



HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE BREEZE

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BIGGEST E.F.T.S. NEWS OF 43

NO. 1 SQUADRON MOVES TODAY TO NEW HANGAR; OTHER MOVES ON STATION CAMPUS FORECAST

A reallocation of quarters for both flying squadrons and the announcement of plans to form a new testing flight were made today by S/L M. Gain, commanding officer of RCAF staff here.

No. 1 squadron, under the command of F/O Floyd Glass, moves today to the new wooden hangar, numbered "one." No. 2 squadron, under F/L Bill Benn, will remain for the present in the steel hangar but is slated for occupancy of the hangar under construction when that building is finished in February. The new control tower is also expected to be ready then.

With the completion of the moving program, the steel hangar will become the sanctum of Chief Engineer Joe Bertalino and his maintenance staff, navigation flight and a new testing flight, to be headed by F/O Carl Agar. The members of that unit have not yet been picked.

A, B, C and D flights were affected by the move today. Meanwhile, more potential pilots were expected to arrive here this week to increase further the backlog of airmen awaiting training here.

CPL. HUNT SELLS HOUSE FOR \$6,300 IN CALGARY

Cpl. Tom Hunt, whose ticket in the Greek war relief drawing in Calgary recently won him the grand prize, has returned to this station to complete his training after selling his model home to a Calgary resident for \$6,300.

The sale was assisted by an RCAF barrister who accompanied the student pilot throughout his stay in the Alberta city to advise him on legal matters. Hunt has now bought a ticket on the Rotary \$12,000 house there. The official plans to stay in Canada after the war.

Exhibiting clippings which proved he was big news there, the English registered fitter still seemed unable to get over his high good fortune. A copy of The Breeze, with the story of his reactions when told of his lucky strike, was in his pocket in Calgary and reporters in that city noted it in their stories. The RCAF student is to graduate with the next class.

BIG NEWS PLENTIFUL DURING PAST YEAR ON STATION; 24 EPTS SAID DESTINED TO BE BIGGEST IN ALL TRAINING PLAN

The year just completed saw amazing things here at No. 24 EPTS; it saw a huge aerodrome turned over to an elementary flying training school - it saw that school start and continue its work under trying conditions - it saw difficulties which would have defeated Henry J. Kaiser met and overcome.

In capsule form, taken from the files of THE BREEZE, which began in September as the more informal "Breezy Stuff", here are the events:

SEPTEMBER - S/L (then F/L) Morley Gain arrived with a tiny group of instructors; company officials under L.J. Martin already in action with Fred Graham taking the brunt of the load; first student class found hectic conditions on arrival; The Breeze started as a daily and then switched to weekly issues; construction outfits swarmed over station; aircraft ferried in each day; students' bull sessions started; first news of posting elsewhere of HQ staff, then co-residents, was heard; basketball team began practices under F/O (then P/O) Tex McGill; first station parade the 28th; first breaches of flying regs put two in Pat Bay clink; constant additions to staff; Hyles John "Bud" Nugent and his works and bricks boys working hard but 30 days behind schedule.

OCTOBER - Air Marshal L.S. Breadner, chief of air staff, makes official visit; Y Supervisor Harvey Orr's connection made permanent despite departure of HQ staff; instructors' discussion club sessions started; F/O Ralph MacDonald named entertainment committee head; F/S (now WOII) Joe Gibson first orderly sergeant; Victory Loan went over big, with 196 % of quota raised; lack of heat in barracks deplored; staff named for station paper; first dance held at Thanksgiving; Abbotsford hut opened in town; Sgt. Cyril Craig, bomb disposal worker, guest speaker at instructors' club; more staff pouring in from all parts of country; first class graduates, numbering vets of Dieppe and Dunkirk among them; they celebrated at smoker in Legion quarters in town; basketball team loses first game; Bud Nugent's factory only 50 days behind schedule.

NOVEMBER - Death of Manager L.J. Martin



THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE WEEKLY BREEZE
WISHES ITS READERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR;
ALL HOLIDAY NEWS IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.

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shocks station; funeral held in Vancouver with full military honors; basketball team wins its next; Hallow'en dance held; second grad parade on tarmac; Stewart McKecher, K.C., named manager by President Austin C. Taylor of Vancouver Air Training Company, Ltd.; paper's name made present title; GIB Timetable changed so classes start at 0730; Wolf Pack gains prominence; J.L. Apedalle, financial advisor to all EPTS in Canada visits and speaks before school council at its second meeting; it consists of all dept. heads; sergeants' mess organized; library installed in Y office; OFF award instituted by P/O Bert Price, originator; model-building club started under P/O Bob Waltham; new telephone system placed in operation; Captain Ken Tudor of USAAF speaks to students and staff on North African campaign; W/O Christie, DSO, is speaker at third graduation parade; WOII Al Puttonen elected president of sergeants' mess; RAF instructors leave on posting to prairies and are sorry to go; Bud Nugent's factory now just 90 days behind...

DECEMBER - Bill Wadman, control operator, revealed as former air gunner overseas; flu epidemic strikes station and MO orders crowd ban affecting all personnel; Mission dance and other functions blanked out by flu, but big turkey feed in Lyndon, Wash., is held; inspect-or general on station but no parade is held; another class graduate with W/O R.E.E. Morrow, DFC, as grad speaker - WAC band there too; Cpl. Tom Hunt wins Calgary draw and approximately \$6,500; promotion list includes eight officers and NCO instructors; instructors' discussion club meetings resume in officers' mess after lapse; Fishing club announced by P/S George Proctor; two-color front page on Christmas Breeze; Christmas dance huge success with 600 present to hear Dal Richards' Vancouver band; postings to EPTS at Assiniboia, Sask., announced for five instructors - WOII Tex McMurry is the fifth; wives of instructors gather for tea and reception to Mrs. Gains; Bud Nugent 120 days in arrears but promises for '44.

THE EDITOR AWARDED OFF
FOR DISREGARD OF DUTIES



That most undistinguished award created here at No. 24 EPTS for those whose errors of omission or commission bring them into the limelight was this week given, in the solemn sanctum of the chief flying instructor, to the editor of The Weekly Breeze. Mentioned in despatches and cited for failing to be where he should have been the morning of Boxing day, he was given the award with full ceremony.

STATION QUIET AT CHRISTMAS;
NEW YEARS LEAVERS OFF TODAY

Less active than at any time since it was opened, No. 24 EPTS spent a quiet Christmas, with half its staff on leave and only a skeleton group remaining on the holiday itself. Today, those on New Years leave will depart for five days, to return to work Jan. 5. Flying will not start until noon New Years day.

Contributors this issue: LAC Peter Seabourne, Ernie Poignant, WOII Al Puttonen, WOI Nick Gilohar, Cpl. Tom Hunt, P/O Bert Price, Lila Acorn, Harvey Orr, Cpl. George Perret.

THESE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Every time another year makes its appearance (and it happens once every 365 days - except leap year, George) people go about making the silliest resolutions that they will not do this, or not do that. The list is usually quite negative.

Guys and gals in service are no exception. In fact, they might well be termed the worst of the lot!

They go around thinking how they, Johnny Jones or Sally Smith, might do better for those people, Johnny Jones and Sally Smith. Seldom do they think how they may do better for the whole lot of us in service - acedouces, LAC's and all up the line. 'Twould be better if they did.

Very few of us are in this thing for our health or our wealth; few cannot say they are but civilians helping out. Let us all then, in this bunch of days coming up (they callit '44) devote ourselves to making it easier to get it over with, by pitching in with a will at everything, our job or not. We'll be home sooner...



BEST CARTOON OF YEAR
 IN NOV. 12 EDITION

Responsible for the cartoon chosen best all to appear in The Weekly Breeze during '43 was Ernie Poignant of the maintenance staff. His humorous sketch of a pupil pilot flying by instruments and wondering how low the ceiling was embodies all the best points of laugh-provoking art. Though his cartoons have been missing lately, more are due soon.

SEABOURNE'S
 SCRATCH PAD

