

SL Gain, CFI, Here, Posted To McLeod SFTS

LEADER OF RCAF PERSONNEL SINCE SCHOOL COMMENCED

Official announcement is made today of the posting of Squadron Leader Morley Gain, chief flying instructor and commanding officer of RCAF personnel at No. 24 EFTS here, to the MacLeod, Alberta, service flying training school.

Leader of RCAF personnel since the start of operations at the local flying school last September, SL Gain came here from Aylmer, Ont., SFTS; his home is in St. Catharines, Ont.

Succeeding him as chief flying instructor will be Squadron Leader G. E. Kerley of Regina, who currently holds the position of second in command of flying training in No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, to which the school here is attached.

SL Kerley is expected to report here Monday, coincidental to SL Gain's departure.

Farewell testimonials to SL Gain are planned by both the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess; the officers will hold a Mess dinner and party Thursday night and the sergeants will conduct their affair Sunday night on the station.

McNAUGHTON ON RADIO

Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton will speak on the radio over all English and Canadian stations next Sunday at 5:45 p.m. Pacific time. The general will speak on the Victory Loan.

Over Quarter Million Dollars Station's Victory Loan Target



SERVICEMEN'S HUT ENTERTAINS 713 BOYS DURING MARCH

Donations totalling \$48.50 were reported at the executive meeting the M-S-A Citizens' Committee, operators of the Servicemen's Hut in Abbotsford, on Thursday from the following organizations: Jr. Hospital Auxiliary, \$10; W.A. to M-S-A Hospital, \$10; Catholic Women's League, \$10; Trinity United Church, \$15; Bridge Club, \$2, and LOBA No. 1025, \$1.50. Milk was donated during February by H. Conway.

During March there were 713 boys registered at the Hut. Three new classes were entertained, transportation being provided to and from the airport. The boys were given lunch and entertained at games and dancing. One group of boys from the naval detachment was provided with a special evening of fun.

In future Saturday night dances will be free to servicemen and junior hostesses, and to provide this entertainment more funds will be necessary. The committee is asking that any organization which is behind with its pledge make to an effort to help provide recreation for the boys in uniform.

A combined target of \$52,500 in subscriptions to the Sixth Victory Loan has been set for RCAF and civilian personnel of No. 24 EFTS, it was announced today by FL L. S. Milne, and Secretary-treasurer Fred Graham, heading the separate drives at the school.

Air force men at the flying centre will attempt to "Put Victory First" to the tune of \$35,000 and employees of the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd. are seeking to hit a grand total of \$27,500, drive chairmen said.

Working for 100 per cent coverage of the station, the campaign committees have been organized to get under way with the start of the local bonds sale on Monday in an enthusiastic effort to top its results in the first loan last fall, when the school was in its early stages.

With FL Milne as chairman, the RCAF committee includes flight commander FO F. Grant, FO W. T. McGill, FO Austin McNab, FO Roger Dinelli, FO G. A. Gessella and the squadron commander FL R. A. Burton.

The company campaign group will include ten department heads and their assistants, under the direction of Mr. Graham. Rallies are planned by both drive leaders, with special speakers and programs.

Announcing the opening of the drive, both chairmen pointed to the ever-growing danger of inflation in the nation as buying power continues to grow beyond the amount of consumer goods available and urged personnel to invest their savings to their advantage and for the good of the country.

In a preliminary message to station personnel, Air Vice Marshal G. R. Howsam, air officer commanding No. 4 Training Command, urged their continued

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END OF THE LINE, ALL CHANGE...

"World travellers at 21," as
RCAF recruiting posters term us,
are familiar with that railroad
shout. This time, however, it ap-
plies to the whole station, for
on Monday we change to the band
wagon of a new RCAF CO.

SL Morley Gain, our departing
CO, leaves for other parts then,
after nursing this infant of a
station out of its childhood.

He was the first EFTStaffer to
put in an appearance here as Aug
ust waned last year. He saw his
handful of personnel grow into a
school in full bloom. He suffer-
ed all the trials and worries of
a new parent trying to handle a
kingsized kid.

That he did so much so well in
so little time will inscribe his
name in technicolor on all pages
of 24 EFTS history. That he grew
in stature under pressure can re-
main an everlasting tribute to



Sir:

I notice the Breeze-Mail-Sug-
gestion box in the canteen final-
ly got tagged. Why can't those
street signs be fixed up now?

M.M.

(We dunno -- Ed.)

Sir:

In ~~the~~ Breeze last week you ran
the same cartoons you used the
week before. Much as I enjoy her
evident curvaciousness, I still
would like to see Miss Lace from
a different angle each issue.

WOLF

(You're right, we slipped. 'Twas
fault of being rushed -- Ed.)

Sir:

The rumor is around that one
bunch of UE's who were up at the
Cultus Lake camp left it a mess
and used up a week's rations in
two days. I want to protest ag-
ainst such actions because that's
only spoiling it for us all. G.C.

his character and high purpose.

His successes were many, his
failures were few. Figures don't
lie and in command archives today
are records made here which no
other EFTS has equalled - records
which unfortunately are military
secrets and cannot be published.

We'll know our loss...

BITS OF THE BREEZE

WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

Several station leaders are home again after business trips this past week. Manager Stewart McKercher came back from Saskatoon yesterday, Chief Ground Instructor Hugh Barclay from an inspection tour, SL Morley Gain, CFI, from a CFI's meeting in Calgary and Equipment Officer Bill Harrington from an equipment conference in the same city.

First formal mixed affair to be held by the Officers' Mess was its dance last Thursday, to the music of the Western Air Command dance band. A throng of merrymakers enjoyed the affair, arranged by a committee including PO Mollie Peters as chairman, PO Bill Colquhoun, FL Carl Agar, M.J. Nugent and Eric L. Adames. Refreshments were scrumptious, thanks to a hard-working messing staff.

A general reallocation of administration building company offices last weekend finally provided a board room for school council sessions, previously cramped into a much-too-small end cubicle.

Standing invitations for any of this school's service personnel to visit Haney, B.C., have been issued by the servicemen's group there, according to a letter received by Y Supervisor Harvey Orr. Our boys will be welcome any weekend, up to 50 in number, and will be entertained royally.

Somebody has lost a shaving kit in a blue case — was on the bus returning from Cultus lake. The owner may claim it at MT section.

Students should be as healthy as all-get-out now, after regular daily PT for the past two weeks.

Chuckle: instructors and wives bringing their own lunches Tuesday nights, staff nights in Town Hall, since officers' mess voted no more evening snacks.

Company employees' final payment on last victory loan is May 7; instalments on new loan start May 21, meaning full pay for two weeks.

POT VICTORY FIRST



The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Your face isn't familiar ... but your 'line' is!"



EFTS STUDENTS HELP SIXTH VICTORY LOAN THROUGH LECTURES

Three holders of distinguished flying decorations, stationed at No. 24 as student pilots, have been drafted by No. 4 Training Command for its roster of speakers in the Sixth Victory Loan.

FO Warren Wortley, DFM, and Bruce Croxton, DFC, observers, and FO Gordon Craddock, DFC, an air gunner, and all with many operational trips over Germany under their belts, are now in Calgary preparatory to their tours throughout the training command, where they will speak at air force schools and assist in the civilian drive as well.

BUY VICTORY BONDS (Continued from front page)

devotion to the fight for victory. "I desire to convey my heartiest congratulations to all ranks for the successful results in preceding campaigns and I have every hope that you will give this drive the utmost support and co-operation," he declared.

Final totals in the first loan

GLOWING TRIBUTE TO VALUE OF HUT BY DEPARTING C.O.

"Tremendous Need Was Satisfied"

On the eve of his departure from No. 24 EFTS, SL Morley Gain, chief flying instructor and commanding officer of RCAF personnel at the school, expressed his appreciation to H. S. Andrews, chairman of the M-S-A Citizens' Committee, for the work of "The Hut" in helping student pilots to better enjoy their stay here.

"We are indeed grateful to the Hut and know the students here will back us to a man in saying so, for the fine entertainment they have provided us in Abbotsford," the CFI asserted.

"When our station opened, and for the first five months of its existence, we had no recreation for our personnel here. That tremendous need was satisfied only by the unlimited trouble, time and expense to which the Citizens' Committee put itself."

Characterizing the Hut as "an island of hospitality," the squadron leader pointed to the servicemen's centre as a bulwark of station morale during its most trying period. "This organization continues to do exceptional work; it has blazoned the hospitality of British Columbia all over the world.

"We realize the great additional burden the school has meant to the town and appreciate the manner in which the residents of Abbotsford and surrounding community have taken us into their hearts and tried to make us feel at home," he declared. "It is our sincerest wish that the Hut, have every success for the whole of its existence."

SL Gain leaves this weekend to take over duties at an RCAF station on the prairies.

drive at No. 24 EFTS showed the RCAF staff hit 190 per cent of its \$10,000 goal, with the company personnel not far behind in its own campaign. Both drive chairmen are hoping for equally encouraging results in the current loan.

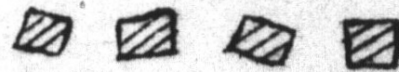
Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Must Have Come From Under The Rock Of Age



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SPORTS



POMFRET HUMBLER OFFICERS

Sparked by Cpl. Jack Pomfret, former University of Washington star, the Useful Employment basketball team trimmed the officers team Monday night by a score of 42 to 26.

PO Keith Young's flathat team could not check the flow of points run up by the gentlemen-in-waiting, as Pomfret ran wild to drop 20 big tallies through the hoop. The officers were so well stymied that never once during the evening was the outcome ever in doubt.

Fourteen points rolled through the basket from FL Ralph Burton's nimble fingers, but even those scores failed to halt the UE rush.

Also on Monday night, the Staff NCO's were licked by Course 103, 22 to 13, in a game which featured Smith's eight-point total for the students. Puttonen and Welsh sank two baskets each for the NCO's.

STURGISS LOSES OUT IN SEMI-FINALS

Unable to stem the powerful offensive shots of FO Art Barron, PO George Sturgiss of No. 24 EPTS was eliminated from the Western Canada Open Table Tennis tournament in Vancouver Saturday in straight games.

It was the first tournament he has played in four years. The winner, who is Vancouver and provincial champion, is stationed at a West Coast RCAF base.

Before joining the RCAF, Sturgiss held a No. 4 ranking in mens doubles in the USA as well as a number of city and Ohio titles.

LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES IN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Extension to tomorrow of time for badminton tourney entries was announced today by sports officer PO Keith Young.

SPORTS IN SHORT

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

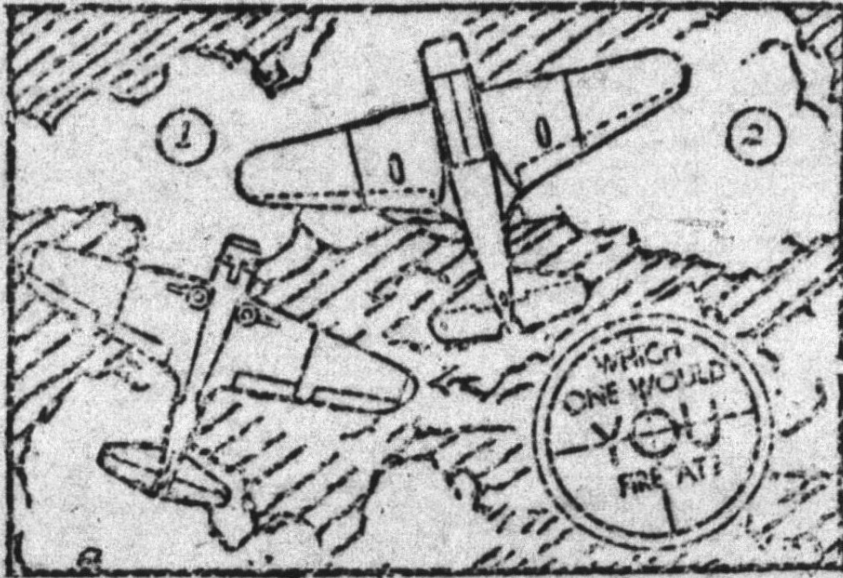
THURSDAY- Floor Hockey 7 pm, 102-NCO; 8 pm, 103-Off; 9 pm Civ-UE.

ADD BITS... D flight defeated B flight in Wednesday's Instructor's quiz session semi-finals....FO .. Galliver in Vancouver being married....Flight Sergeants Mould, Jus Ling, Fraser and Trevelyan became NO's this week....Street signs and auto stickers proclaiming 15 mph. speed limit on station....CGI Hugh Barclay told School Council that Rifle Club will now swing into operation now that school has say over buildings....The Victory Loan Broadcast from here postponed until next week.

MESS TENDERS C.F.I. FAREWELL DINNER

Good wishes and Godspeed to Squadron Leader Morley Gain, CFI here who has been posted to MacLeod SFTS, were rife last night at Officers' Mess as the entire membership gathered at a special Mess dinner which saw the presentation to the squadron leader of a magnificent desk set.

Manager Stewart McKercher lauded the CFI's activities here, declaring, "He has contributed greatly to the success of this school. Command are pleased with our progress and to him goes much of the credit."



Replying to the presentation remarks, SL Gain voiced his sorrow in leaving and called to mind the pleasant months of organization here.

"I'm proud of the whole gang," he said, as he passed the credit for current success on to the staff. "You have produced results."

Following the Mess dinner, an open house followed during which members and their guests enjoyed the privileges of the lounge.

FIRE AT NO. 1 : It's "Kate", one of the Japs' low-wing, single engine torpedo bombers. Both edges of the wings taper to curved tips. The tailplane is tapered to rounded tips with a single fin and rudder.

NOT AT NO. 2 : It's the US Navy "Devastator," a low-wing, single engine torpedo bomber. The trailing edge of the wings is swept forward to rounded tips while the leading edge is straight. The tailplane is tapered to rounded tips.

INVASION INVOICES WILL BE MET BY YOUR PURCHASES OF VICTORY BONDS NEXT WEEK !

Coming Events

MOVIES

This Friday:

NOW VOYAGER

Bette Davis, Paul Henreid

Tuesday:

ANDY HARDY'S DOUBLE LIFE

Vickey Rooney Lewis Stone

Next Friday:

OLD ACQUAINTANCE

Bette Davis Miriam Hopkins

DANCE

Abbotsford Hut Saturday Nite

HOSTESS CLUB

Every night, 7 to 10.30

THEIR TARGET-BERLIN!



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