



DIGGING DEEP into their shallow pockets this week were all members of the Abbotsford EFTS clan - digging deep to add their support to the Fifth Victory Loan. And no measly support will it be, come closing time, from the looks of the first reports from F/O Len Milne, assistant CFI, who is heading the subscription committee for the station.

Our quota is self-assigned, which means we do it ourselves, at better than \$5,000 worth of the war securities, because all of us figured the assigned figure a little ridiculous for the type of going concern we know this new unit to be. We know we're really on the ball, here in Abbotsford, and not behind it. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if we topped our own goal by five or ten thousand simoleons, and that's no malarkey.

Sure, we all grumble when we sign away the dough which will actually be a backlog for us in years to come; we grouch too at the high cost of cokes, cigarettes and brew. But we know only too well this is no parlor game we're playing at penny-ante and a dime limit. War costs cash.

The guy who had this bright slant on the situation has the right idea: this astute fellow figures that, if we want to run the government after the war, we had better buy in now so we can foreclose the mortgage when Hitler roasts in hell.

Flight commanders and department heads are working on the drive committee, approaching all and sundry for their purchases. High pressure stuff is out, for patriotic enthusiasm is our keynote here.....

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, the distance in round numbers of steps from the students' barracks to the guard house is 600 and the walk from the canteen to the guard house takes 300. This interesting gen comes from LAC Dennis Snow and LAC Gordon Latta, those two intrepid trainees who are currently making the trek every hour so they can report at the cophouse, in compliance with the terms of their open arrest for alleged violation of flying regs. Says Snow, the blond boy, "At 120 paces a minute, it takes exactly five minutes to get here from the billet and just two and a half from the canteen." Asked about trudging times from other points on this rambling campus, Latta volunteered, "Oh, we don't know about them. We never go anywhere else."

TWO NEW FLIGHT COMMANDERS have just been appointed by the chief flying instructor. They are F/L William W. Benn, who is to head the new G Flight, and F/O Ralph A.J. Burton, who will create the policies in D Flight when it begins operation with the arrival of the new course this weekend. The juniors will find they have swell fellows leading them.

A flight commander too at Regina EFTS, Bill Benn just arrived here last week and has been a testing officer since. His home is in St. Thomas, Ont., and he was timekeeping for a construction firm before the war. He has a son, David, two years old, who outshines the adjutant's son (to hear it from Bill) because this youngster is a whiz at aircraft rec. even at his tender age. The boy wants to be like daddy when he grows up; is that good?

Ralph Burton is the proud pappy of a 10-pound boy just tagged Blayne. The child arrived last week for the Burtons at their nearby whiterock home; Norma is a Vancouver girl. A schoolteacher in civvie street, Ralph worked up through instructing at Saskatoon SFTS to his new post; he had some experience leading a flight at the service school. Quite a lacrosse player, he's the chap you saw going around with clamps on the bridge of his nose recently. His current sports interest is working with Tex McGill on the station basketball team.

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HOT STUFF is literally impossible in some parts of this hectic place, for steam pipes just ain't everywhere yet. In the main hanger (which, incidentally is numbered '2') the state of rigidity has become so acute that orderly room clerks just can't type. They're now wearing flying suits and hollering, "Shut that bloody door!" in an effort to avert acquisition of icicles for backbones. And in Chief Engineer Joe Bertalino's office Secretary Leah Desautels clomps around in a rugged pair of flying boots scrounged somewhere. Officers' quarters - somewhere out in the bush, we think; we're not sure just where the place is - haven't yet been reached by the steamfitters and are freezing in their '60 greatcoats. Some of them, the other night, moved temporarily down to another barrack block but moved right back again the next day after a steampipe reveille interrupted their snores at 5:30 in the dark, dark morn. That was one bugler they couldn't silence. The junior class is in the same fix, with no hot water yet in their washrooms. They present a sorry spectacle as they shiver their way across the yard in the grey dawn. But the sergeants are as happy as larks; now having no chill to beef about, they're bemoaning the excess heat. You can't please some people....

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS in both the flying and link trainer departments here are expected momentarily (ah, there's another one, just come in) to bring the staff up to strength, according to F/L Larry Bryans, adjutant. However, a full complement of teachers will not be available until next week or perhaps later, since the postings already made and effective for the weekend do not quite cover the needs.

Until such time as all posts are filled with incoming men no appointments will be made to the two vacant positions of squadron commanders, the adjutant said. Officers to fill those vacancies will be chosen from the full staff according to ability and experience. Possible appointees are already being named over the grapevine but the rumor mills are grinding much wild material.

IN GREEN SHEETS this week was the name of Lloyd Godfrey, commander of navigation flight, with the good news that the tall, slowtalking fellow is now a flying officer, as of July 16. The owner of that ancient chariot which, despite its evident age, can careen along with a full load at (sshhh) miles an hour, Lloyd is the droll lad who came here from Calgary, his home town, and No. 3 SFTS there, where he was stationed fully two years. In navigation flight there too, he worked up through the ranks from a lowly sergeant pilot after leaving his schoolteacher trade to take air force training. No, girls, he's not married

OUR NEW SPIES who will relay us the inside dirt (laundered variety) from the numerous departments of the spread-out station have been chosen, if not informed, for the reportorial positions. In every sizable section, both company and RCAF, boys and gals have been picked to represent their particular groups on the somewhat ethereal staff of this weekly. They will keep tabs on the humorous happenings, the juicy bits; see them if you want to relay info on to us.

Sgt. Bill Emerson will take care of the orderly room, Miss Evelyn Gould the doings of the company office and the girls on the station. Louis Piper is the maintenance correspondent, while Harold Hare has been induced to draw a few of his witty cartoons for our forthcoming sheets. Cpl. Ray Cornock is our staff artist.

Yours truly will look after things in A Flight, with WOII Vic McCormick in B Flight, F/O Ralph Burton in D Flight, Sgt. Frank Mould in E flight, WOII Bob Twiss in F flight, and F/O Dick McFride in G flight and F/L Bill Benn in H flight. F/O Godfrey, aided and abetted by F/O Herb Lotimer in navigation flight, has promised to be on the watch there for news. Harry Chipperfield will look after the parachute section, Miss Margaret Smith will report the official doings of the entertainment committee, P/O Tommy McGill will keep us posted on sports and ye ed. will pick up all the loose ends. Four students representing the classes, will also be named to pry into the personal affairs of their mates. Oh, yes, we almost slipped and forgot Airmanship Instructor Ed Barry, representing GIS. Sgt. Jack Weaver will keep his discip's eye open for interesting occurrences, with our MO, F/L Moffat, covering the hospital front. By gum, -"C" Flight has been passed up---it'll be represented by F/S Geo. Proctor.

So we should now get all the news fit to print.....

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BITS ... F/L Ben Knowles, Link OC, has been displaying his vocal ability lately at evenings sessions. They tell us he's a banjo artist, too ... New arrivals (welcome, boys) are Sgt. T.D.B. Ragg, a link instructor from Dewinton, Alta., and ACl A.G. Stephens, postal clerk from Regina; both arrived the 11th ... From the look of things, fiddles will begin to be standard issue here; we have more long-haired musicians around ... F/L Bill Benn must think he's a locomotive engineer, for he uses a railroad watch ... Now only a memory is the HQ squadron which folded officially the first of the month but whose records and accounts staff was around until this week. Now all the boys are posted. F/L Huggett departed Monday for Terrace, B.C.... Intercom system now in use connecting tower, nav. flight, timekeepers' shacks and - soon - CFI's office... Jiggs Harrison, control officer, seems to be losing weight as a result of those arduous climbs up and down from his lofty perch ... Senior students doing the worrying act about their final tests ... The eagle expectorates by check from Calgary now, meaning our pay must be cashed locally ... Two company gals were the only takers on the recorded program offer last Sunday at Sleepy Hollow; they say they had a good time, though, and that the host has a fine collection of about 1000 good records ... The shorts and halters you saw flitting to the girls' mess hall Wednesday night were those athletic femmes who were interested in the provincial PT program being conducted one night a week here for them. ... F/S Gord Gauley, station sergeant major, is currently taking a refresher PT and Drill course at Trenton until Nov. 20th.

POSTPONED FOR THE NONCE is the scheduled sports dance to have been held under the auspices of P/O Tex McGill's sports committee and F/O Ralph MacDonald's entertainment committee Tuesday night in the Peardonville Hall. It will be held when the new recreation hall on the station is completed. That structure, by the way, is going up fast and will probably be ready for use in about a month.

A meeting of the entertainment committee is scheduled for Monday night at 1800 hours in the canteen. Student members of the group, just chosen from the three classes now on the station, are LAC A.U. Occhiocupo, LAC Dick Goss and LAC Don Richardson. Idea of the sports dance was to have been to raise funds for sports equipment on the station.

A graduation party for the senior class has been arranged for the final week of the course, or earlier should completion of studies be before that time. Through the cooperation of the Abbotsford Canadian Legion organization, the affair will be held as a smoker in the Legion home in town, with the hall held exclusively for the trainees that night. Entertainment will be of the spontaneous variety.

28 DAYS DETENTION JUST FOR A FEW MINUTES UNAUTHORIZED FUN //

WOW!!!

FIRST STATION DANCE to be held here furnished a good time for all on Monday night in the officers' dining room. The entertainment committee did itself proud with decorations and the station orchestra furnished the music. In the band are Pete Rutherford, leader and pianist; Louis Piper, sax and clarinet; Harry Chipperfield, second saxophone; Bert Hampton, third sax, and Webster Binion, drums,

Although dance floor wax was unavailable because the day was Thanksgiving and the stores were closed in town, the crowd did well in its shuffling on cornstarch. A bus load of civilian girls from town made the affair less stag, though the line of wolves was extensive. Next dances will feature any number of dance partners from over the line, through the cooperation of the chief of the border patrol, according to F/O Ralph MacDonald.

Gracing the dance were Managing Director Fred Graham, and other station leaders. Refreshments were served, with Sgt. Frank Moulton and Norm Taylor supervising the canteen. Miss Mary Smith was the guiding genius in the decorating line. The affair concluded at 0030 hours, leaving a pleasant taste in the mouths of those who attended.

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FIRST GAME of the station basketball season will be played in town next week, according to the sports officer (you know his name; it's been in here umpty-odd times already today). Tex says the team has been withdrawn from the Vancouver interservice league because of transportation difficulties; all the games would have had to be played there. Practices by the squad have been held every Tuesday night in the high school. Sports gear is on order, but no signs of it have yet been seen here. When it arrives, however, a badminton league will be formed at once.

ALL SERVICE PERSONNEL of this station are invited to attend the first dance of the Abbotsford servicemen's centre, to be held tomorrow night in the Orange Hall. All station civilian girls have been made junior hostesses of the group, which has quarters near the education office in town ... Movies next week are, on Monday, Topper Takes a Trip, with Connie Bennett, Roland Young and Billie Burke, and, on Thursday night, The Amazing Mrs. Holliday, with Deanna Durbin ... You might be interested in asking LAC Knoll, commonly called "Dit-Happy" Knoll, what became of his \$260 check ... Sgt. Pilot A.K. MacKenzie now back from Pat Bay hospital and serviceable ... Wielder of the electric razor in the sergeants' quarters during the last of the ninth in a world series game was most unpopular ... WOI George Latimer probable chairman of sergeants' mess, now being discussed by NCO's on station. Latimer is the senior NCO at present, with a year and a half of that rank behind him.

ARE YOU THE KEEN TYPE . TRY THIS CONTEST !

Our aircraft recognition man, Sgt. Mel Barwick, challenges all students and flying instructors to enter this little test of skill in A/C rec. line.

But it will be most profitable for the winner of the contest, to be announced in this paper next week, for with every entry will come a thin dime. Just answer the questions on a sheet of paper, put the paper in an envelope with the tenth part of a dollar and stick the envelope in the box provided for it in the canteen. THE WINNER TAKES ALL !

You have until noon next Tuesday, so you have the whole weekend. The contest is closed to all but flying personnel, so you all have a swell chance of walking off with the whole works ! And the more people you induce to enter, the greater will be your winnings, so get all your friends (your enemies too) into the game and make your entry today ! Just one chance to a customer, though. Sgt. Barwick and CGI Hugh Barclay will judge the contest, so you're in for a square deal and a big pot of cash, we hope !

LET'S GO FELLOWS !

1. Name three operational aeroplanes - not gliders - which have twin booms.
2. Arrange the following aeroplanes in order of wing span - the largest first: Spitfire IX, Me 109F, FW 190, Thunderbolt, Typhoon, Tiger Moth, Kittyhawk II, Defiant and Corsair.
3. Name four types of Curtiss Hawk.
4. To what German aircraft do the following numbers apply? 86, 17, 323, 115, 189, 141, 242, 52.
5. To what aeroplane does the following description apply? (i) four cannon. (ii) low wing (iii) slight anhedral on centre section (iv) inwards retracting undercarriage.
6. Three fighters flew overhead. A had a radial engine, B had not. C had two. A's number minus B's equals 181. C had cannon, machine guns and a dihedral tail-plane. What were they?
7. a. What type of aircraft first flew across the Atlantic from Great Britain to the U.S.A.? b. Who made the first flight across the Pacific and when? c. Who made the following famous aircraft?
 1. Winnie Mae
 2. Tigerschmidt
 3. Spirit of St. Louis
 4. Mery Ann

GUEST SPEAKER at the Instructors' Discussion club meeting Wednesday noon was Sgt. Cyril Craig, a trainee who during the battle of Britain was a bomb disposal crewman. The sergeant in a matter-of-fact voice described the grim work he and his co-workers faced and the happy-go-lucky attitude they adopted. CGI Hugh Barclay, in announcing the aircraft recognition contest, noted that a command order calls for two hour work in this subject each week by flying instructors.