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BREEZY STUFF

FAVORABLY IMPRESSED with what he saw here in his official inspection of the station last Sunday was the chief of the air staff, Air Marshal L.S. Breadner, according to reports. Covering the entire layout in company with his staff and that of the deputy minister of national defense for air, Mr. de Carteret, the RCAF's leader arrived from Vancouver and returned there after the visit.

Representatives of the civilian operating company and of the unit here accompanied the visiting party throughout the tour of the new installations.

In the party accompanying Air Marshal Breadner and Mr. de Carteret were Air Vice Marshal Stevenson of Western Air Command; Group Captain Davidson, works and buildings officer of No. 4 Training Command; Wing Commander Ellis, deputy head of flying training in this command; Group Captain Cowan, Group Captain Falkenberg, senior organization officer; Squadron Leader Wallace of the medical branch and Squadron Leader Cowley of works and buildings.

OUR FIRST WEEKLY EDITION is now in your hands, probably receiving the careful perusal you gave Breezy Stuff's first week of daily issues. The change from daily to weekly publication was to be expected - the news is here on this thriving station but for a one-man staff the chore, however pleasant, of keeping up to date is a little taxing on this Joe's time.

That situation brings us to this: within the next week, in all departments, correspondents for this paper will be appointed to keep us up on the doings of all. They'll be the connecting links who will let us all in on the choice trivia, the breezy bits, that happen to us all in the course of our daily whacks at getting the war over with. Of course, independent contributions will always be accepted but we've been in this game too long to expect enough material to pop up through those channels.

As a daily, this rag was well received. We aim to continue in the light and airy manner with all the news that is fit to print. Expect us every Friday....

GOOD NEWS for all is the information that Harvey Orr, YMCA supervisor here, is to stay around for a while. How long even that genial gentleman isn't sure, but it might be until the end of the year. With the folding of the HQ squadron and its scattering to the four winds, it was expected that YMCA recreation facilities too would be withdrawn, but the powers that be in that organization have decided to maintain the status quo for an indefinite period. This means we'll continue to have our Monday and Thursday night movies, athletic and recreation equipment for at least a few weeks.

TREKKING OR TRUCKING the mile-odd down the road to Peardonville hall Tuesday night were about a hundred of our air force and civvie personnel for another of those gay times staged by the civilian girls. The admission for this do was nil and refreshments were available, contributing to the success of the affair. The gals are rapidly working up a social program with their pleasant efforts; more power to them.

AT WEDNESDAY'S LUNCHEON TABLE in the officers' dining room the first session of the Instructors' Discussion club was convened with about 45 flying and ground instructors attending. A new idea dreamed up to suit a new station by the CFI, F/L Morley Gain, and the ACFI, F/O Len Milne, the discussion group bids fair to become the local equivalent of a noontime businessmen's meeting, with all the attendant fun, frolic and good fellowship.

The first meeting this week was a little stiff and formal but it is expected that feeling will wear off as the club grows out of the diaper stage. Our adjutant, F/L Larry Bryans, acted as chairman of the discussion period, first listing the objects and aims of the new organization then introducing the CFI.

F/L Gain reiterated his intention of making No.24 EFTS the best elementary and the best air force station in Canada, but declared that it will be the toughest station in the nation for all who step out of line. In that regard, he mentioned the civilian air spotters corps in operation in this section of the country and the border patrols also cooperating in that work.

The station's commanding officer also said that parades will be reduced to a minimum, though smartness will be required on all those formal appearances which are held.

Predicting the publication of a command order to the effect that flying instructors must spend 10 minutes with their students prior to flight, the CFI ex-

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pressed his satisfaction with the nightly bull sessions for instructors and students held in the ground school. He also said that R-2, the landing strip at Sumas, would be in use next week for junior classes.

Managing Director Fred Graham, voicing the regrets of manager Les Martin that he could not be present, declared his pleasure at the formation of such an organization. Complimenting the flying instructors on their showing to date, he voiced the opinion the new club would bring about a coordination of ideas not existing previously. Difficulties are being overcome, he said, and additional personnel to remedy the understaffed situation has been promised.

The chief ground instructor, Hugh Barclay, asked for suggestions from flying personnel toward the creation of an identical ground and air viewpoint on various aspects of training.

Then, b'gosh, the meeting adjourned !

UNDER THE HOOD the other day, one of our students figured his aircraft was stalled, because the airspeed needle was hovering at 0; he was very surprised to learn it was not a stall but an almost vertical dive at over 200 mph that had pushed the needle round the clock.

FOR FIVE YEARS, Sgt. Cyril (that's his right name) Craig has been trying to get out of the armorers' ranks and into pilot training. Now he's here, as a student in the senior course on the station. In the RAF for six years, he still has eight to go before his enlistment expires. But that's not the point of this story.

We're telling you about him because he was one of those bomb disposal experts in the Battle of Britain - one of those fearless fellows who nonchalantly rendered harmless the bombs and land mines dropped by the foe which failed to go off.

He has about 25 bombs to his credit and he's living to tell about it, though he can name a long list of his friends who aren't. But the only way the boys in that work could keep from brooding morbidly about the future, he says, was to stay a little tight all the time.

Sgt. Craig says they do it this way: A live bomb is found, the area is roped off and the ED boys are called. Rigging up a field telephone, one man goes down into the pit to tinker. He may be shaky when he starts but he calms right down so much you might think he was a mechanic fixing an engine. Everything he does he reports by phone to the remainder of the crew, taking cover behind piles of earth. If he's successful, he says so; if he isn't, well, everybody knows about it...

'THE AIRMEN'S COMMANDMENTS' is the title of 10 bits of humorously written local law just issued to students by CGI Hugh Barclay and F/S Gord Gauley. The two cooperated on the effort, which puts into digestible form the regulations governing trainee conduct. The whole effort is worth reading by all and sundry, just for the novel way it puts the rules.

First commandment of the "Commanding officer's version" is: Thou shalt not run, walk, amble or preamble about the station improperly dressed, nor shalt thou slouch about in an unairmanlike manner. And the second: Thou shalt always appear on parades willingly and at least five minutes ahead of the sergeant-major. That gives you an idea of the whole list.

The whole concludes with: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, if thou heedst not these commandments, thy name shall be changed to Joseph.

Recommended reading.

WEDNESDAY WAS MOVING DAY for the station's RCAF administrative staff, as anyone who looked for them in the old admin building can attest. From the CFI down, the whole pencil-pushing crew is now comfortably ensconced in second-floor offices of the big hangar. Downstairs, directly below them, are the new quarters of the parachute section, including a packing room and airing pit. Closer contact with the flying end of the works was the aim in moving the offices to the flying line; now, if you want to see the adjutant (or if he wants to see you; you shouldn't have done it, brother), all you have to do is pop upstairs and into his combination office and orderly room.

Almost deserted these days is the admin building near the main gate, for nearly all personnel of headquarters unit has been posted. Remaining are S/L Stoddard and his accounts staff, but they will be leaving shortly too. All civilian company offices will remain in the building, however, as well as the station switchboard.

NO MORE INSTRUMENT TAKEOFFS are being practiced for a few days by one of our instructors and his student, while they recover from the shaky feeling resulting from a little incident Wednesday afternoon. Seems the wind was directly across the runway and, with the student under the hood, the takeoff ended up directly into wind.

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The instructor got his feet caught under the rudder pedals, so couldn't do anything about it. The student thought from the look of his instruments that the aircraft was doing a slow roll right on the deck. "Cheese and rice," he howled through the mouth-piece, "what's going on?"

CALLED FOR TONIGHT in the canteen is a meeting of the station entertainment committee, headed by F/O Ralph MacDonald, to discuss a recreation program for all station personnel. Members of the group are Sgt. Pilot Frank Mould, the Misses Mary and Margaret Smith, John McLean and Norman Taylor. One student from each class is also to be named to the group.

Dances, movie shows, theatrical entertainments, weiner roasts and student graduation parties will constitute the field of action for the committee, which will supplement the work of the YMCA supervisor for the present. Suggestions have been asked for ideas on affairs of all types; an orchestra for station dances has been proposed and will be discussed at tonight's session.

Prime object of the committee is the entertainment of the students who, posted here for only eight weeks and subject to a strict and heavy schedule, cannot often get off the station in their spare time.

LUCKY MAN to be the first orderly sergeant on this young station is F/S J.E. Gibson, who just arrived from Regina EFTS Wednesday. Duty watch parades and orderly sergeants' duties began today, with parades for C flight this morning and another scheduled for tonight. Flights of students will be Joed for a whole week, starting with G flight next week. C flight gets off easy; trainees of that unit will conclude their tour of duty watch Sunday night. WOII's as well as sergeants will be required to stand as orderly sergeants, because of the scarcity of the latter. WOI's can, according to AFAO and F/S Gordon Gauley, station sergeant-major, be assigned as orderly officers. Duty watch parades will be held in front of ground school, in case you are interested. We're not, from choice...

LATEST ARRIVALS as instructors here include F/L W.W.Benn, from Regina EFTS; P/O G.R.Satterlund and P/O H.G.Cameron, from Arnprior instructor school; and WOI C.E. Lussier, from High River, Alta., EFTS, all on Oct. 4. Arrivals on the fifth were P/O A. Duncan and P/O J.E. Murphy, both from High River; Sgt. Pilot R.N. Walsh and P/O H. Sauve, from Arnprior. WOII C.F.Banner and F/S J.E.Gibson arrived from Regina Wednesday, while P/O J.B.Truscott, from Arnprior, and F/S C.L.Rice, a link trainer instructor from North Battleford, Sask., pulled in yesterday. Good luck, fellows; we hope you'll like us. EXTRA - Also among yesterday's newcomers was P/O H.J.McMillan, who had been instructing at Cap de la Madeleine, Quebec.

NEXT WEEK'S MOVIES in the canteen are, on Monday night at 1930, "Flight for Freedom," with Roz Russell, Fred MacMurray and Herbert Marshall, and, on Thursday night at the same time, "One Dangerous Night," with somebody or other in the starring roles.