

Station Maintenance Now Responsibility of Company

Full responsibility for the land and buildings of No. 24 EFTS was assumed on Tuesday by the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd. which operates the flying school, marking the official completion of construction, it was announced today by Assistant Manager C. J. Clark.

On Saturday, Western Air Command's inspection board—following a tour of the station—accepted the layout from Northern Construction Co. and J. W. Stewart Ltd., contractors, then turned it over to the board representing No. 4 Training Command, under whose supervision the school runs.

The Western Air Command board included Wing Commander Long, FL Barber and FL Paterson; the training command group was headed by Group Captain Davidson and included FL Schill, FL Bazeley, Assistant Manager Clark and Fred Graham, secretary-treasurer of the operating company.

All construction work has been finished, according to the announcement, with the exception of some grading and landscaping now under way. Work on the aerodrome started in the summer of 1942 when the King Paving Co. of Toronto commenced clearing operations prior to the laying of runways.

Under the civilian-RCAF plan of EFTS organization, the operating company takes over responsibility and maintenance of grounds and buildings of an RCAF station for the duration of its contract and agrees to return same to the air force in identical condition at the conclusion of its control.

Further reports on the company's program to develop and beautify the grounds of the

rambling station indicated today that attempts are being made to secure authorization for two tennis courts. A professional gardener has been added to the staff and will be placed in charge of carrying out the planned developments.

PROMOTIONS UPSET MESS ORGANIZATION

An almost wholesale reorganization of the Sergeants' Mess at No. 24 EFTS, made necessary by recent promotions of its executive committee members, on Wednesday night brought the election of Flight Sergeant Frank Mould to the presidency of the group, with FS Peter Scholefield as vice-president and Sgt. William Emerson as secretary.

FS Mould replaces WO1 Robert Twiss as head of the Mess, while FS Scholefield takes over the position formerly held by PO George Proctor and Sgt. Emerson succeeds PO Frank Martineau.

Sole remaining member of the old executive is FS Charles Rice, who carries on as treasurer. WO1 Arthur Bell remains chairman.

Ray Smith, a civilian member of the organization, was elected to the messing committee to replace WO Clifford O'Reilly, who has been posted. Archie MacLean and Sgt. Ernest Walker were named to the entertainment committee to replace PO Charles Durand and WO Charles Banner.

The Mess voted to hold another sergeants' dance May 24 under the direction of the same committee which successfully organized the affair last week which officially and formally opened the group's quarters.

FORMER STAFF FLIER VISITS STATION BEFORE OPERATIONAL POSTING

Flight Lieutenant Ralph J. MacDonald, AFC, and Flying Officer Donald J. McIntyre, both former members of the instructional staff at No. 24 EFTS, have been posted to the Lachine, Quebec, "Y" Depot for transfer to operational duty, it was learned here.

FL MacDonald, a New Westminster resident, was a recent visitor to the local flying school. He has recovered from injuries suffered in a crash in North Dakota last month, when on a flight from his home station at Pearce, Alberta.

The twin-motored aircraft he was flying force-landed on a Sunday near Lontree, ND, in a heavy snowstorm and somersaulted on its back when its wheels hit a small snowdrift. FL MacDonald sustained a cut under his eye and facial abrasions, but the two other occupants of the ship, FO Garth Boesch and FO Benny Hayes, Pearce hockey players, escaped injury.

FO McIntyre was recently married to Miss Dorothy Mowat, formerly employed here as a parachute packer, and had been an instructor at Assiniboia, Sask.

FO SAMMY MALTON NOW PRESUMED DEAD

Flying Officer George Samuel Malton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Malton of Abbotsford, previously listed missing on air operations, is now for official purposes presumed dead.

FO Malton, whose father is connected with No. 24 EFTS here as postmaster, has been missing since March, 1943, after one of the big raids on Dusseldorf, when he piloted a Spitfire acting as escort to the bombers. They engaged enemy planes over the English Channel on the return.

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OUR OWN 'GRIPE BOX'...

News item: "Baltimore (CNS)- A
sort of super gripe box--whereby
soldiers can receive promotions,
furloughs and even the Legion of
Merit for any bright ideas they
may have on how to run the Army--
has been established by the
Third Service Command."

We would like to point out to
all and sundry -- newer arrivals
here included-- that we had such
a thing here many moons ago, and
still have.

Admitted, it hasn't been used
to its fullest advantage, but it
is there and through it the low-
liest can get his ideas before
the mighty.

For your information, it's the
white box at the canteen door...

SPRING SIGNS....

Kites, victory gardens, grass
seed, shirtsleeves, sunbathing,
chirping noises, that outdoor
urge and love... ah, love!



Sir:

There is much general apprecia-
tion for the fortnightly pass and
it comes as a welcome respite
from the steady round of concen-
tration and application. But for
two, or at most three, ground sub-
jects on Sunday afternoons, these
passes could be 48's instead of
24's.

I feel these lectures could be
easily covered in preceding or
ensuing weeks and suggest that
the cancellation of Sunday ground
school would be really acclain-
ed and appreciated. SILENT

Sir:

The suggestion has been made to
me that, if solo charts are signed
by the instructor, it should be
possible for the timekeeper to
initial the F-1? for the instruct
or.

May I point out that this pro-
cedure cannot be carried out be-
cause the F-1? must be the origi-
nal authorization. Official

Sir:

Could not the library hours be
posted on the library door? Most
of the boys don't know when it's
open. A SERGEANT

(Hours are 3 to 5, 6:30 to 8 -Ed)

WINE, WOMEN and WEINERS

Memories of wine, women and weiners -- those are just some of the better things the EE boyes have to remember after a short visit to Cultus lake, that mountain jewel nestled snugly behind the Vedder range.

Airmen who were at the station's new rest home at the lake over the Easter weekend returned with but one question in mind, "When can we go back?" -- for their sojourn there was one of parties, dancing, skating, a weiner roast and sports.

The hospitality shown to the No. 24 EFTS lads, especially by a number of Magee high school girls from Vancouver, is long to be remembered, according to the boys who were lucky enough to be there. Last Thursday evening, Boeing Aircraft's social club held a dance at which most of the airmen were guests. After a skating party on Friday night, the officers conducted a weiner roast for the holidayers and their guests. Invitations to lunch and dinner for the boys came thick and fast after this affair.

The next night, following dancing and skating, several joined in a party at the hut and later an organized manhunt for one missing LAC was started; others went off on private expeditions.



Signs like "Men Only" and "Fire Escape" which were swiped nicely off station, give passersby the chuckles and hint at the carefree life the boys lead. The motto of the place, "Nil Bastardi Carborundum," adorns the main entrance to the lodge.

Moral, fellows -- if you get a chance to visit this resort, by all means take it.

- Walman

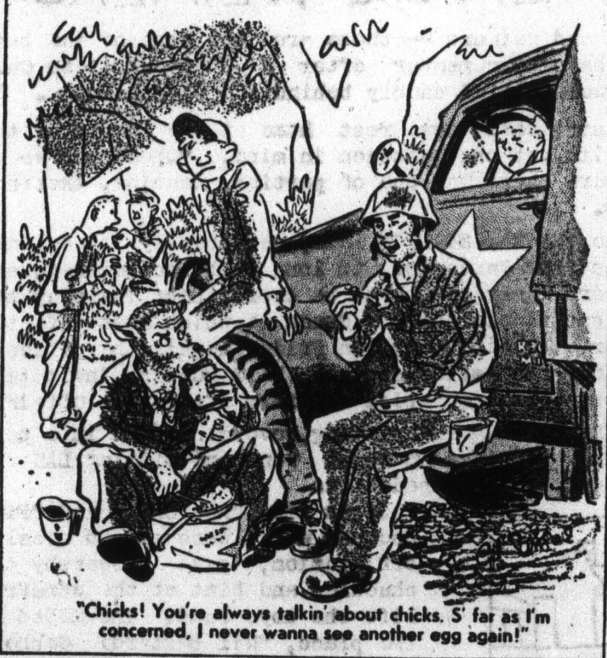
(Editor's Note: Though we've not yet had a chance, pardner, we do intend to visit there, for from all reports it's an airmen's paradise. PO Charles Durand is the man to see about going up there on weekend 48's.)

MORE ABOUT CULTUS COUNTRY CLUB ELSEWHERE THIS ISSUE

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Chicks! You're always talkin' about chicks. S' far as I'm concerned, I never wanna see another egg again!"

DOZEN PROMOTIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS LISTED THIS WEEK

Promotion of Flying Officer Ralph A. J. Burton, squadron commander at No. 24 EFTS, to the rank of flight lieutenant was announced at the school this week, rounding out the list of recent promotions and commissions which affected 11 other instructors.

Recently returned from a special administration course at the Trenton, Ontario, RCAF station, FL Burton has been filling the squadron commander spot since that time. He was formerly attached to test flight.

Other recent raises in rank went to WO2 Charles Durand, WO2 George Proctor and WO2 Frank Martineau, who were commissioned pilot officers, to WO2 Charles Banner and WO2 Victor McCormick, who were made warrant officers first class, and to PO Jack Rasmussen, PO Bert Price, PO James Murphy, PO (acting FO) Reg Witt, PO Ed Brock and PO Douglas Stewart, who all became temporary flying officers with the promotions.

FL Burton, a resident of White Rock and a former school teacher there, was an early addition

CULTUS LAKE CAMP POPULAR WITH RCAF MEN OF ABBOTSFORD

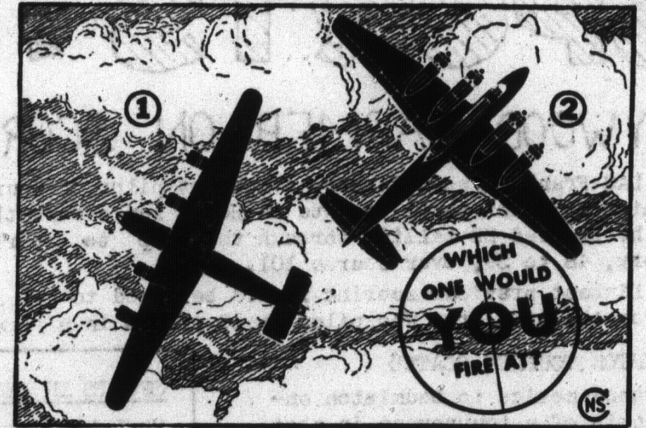
Second "Country Club" At Harrison Lake

PO George Proctor, outdoor club impressario at No. 24 EFTS, today announced another "country club" is available—this one for staff members at the flying station. For two weeks now, a similar venture has been open at Cultus Lake for airmen awaiting course and on leave.

The new opportunity, according to the announcement, is at Harrison Hot Springs which have been thrown open to the instructors and their wives until next January. Two boats go with the deal. PO Proctor declared.

The site abounds with fishing, hiking and climbing opportunities. It is owned by Earl Clarke, a lumber mill operator there who has offered the facilities to the EFTS staffers. Plans are under

way to the local staff, reporting here from Saskatoon SFTS, where he was an instructor and, flight commander. He has been active in station sports and at one time captained the station basketball team. Married, he has one son.



way to build bunks in the two cabins and generally prepare the place for occupancy.

At Cultus Lake, airmen awaiting instruction at the local school have been occupying quarters in two groups of 24 each week, with the weekends being taken over by students on weekend leave. Two officers accompany each group, which cooks its own meals and enjoys the fishing, boating and—for the hardier ones—swimming.

A mild business boom is being

enjoyed by Cultus Lake concessions and entertainment purveyors, with the roller skating rink open a month ahead of schedule and more activity visible than is usual at this time of year at the resort, as a result of the influx of airmen.

The Cultus Lake venture is being handled by a group headed by Proctor and including FS Frank Mould, secretary-treasurer, FS Karr MacKenzie, rations and sports equipment, and PO Chas. Durand, personnel and entertainment.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



HMMM - VELLY FANCY PLESENT, MISSY LACE! S'IO COST!

YOU SAID IT... I'VE GOT AN IDEA ...



HIYA, GENERAL? WHAT DO YOU HEAR FROM THE WIFE AND KIDS?

THEY'RE SWELL, MISS LACE!



THAT BOY WILL BE PLAYING A FAST TACKLE BEFORE LONG, GENERAL



I SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRY TO BEAT THE BEST CHECKER PLAYER IN THE INFANTRY...

SORRY TO GET TO YOU LAST, GENERAL... BUT I ALWAYS ENJOY MY DESSERT MOST!

Scents-ible Approach



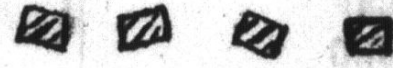
FUNNY THING, LIEUTENANT, I'VE NEVER KNOWN THE MEN IN THIS WARD TO SLEEP SO SOUNDLY...

CPL. MEAD MAKES SHUTTLE TRIPS TO STATION HOSPITAL

Cpl. Morris Mead and the station hospital at No. 24 EFTS seem to have a strange affinity for each other, for the service policeman is once again in one of the white enamelled cots this time with a badly sprained ankle.

Released only recently after recuperation from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident, the corporal on Sunday night twisted his ankle while playing badminton in Town Hall.

SPORTS



HAYWOOD - FARMER ON SCORING SPREE

LAG Frank Haywood-Farmer, a student pilot of Course 102, racked up the highest point total to date in House league basketball Monday night when he stuffed 22 tallies through the hoop to spark his class team to victory, 48 to 39, over Course 101.

Highest previous scoring record belonged to FL Ralph Burton, playing for the Officers, who piled up 18 points in a game last week.

BADMINTON TOURNEY SLATED

Advance notice to badminton enthusiasts of a tournament in that sport in Town Hall starting April 25 was given this week by Pilot Officer Keith Young, co-sports officer.

The tourney will decide the doubles champions of No. 24 EFTS and is open to any doubles team, either mixed or otherwise.

Entrants are being booked up in the play at Sport stores by April 21, the deadline.

SOFTBALL GETS SETBACK

Plans for a station softball league received a temporary setback this week when the field behind Town Hall, which was to have been used for the diamond, underwent seeding and raking. It will now not be ready for use until at least June.

Prospects for another diamond are poor, but enthusiasts will have a chance to perform with two Station teams in the town league.

SPORTS IN SHORT

MONDAY- Basketball: 7pm, Off-UE; 8 pm, 103-NCO; 9 pm, Civ-101.

WEDNESDAY- Volleyball: 7 pm, 103-101; 8 pm, UE-NCO; 9 pm, Civ-102.

THURSDAY- Volleyball: 7 pm, Civ-101; 8 pm, Off-NCO; 9 pm, 103-UE. Floor hockey: 7 pm, 103-UE; 8 pm, Off-NCO; 9 pm, Civ-101.

LET'S HAVE A CHEERING DEPT.

PLEASE, PEOPLE

A few simple rules -- enter by the side doors, don't go on the floor without gym shoes, etc. -- are the only ones imposed in Town Hall.

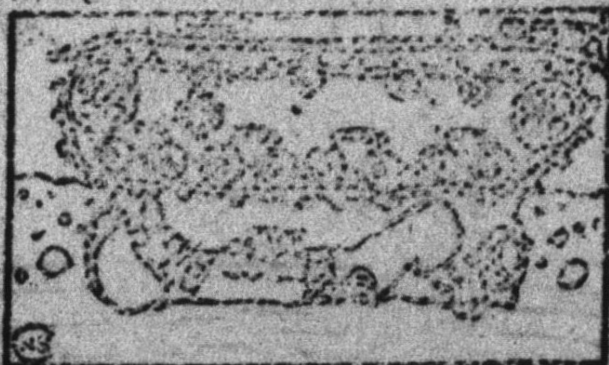
Our freedom in this recreation centre can be curtailed if the authorities are aroused by infractions of the few laws now in effect. We've got a good thing here.

LATE SPORTS NEWS

Effervescent PO Keith Young, he of the sporty set, is currently suffering the lot of all organizers. His complaint - that drawing up sports schedules is no fun if they aren't going to be carried out. He appeals - tho not yet on bended knee - for more of the old cooperation.



Tanks can go most places but they aren't good for crossing deep water or climbing a steep, rocky mountain side. Many natural obstacles, such as deep bodies of water, marshes or bogs, and ground covered with heavy stones or large boulders, offers good protection from tanks by causing them to change their course.



A narrow slit trench or foxhole in solid ground, in which you can get below the surface, will protect you from being run over by tanks or other track laying vehicles.

So this is the Army! Such items as this make good recruiting posters for the RCAF, 'twould seem.

COME ONE, COME ALL
TO OLD TOWN HALL

Some company employes seem to be entertaining the unfounded impression that they may not enjoy the facilities of Town Hall but such is not the case.

Recreation facilities and sport equipment is available for all of the station's personnel, service and civilian.

MODEL CLUB
REVITALIZED

PO Bob Waltham, president of the station Model Club, announced today that his group has had a transfusion of new blood and welcomes more to its meetings Thursday nights at 7:30 in Town Hall. Club rooms, complete with power tools and supplies, are in the upstairs northeast room.

About 20 members are now on the roster, with places for many more.

(By request, same thing again-ED)
WHICH ONE WOULD YOU FIRE AT?

(from Page 5)

NOT AT No. 1 -- It's the Liberator, high-wing, four-engine bomber with wings of wide span and full taper. The nose of the deep fuselage projects far ahead of the engines. The tailplane is rectangular and has twin rudders.

FIRE AT No. 2 -- It's the German FW 200 Kurier, low-wing, four engine heavy bomber with underslung engine nacelles and tapered tailplane and single fin and rudder.

BITS OF THE BREEZE

WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

First fire in station history — with the exception of numerous practices — smoked and charred the room of Reta Legg and Jeannette Rorison in the girls' barracks Wednesday noon, burned up their lovely curtains, their bedding and their mattresses. But carpenters had the place fixed in short order. Cause unknown; insurance nil; firemen happy.

PO Lloyd Burford, of Vancouver, one of three new instructors who reported in from Regina Sunday, has already left -- a 'Y' Depot posting caught up with him. He'd been instructing 16 months and just won his PO.

The MO at a West Coast hospital is likely in future to be a little wary of 24 EFTS patients, for his latest tonsillectomy — performed on LAC C.A. "Swede" Anderson -- resulted in much hubub and commotion as the local lad came out of the ether. It took umpty-odd orderlies and an SP to quell him. He wanted to leave in his pajamas.

A bang-up funfest is in store for Thursday night's visitors to the Town Hall Hostess club, for PO Wallie Peters, former Vancouver radio station program director, will put on an utterly slapstick quiz show for the entertainment of the lads and lassies.

School Council topics Wednesday included the Second street (front of Town Hall) parking problem, a report on the Victory garden and mention of a possible new Victory Loan radio program from here.

Coming Events

MOVIES

(Tuesday and Friday nights, but you'll have to take pot luck because schedules are mixed more than somewhat- ED)

DANCE

Abbotsford Hut, Saturday night

HOSTESS CLUB

Every night, 7 to 10:30; Thurs. night, Special Quiz Program.



"You pull EI tomorrow night, Whiteide."