

FIRST ABBOTSFORD CLASS GRADUATES  
WITH PARADE TODAY AT 1300 HOURS.

Bearing the honor of being the first class of student pilots to complete their EFTS training at this Abbotsford school, the station's senior course will take the spotlight today at a special graduation parade on the tarmac at 1300 hrs, with all station personnel and invited dignitaries attending.

The ceremonial hollow square will be formed by trainees of other courses now taking flying instruction here and the graduating airmen will march onto the parade ground to their places within the formation. F/O Ralph MacDonald, officer commanding the graduates, will lead them on parade.

No elaborate program has been planned for the affair, but wrist bands engraved with the name of the station will be given each student. L.J.Martin, Manager will make the presentations.

Watching the ceremonies will be the reeves of surrounding communities and friends invited by RCAF personnel.

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VETERANS OF DIEPPE AND DUNKIRK are among today's graduates, as well as five other overseas army men and five airmen remustered from other trades. All are keen to get back to the other side to get a crack at Jerry for themselves.

LAC Henry W. Clark, of Lethbridge, Alta., was with a light anti-aircraft unit at Dieppe and was divebombed all the way, both to the bloody French coast and back to English shores. For 2½ years he served with the Canadian Army overseas, as did most of his army comrades in this graduating class.

Sgt. Bob Clarke, of Vancouver, was a company sergeant major in an army unit at Dunkirk, but says things were easy where he was in that historic retreat across the channel. LAC George Wilkie, of Vancouver, was with an anti-tank outfit in England, while LAC Norman Barr, also of Vancouver, was with the engineers, for part of the time on mine-sweeping duty.

Cpl. Ted McIntyre, son of Dr. and Mrs. McIntyre of Mission, was with the infantry, LAC Art Murphy, of Victoria, with the field ambulance corps and LAC Bud Farquharson, of Penticton, with the ordnance corps, all on the other side of the pond.

Remustered from other air force trades were Sgt. Cyril Craig, RAF armament expert and bomb disposal worker; Sgt. Cliff Morrison, a radio technician overseas with the RCAF for more than two years; Sgt. E.J.Mackie, a link trainer instructor; LAC A.U.Occhiocupo and LAC Alan Morton, the latter of Victoria.

An editorial paragraph right here is, we think, in order. We who make up the staff - instructors and other personnel - wish all these graduates luck and good hunting and we wish we could be going with them. But we can't, for we're fighting the hard battle of training. We say to those leaving here: think of us

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when you get into your Mosquito for a punch at Berlin....

THE HALLOWE'EN DANCE for all station personnel will be held in the mess building next Tuesday night, Nov. 2, with the station orchestra furnishing music for the festivities.

More than a score of southern belles from the other side of the border will grace the affair, which is due to continue right up to 11:30 o'clock. The stag line will be further reduced by the Abbotsford town girls who are also being invited to attend the big dance. Both the officers' and sergeants' sides of the mess will be opened for the function. Dress will be optional (which still means wear your uniform for us guys in service but means the gals can wear their formals if they want to wow the wolves.)

The entertainment committee met Wednesday night in the canteen to iron out the last details for the affair. They plan to have novelty dances, with prizes for the winners of spot dances and the like. Refreshments will consist of coffee, cake and sandwiches, 'tis said.

BOYS, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE to pick up enough extra change for that Vancouver jaunt you want to take on your next 48 ! Our second aircraft recognition contest is right below; we challenge you to try it.

The little game is open only to aircrew - student pilots and instructors - and with each entry dropped into the box in the canteen must be a thin dime to build up the pot. Your deadline is next Tuesday noon, when CGI Hugh Barclay and the armament instructors will scoop the envelopes out of the receptacle for judging.

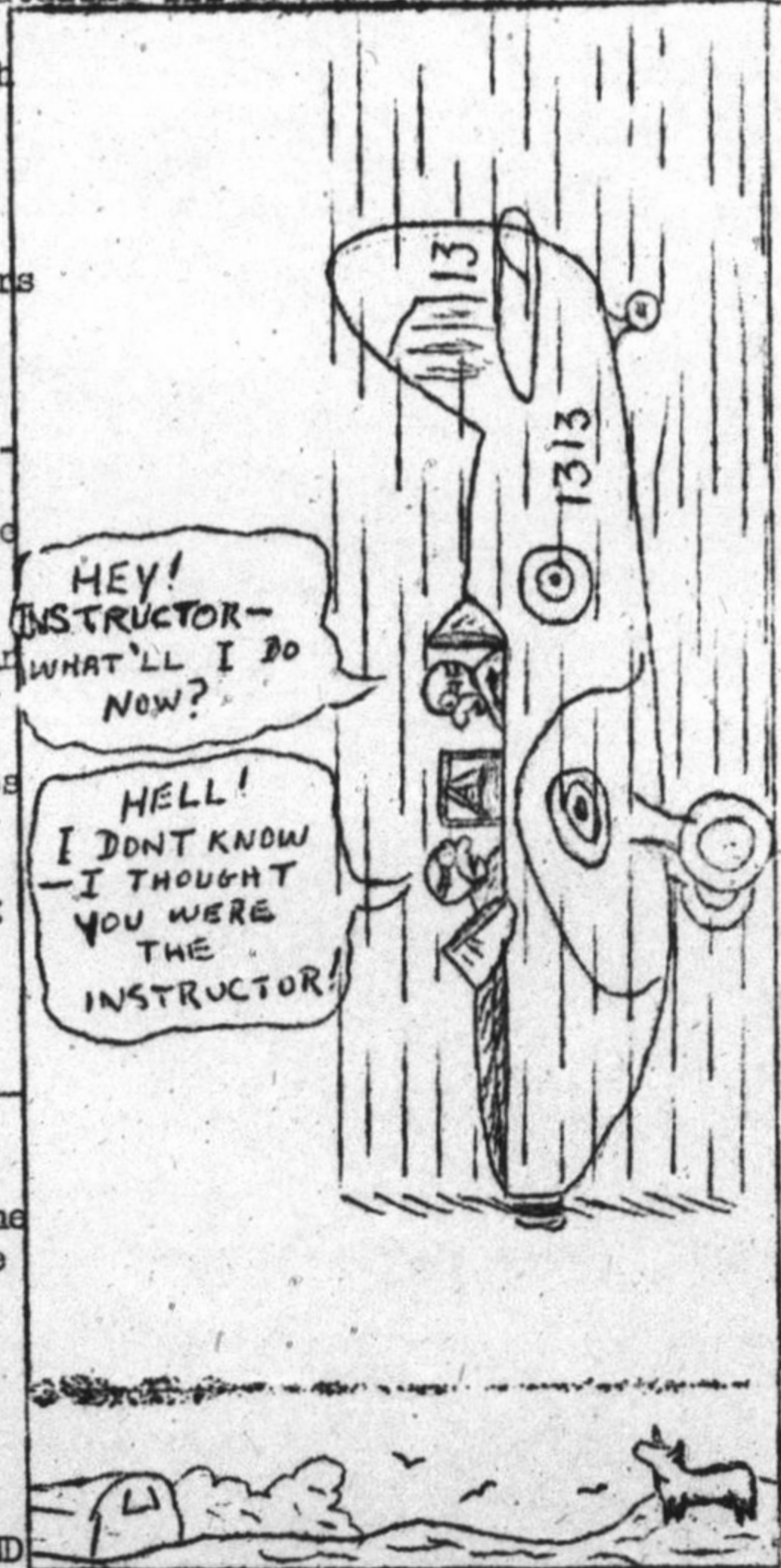
Our first contest brought enough entries for the winner to take \$3.40, which is nothing to sneeze at for a few minutes brain-cudgeling. This time, we want even more in the contest. Yes, you too....

THESE ARE EASY:

1. Name two aircraft which have (a) turned up wing tips and (b) two which have single H-type motors.
2. What's wrong with these statements? (a) The Maurauder broke the oleo leg of its tailwheel. (b) after lowering his flaps and wheels the pilot of the Catalina III made a perfect landing at Alexandria aerodrome.
3. The first aeroplane in the world to exceed 400 mph was (i) American (ii) British (iii) German (iv) Italian.
4. What are the respective British and American names for the following? A-20, F4F-1, C-47, TBF-1.
5. What aeroplane has three deisel motors and twin booms?
6. A, B, C and D were four different 4-engined transports. A had a rectangular tailplane and a wing with dihedral at the roots. B had a tri-cycle undercarriage. C had three fins and rudders. D had a dihedral tailplane and low wing. What were the planes?
7. Name three 4-engined aircraft with high wings, twin fins and rudders.
8. An Anson takes off from aerodrome A to fly to aerodrome B which is 250 miles away. At the same moment a Dragon Rapide takes off at B to fly to A. If the Anson cruises at 140 mph and the Rapide at 130 mph and a wind of 20 mph is blowing from B to A, which is farthest from B when they meet?

WEREN'T THEY ?

SOARING TOWARD 200% is our local Victory Loan campaign, according to F/O Len Milne, who is chairman of the RCAF drive on the station. Although the quota set for the station was exceeded actually before the national drive started a week ago, this unit has been piling up the subscriptions to its current mark of more than 160 per cent of the initial goal, AND NOW STANDS IN FOURTH POSITION OF ALL 4 TRAINING COMMAND



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UNITS - (C.F.I. sez "WELL DONE GANG")

Ready right now for handing over to the national campaign committee are subscriptions totaling \$15,000 with many more pledges still to be red-taped. With a full week to go, the drive here is expected to wind up at some \$20,000.

At press time, the bond sales of the civilian workers on the station had passed the goal of \$12,750 with a good margin to spare.

No. 4 Training Command has extended us all honorable mention on the basis of this station's showing in comparison with other air force figures. W/C Kent has sent his personal congratulations and the message is posted in the canteen, together with an honor certificate for going over the top.

According to F/O Milne, many students are seeking the privilege of buying the last bond here, so a last-day rush can be expected.

VERY DOWNCAST this week were the players on our basketball team, who dropped their first game to the town team on Tuesday night in Abbotsford by an unmentionable score. P/O Tex McGill, sports officer, reported that the vast host of fans included the janitor, the scorekeeper and an undertaker who sensed that our boys were being murdered.

But the team members, headed by F/O Ralph Burton, currently have that gleam of vengeance in their collective eye which bodes ill for their next opponents. Again we say they should be supported...

THE BIG SOCIAL EVENT of the week for the graduating class and instructors was the smoker held in the Canadian Legion quarters in town Monday night. From start to finish, the affair was indeed uproarious, with a quick-moving program planned and executed by the students themselves.

After singing "Oh, Canada," the evening began with Sgt. Cyril Craig, master of ceremonies, calling upon F/L Gain, Mr. L.J. Martin, managing director, and the Hon. Mr. Cruickshank, MP for this district. Their messages of congratulation on the completion of the EFTS course were followed by entertainment in the form of songs and dramatic (and hilarious) recitations. F/S Frank Mould was at the piano for the songfest, with yours truly swinging the baton.

Parodies on two popular songs, sung by a trio of trainees, proved highly entertaining. In the same vein was the presentation of gifts to all the instructional staff connected with the course, from the CFI down. Subtle humor was evident in the choice of presents for the staff; the CFI, the ACFI and the adjutant received baseball equipment to continue playing the old air force ball game, with instructors receiving entirely appropriate articles keyed to their personalities and frailties.

Refreshments for the affair were arranged by the committee, which included Sgt. Craig, LAC Umberto Occhiocupo and LAC Bruce Warmington, under the supervision of F/O Ralph MacDonald.

All trundled home at midnight in a chartered bus.....

BITS...Harvey Orr, Y supervisor, to remain on station as we predicted. He turned down a bigger job, too ... Heat situation not so bad, with warmer weather, but still none in officers' quarters and in hangar... Instructors' club meeting cancelled this week because officers' mess wasn't ready for use... Still no official word on opening day... Instructors of graduating students off duty until new course arrives this weekend... Several newly-arrived instructors serving as link trainer teachers temporarily, until the staff is rounded out there... P/O Don Boutwell worrying about an impending blessed event in Vancouver... WOI Ed Lussier has taken up housekeeping on Clear Brook highway; his wife and daughter arrived from Prince Albert Monday... F/O Roger Dinelli visited Seattle navy air base last weekend and was highly impressed by the place; plans to go back again and tow his friends along... New recreation hall progressing nicely.

SECOND STATION DANCE, held Tuesday night in the mess building, presented an interesting study in the shyness of the male sex, as represented on the station. Although a horde of young ladies were there early, just aching for company, the lads did not put in their appearance in numbers until well after 9 p.m. For at least an hour the girls were dancing with themselves.

But by the time the evening was done, the stag line was enormous. Harry Chipperfield, our parachute man and saxophonist deluxe, broke the ice with a number of novelty dances, including ladies' tag.

P/O Don McIlveen, who was night flying that night, made the mistake of asking two girls to dance, only to have the affair conclude before his flying chores were finished. A sergeant and an LAC escorted the ladies home.

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And one of the parachute packing mama's had to walk home by herself when the guard said "Uh-uh" as a boy asked to escort her to her quarters.

Refreshments were available with Mr. McLean of the company office staff doing the mass-production bottle opening. Again the entertainment committee did itself proud. And the orchestra has found a trumpet player in the new course, LAC Bob Tipple.

NAVIGATION TRIP: result in some rather odd logs, but the one F/O Lloyd Godfrey received from a student this week was the ultimate in something or other. Evidently said student believes in chronicling everything in his trip for he made this remark in the report: "This rough air is a B----!"

Same trainee also logged the line, "Enemy aircraft." He saw a Lightning or sumpin...

OTHER NAVIGATION LOGS: this week have included two boys on solo trips getting inextricably in the mud at Bellingham airport. One pulled off the runway when he saw the other landing, only to get stuck. The second was curious... Another lad, forced by weather to fly at a low level, set down at an airport in the states. He wasn't lost, he said; he just didn't know where he was... Orderly officers and orderly sergeants plentiful because numerous instructors didn't attend the drill parade Wednesday; thanks, fellas... F/O Burton says the students in his flight are wonderful pilots; one didn't even know he was on the ground when he landed. But you should have seen the next attempt... F/O Dick McBride had a student call his takeoff check the "drill of vital statistics"... F/O Frank Scott, now acting OC of H flight, thinks a sandwich bar should be installed at R-2 for the benefit of instructors flying from there these days... Parachute workers think, from the looks of our parades, that the officers should be in the ranks and let the students hold command... Miss Mary Smith in log book room wishes students could do elementary arithmetic... And the CFI is still househunting... Jiggs Harrison, control officer, in rapt conversation with an airwoman with U.S.A. badges on her shoulders.

NEW ARRIVALS on the station this week were F/S L.W.Creed and Sgt.K.G. Kinread, link trainer instructors from Swift Current and Regina, Sask., respectively. Their services will be of much avail in F/L Ben Knowles' section, for the department has been understaffed to date.

Another new member of the EFIS clan is AC2 R.F.Hardy, a hospital assistant, who came here on the 26th after finishing a course at Trenton, Ont.

THE GALS SAY: there are two more coke drinkers on the station, for the Boston bull puppies owned by two of the girls are just wild about the stuff... Correction - it seems we reported the mess hall gals were told to take down their upswept hair-do's because it made them look like "taxi-dancers." The actual term was "glamor gals"... Those luxurious movie seats in the canteen are a bit narrow, but it took Myrtle to think of using two of them... Much amusement and confusement since the girls changed residence. It's "Oops, so sorry" or "Darn it, wrong turn". One gal even walked south instead of north to go to the gate... Incidentally, the distance is about 2,000 steps of the feminine variety... Too bad liniment isn't sold in the canteen. Some of "les filles" could have used it after their pro-rec the other night... Evelyn Gould still hasn't lived down that duck episode; we won't tell you more.

ROLLING THE BONES and playing that little five-card game called poker evidently is frowned upon, for the whip is about to be cracked. In DRO's this week were these two prohibitions, listed under discipline:

Shooting on this airport is prohibited.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any gambling.

Shooting what ?

MORE BITS...The graduating class managed an average rating, much to the surprise of some personnel... Listed as "on temporary duty" on the invitation folder for the smoker were LAC Snow and LAC Latta;... Cpl. Ken Eaton serving as bus driver on the run to R-2 at Sumas; that diesel contraption takes a half-hour to start, he says... LAC Larry Laidlaw and F/O W.J. "Butch" Merrick, DFM, DFC, now serving as our correspondents in their respective classes... Chute section has new tables; now waiting for new benches and heat... P/O Floyd Glass now living on a farm, with plenty of milk, eggs and stuff; says he, "I've spent 18 years on a farm and proud of it"... New instructors being broken in with plenty of work... Cpl. Perret making a reputation for being first at breakfast, dinner and supper, also for playing opera on his radio... Picture on cover of Fairchild company's magazine, "Pegasus," will be of our aircraft and Mount Baker in a forthcoming issue... (we hope).

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CONGRATULATIONS TO S/L GAIN AND F/L MILNE ! ! ! !

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