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GALS TO THROG CHRISTMAS DANCE

INSPECTOR GENERAL VIEWS STATION, REMARKS ON BEAUTY OF LOCATION

Visiting No. 24 EPTS Wednesday, Air Vice Marshal Godfrey, deputy inspector general, saw at once the scenic splendor of the site as he toured the station and talked with officials here. He was pleased with what he saw; no parade was held, although plans were complete.

The inspector general's visit will be the last here, since the work of that department is to be discontinued at the first of the year.

A complete inspection of the station was made last weekend here by Air Vice Marshal G.R. Howman, AOC of No. 4 training command, and Pres Austin C. Taylor of the Vancouver Air Training company, Ltd.

GRADUATION PARADE MONDAY FOR LATEST PILOT CLASS -

W/C R.E.E. Morrow, DFC, commanding officer at Boundary Bay, #408 Squadron, will be the reviewing officer at graduation ceremonies for the fourth course to finish here, during their parade on the tarmac at 1300 hours Monday, it was announced today by S/L M. Gein, CFI.

The wing commander won his decoration in 1941, during which year he was overseas. Also to attend the colorful formalities will be friends and relatives of the graduates and dignitaries of surrounding communities.

A smoker for the graduates will be held in the sergeants' lounge to-night, with a special program planned for the event.

GALA EVENT TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TO BE HELD IN AIRIENS' MESS MONDAY FOR ALL STATION PERSONNEL AND FRIENDS

Dancing partners a-plenty will be on hand to enjoy the festivities starting at 8:30 on Monday night when the station goes all-out to celebrate its biggest social event to date, the Christmas dance.

F/L Ben Knowles, chairman of the station entertainment committee, has been working on arrangements for the past two weeks and has invited more than 150 young ladies to grace the gala affair. His committee has secured the premises of 50 Lynden dancers, 30 from Abbotsford, 30 from Mission and 40 residing on the station to attend and has asked the lads not to let them down.

Plans for the dance have been on an elaborate scale, with electrical decorations over which the committee members and volunteers have slaved for a week. A band stand is being built to accommodate the big band of Del Richards and his Vancouver Hotel troubadours and a floor show will be staged under the bright spotlights just installed.

No charge will be made for the event, which is expected to go down in station history as the biggest and best-ever held.

A buffet supper will be on hand, including turkey sandwiches (thank the committee for a lot of hard work in that regard) as well as the sundry other delicacies which have been especially arranged for the occasion.

Installed for the comfort and convenience of those who want to "sit one out" will be a lounge at one end of the big hall, which - incidentally - has just been floored with linoleum and should make a super dance platform.

Special transportation has been arranged to bring the girls to the dance. Dress for the affair will be optional, but it is expected many women will wear dinner gowns.

The event was planned to come before the departure of those slated for Christmas leave, so all personnel could participate. No tickets are required for the dance - or reservations either.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE CHRISTMAS DANCE !

30 STUDENTS INVITED TO LANGLEY WEDNESDAY

An invitation list is open in the Y office for 30 students who want to attend a dance and party sponsored by Langley Prairie residents there Wednesday night. Transportation will be furnished both ways; Harvey Orr says Monday is the deadline.

STATION CHRISTMAS DINNER NOON WEDNESDAY !





HUNT WINS \$7,000!

THE CORPORAL WHO WON THE
WINS CALGARY GREEK RELIEF
PRIZE OF HOUSE OR SHEKELS

Luckiest man to hit this station since it opened was Cpl. Tommy Hunt, romastered RAF fitter now completing his pilot training here, for the fortunate fellow on Wednesday was notified by Greek Relief officials in Calgary that he was the winner of the grand prize in their drive to collect funds for the war work in their unfortunate little country.

First news of his good fortune was brought to the pupil pilot by The Breeze, which caught him playing knobbits with his fellow classmates on the sports field near the canteen. "Did you buy some tickets on the Greek War Relief draw in Calgary?" he was asked. "Yes, I bought three of them when I was at Medicine Hat. Why do you want to know?"

"Well, you've just won \$7,000!"

The corporal looked a bit skeptical. "I've never won anything in my life," he declared, before he was convinced the report was true. But then a great chagrin descended upon him as he remembered -

"Gosh hang it (or something in a similar vein), I've lost the tickets!" He was really in a dither; here he practically had in his grasp all those crinkly bills which, in England, would be far in excess of £1000. But he was soothed with the assurance that, since it was won in his name, the tickets didn't matter.

A scant quarter hour later, he dashed to the admin building with the three valuable (in fact, precious) tickets in his mitt crying loud sounds of joy! He then proceeded to wire and phone his luck to those it might interest.

What will he do with the cash? He said he would throw a party for his friends - but he has collected since Wednesday a host of friends he never knew he had. The reminder of his treasure trove he will devote to his own "Back to Canada" fund, for he intends to

make his home here at the end of the war.

Hunt has been in the RAF for six years, including a stretch in France at the start of the war with the BEF, or more properly the Advanced Air Striking force. Then came two years and two months at 34 SSTS, Medicine Hat, where he bought the chances which have just established him financially.



For the information of all his new "pala" the corporal is 24, has four sisters and three brothers at home, all too young for service. He enlisted in 1937 and waited a year to re-muster to pilot training.

The prize was a fully-furnished house in Calgary, itself a goldmine these days of housing shortages, with the cash as an alternative - and Tommy doesn't want a house, yet.

Leg work for the story of Hunt's strike as published in a Calgary newspaper was done on the station by The Breeze. The luck of the corporal received wide publicity in the west.



HUNT PLANNING TO ANSWER GALT'S LETTER TO SANTA

Even before he hit the jackpot in the Calgary Greek Relief drawing this week, Cpl. Tom Hunt and his partner-in-crime (Cpl. Vincent and Cpl. Tolley of the same class) were considering a reply to the "Santa Claus" letter published in these columns last week.

But at that time (it happened in the canteen) Hunt said, "But none of us would be able to qualify for the money requirements. A whole bunch of us would have to apply together."

Wonder if the gal still wants a man?



75 FROM HERE AT LYNDEN FOR TURKEY AND FIRINGS-ENJOY PROGRAM BY LEGION

Two big blue busses and several other vehicles loaded with local gourmands last night journeyed to Lynden, Washington, to enjoy a rare trout these days - a smother meal of turkey and everything to go with it.

A surprise program of entertainment and gifts presented by Santa Claus, in the person of a Lynden citizen of Dutch ancestry, featured a wonderful evening, at which dancing was also enjoyed.

The meal itself was fit for a king, for it included such delicacies as cranberry sauce, relish, dressing, string beans, potato, pumpkin pie, jelly, mashed potatoes and gravy, just to mention a few. The boys ate it up, both literally and figuratively.

Mt. Baker American Legion Post 121 and its auxiliary were hosts, with Chief Charles Moore of the US Border Patrol as committee chairman. Mayor Lund, Mr. Lacotte, Commander Nilson, S/L Gain, and Manager McMorcher all spoke briefly. Chief Moore, on behalf of the post, turned back into our station entertainment fund the sum collected for the event.

Entertainment included drum majorettes, accordion artists and spanish dancers. LAC Lou Sidor was at the piano as our boys obliged with three air force songs.

WARNING TO PILOTS - There's an old guy with a shotgun in the SW corner of the new forced landing area north of Lynden, which was officially announced today. Beware coming too close to his domicile.

OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS LOUNGES TO OPEN TUESDAY, OFFICIALS SAY

Despite a dearth of furniture, lounges of the officers' mess and the sergeants' mess will open Tuesday together with their canteens, it was announced today by officials of the respective organizations.

Only dining rooms of the two messes have been in operation to date, but the demand for recreation and lounge facilities has been constantly increasing. Present plans call for a great room in the officers' mess.

The sergeants, at their regular meeting in the mess Monday noon, voiced their request that the lounge be opened as soon as possible. Since the meeting, a tentative committee on furnishings - to handle furniture and decorating problems - has been appointed to include P/S Gord Gaulley, Sgt. Mel Berwick and Sgt. McLeod. They will confer with a similar group of officers.

Discussion of membership, assessment and bar questions formed the greater part of the sergeants' meeting. Extra messing was also a topic of interest.

Presiding at the session was WO1 Art Bell, chairman. Next regular meeting of the mess is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 10, 1944.

DEBRIUGH, McILVEEN, GLASS, WITT, McGILL, BOUTWELL, LING, GIBSON ALL WIN PROMOTIONS THIS WEEK

Official announcement was made this week of the promotions of eight officer and NCO flying instructors to higher ranks.

Heading the list was the advancement of Peter B.D. Donbigh, OO of F flight, to the rank of flight lieutenant. P/L Donbigh, a Victoria native, was on staff at Arnprior instructor school before his posting here.

Acting as No. 1 squadron commander, P/O Floyd Glass, with years of instruction under his belt, was raised to flying officer. P/O Glass was at Prince Albert EPTS prior to his Abbotsford attachment.

OO of C flight, P/O Thomas "Tex" McGill, station sport officer, was jumped to flying officer in the promotion list, as were also P/O Don McIlveen, P/O Reg Witt and P/O Don Boutwell.

The NCO raises in rank came to P/S Joe Gibson, who became a WO11 as a result of the promotion, and to Sgt. Pilot Justin Ling, who was made a flight sergeant. Gibson was formerly stationed at Regina and Ling at Davidson, both elementary flying training schools.

THREE STUDENTS WIN OFF FOR NOT SIGNING SHEETS

Mentioned in despatches this week and cited for the Order of the Prominent Finger, the most undesirable award, were three members of a senior course (attention A flight) who failed to sign their time sheets on the completion of their flights.

The lucky ones (lucky they didn't get a severe punishment) could advance no reason why they didn't sign; perhaps Charles Atlas had them convinced a strong chest and wide shoulders were essential for carrying the many medals they could expect and so they hurried away to develop their lungs. Or maybe they expected a chicken dinner that evening in the mess and scurried over to avoid getting the neck.

But one thing is certain: unless students show more consideration for timekeepers, those pupil pilots will be showing off their physiques to good advantage on the hangar floor.

INSTRUCTORS' DISCUSSION CLUB MEETINGS RESUMED IN OFFICERS' MESS

Resumed after a lengthy lapse because of lack of facilities for a large luncheon meeting, sessions of the Instructors' Discussion club started again this week with a gathering in the officers' dining room Tuesday noon.

S/L Maxwell Cain, CFI, opened the meeting and said that the club will meet fortnightly for lunch and an informal chat, in an attempt to inform instructors of new methods and to standardize instruction.

Introducing Manager Steward McKersher, the CFI called upon him for a few words. Mr. McKersher asserted that this school is highly interested in the best possible instruction for its students and lauded the idea of having meetings of the luncheon type. "These meetings," he said, "are of definite benefit to the school."

S/L Cain announced that each instructor would be tested during the next two weeks as an air in preparing them for their check rides with visiting flight when it arrives here. Air-ship questions, both elementary and advanced, will be asked, he declared, and marks will be allotted.

P/L Len Wilkie, assistant CFI, spoke on the standardization of instruction and made several announcements of decisions on flying demonstrations as they are to be performed here.

Following the talk by the ACPI, discussion on various points was conducted, with instructors participating.

CROWD BAN LIFTED BY MO AS FLU EPIDEMIC ABATES

Feeling that the epidemic of influenza which threatened to reach major proportions on the station last week had been conquered, P/L A.W. Vanderburgh, medical officer, on Wednesday lifted the "out of bounds" edict which prevented station personnel from congregating at such centers as the station theatre, the beverage rooms, dances and the servicemen's center in Abbotsford.

Social activity was stagnant during the virtual quarantine, with few airmen to be seen in town. Evidence that the situation was taken seriously, however, was the compliance with the request that large spontaneous groups be avoided.

Although activity in the treatment of colds has far from ceased, health is much better here



**PROCTOR TO HEAD
NEW FISHING CLUB**

F/S George Proctor, himself a fishing enthusiast from 'way back and a naturalist at heart, has issued a call to all Isaac Waltons on the station to participate in the outdoor activities of an EFTS fishing club he is now forming.

Handsome George, he of the mustache and the quick rejoinder, declared today he has been able to secure loans of a large number of rods and reels for all those interested in the super active fishing abounding in this region. They will all be available to members on organized trips.

Next week, some of the best steelhead salmon fishing in the world will start in the nearby Vedder river; the club president hopes to be able to arrange a trip there then for outdoor sportsmen. Transportation will be furnished to the closest accessible road.

See George for details...

BITS OF THE BREEZE

Steady flow of small but important signs and gadgets coming from works and bricks; those DRO boards you'll see soon were the idea of F/O Reg Witt... Cpl. Wally Meikle, of Kelowna, B.C. arrived the 13th to replace Ray Cornook in the Canteen Room... Those 20 would-be students who couldn't start with their course passed up a swell opportunity to go mountain-climbing and fishing, all arranged for them; they're on four days leave, ending Monday... Gardner helmets, known across Canada as the best, now available in canteen... Big rush for places at the Lynden turkey feed after last week's BREEZE announced extras... Few would believe that letter to Santa in the last issue was straight goods, but twas... Cpl. W.T. Strelow of hospital staff says his offspring coming along well; the baby was born recently in Abbotsford... F/O Wally Wicks on waterhooks waiting for an hair... Gordon Peters of the workshop shows loss in weight; he was married recently... Bud Magent, W&B head, photographed Abbotsford Hut in action Wednesday night after crowd ban had been lifted... He also recorded last night's turkey feed on film... Sgts to spread out and occupy whole bottom floor of quarters... A number of lads at Lynden picked their partners for Monday's do... WAC consented to furnish a barber for station for 2-3 weeks; hope they don't hear the IG has come and went... Several Xmas dinner invites available at Y...



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HOW ABOUT FLIGHT INSIGNIA ?

Over in navigation flight, there was a little emblem tacked up on the wall, the work



of LAC R.H. Rouda, one of the students in the junior course. Rouda, who was Joed pretty regularly while he was on tarmac duty because of his signpainting ability, found time at F/O Lloyd Godfrey's request to draw the insignia reproduced here. We thought it a swell idea, one which individual flights could well work on; we herewith pass on the suggestion for what it's worth.

But for the love of Mike, if you want to keep the BREEZE illustrated, don't steal Seabourne...

**PIPER PAINTS WORD PICTURE
OF FLIGHT LINE HAPPENINGS**

It happens every day, says Louis Piper, and he's in a position to know, for Louis spends half his waking hours out there keeping things rolling - and by rolling we just mean aircraft.

These are the occurrences of note: time-keepers choking in their shacks about 0750 in the morning as an unwilling apprentice sweeps out... Line boss chasing up and down tarmac keeping apprentices on jump... Instructors yelling for gas... Screeching brakes as the gas trucks pull up to dry aircraft...irate instructors putting ships U/S... Control tower shooting off flares... Runways being changed, with smoke pot turning the haze right into your eyes... Jiggs Harrison, control officer, going up and down ladder to and from tower. There's never a dull moment out there!

PIPS from maintenance - One pilot flew a ship without a battery the other day; he was certainly surprised... Cold weather making hard work of starting aircraft... Ticket system now in use for civilians in mess... Now lineolcum in airman's mess... TWA and CPA airliners in this week because of Vancouver fog... Many apprentices have their new uniforms.