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Winter Guide

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Editorial

THE INDIAN SUMMER, with its clear, crisp mornings and warm, sunny afternoons, is perhaps the best part of the Canadian year. For the station, it is a lively period which covers the close of the season of outdoor sports and the beginning of winter recreational activities. During the past summer, "R.A.F., Penhold" has consolidated its reputation for athletic prowess. In this number of the "Log" we have reviewed our summer successes in the field of sport. We congratulate the station teams, for they have added further lustre to the name of Penhold.

This number is also designed to serve as a guide to winter life at Penhold. Once the freeze-up sets in, recreation has to be found mainly behind the storm windows. There is now such a wide selection of indoor activities available on the station that there can be little reason for the winter evenings proving tedious.

An Instructor Turns Pupil

This account of O.T.U. life comes from F/Lt. R. C. Pickering, who was a regular contributor to the "Log" in the days when he was an "old-timer" instructor at Penhold.—Editor.

MOST pilot types, when they have left their Service School and have donned their new uniforms, heave a ginormous sigh of relief and praise the Lord that they are no longer pupils. Two years ago I did just that. I became an instructor, and in my turn doled out words of caution, and (very rarely) praise, and generally made life a whirl of orders, counter orders, and binding for the numerous pupils with whom I came into contact. I got quite enthusiastic at times, and took a sadistic delight in causing sorties to be made to such places as the "Y" canteen (for 10 o'clock milk), and the Castle (to render a written apology to the Squadron Commander for having landed against the ACP's wishes), whilst I lay back on my comfortable Parachute Rack and let Alberta weather beat upon the window panes.

Those days of bliss are over—I am again a pupil.

I must admit that the twelve of us who arrived here together for the course presented rather a comic sight—twelve ex-instructors of varying rank trying to look as important as we imagined we had been on our last station, and failing miserably. We were met, very officially, by the Discip. Sergeant, and, after escort to the Camp, were presented with the usual "bumph" to fill up, and the Orders (Secret), Orders (Confidential), Orders (Pupils), Orders (Flying), to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. There followed the CGI, the CFI, and other potentates in their various spheres of office, all presenting us with their side of the training picture, urging us to "play the game," and promising us due reward for our labours.

The whole atmosphere of the welcome seemed to say that there was absolutely nothing to worry about and that the course would, naturally, be a piece of cake for such experienced men as ourselves. It sounded nice and we went away feeling that here, at last, were some understanding types who would not make life too hard. We looked forward to flying a new type of aircraft, with a moderate amount of leisurely ground subjects to fill our allotted time at the O.T.U.

Now, on looking back on our introduction to this place, I realise that it was all most misleading and utterly unfair.

The Sergeant chases us in and out of lecture rooms for all sorts of reasons—it usually means a visit to the Flying Wing Adjutant, who seems, to us, to be a regular martinet, to fill in forms about the amount of pension one's grandfather draws for fighting in the Boer War, or some such "essential document." The CGI asks us very awkward questions, catches us asleep at the most inappropriate moments, and generally adds to the joy of life by making us do dinghy drill in an icy cold river that runs near the camp. The P.T. wallah, once considered a good type because he bought us all beer on our first night, has become like Grandfather Satan himself, as he goads us on to do things that our ex-instructor bodies have dismissed as being only for the very young.

On the flying side, we contend with instructors whose very un-Trenton-like patter consists of "Watch me," and we suffer a pupil's hell in these aeroplanes whose characteristics are suitable for younger and keener judgment than our own. Our crews suffer as well, and more than one pilot has had his Navigator lean across to whisper tender words of navigational advice, only to receive a well parked "custard" right in his lap. Night flying and what we have come to call "Valley Madness" (a form of insanity brought about by the absence of "les joies de vivre" in the local hutments masquerading as towns), join together to produce sleepless nights and no appetite.

From this description it would appear that we have become victims of a gang of demons intent on our demise. To us, at the moment, it seems like it,

Officers' Mess Chronicle

THE GOLDEN AUTUMN WEATHER which has filled the Department of Meteorological propaganda with elation not unmingled with surprise, has brought with it a curious lethargy that compels one to sit, drink and gossip rather than to indulge in sterner activities—possibly because it is realised that it will not now be long before the harsh struggle for existence which comes with the Alberta winter, will soon absorb all our energies.

S/Ldr. George, as P.M.C., has ruled the Mess rather like a benevolent absentee-landlord; but it is understood that his reign will soon draw to a close, for repatriation is in the air. Much of our conversation is filled with this interesting, but, to some of us newcomers, rather nebulous topic, and calendar calculations, seldom based on fact, make the welkin ring of an evening. Another topic which has come again to the fore since the defeat of Italy is the question of post-war careers. That of our P.M.C. is assured with the Odeon Group, and it is assumed that he will readily find a position for F/Lt. Hudson in the orchestra of their Scarborough branch. F/O Lowrie has interests in Real Estate near Edmonton, and F/Lt. Sheldrick, from his recent experiences, has been encouraged to take up hydraulic sanitation professionally.

S/Ldr. Gifford has been very busy in his room, working, it is believed, on a monumental and inspiring monograph entitled "Aircrafthands Awake." P/O Parr, on the other hand, complains that he never sees enough of his room, and, with the full two days a week that he has to spend flying, he is not getting sufficient sleep. F/O's Marriott and Martin had a pleasant leave fruit-picking in the Okanagan Valley, and since then other and holier hands than theirs have been busied with the same satisfactory pastime.

Your chronicler has to record with regret the posting of F/Lt. Horsley and F/O L. Walsh. Horsley slipped very quietly away, almost unconscious with emotion, whilst Walsh, leonine to the last, booked out finally for the East via San Francisco at 02.00 hours after a slight scuffle with a somnolent duty clerk. Our weekly quarter of an hour with Horsley was never enough, and if our daily quarter of an hour with Walsh was sometimes too much, yet both Penhold and the Mess are poorer for their going.

Finally, the sincerest compliments are offered to F/O and Mrs. Millbank on the birth of a daughter. The child will later be proud to know that it arrived an easy winner in the Penhold Nursery Handicap. Altogether a most satisfactory event. At the time of going to press, the news of the birth of a son to F/O and Mrs. Hyland was received. Congratulations to the runner-up!

but we know that they are all flat out to make us fit mentally and physically for our "coming out" as Operational Pilots, and that if we respond to their treatment it will probably prolong our existence and help to swell the already large numbers of crews who are actively engaged on handing it out to the enemy.

Frankly, I don't like being a pupil very much, but I suppose that it is because I had such a long innings as one of the pupil's terrors. I have very recently seen both sides of the training programme, and in spite of all the shortcomings that both sides have, and the incessant binding that goes on, I have come to the conclusion that there is only one thing that a pupil can do, and that is—to stick at it. Here, at O.T.U., you realise that all the work at E.F.T.S., S.F.T.S. and O.T.U. must be done well if a man is to be any good at the ultimate job that he is intended to do. It's a bind, but I think it's worth it, because very soon I hope to be "operational," and that in itself is "a good thing."—R.C.P.

THE RECREATION HALL



Winter Entertainment

CINEMA PLANS

By a recent arrangement, booking of films with certain picked companies has been discontinued, and it has now become possible to obtain films from any company. The latest arrangements will enable us to plan our winter programmes from a very wide selection of films.

Comments, adverse or otherwise, on the programmes will be appreciated by the cinema staff. When positive suggestions are received, every effort will be made to book films for which there is popular demand when they are available in the province.

Presentation of old films is often popular. There must be films of last year, or further back, which audiences would enjoy seeing again. If you have any "request numbers," let the cinema staff know about them. In this way programmes can be planned to suit our audiences' tastes.

Several of last season's musical comedies have been presented lately with great success. It seems that "musicals" are more welcome than war films, even when the war films are outstandingly well produced.

There are half a dozen musical productions for October, some of them new, and others old. Of particular interest is the return visit of Glenn Miller and his band in "Orchestra Wives," last shown on a week-end in February of this year, and received with as much enthusiasm as any week-end programmes shown on the Camp. Many of those who have seen it will remember Glenn Miller's almost classic version of the hit tune "Kalamazoo."

For an up-to-date, smartly presented comedy with music, "Salute For Three" will satisfy those who enjoy light entertainment. Betty Rhodes sings four out of the five outstanding songs, and MacDonald Carey, Dona Drake and Cliff Edwards make up the strong supporting cast.

Dorothy Lamour returns in a re-issue of the Technicolour jungle "safari" presentation, "Beyond the Blue Horizon," and Sonja Henie's superbly-staged skating sequences can be seen in the successful "Iceland", while for those

admirers of the lovely voice of Deanna Durbin, there is the excellent production "The Amazing Mrs. Holliday."

Yes, it's certainly an outstanding month for musicals, and since everyone connects Betty Grable's name with musical films, remember that "Footlight Serenade" is showing Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd and 3rd.—P.J.G.

CONCERT PARTY

Overture and beginners, please! The house-lights are lowered, the foot-lights gleam softly on the still drawn curtains, and the audience sits expectantly awaiting the opening chorus. The conductor raises his baton, the orchestra plays a lively theme, and the show is on.

From here we can sit back and give ourselves up to a two-hour round of song and merriment, comedy and drama. The ingredients of the show must be original. The songs must come from the heart. The comedy must spring from life, and the drama must show us things, not as they are, but as, perhaps, they might have been. We must, for a space, enter into a world of make-believe to rub off the corners of a workaday world. We must point the harlequin finger at Dignity and laugh with the gods at ourselves, poor mortals. There is a time for work and a time for play, and playtime at Penhold can be and should be as full of life and vigour as worktime.

There are in our ranks a goodly number of singers, actors, dancers, instrumentalists, comedians and players of all shades and varieties. Already the nucleus of a concert party has been formed. An invitation is extended to all newcomers who can perform in any medium on the concert platform, or in musical shows, to come along and add their talent to the sum, so that we can make Penhold's Station Concert Party an example for all others in the Command to follow.

A show which is now in rehearsal will be on the boards before October is out. Our intention is to form a permanent concert party capable of giving a variety of different shows throughout the winter months. Therefore, the more players we have the merrier. Writers of original sketches and songs are wanted, too.

P/O H. V. Peters is the officer i/c concerts, and a committee has been formed, consisting of F/Sgt. Kiddle, Cpl. Smith, LAC's Atkinson, Dightam, Gleave and Morris. Contact any of these if you can help in any way.

DANCE TIME

Dances will be held in the station Recreation Hall throughout the winter. An excellent competitive spirit between the sections running the weekly dance on Wednesday evenings is developing. Each section tries to outshine the other, and many original features are devised to give each dance a special attraction of its own. The work put in by each section to make its dance a success is always repaid by results—it is fatal to rest on the comfortable belief that it will be "all right on the night." The large number of charming lady guests who grace the Recreation Hall on Wednesday evenings is a tribute, not only to the popularity of station personnel, but also to the quality of the dances. On the station the competition for tickets is tremendously keen—a very good sign!

The September dances were very successful. For October, dances will be run by the following sections:

October 6—Minor Inspections Flight
October 13—No. 1 Servicing Flight
October 20—M.T. Section
October 27—Flying Wing

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

A Station Dramatic Society has been formed and, as a start, is holding play readings on Mondays at 2000 hours in the General Lecture Room in the G.I.S. block. It is hoped later to undertake the production of a play. This form of activity can provide excellent entertainment for both audiences and participants. Anyone with stage experience, whether as an amateur or as a professional, should get in touch with the Education Officer, F/Lt. Hudson. There will also be scope for those without experience, particularly in the play readings.

DISCUSSION GROUP

A discussion group meets weekly in the station Chapel on Thursdays at 2045 hours. It is under the direction of the Padre, and debates religious, ethical and social problems of the day. Those who enjoy arguments on the more serious and fundamental issues of modern life will find here an outlet for their own views, and the chance to hear the ideas of others.

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Winter in The "Y"

We are endeavouring to give you, this month, a resume of our forthcoming winter programme, in which, we hope, the majority of you will participate.

DARTS—A Tournament has been under way for the last two months. We know that interest in this game is keen, probably reminding you of many a pleasant evening spent in "the old country," and we are sure that all who care to come along will enjoy a good contest with the added attraction of qualifying for a prize, several of which will be given weekly. Your Y.M.C.A. Supervisor thinks he has acquired proficiency in this English art, but on talking to some "pukka gen" men, he is still dubious, but is determined to reach a stage where he can take on all comers.

BINGO—This game, in all probability, will remind most of you of the boat, and, as you will have found, it is an enjoyable pastime, and we intend to hold "Bingo Nights" once weekly.

CHESS—A station tournament will be held once a month, and it is proposed to hold inter-flight tournaments, etc. All challenges will be accepted at the Y.M.C.A. office, and matches arranged.

SMALL GAMES—A "small games" tournament night will be held and entries will be welcomed for the following: Checkers, Cribbage, Dominoes, Whist, and any other game which you might think popular.

SING SONGS—A feature that may prove attractive is an evening Sing Song during which some of the bold spirits may give individual turns to an appreciative and informal audience. There will also be included a short Quiz contest.

PRIZES—In all the above mentioned activities, prizes will be provided by the Y.M.C.A. for winning teams and individuals.

All who are interested or have suggestions or offers of assistance, are invited to call for a chat at the Y.M.C.A. office with their Y.M.C.A. Supervisor. The starting times of all events will be announced on D.R.O.'s and on notices in Canteens, etc. Your whole-hearted support means a successful winter's entertainment, and we look forward to many enjoyable evenings to come.—
W. Brewster.

Music at Penhold

BRASS BAND

A Brass Band has been formed and is progressing very rapidly. Rehearsals, of a serious nature, started some six or seven weeks ago, and past Wednesdays have seen the band taking part in the weekly inspection parades. Whilst there is still plenty of room for improvement, the presence of the band at the parades has already proved its worth, but it must be borne in mind that it is a very new venture, with a limited number of instruments and musicians. However, this is the station band, and will improve with the addition of more instrumentalists and regular practice. Rehearsals are held in the band room, No. 4 Hangar, on Monday and Thursday evenings, commencing at 1600 hours. An appeal is made to all instrumentalists to come along and swell the numbers. If you can play an instrument, then there is a place for you in the band.

DANCE ORCHESTRA

The Dance Orchestra still continues to warrant its existence, and fulfils many engagements each month. Whilst it is generally appreciated, it also is not immune from criticism. Too many of us who are "fans" of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, etc., tend to compare our Dance Orchestra with their professional bands. Naturally, this is not a fair comparison—to match an entirely amateur orchestra with a professional one. It must also be remembered that, here, we labour under many difficulties, the chief one being shortage of instrumentalists, which naturally limits the amount of tone colour. Once again, an invitation is extended to anyone with Dance Band experience, particularly saxophone, to get back into harness and help our Dance Orchestra.

LIGHT ORCHESTRA

At present, the Light Orchestra has faded out, mainly due to lack of support. An effort will be made in the very near future to get going again, and an appeal is made, particularly to anyone who plays either violin, viola, 'cello or bass, to rally round. There is no doubt that on the station we have much dormant talent and, with the co-operation of all, we should be able to have three fine musical ensembles.

Any information concerning the Brass Band, Dance and Light Orchestras can be obtained from either P/O F. Gale, Navigation Section, G.I.S., or Sgt. Sutherland, S.H.Q. Orderly Room.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION GROUP

The Musical Appreciation Group will be meeting each Tuesday and Friday evening from October 5th onwards. This Group has acquired a fine selection of recordings, including some of the major works of Beethoven, Tschaikowsky, Chopin, Wagner, Grieg and Sibelius. It also has excellent sets of opera and ballet music recordings. The repertoire can be greatly extended by the loan of recordings owned by individual members. For those who love to listen to good music, the Musical Appreciation Group provides first rate "synthetic" concerts. It may also be possible to arrange recitals by instrumentalists on the station. At present it has not been decided where the meetings will be held. Further information will be published in due course, or can be obtained from F/Lt. Sewell.

SWING CLUB

The Swing Club will again be meeting during the winter, to enjoy the subtleties of modern dance music. The Club has a fine set of recordings by most of the leading bands, and it is expected that this will be kept up to date. Details of winter plans can be obtained from F/O Jinks or AC Pickup.

STATION MALE VOICE CHOIR

Following two successful seasons, the Station Choir resumed limited

Winter Sports at Penhold

ICE HOCKEY

Ice hockey is the only form of outdoor team game practicable in Canada in the winter. As soon as the freeze-up sets in, the ice rinks will be prepared for skating and hockey, and an inter-section hockey league will be organised.

Owing to our geographical situation, it will not be possible to enter a station team in the Edmonton or Calgary leagues, but friendly games with our English neighbours, No. 37 S.F.T.S. at Calgary and No. 32 E.F.T.S. at Bowden, will be arranged.

BASKETBALL

Basketball is a very popular game on this continent, and should not be confused with English net-ball. It is fast and energetic—and has been known to be rough. As soon as the soccer season is over, an inter-section league will be organised. It is hoped to form a station team to play friendly games with Bowden, No. 37 S.F.T.S., Calgary; Red Deer High School, etc.

TENNIS

The indoor tennis court in the Drill Hall has been very popular throughout the summer, and is expected to be even more so in the winter. It is proposed to run singles tournaments throughout the winter.

BADMINTON

For the past couple of months, badminton has been at a low ebb, owing to the shortage of shuttlecocks. Woollen balls, used as substitutes, have not proved a great success. However, we now have a new supply of shuttlecocks which should last quite a time, if treated with care. A number of these will be put aside for tournaments. It is proposed to raise a station team to play Bowden, Red Deer, Olds Agricultural College, etc.

FENCING

A Fencing Class for beginners opened last May, and the attendance was good, consisting of twelve men who had never handled a foil before. The class proved a success, most of the pupils making excellent progress until lack of equipment forced the Club to close down for a while, but now we have more blades, etc., and are ready to resume classes.

Some of the original pupils have left us now, so those who are interested in the art of Fencing will be very welcome to take their vacant places in the class. This art develops poise, balance, quickness of eye, hand and foot, breeds confidence and, above all, keeps the mind keen and alert.

Sgt. Sharp, of Maintenance Wing, is the Fencing instructor, and those who

activities during the late summer. The season's debut came much earlier than anticipated, but by hard work and good co-operation from all the members, two numbers were hastily polished up for the "Command Performance" recording made on the station on September 7th. The Choir were also able to contribute a couple of songs in the "free-for-all" concert which followed.

The majority of the members are newcomers, and Wales is well represented. Following the general meeting at the end of September, things will really start moving, and anyone who is interested in choir work will be welcomed at rehearsals. The Station Choir has built up a good reputation in this part of Alberta, and the practical help of all singers now on the station is needed to maintain this reputation. The tenor section is fairly strong, but baritones and especially basses would be warmly taken into the fold.

Practices are held in the Station Chapel each Monday at 1900 hours, and an additional night each week will be set aside for rehearsal after September. D.R.O.s will spread the glad news. Roll along and help to make the Choir's third season its best.

would like to join the class should get in touch with him. Instruction in the use of the foil is being given at present. Sabre instruction will commence shortly.

BOXING

It is proposed to have a monthly Boxing tournament on the camp, and in order to "get the wheels turning" we require the help of all those interested. It is not necessary for airmen to know anything about boxing; we have ex-professionals, service champions and others who are willing to teach the noble art of self defence. All that is necessary is to keep fit.

If, by any chance, you suffer from stage fright, we will show you how to become a modern Hercules. We promise to show you how a good service boxer can easily beat a professional. Remember, most service boxing bouts are three rounds, lasting two minutes each, with one minute intervals after each round.

If you don't want to box, but are interested in boxers, you can assist with massage and towel wagging. If you are 100 pounds or if you are 300 pounds, we can arrange a bout for you. It is hoped that some kind friends may provide cups for different weights—why not be a cup-winner?

GOLF

Once the snow comes, outdoor golf is "out" for the winter, but keen golfers will be able to go on improving their driving by practising at the driving net which has been set up in the Drill Hall.

INDOOR CRICKET

Indoor cricket will be a new attraction for the winter evenings. With good matting, nets, and lighting, there will be scope for all cricket enthusiasts to keep in trim during the winter.

BOWLING

Material for a bowling alley has arrived on the station, and it is hoped that construction of the alley will begin shortly. It is proposed to set one evening a week aside for matches, and a Bowling League will be instituted.

TABLE TENNIS

An Inter-Section League is to be organised, and will operate throughout the winter months.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB

The Rifle Club suspended its activities for the summer, but will shortly start shooting again on the miniature range in the Drill Hall. During the winter months there will be opportunities for winning the three "Dominion Marksmen" badges.

WEIGHT LIFTING

A club is being formed by the keen weight-lifters on the station, and it is hoped to interest novices in this sport.

GAMES EVENINGS

An interesting and popular feature of last winter's programme was the "games evening" arranged with local units, when various games were played on the same evening. It is hoped to arrange similar meetings with Bowden; No. 37 S.F.T.S., Calgary; Olds Agricultural College, etc. The programme might include ice hockey, basketball, tennis, badminton and table tennis matches. Such evenings provide enjoyable recreation and exercise for a large number of individuals.

MINIATURE SPORTS MEETINGS

It is proposed to hold miniature sports meetings, with the events including basketball, cricket, golf, darts, high jumping, rope climbing, weight lifting, and so on. If these meetings are well received they may be held once a month.

Libraries and Books

A HAVEN OF QUIET and comparative comfort is to be found in the Airmen's Study and Library in No. 6 Hangar. It deserves a visit, and mud is no longer a deterrent, for a newly constructed road leads right to the door of the Hangar. In this sanctuary, maps of Canada and the world's battlefronts line the walls; pamphlets fill two large tables in the centre of the room, and two large cupboards house between them over 400 reference books and pamphlets.

The Reference Library books include works on Science and Mathematics; Engineering and Radio; English and Foreign Literature; History, Geography, and Current Affairs; Agriculture; Fine Arts and Crafts; Biography; General Reference. Here is a sample of books which may be borrowed for periods up to a fortnight from the Library, which is open from Monday to Saturday between 0830 and 1200 and 1330 and 1700 hours, and also on Wednesday evening between 1830 and 2030 hours:

New Practical Chemistry
 Meteorology
 Native Trees of Canada
 Birds of Canada
 Health and Human Welfare
 Complete Air Navigator (Bennett)
 Flying Reference Book (Camm)
 Architectural Drawing
 Diesel Engines
 Radio Engineering
 Admiralty Handbook of W/T.

Four Plays (Milne, A. A.)
 An Anthology of Modern Verse
 Essential Latin
 A History of Europe (Fisher)
 Inside Asia (Gunther, J.)
 Book-keeping and Accounts
 Arctic Trader (Godsell, P. H.)
 A Short History of Canadian Art
 Wood-Work—Practice and Theory
 Cripps—Advocate Extraordinary
 —F.S.H.

THE RECREATION LIBRARY

The issue of books, both fiction and non-fiction, has increased enormously during the last three months, the total number being in the neighbourhood of eight thousand. Our regular visitors know of the recent additions of modern fiction and seem determined to read as many of them as possible in the shortest possible time. We advise the chaps who have not yet paid us a visit to come along and browse round the shelves. There are approximately two thousand books in circulation, eighty per cent of these being fiction by well-known authors, such as Leslie Charteris, John Buchan, Jeffrey Farnol, A. J. Cronin, Edgar Wallace, and the ever popular humourists, P. G. Wodehouse and Thorne Smith.

We have a "Suggestion List," which is one way we can judge the type of fiction most popular, and order books accordingly; so if you have a special favourite, enter it on the list.

We are encountering some difficulties in obtaining modern fiction, but hope for promising results from two jobbing publishers in Toronto. New books are provided by a monthly grant from the P.S.I. of twenty dollars, which is added to money collected in fines, making a monthly total of approximately thirty dollars.

Many people who take out books sometimes find they cannot obtain the book they fancy. We should point out that, although the Service Institute has done sterling work by contributing over three hundred dollars in recent months, this has not been sufficient to restock our shelves completely. The large daily circulation of nearly ninety books also contributes to the depletion of the shelves.

We should like to express our thanks and appreciation to airmen who have made contributions by donating books.

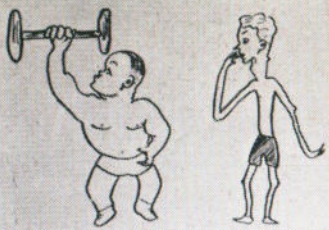
With the approach of winter, books will be more in demand than ever, and we shall try to ensure that sufficient reading material is always available. If you do not happen to have made your selection by closing time, you will not be asked to leave. We have many interesting chats here at night about authors and their merits, so why not come along and air your views?—H.M.



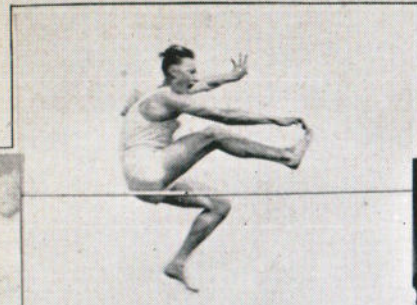
PENHOLD ATHLETICS TEAM. Reading left to right, back row: LAC Maddox, AC Baldwin, Cpl. Fleet; second row, Sgt. Fleming, LAC Moore, LAC Jeffrey, AC Young, F/O Walls, Cpl. Hodgins, LAC Beadles, AC Mitchell; third row, AC Eaton, LAC Martin, LAC Mottershead, LAC Clarke, LAC Stephenson; front row, LAC Porter, LAC Johnson, Sgt. Lynch, LAC Harrigan, Cpl. Coles.



PENHOLD CRICKETERS. Reading left to right, back row: AC Booth, LAC Holmes, F/O Merry, LAC Jones, W., LAC Waddelow, F.; second row, LAC Hobby, LAC Jones, T., F/O Bryden, LAC Ward, AC Meadows, LAC Powell, LAC Burton; third row, LAC Jeffrey, LAC Randall, LAC Hopkins, F/Lt. Milsom, LAC Gibson, AC Poynter; front row, LAC Garner and LAC Broughton.



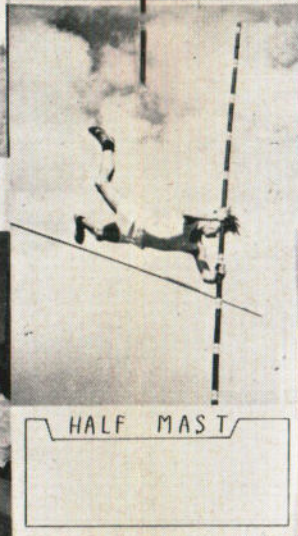
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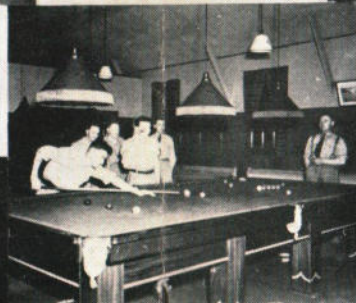
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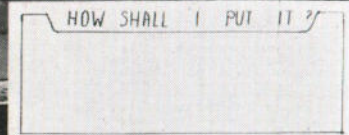
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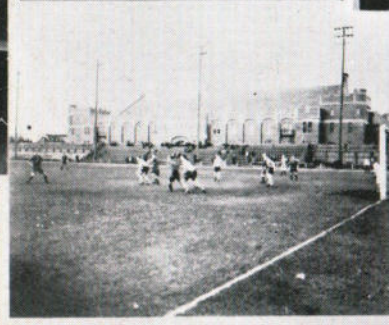
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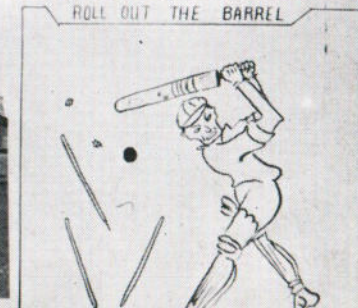
ROLL OUT THE BARREL



WALTZING MATILDAS



ALL EYES ON THE BALL



MEN AT PLAY



PENHOLD FLIERS. Reading left to right, back row: LAC Carus (Committee), LAC Hopwood, AC Dethridge, Sgt. Brown, LAC Ramsay (Secretary); second row, F/Sgt. Hammond (Committee), Cpl. Cook, LAC Saxton, LAC Willets, AC Jones, AC Fudge, Cpl. Mendel (Trainer); front row, AC Fitzgerald, LAC Waddelow (Captain), F/Sgt. Moore, W.O. Sabin, AC Gay, AC Sheppard, AC Ward.



PENHOLD TIGERS. Reading left to right, back row: Cpl. Pringle, LAC English, AC Hayton, AC Robinson; second row, F/Sgt. Hammond, AC Carus, Cpl. Hay, AC Young, LAC Gascoigne, Cpl. Newby, LAC Ramsay, Cpl. Mendel; front row, Sgt. Lorimer, Cpl. Collings, AC Winrow, AC Donaldson, AC Connolly.

Education

CLASSES AND COURSES

A NUMBER OF AIRMEN are already spending part of their spare time educating themselves, so that when they are repatriated they will astonish their kith and kin by airing a greatly increased store of knowledge. A wide variety of educational facilities is available on the unit. Up to the present, four groups of classes have been organised:—

(a) **Pre-Aircrew Classes.** These are mainly intended to satisfy the needs of intending aircrew candidates who find their present educational standard rather low. On Tuesdays, from 1800 to 2000 hours, instruction is given in English and Morse; on Thursdays, at the same time, in Mathematics and Science. Even if you don't possess the ambition to fly, you will be welcome at these classes in the General Lecture Room, G.I.S. Block.

(b) **London Matriculation Classes.** The London Matriculation examination still opens wide the portals into many trades and professions. It may now be taken in two parts, the first of which covers Mathematics and English. Classes in these subjects began August 18th, and are held each Wednesday evening from 1800 to 2000 hours in the Navigation Lecture Room, G.I.S. Block. If you intend to become a matric candidate, you're still not too late to take the necessary steps.

(c) **Languages.** Classes labelled "French from Scratch," "German from Scratch," and "Refresher French," have just been arranged. The elementary classes in German and French are held on Mondays in the General Lecture Room, G.I.S. Block, at 1800 and 1900 hours respectively, the more advanced French on Thursdays at 1800 hours.

(d) **Typewriting.** If you attend the weekly typewriting classes, held in the Central Registry, S.H.Q., each Tuesday at 1800 hours, you will soon be using more than one finger on the typewriter. "Touch typing" is taught and will benefit you whether you are a beginner or one who has been typing unscientifically for years.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

If none of the above classes take your fancy, or if you prefer the postal method of study, there are several groups of Correspondence Courses open to you:—

(a) **Canadian Legion Courses.** These courses, being entirely free, are of most general interest to airmen. If successfully completed, the results are recorded in your Service documents, and a certificate of achievement is sent to each student. These courses include Mechanical Drawing, Diesel Engineering, Radio, and other Technical subjects; English, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and other academic subjects; Shorthand and Book-keeping; and such agricultural courses as The Business of Farming in Canada, Soils and Crops, Poultry Raising, Dairy Farming and Horticulture.

(b) **University and Technical College Courses.** These are more advanced, and include technical, commercial and academic courses arranged by ten Canadian Universities, and such institutions as the Nova Scotia Technical College, the Calgary Institute of Technology and Art, and the Department of Education, Victoria, B.C. The more philanthropic of these bodies make no charge at all for correspondence tuition and, in other cases, charges are very low.

(c) **Courses by Profit-Making Institutions.** The courses in this category are largely of an engineering nature, leading to such diplomas as A.M.I. Mech. E., and A.M.I.E.E. They are fairly expensive, but are worthy of consideration by an airman thinking of a post-war career, especially on the technical side. Twelve airmen on the Unit are already engaged in such studies.

If you really wish to seize your opportunities while in Canada, make a point of visiting the Education Officer in No. 6 Hangar. He is anxious to give you all the advice he can.—F.S.H.

“Model Airborne, Sir”

PROBABLY many of us have wondered from time to time what goes on in the select circles of those individuals who spend their leisure hours cutting up little pieces of wood, and sticking them together until they have an object which, it is alleged, resembles an aeroplane. Perhaps we should find out what there really is in this Model Aeroplane racket, so let us look over a modeller's shoulder while he goes to work.

The first step depends upon whether or not he is a very experienced modeller. The “pukka gen” man will almost certainly do his own designing. This consists of working out the various stresses and strains, then drawing the aeroplane with the correct proportions, etc. In common with real aeroplane design, this cannot be a haphazard or even approximate job. If our friend is bent on a really good performer, he has to work out mathematically many quite tricky little points such as wing loadings, main plane and stabilizer areas, centre of gravity positions, power weight ratios, and much else besides. So we see that the modeller has to be quite brainy in order to turn out a good job; he is able, moreover, to pick up through his hobby very useful “gen” in a way which is anything but dry or dull.

After quite a few hours of paper and pencil work, our friend is satisfied with his design. So, with a fine spirit of optimism, he goes to the local merchant and purchases the necessary wood, glue and other materials. A less experienced or, shall we say, a more cautious model maker, can buy himself a suitable kit, which not only has full size plans, but all the materials cut in correct lengths for that particular model. From now on, the work is of a practical nature, and must conform accurately to the plans.

It is usual to begin with the fuselage. Assuming the model is to be of conventional design, two sides, which consist of twin longerons joined by cross-struts, are built up on top of the plan. Then these sides are removed from the plan, and joined together by other cross struts, to form a box-like structure. The final stages of building the fuselage of a powered model will be to install the motor mounts and ignition system, while nose blocks and hooks will be fitted for a rubber driven job. Some modellers also like to attach the undercarriage and tail-unit at this stage, especially when the model is a scale or semi-scale one. The next task that our modeller turns his attention to is the mainplane or wing. It is here, more than anywhere, that he is asked to show that fabulous patience which every modeller is supposed to possess, for we shall notice, if he is a careful worker, that he takes great pains in cutting out each wing rib from the sheet wood, and then sanding it down individually to the precise outline required. The reason for all this precision work is that the wing is the most important single part of any aircraft, and the profile shape of the wing-ribs will very largely determine not only how far and high the model will fly, but also whether or not it will be generally stable and airworthy.

When the ribs are finished, they are threaded on to the main spar, and the wing is then completed by the attachment of leading edges, trailing edges and wing tips, which are usually shaped from sheet wood. All our friend has left to do now is to attach fastening hooks or pegs to his wing and cover the model.

The covering medium is very fine tissue, which is stuck on to the wooden framework. Where the part to be covered is curved to any great degree, the tissue is usually put on in several strips to prevent a wrinkled finish. When the covering is all on, it is treated with thin nitrate dope. As the dope dries, the covering, formerly quite sloppy, tightens up over the framework, giving the model a nice finish, as well as bracing up the whole structure.

Prior to flying, the “kite” must be given glide tests. If we are very nice to him, the modeller may let us watch these test glides, which consist of gently

Vancouver Cricket Tour

A VERY SUCCESSFUL cricket tour to Vancouver and Victoria was made by the Penhold Eleven during September. Magnificent weather and superb west coast scenery made conditions ideal for cricket. Four matches were played, two in Vancouver and two on the Island. We beat R.A.F., Patricia Bay, and were beaten by Vancouver, while the other two matches were drawn.

Brockton Point, the Vancouver ground, is considered by many to be the most beautiful cricket ground in the British Empire. It presents a background of majestic cedar and stately elm trees, with the blue Pacific sparkling in the distance and the Rockies gazing benevolently down on grass that rivals the quality and colour of Cumberland turf. Old men with short "noisy" pipes and hats tipped over their eyes sit round the boundary, while fair ladies serve tea on the pavilion steps.

Owing to the train being four hours late at Vancouver, and fog grounding all air transport, we reached Victoria two hours after a crowd of several hundred had gathered to watch our first match against Victoria on September 12. Cars rushed us from the dockside to the ground, and it was agreed to restrict the innings to 1½ hours each. Penhold, batting first, scored 122, thanks to a very good 50 by Hobby; and at close of play Victoria had scored 91 for 9 wickets.

The following day we played R.A.F., Patricia Bay. Batting first, we scored only 113, with Broughton making 29, but by magnificent fielding and Randall's excellent bowling we were able to dismiss "Pat" Bay for 88, Randall taking 8 wickets for 35.

We returned to Vancouver by the night boat to play our first game against Vancouver, when we were beaten by 7 wickets after being dismissed for a small score.

Our batting was much better the following day, Penhold scoring 199, with F/O Bryden making an excellent 99 not out. However, we were unable to get the Vancouver team out—at close of play they had scored 120 for 6 wickets.

On our first evening in Victoria, we were entertained at the Empress Hotel by the young ladies of Victoria, under the leadership of Miss Pitkethley. In Vancouver we were entertained to lunch and to an evening "smoker" by the Mainland Cricket League, and to supper by Mr. Flowerdew, the Vancouver secretary. It was a memorable tour, and our sincere thanks go to the Victoria and Vancouver secretaries, Mr. Dymont and Mr. Flowerdew, who organised it, and to the people of Victoria and Vancouver who so generously provided hospitality for the team.

throwing the model from shoulder height and checking up on its performance. It is vital that all the kinks are "ironed out" during these glides tests, because any tendencies to instability are greatly magnified under power, and may easily result in a "write-off."

After innumerable adjustments and many anxious moments, the verdict is announced: "Glide perfect, let's fly her."

So off we troop to the field, where our hero, who looks happy for the first time since it all started, launches his latest job on its triumphant maiden flight, while the lads stand by and cheer as it fades from view.—D.F.S.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

The Model Aircraft Club headquarters is in the Engine Lecture Room at the G.I.S. The Club meets at 1930 hours on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Modellers who are interested in the technical problems of design will find Sgt. Sillem an expert adviser. Materials are in fairly good supply. It is difficult to obtain balsa wood, but substitutes have proved very satisfactory.

Soccer

THE GAME OF THE SEASON

ON SATURDAY, September 4, 1943, at 7:30 p.m., amid cheers from the many supporters who had gone out of their way to see the most decisive match of the season, Penhold Fliers and Calgary Bombers came out of the dressing room at Mewata Stadium on to the soccer field. A large deputation of our airmen upset their budget by investing quite a percentage of their fortnightly pay on the train journey to Calgary.

The game started with the odds very slightly in the favour of the Bombers. For the first twenty minutes of the game, the Bombers played better football and took an early lead, McClenahan, the tricky Irish inside right, scoring a fine goal after a quick breakaway. They were the masters in the centre field, but generally lacked finish in the region of the goal, otherwise the early lead could have been doubled or even trebled in the first half. Any shots at goal were capably handled by Dethridge. Soon, however, the Fliers realised that if we were to retain the championship the "proverbial finger" must be removed, and quickly too. A gradual change came over the Fliers, and constructive play by the half-backs, led by the redoubtable Willetts, resulted in a good shot at goal by Sheppard from a neat pass by Jones. Woodridge, in goal for the Bombers, was well beaten. At half-time the score was 1-1.

The second half commenced with both teams doing their utmost to score, and during the first quarter of an hour both defences were very well tested. The Calgary forwards tended to cling to the ball too long, when good distribution might have led to a goal. As usual, our full-backs made a steady and formidable defence.

About fifteen minutes before the final whistle, Jones placed the ball to Sheppard, on the wing, who centred low. W.O. Sabin, at centre-forward, worked the well-worn trick of making for the ball, then casually leaving it to cross the goal mouth where it was taken by Waddelow, who, without hesitation, kicked hard for goal. Woodridge was beaten all ends up.

From then on the play became fast and furious, the Bombers striving to equalise, the Fliers trying to increase their lead. The game was not yet won, either team being just as likely to score as the other. The spectators were on their feet, cheering wildly for their team. Spurred by this, neither team flagged right up to the final whistle.

The unanimous opinion of the spectators was that it was either team's game, and that the Bombers were unlucky to have lost, but that the Fliers were not lucky to have won.

The line-up:—

Bombers—Woodbridge, Jack, Marston, Clare, Walker, Whylie, Swain, McClenahan, Jillings (Captain), Baldwin, Linder.

Fliers—Dethridge, Hopwood, Brown, Saxton, Willetts, Jones, Waddelow (Captain), Moore, Sabin, Meiklejohn, Sheppard.

ALBERTA SOCCER LEAGUE

Bowden's victory over the Bombers (No. 37 S.F.T.S.) and the Fliers' victory over the Dingbats (No. 31 E.F.T.S.) on Wednesday, September 15, place the Fliers in a very favourable position for the League Championship.

The Fliers' only rivals for the Championship, the Bombers, are now four points behind, and as the remaining matches to be played by the Fliers should not prove too difficult to win, we are likely to retain the Championship this season.

The Bombers have but one match to play (versus the Tigers), and even if they were to win that match, their position in the League would not worry

the Fliers, provided, of course, that the Fliers do not lose two of the three matches yet to be played, namely, two against the Tigers and one against No. 2 Wireless School.

SOCCKER PERSONALITIES

- F/Lt. Sewell:** Team Captain until he unluckily sprained his ankle at the end of July. Played for London University and Luton Town. Has captained the England team in five Alberta "internationals." Usually plays outside right.
- W.O. Sabin:** A veteran of the soccer field; he has played for two seasons for Penhold. He is renowned for his ability to take advantage of goal-scoring opportunities, and is perfectly at home as leader of the attack. Penhold Captain since F/Lt. Sewell was injured.
- LAC Waddelow:** Played in South Middlesex League before coming to Canada; he is a Londoner. Played for Penhold for two seasons without missing a single match, a unique distinction. A stalwart ninety-minute player, we have suffered a real loss by his recent repatriation. He captained the team in his last game against Calgary Bombers and scored the winning goal.
- P/O Meiklejohn:** Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, he has played for every R.A.F. Unit at which he has been stationed. Played for No. 37 S.F.T.S., Calgary, last season. He feels most at ease in the centre-half position, although he is a tricky and speedy forward.
- F/Sgt. Moore:** Nicknamed the "Mighty Atom," he helped Estevan win the Saskatchewan League Championship last year before coming to Penhold. A fast and tireless player, he is remarkably good with his head. A menace to goalkeepers.
- Sgt. Brown:** For his size, he is a remarkably good full back. Played in two "internationals" this season. He feels that he should play in the forward line, but his play at full-back warrants his retention in that position.
- AC Jones:** An accomplished footballer and a newcomer to Penhold; he has played professionally in a number of countries, including France, Switzerland, Turkey and Belgium. Only recently arrived from Moose Jaw, he is quite an acquisition.
- AC Dethridge:** Has played in junior soccer in England. Has played in two "internationals" in Calgary. He has an unspectacular style, but is a thoroughly reliable goalkeeper. Possesses very useful foresight in positioning himself.
- LAC Hopwood:** Has played for this Unit for two seasons. A speedy and formidable full-back. Has played in two "internationals" this season.
- LAC Willetts:** Coming from the Midlands of England, he is, at centre-half, a reliable defender specializing in the slide-tackle; is also a good attacker.
- AC Sheppard:** Born on Salisbury Plain; he played for Salisbury town in the West of England League. A fine shot; he should become a very valuable member of the team.
- AC Gay:** Typical Scottish player; he has played in junior league football in Scotland. A tricky player who relies on clever footwork rather than speed.
- LAC Saxton:** Born in Doncaster; he has played for the local team. Played for the Station "second" team last season, but graduated to first team this year as a result of vastly improved play. Fully worthy of his position at half-back.

INTER-SECTION LEAGUE

In last month's issue of the "Log," it was held that, although Maintenance "A", at the head of the League, were in a strong position, they were

threatened by one or two other teams. The month that has passed since then has seen S.H.Q. beat Maintenance "A", No. 2 Flight and Signals. S.H.Q. become league champions for 1943.

STANDING OF TEAMS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points
S.H.Q. -----	8	6	2	--	39	15	14
Maintenance "A" -----	8	5	2	1	23	10	12
No. 3 Flight -----	8	4	3	1	25	12	11
Signals -----	8	5	1	2	17	15	11
No. 2 Flight -----	8	4	1	3	13	15	9
Maintenance "B" -----	8	2	2	4	14	19	6
Airmen's Mess -----	8	1	3	4	11	21	5
No. 1 Flight -----	8	2	--	6	10	27	4
Officers -----	8	--	--	8	7	24	--

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

Rugby football has not been as successful as it might have been, largely because comparatively few men on the station play the game. Ten matches have been played during the season, with home and away fixtures against No. 37 S.F.T.S., No. 3 S.F.T.S., No. 32 E.F.T.S., and No. 2 Wireless School. We were never able to field the same side in any two matches, yet the team-work was always good. F/O Young, F/Sgt. Bathgate and Sgt. Fleming were our most regular players, and they showed that they knew the game well.

It is hoped next year to find some more rugger players, and to arrange a few more games.



FOOTBALL FACES—Studies in expressions at Penhold Fliers v Calgary Bombers match in Calgary.

. . . Athletics . . .

OUR ATHLETICS TEAM took second place in the Inter-Services Athletics Meeting held at Edmonton on September 6. Teams from eleven units competed. In spite of reports of the strength of the teams from Calgary, we were fairly confident, but the international standard of No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, especially in the field events, gave them a decisive victory.

Points for Penhold were scored as follows: 100 yds., AC Mitchell, 3rd; 220 yds., F/O Walls, 3rd; 440 yds., Sgt. Fleming, 3rd; 880 yds., AC Young, 3rd; 1 mile, LAC Rowland, 1st; Medley Relay, R.A.F., Penhold, 1st (team: LAC Rowland, AC Young, AC Mitchell and F/O Walls); Tug-of-War, R.A.F., Penhold, 3rd.

In the mile, Rowland scored a great victory for Penhold. Lying third for three laps, Rowland left his sprint to the last hundred yards or so, and then moved easily into first place to finish a comfortable winner.

It is a Penhold tradition to win the Relay. Rowland took the first leg of 880 yds., and out of a field of eight finished second by a yard. Young took the baton for the 440 yds. and went round in his customary grand style, gaining a lead of ten yards. For the third leg of 220 yds. No. 2 Wireless School put in Cpl. Steele, winner of the individual 100 yds. and 220 yds. and a runner of international repute. However, he could only gain three yards from AC Mitchell, who handed over a seven yards lead to F/O Walls for the final 220 yds. The Wireless School made a great effort to overtake Penhold, but Walls ran a great race to win the most spectacular event of the day for Penhold.

In the Tug-of-War we were unlucky to draw our old "enemies," No. 10 Repair Depot, in the first round. This team has been in training for two years, and, in the commentator's opinion, would not easily be pulled by even the best British team. However, the coach of No. 10 Repair Depot admitted we were the only team he was frightened of.

It is typically English to be weak in the field events. Our best performers were F/O Walls, who went out of the high jump at 5 ft. 4 ins., and Cpl. Hodgins who cleared 10 ft. 6 ins. in the pole vault. Next year's team must pay more attention to this side of the game.

ATHLETICS PERSONALITIES

- F/Lt. Wallington:** Captain of the team, specialises in the 100 yds. and 220 yds. Very quick off the mark, and a consistent performer in the sprints.
- LAC Rowland:** Former Northern Schoolboys Champion. His best distance is the half mile, but he performs very well in the mile. An experienced runner who makes up for his lack of inches with a polished style and a lot of track sense.
- AC Young:** Should concentrate on the "quarter." Has a long stride and graceful action reminiscent of the great English quarter-milers. Also tries his hand at the high jump and the half mile.
- F/O Walls:** An all-rounder who can put up a good performance in the 220 yards, the high jump and the hurdles. Probably best over the "sticks."
- AC Mitchell:** A sprint specialist with a very strong finish who is never far behind F/Lt. Wallington.
- Sgt. Fleming:** Is at his best over the 440 yards, and took third place in the "Quarter" at the Edmonton meeting.
- AC Beadles:** Another quarter-miler who also goes in for the sprints. He reached the final of the 440 yards at Edmonton, but had to withdraw owing to cramp—very hard luck.
- AC Rogers:** Specialises in shot-putting and discus throwing. Has the build and strength to excel at both. Was unfortunate in meeting "world beaters" at Edmonton.
- Cpl. Hodgins and Cpl. Fleet:** Friendly rivals in the long jump and pole vault. Both very keen on these field events. "Hodge" has slightly "the edge" on "Vic."

Flaps From The Flying Wing

Is it true that the book offered by the Padre for the best contribution to the "Penhold Log" is a \$2.50 edition of "How To Make Journalism Pay"?

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Will someone please break it gently to P/O Law, our lately-repatriated Signals Officer, that his idea of sending us coloured post-cards of Loch Lomond isn't necessarily good for our morale.

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And while on the subject of boosting the circulation of the faithful "Log", we offer the suggestion of a competition for a new cover design. The present design, which holds the distinction of having driven us, in desperation, to an aircraft recognition lecture, has done long and excellent service. We don't actually demand a "pin-up" girl with every issue, but perhaps a new cover for an old friend wouldn't be such a bad thing.

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With the station record for flying hours broken in two successive months, and with the accident figure so low that it almost fell off the bottom of the chart, there was every reason for the self-conscious air of smug satisfaction which did more than the central heating plant to keep flying wing warm last month. To our gallant allies—Servicing and Maintenance—warm acknowledgements. May their spanners never rust.

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Congratulations to F/O and Mrs. Millbank on the birth of a daughter. The proud father, instead of pacing the hospital corridors, was feverishly directing night flying from the A.C.P. van when the good news came through. The news was brought to him by F/O Teare, who relieved him of his A.C.P. duties under what we believe to be a Mutual Reciprocity Agreement. We hope the Millbank daughter will not be christened "Aldis."

This extract from "Penhold Sixty Years Ago" in the August "Log" has caused much speculation. . . .

"Later the neighbours again got together and built a log cabin, roofing it with a network of poles, mud and grass. One of the buildings erected in these first years still stands on the farm west of the airport."

It is understood that the building referred to is not, after all, the officers' mess. . . .

Building science has progressed considerably since those days. Paint is now added. . . .

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We never thought that "Cook's" had anything on the R.A.F. Records Office when it came to conducted tours, anyway, and it's pleasant to find the thing carried to its logical conclusion.

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By the time the "Log" reaches the newstands, the pupils of No. 83 Course will be away on their "educational tour" across Canada. We wish them well. It was never made clear whether their education was to be receptive or distributive, but the idea that a mere human being could leave Penhold, at the end of a gruelling course, with either the capacity or the mental storage space for any further absorption of knowledge, is beyond our comprehension.

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GOOD INTENTIONS

A Betty-Grableish young thing was watching some soldiers drill. A rifle volley rang out. With a scream the lovely young lady shrank back—into the arms of a young soldier.

"Oh!" she exclaimed blushing, "I was so frightened by the rifles. Won't you please forgive me?"

"It's all right," the soldier assured her. "Let's go over and watch the artillery."

Competition Award

In Praise of Cooks

THE COOKHOUSE STAFF, being perhaps the most maligned set of fellows on the station, rarely get the appreciation they deserve. There is not, I suppose, one of us who has not had a moan about the food at some time or another—yet, have we ever paused to consider the facts? True, the food is not up to “home” standards (it never will be, wherever you go), but it definitely is good, and were it accompanied by snow-white napery and good cutlery, we should, no doubt, find it still more appetising.

That, however, is no concern of the cookhouse staff. Their job is to cook the food and serve it; the former task is carried out in accordance with the highest Service standards of cookery, whilst the latter is as near perfection as you could wish, considering the large numbers to be catered for, and allowing for various contingencies, such as being short-staffed, sickness, leave, etc.

Let us visualise the vast amount of food that is handled daily: some 600 lbs. of bread, 700 lbs. of meat, 20 lbs. of tea, 150 lbs. of sugar, 100 lbs. of butter, 5,000 eggs (every three days), 500 lbs. of vegetables, 150 gallons of milk, 100 lbs. of bacon, etc., etc. It requires little imagination to realise what a terrific amount of work the preparation of these supplies entails. They must be made ready to serve to the majority of the personnel in a short space of time, and much time has to be spent on the clearing up afterwards.

In spite of the frivolous complaints made at the counter and elsewhere (yes! one airman did actually complain that the trifle was cold), the staff usually manage to put on a smile, although one member, I am told, has not yet been known to relax.

The staff is made up of various personalities, English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh, ably led by our gallant “Chiefy,” known to his intimates as the “mighty atom,” and his assistant the “Vicar of Wakefield.” Then there is Archie, with a most appropriate food name (and quite a wave), and I must not be so remiss as to omit mention of the mug-washing baritone. On another rung of the social scale, we find one potential air-crew candidate, who, it is sincerely hoped, will not be so adept at “pancakes” when he is moved to that other “plane”. In the midst of this democratic bunch of fellows, there is a No. 1 dictator cook!

Lastly, then, let us remember when we are inclined to grumble at the food and the service, that these men are filling a most important role, if not the most important, and that our well-filled uniforms and healthy looks bear striking evidence that we are being catered for in the best possible manner. So, unless you have a real grievance, please don't “find fault”—it is irksome to the staff, who, after all, are filling unenviable positions. Here's to them.—S.S.

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Model T Races

“Model T” races are being held at the Red Deer Exhibition Grounds on the afternoon of Monday, October 11, and there will be an “Alaska” Carnival in the Arena in the evening. Proceeds are being devoted to British War Relief and other war work and charities.

“Model T's” from Calgary and Edmonton will be racing. Have we an entry on the Station?

COMPETITIONS

A book prize and free cinema passes are open for competition by contributors. Full information in “Editor's Gen.”

PHOTOGRAPHS

It is proposed to run an “Old Country” number shortly. We are anxious to obtain good photographs of any part of the British Isles. Please pass them on to the Editor. They will be returned after use.

Behind the Red Arm-Band

AN S.P.'s LIFE is not a happy one, for we are among the unhonoured and unsung, and many times the despised and rejected of men. Before I joined the service, I was a commercial artist, so the reader will appreciate that I had to perform a mental turn-about in an effort to equip myself for my Service Police duties. When war came, I volunteered for the R.A.F. with the idea of playing a more romantic role than that of an S.P., complete with arm-band, characteristic pose and expression. When I faced the Recruiting Officer as a raw and timorous recruit, I had never heard of an S.P. and his duties, but he soon enlightened me and painted this branch of the service in such glowing colours that I fell for it. I have now had much time to ponder and reflect on this change in my life.

Trainees and members of the permanent staff must remind themselves that there are hundreds of S.P.'s—quite normal human beings who joined the service under similar circumstances to my own—and we are trying to do a job of work like the rest of you. However, critics and anti-S.P. movements encompass us on every side. Yet where do airmen go when they have lost anything, or are in trouble? To the Guardroom, of course, but how they can look an S.P. in the face after having, perhaps, walked out of camp the day previously with an old chit, is beyond my comprehension. These students of psychology who would exert their powers of auto-suggestion on an S.P. in an attempt to evade a duty are usually the first to present us with their troubles. Play the game, you Cads! For we hold all the "cans" and many times they rattle around the Guardroom, having been dropped from great heights—dare I say, of authority?

Certain types of individuals are always resentful of S.P.'s. Often they are airmen who have suffered a "shaking." They must remind themselves that the police do not hold anything against them individually.

Forgetting one's number when booking in shows a lack of respect for the rights of others, for in so doing, an airman delays a fellow comrade who, incidentally, may have just received a telegram that his wife has given birth to a baby—or, babies. Therefore, two main functions of an S.P. are to ensure that airmen as individuals respect the rights of others, and to safeguard the security of the Station.

Airmen who endeavour to book out at the Guardroom in divers coloured shirts should remember that I, as an artist, may admire their colour scheme, and may even derive an inspiration from the motif thereon for a futuristic wallpaper design, but they will invariably get sent back. So take your medicine like a man, even if your adjectives on your way back to the barrack block are inadequate in expressing your contempt for S.P.'s in general.

In order to illustrate that we are not all ogres in human flesh, I quote, with a slight alteration, the immortal lines of Shakespeare:—

"I am an S.P.: hath not an S.P. eyes? Hath not an S.P. hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions, fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter (Canadian) and summer as an airman is? If you prick us do we not bleed, if you tickle us do we not laugh, if you poison us do we not die, and if you wrong us shall we not revenge? If we are like you in the rest, we will resemble you in that."

Editor's Gen

To meet criticism all the way, we can imagine that someone will tell us that this number of the "Log" is dull. It may be—we would agree only with reluctance—but we would reply that it is useful. We have devoted a lot of space to a survey of winter activities at Penhold, and we believe that we have here a compact and comprehensive Guide to Penhold (Winter Edition). Personally, we always had trouble holding on to our copies of Bradshaw and Whittaker's Almanac, but we do not believe they were stolen because they were amusing. We hope the September "Log" will prove worth stealing.

PRIZE COMPETITION

The response to the prize competition announced last month has been poor, and it has been decided to hold over to next month the award of the book prize presented by the Padre. Free cinema passes for September are awarded to Cpl. S. Smith, of Maintenance Wing Orderly Room, for articles on the Station Post Office and the Cookhouse; to LAC MacLennan Jones, of S.H.Q. Orderly Room, who has always been a faithful contributor, and to Cpl. Callwood, of the Service Police, for an article on the life of an "S.P.", and an excellent set of suggestions for improving the "Log."

SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISM

Cpl. Callwood suggests a series of "Station Personalities"—a biography with photo of one officer and one N.C.O. or airman each month. We intend to start such a series in the next number. We particularly liked Cpl. Callwood's second suggestion because it is an idea we had already thought of ourselves! He writes: "Why not have a page devoted to letters from overseas? Large numbers of personnel receive letters from England which have lots to say which would be of general interest." We would like to start a feature on these lines, but it can only be done by widespread co-operation. It would be little trouble to pass on the "gen" from home to a member of the "Log" staff. Let us have any English newspapers, too—both national dailies and the local "rag"—for we could no doubt pick up many interesting scraps from their columns. As bait, a free cinema pass is offered for the best collection of home news from your letters, and those of your pals.

NEXT MONTH'S COMPETITION

The book prize offered by the Padre is open for competition for any written contribution. Free cinema passes for November will be awarded for stories, articles, sketches, cartoons, or caricatures. A cinema pass will also be awarded for the best set of suggestions or criticisms on the "Log". All contributions must reach the Editor, F/O W. H. Thomas, at the Officers' Mess or "B" Flight Commander's office in No. 1 Hangar, not later than October 15.

POSTSCRIPT

At the time of writing, it appears likely that pressure of space will prevent the printing of competition winners' entries this month.

STATION CINEMA

Programme for October 1943

Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd and 3rd

"FOOTLIGHT SERENADE"

John Payne

Betty Grable

Tuesday, October 5th

"THE AMAZING MRS. HALLIDAY"

Deanna Durbin

Edmond O'Brien

Thursday, October 7th

"BATAAN"

Robert Taylor

Thomas Mitchell

Saturday and Sunday, October 9th and 10th

"ORCHESTRA WIVES"

George Montgomery

Anne Rutherford

Tuesday, October 12th

"SALUTE FOR THREE"

MacDonald Carey

Betty Rhodes

Thursday, October 14th

"BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON"

Dorothy Lamour

Richard Denning

Saturday and Sunday, October 16th and 17th

"AERIAL GUNNER"

Chester Morris

Richard Arlen

Tuesday, October 19th

"SO PROUDLY WE HAIL"

Claudette Colbert

Paulette Goddard

Thursday, October 21st

(To be arranged)

Saturday and Sunday, October 23rd and 24th

"ARABIAN NIGHTS"

Sabu

Maria Montez

Tuesday, October 26th

"WHO DONE IT?"

Abbott

Costello

Thursday, October 28th

"ICELAND"

Sonja Henie

John Payne

Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st

(To be arranged)