likes to play ball or drink? In either case the luck is with the gang and watch them win now.

Among the many young and innocent W.D.'s on the station we think the queen of them all is present in the Log Control Room. When "Penny" is in there the boys really have to put on their best behavior!

Contrary to popular belief, some people don't realize how much they miss an officer until he leaves. As proof, when S/L Ross was posted who was the pretty, blue-eyed gal who, with tears in her eyes and voice trembling, said, "G-g-oo-ood-bye, s-s-s-ir, I-I-I, oh, I hate to s-see you g-go!"

Spring hit this station a little late. Up till recently the requests for music over the P.A. system were mostly for "No Love. No Nothing" but now its "Love, Love, Love."

A Sgt. in one of the offices in 6 Hanger was accused of being a wolf! In the Air Force who on earth could get such strange ideas. We suspect that it is the one that gets talking about his little darkroom sometimes—if so, you'd better look out, D.J.

Would you like to see the 1955 model radiotelevision set? Down here we have designers and stylists who can show you exactly what it's like! Of course there's still a war to be won so it isn't in production but when the happy day comes we'll bet that it's out quick!!

## MUSINGS FROM THE LEGION HUT

Greetings once more from the "Hut". And greetings also to Jeff Garde and Jim Iliffe, who can be seen working about the place at all hours. Jeff can be most often seen at the business end of a broom in the mornings

while Jim is hard at work in the library taking the place of Gerry Raymond who has been off on annual leave. If you'll promise to keep a secret we'll tell you what it is that Jim can be seen typing so assiduously—it's a book! Yes, indeed, the record of his adventures in the South Pacific campaigns—and quite a tale it is. Don't be surprised if you see it in print shortly.

The recent table tennis tournament was a fair success and much good play could be seen on the tables as the champions battled it out. However, with a few more players it would provide some really interesting play. Perhaps sometime in the near future another can be arranged so keep your eyes peeled.

Our Legion Supervisor, Jack Tyson, is at present away on a well earned two weeks leave. We hope that you'll come back rested and relaxed and ready for another spell, Jack. Your work is appreciated by all who come in contact with you. Your office has come to be a place where any information may be located and your cheery words of welcome have meant much to many who were feeling "blue."

Remember that the Hut is always open to anyone. If you want to write a letter home, sit quietly and listen to the radio or indulge in any one of the many games available at the

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"Gerry" (you'll always find her mixed up with the rations) is another of the Hospital staff who prefer members of the watery forces, namely, the Navy. She had the pleasure of meeting possible.

A little gal by the name of her would-be in an Eastern city a few weeks ago. On her return she was more or less "in the dumps" but with the aid of the mail staff she is once more the Gerry that we know.

Who was the W.D. Corporal who, when ironing in the wee hours of the morning, pulled the wrong plug and —oh! OH!

A few days ago one of the Nursing sisters, a good cook, was trying some culinary experiments in a very happy frame of mind. Can she cook? And how! !

We have reason to be proud in this section for our commander was honored with the Medal of the British Empire for his good work in the medical profession since joining the R.C.A.F. four years ago. At a meeting attended by all the staff he thanked all for their co-operation in helping to attain this award. Congratulations S/L Bruser, may further successes be on the way.

Hut come in anytime between 7.30 in the morning and 2200 hours in the evening. The Hut will be open to you.

## S.P. Pinches

Back from a refresher course at Calgary are F/S Fitter and Sgt. Kelly; all packed full of the ins and outs of Air Force Law. We hope this will serve as sufficient warning to any possible offenders who might try to alibi their way out of a spot with K. R. (Air).

Cpl. (Bill) Hardy is back from annual leave in Vancouver. He reports that during those two weeks the Jap menace was well under control (personal control at that)! At the present time Cpl. Wadsworth is away but the rest are eying that calendar uneasily and making mental calculations as to how many weeks can be squeezed in to the deadline next March.

Heard during the spring clean-up in the Guard House: "What colour is that you're using now." "I don't know, but the can says 'Unsweetened!'"

During our trip out to the Guard House one day we noticed the following poem (?) written by an unknown S. P.

Throw out the lifeline for Cooper has sunk  
Bull's on a 48 and Robertson's drunk.  
Daley is sleeping and Kelly's away,  
Then throw out the lifeline and let Hardy pray.

Throw out the lifeline for Wadsworth's gone home  
Oggie's on midnights and Jud's all alone  
Fitter's on furlough and Boyd was away.  
Then throw out the lifeline; out Oliver's way.

Throw out the lifeline, now throw it to me  
Kerr he got married; but Kury is free  
Chrapko's on pass, will be back any day,  
Then throw out the lifeline with Matter's pay.

Throw out the lifeline for Thomas to see  
Where Cousins resides in the hilly country  
And Cole now is rationed, can't get any more,  
So throw out the lifeline then pull for the shore.

Should anyone wish to get in touch with the author all he needs do is go through the above and eliminate all names until the one left gives him the "me" of verse three. That should be easy stuff for an S.P.!



## M.T. Takeoffs

Since everyone is still thinking Stampede, we'll mention our local one for posterity. Good ole No. 7 was in there pitching in real style—from the never-to-be-forgotten float to the can't-be-beaten band. Someone fell so hard for the "cute" li'l hula gal on the front of the float that they're still looking for her. And why for did she turn her face away from the camera?

However, there are probably more broken hearts than this one for the famous fish float went to Lethbridge and walked off with the prize there also. Rah! Rah! for our team! Two unfortunate members of the section, "Flight" and "Hank", missed it all while on course. There were also several on leave and Cpl. Goodhall was on his way across the pond. Happy landing, Goodie, we'll miss you. How about dropping us a line from ovah the'?

No one in the service is so important they can't be replaced and sure enough 7 contact trainees descended on us. Did we know it—Oboy! Here for 3 weeks training they are making the most of their short time in more ways than one. The majority saw their first stampede and now nothing can stop them. They're all for the way we put it over "out west." In fact they added one touch of their own that fitted in perfectly—a real guitar that receives a real workout whenever Gordie starts twanging. He has coaxed several rusty voices into shape again to date and if you'll stick around we'll increase that number.

A western professor paid his income tax by mail; then paid it again, in person. We never tire of the absent-minded joke; but keep it believable—Detroit News.

### More Browns

"John, how many Rembrandts do you suppose there are?"  
"Well, depends on—I mean, why not look it up in the telephone directory?"

### Dusting 'Em Off

"So you're on a minesweeper?" asked Auntie. "ow thrilling that must be! Tell me, where do you sweep the mines?"  
"Oh just around the top and sides," answered her sailor nephew. "You know—where the dust settles." — The Argentine Magazine.

## Arson Around The Firehall

After a long absence from the columns of "The Slipstream" this section makes its reappearance.

Leap Year appears to have hit the boys hard. Sgt. Mitchell beat the mark by getting married in December but LAC Somerville holds the honor (?) of the first Leap Year marriage of the section in February. June, the month of orangeblossoms, saw LAC's Bachusky and Provo take the fatal step. Rumour has it that Cpl. Hirt will do it this month. All in all it leaves very few merry bachelors in the gang.

Bit by a different bug was LAC Lennox—he wanted to drive an ambulance. He "do'od" it; and twenty-seven days in Blueberry.

Overseas postings were in order for LAC's Ingram and Edwards; our best wishes for good luck, fellows.

For a long time the Fire Hall has been working under staff difficulties. With the posting of LAC's Neden and Young from overseas and LAC's Davis and Carr from other stations in Canada the situation has eased a little. Welcome to the happy

gang!

Which does "Mitch" think the most of: his wife, or his golf? That question is still undecided after seven months of married life—at least to the section. Latest dope on the subject is the fact that golf clubs go along on all 48's. Well, if one member carries the rolling pin the other must have something—yes?

Late in coming back from a combined furlough and honeymoon was LAC Bachusky. It was kind of hard to leave her behind, wasn't it Johnny?

No sooner did LAC and Mrs. Provo take up residence in Macleod than out came a posting to Granum for Cliff. Tough luck but you know they say, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Current question put to LAC Somerville for some time has been why Slim hasn't let the word get home that he's married. He's the fellow who got his wife a job on the station so they could spend 48's together then lost two in a row. Never mind, Jenny, he'll get one sometime in July—or August. Best one yet is the way Cpl. Parker works his way to and from Lethbridge each week. After all, there is a war on and the manpower shortage means every

## This and that

### More Attractive Roofs

When the war is over camouflage in reverse will be used to make factory and other roofs conspicuous and attractive to the airplane-travelling public.

### Necessary

"Are you going to keep the new secretary you hired last week?"

"I have to. She has our files so mixed up that I can't get along without her."—Variety

Overheard in the Movie Stranger (glaring): "You're sitting on my hat, sir."

Old Gentleman (crisply): "Hm-m! So that's what it is. Must you wear those hard-brimmed styles!"

### NO NEED TO

Rookie: "Why don't you laugh when the sergeant tells a joke?"

Private: Don't have to. I'm being transferred tomorrow." Atlantic Two Bells.

### First Warning

A businessman thought his staff rather lazy and indifferent, so he pinned up the following notice:

"Bread is the staff of life, but that is no reason why the life of our staff should be one continual loaf."—Trade Winds.

### Willing Candidate

A young couple asked the parson to marry them immediately following the Sunday morning service. When the time came, the minister arose to say:

"Will those who wish to be united in holy bonds of matrimony please come forward?"

There was a great stir as thirteen women and one man approached the altar.—Quote.

ounce of help counts; and think of all the experience for when "Civvy street" beckons again.

FIS Smith is really a pretty good-hearted fellow. For proof take the fact that he invites his wife to Macleod to spend the weekend every time she has enough money to "foot the bills."

Between duties on the crash truck and that "someone" in Macleod LAC Cameron certainly doesn't get much opportunity for sleep.

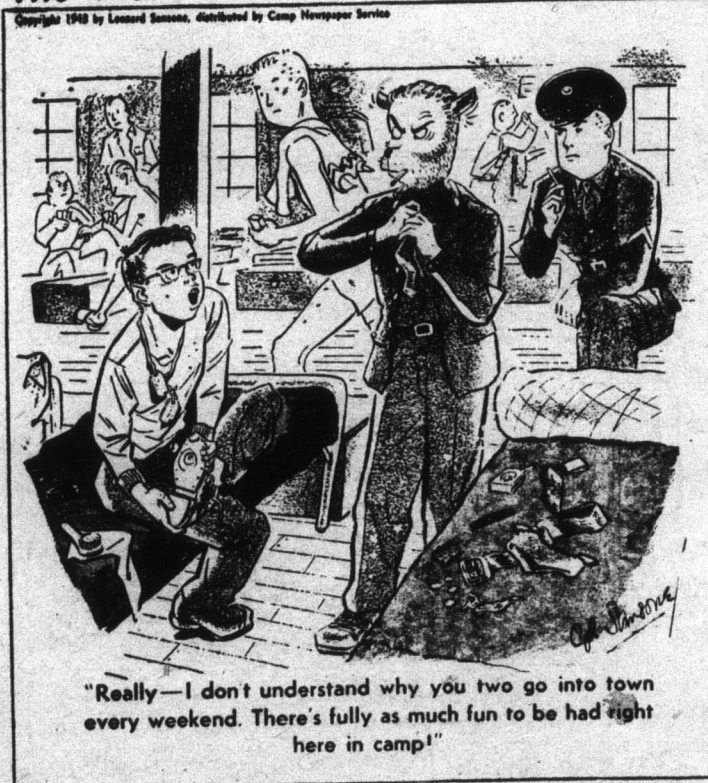
And now we'll say goodbye and get out while I'm still alive. Many thanks for the information

Adios,

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## The Wolf

by Sansone



"Really—I don't understand why you two go into town every weekend. There's fully as much fun to be had right here in camp!"