

Obstacle Course Toughest Built At School Here

Shortly after this story was written, the officers and airmen mentioned were posted to other schools. "Now we wish we'd made this course twice as hard," they declared in parting. The only reason they held back in the first place, they said, was the knowledge they too would have to go over it

Eight officers and a bunch of airmen are creating one of the toughest Commando Courses in Canada at No. 24 EFTS.

SL G. E. Kerley, chief flying instructor and RCAF commanding officer, and FO S. A. Newcombe, adjutant, have promised to dedicate the course—to be the first over it. The construction crew plan to install a pretty pink ribbon for the two officers to cut as they cross the finish line.

Part of Curriculum

When it will be ready FO Vic Zachanko, chief engineer of the project, could not say today, but he guessed it will be sometime about the first of next week. Then the PT and Drill instructors will take over and make the obstacle race a regular part of the school curriculum.

The eight officers represent a variety of former trades in the air force. Zachanko, FO George Cummings, FO Fenner Dalley and FO Des Lefluffy were all engineers, but FO George Graham was a bomb-aimer overseas, FO Bert Arnold was in signals, FO Panagapko was a Radar officer and FO Alec Cattnach was in the legal section.

Assisting with the work on a more-or-less permanent basis are

"AVERAGE STUDENT" TO BE FEATURED IN PUBLICATION

A souvenir booklet for staff and students of No. 24 EFTS will appear shortly, based on the experiences of one trainee pilot and replete with pictures; it was announced at the school today.

The "average student" will be sought from among the courses now in training and his day-to-day adventures chronicled for the book.

Working on the project are Sec.-Treas. Fred Graham of the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd., M. J. Nugent, official photographer, and PO Frank Martineau, public relations officer.

LAC Ted Reid, a remustered electrician; LAC Don Campbell, remustered from Breeze reporter; LAC Don Atkinson, telephone lineman, and LAC Ernie Ferguson, who used to be a Radar mechanic.

100 Yards of Fun

Located across the road from the station canteen, the course stretches for more than 100 yards, over hummocks, sandbits, artificial and natural barriers, mudholes and a meandering creek.

It starts off with a fence which has to be vaulted and wends its way through a hectic maze that includes an over-and-under hurdle, a 20-foot climbing wall (it sways nicely when burdened with a dozen men), five normal hurdles, a nine-foot sheer vaulting wall, a pile of logs five feet high and 20 feet long, a steep downhill slope, a tunnel, a hill to climb, a slippery skinned log over a 25-foot pool (it's 20 feet deep), and then a bunch of muscle stretchers back and forth across the creek.

Remuster Leads Graduate Class

Parading within a spacious hangar before assembled RCAF personnel, friends and relatives the latest graduating class at No. 24 EFTS was presented its token wigns Thursday by Squadron Leader G. E. Kerley, RCAF commanding officer.

Sgt. K. R. Esselmont, a remustered wireless instructor, was honor student of the course and was given the bracelet indicative of his finishing the flying and ground school course with the highest average of his group.

Distinguished passes, awarded to the next five in line in final stadios were given to LAC H. Carlyle of Moose Jaw, Sask., LAC R. Hughes of Victoria, Sgt. B. Spicer of Calgary, also remustered from wireless; LAC D. Sudbury and LAC R. Yates of Vancouver.

Pointing the class toward its next endeavor—service flying training schools on the prairies—SL Kerley commended the graduates for their excellent showing here and advised them to put all their efforts toward the completion of their pilot training and the winning of commissions.

Two Americans—LAC F. Bordeaux of Hood River, Oregon, and LAC K. Taylor of Seattle—were also in the class. Other airmen were from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

A reception was held in the Hostess Club at the school following the parade, and tea was served to the graduates, their parents and friends.

Thursday night, a smoker was held by the class in Town Hall with instructors and school officials as guests. The completed students are now on two weeks' leave, pending posting.

NICE GOING, GALS...

This is an unusual station, but one of the most unusual things about it is its Hostess Club. On no other station have we ever seen such an organization.

The closest approach, perhaps, is the WD canteen on a completely RCAF unit, but even that could hardly come close to the success of our local establishment.

Every night you find lads just naturally gravitating toward the Hostess Club when their letters are written, their sports are over or their movie finished, for they know that there they will be able to make themselves at home, talk to a girl without committing themselves and have a cup of coffee in comfort.

Your work is appreciated, gals.

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WE SLIPPED...

By way of correction, The Week-
ly Breeze points out that it was
distinctly in error in making "Y"
Supervisor Harvey Orr a widower
in last week's editions.



Letters to the Editor



Sir:

By the time the next Breeze is published, I hope to be thru here and on my way home. During my stay here (since January 16) I have found this interesting little paper a source of great enjoyment. May it continue long with every success. AL T. TUDE
Thanks, Al. Incidentally, credit for the pressing cartoon goes to this same Al, whoever he is. --
d.)

Sir:

Some guy who signed himself Joe took some space in The Breeze

last week to beef about not having shoes to wear. Not only did he exaggerate but it was poor taste on your part to publish a letter of that type.

FRIEND OF THE BREEZE

(Granted that it was exaggeration, every man should have the right to say his piece, however far he may be off the beam. - Ed.)

Sir:

When this commando course is finished, will Staff have to go over it?
WORRIED-

FO Roger Dinelli, who applied some months ago for transfer to the USAAF, has received a posting to a Tennessee base. Awaiting imminent similar action are FO Jack Reasmussen and PO George Sturgiss.

FO Tom "Tex" McGill, formerly OC of B and C flights, is now on Temporary duty at Calgary SFTS preparing for an overseas posting. FO Andy Duncan replaces him as flight commander and FO Reg Witt moves to Testing flight.

Langley will vie with Haney for our lads' attention Wednesday nite, for a party is planned in the former community and a dance at the latter, with airmen from here urgently invited to come and have fun.

ITTY-BITTY BITS...PO G.B. Cumming is new flying instructor here... A dance at Lynden, Washington, will attract about 60 from here tonight... 40 Army cadets from Abbotsford high were tourists here Monday.... Honor student Sgt. Esselmont was MC at grad smoker last night... Harvey Orr is quite ill in Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver; PO Wallie Peters and FO Keith Young will fill in temporarily as auxiliary services officers.

No further word on date of Airmen's dance as this issue goes to press. Watch for bulletins.

BC POSTWAR PROSPECTS PLANNED AS TALK TOPICS

Prospects for ex-servicemen in BC's postwar world will be outlined in a series of talks by the leaders in various industrial fields in the Province, CGI Hugh Barclay announced today on behalf of a committee which has been working on the project.

University of BC officials suggested the program and EFTS leaders have undertaken to go ahead and secure the speakers.

Talks on communications, lumbering (both manufacturing and logging), radio and business administration are planned.



The Wolf

by Sansone



"If you spent less time in bed 'n' more time studyin', you'd make PFC too!"

STUDENT PILOT SURVIVES CRASH IN CULTUS HILLS

Makes Own Way Out And Misses Searchers

While a search party forced its way through rough country south-east of Cultus Lake and relief search parties prepared to follow, LAC Dennis Peters, 20, of Port Credit, Ontario, whose trainer plane from No. 24 EFTS had crashed early Friday afternoon, made his own way out through Liumchin Canyon to safety on Saturday.

He walked for 24 hours, covering the eight miles from the wreckage of his Cornell trainer, before he came to the Thornton & Sarclough logging camp. He was injured only slightly in the crash, receiving arm and leg lacerations. Peters told the loggers who took him first to Chilliwack hospital that he "rode the ship to the deck" after finding it impossible to turn the plane in a blind valley. Tree sheared off his wings, crashed across the empty rear cockpit but left his front cockpit untouched.

Searchers who went into the hills at 3 p.m. Friday believing the wreck only two miles from

a logging road, were 30 hours without food, camped primitively Friday night. Peters is now in No. 24 EFTS station hospital, Abbotsford.

NUGENT BECOMES CRIB CHAMPION

M. J. Nugent, works officer and official photographer at No. 24 EFTS became the cribbage champion of the Officers' Mess on the station this week when he defeated Captain Robert N. Grant Canadian Dental Corps officer, in the playoffs of a tournament which had lasted three weeks.

* Capt. Grant had won over PO George Proctor, FO Reg Witt, FO John Tait, SL G. E. Kerley and C. J. Clark in that order, only to lose to Mr. Nugent, who put down PO C. Price, Harvey Orr and FO Monck to come to the finals, drawing a bye in the semi-finals.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

In response to numerous requests, The Breeze starts this week to carry Abbotsford theatre program news. Coming shows:

Saturday, Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves; Monday and Tuesday, Lassie Come Home; Wednesday and Thursday, Woman of the Town and Daring Young Man.

DALY'S COMETS SOAR ABOVE OTHER TEAMS IN FASTBALL LEAGUE

Opening the second round of play Monday with a 15-11 win over the RCAF staff nine, Daly's Comets stretched their unbroken winning streak to six and established themselves as the team to beat for the Abbotsford and Services fastball league title.

The weatherman has been responsible largely for the increasingly large number of postponed games which will have to be completed later before the title-holder can be determined. Next week the Reserve Army will return from camp and hope to thrust themselves forward as prominent contenders after numerous practice sessions at the training camp during the past two weeks.

Games for the next few days will include the following: on Thursday, June 1, EFTS vs RCAF Students; Friday, June 2, Mission vs Navy; Monday, June 5, EFTS vs Navy; Tuesday, June 6, Reserve Army vs Comets; Wednesday, June 7, RCAF staff vs Navy; Thursday, June 8, RCAF Students vs Army; Friday, June 9, EFTS vs Comets.

Matsqui Flyer Undaunted By Cut Fuel Line

"One lousy little piece of flak" in a fuel line was almost enough to dump FO George Lidstrom, Matsqui, and all his crew into a damp Aegean; almost enough, but not quite.

The oil line was hit as Lidstrom's Wimpy attacked an enemy merchantman and the pressure fell away rapidly. Faced with a long over-water trip on the one good engine, he and his crew chopped off the oil tanks for the hydraulics and kept it ticking over for a while until they had to give it up and come home on one motor.

"It held up beautifully," Lidstrom recalled. "There was lots of power and we came in without any trouble.

"Our first thought was to get as much of that sea behind us as we could.

Of course we threw everything we could lay our hands on overboard and were looking speculatively at a pretty heavy gunner but everything worked fine."

The attack proper went well enough. Their stick of bombs straddled the enemy vessel neatly. Said Lidstrom: "We couldn't help but do some damage. She lay there in the moonpath and when we attacked our bombs fell right across her." Three escort ships opened fire at once with everything they had, but the Wellington flew home like a bird.

Warrant Officer and Mrs. C. F. Banner, Abbotsford, announce the birth of a daughter in the M-S-A Hospital on May 28. WO Banner is a flying instructor here.

Visitors to the station today are Group Captain Dicks and FL Fyles, of the personnel branch of No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, and FL Woodruff of the administration branch.

Male Call

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

PEACE CONFERENCES A.T.W.A.S.*

BUT, MR. JONES, I DON'T CARE IF YOU GO OUT WITH NO NECKTIE!

THIS JOB MEANS LONG HOURS AND ALL KINDS OF WEATHER—THINK YOU CAN TAKE IT?

TUNIPRA, SICILY, ANZIO

I ONLY ASKED IF YOU'D LIKE A NICE BROWN SUIT

NO, NO... YOU GIT DOWN, HONEY! I'LL BRING YOUR DINNER TO THE TABLE!

AND THE SECOND THING I'M GONNA DO IS GET INTO A PAIR OF LOOSE PANTS

IT WAS ONLY THE 3-15 AIRLINER GOING OVER JUST AS THE FIRE SIREN SOUNDED

SAY—AREN'T YOU BLUE FLAME WILSON, THE FAMOUS FIGHTER PILOT?

I WAS AND I WANTA BUY A PORCH CHAIR—ONE THAT DOESN'T EVEN ROCK!

DADDY, WHY IS IT YOU NEVER TELL ME ABOUT TARAWA?

* AFTER THE WAR AND SIX ...

SPORTS

FASTBALL LEAGUE DISRUPTED BY UE POSTINGS THIS WEEK

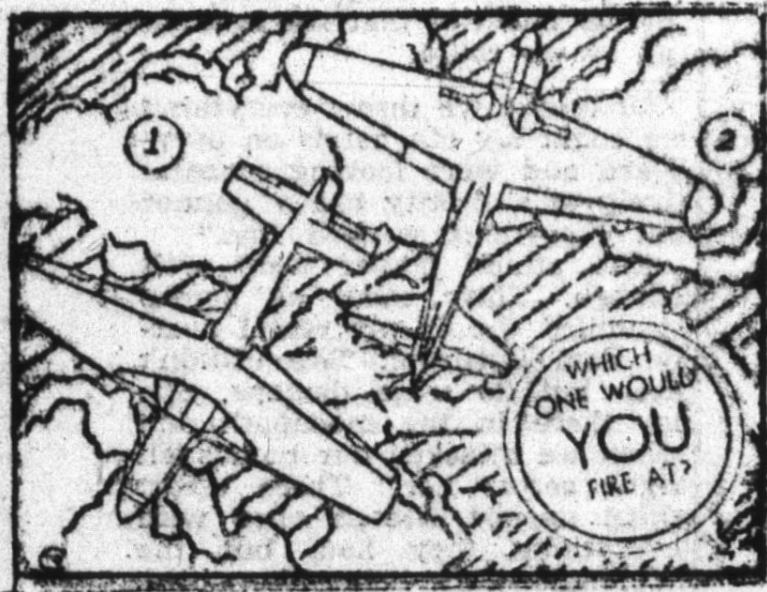
Rain this week added its little bit to the chaos caused in House League fastball here by the posting of Useful Employment personnel to other units, with the result that a complete revision is necessary to the schedule.

Three games were scheduled for this week involving UE teams and five were planned for next week.

PO Keith Young, who was in hospital this week with appendix rumblings, has issued no statement on the league's future.

The posting move robbed the sports department of all its help leaving no one to look after the sports store in Town Hall or to continue with development of the sports field here.

Work on the Commando Course abruptly stopped.



NOT AT NO. 1 ! It's the AAF's P-51 Mustang fighter, in-line motor and long, pointed nose. Squarish.

FIRE AT NO. 2 ! It's "Zeke," Jap carrier-borne Zero, Mk. 1. Radial engine, low-wing fighter is one of the most widely used of Japanese planes. Roundish.

NO FASTBALL SCHEDULE IS PUBLISHED THIS WEEK, SINCE NOT ONE OF THE TILTS PLANNED CAN BE PLAYED. ALL GAMES INVOLVE TEAMS NO LONGER ON STATION. WATCH SPORTS BULLETINS FOR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

SICK REPORT

Catching up on Hospital news:

WO1 Bob Twiss is currently in Boundary Bay hospital having his tonsils extracted.

PO Bill Gale is in same place; his appendix comes out today.

PO Don Boutwell is still in the Convalescent hospital in Van.

PO Austin MacNab is back from his seige of convalescing.

PO J.P. Bradford is in Shaughnessy; PO Bob Baker is back from sick and annual leave; FS Karr MacKenzie is now out of station hospital after overcoming cold.

OFFICIAL

To: All Flying Personnel
Subject: Flying Discipline

On Friday, 26th May, a perfect example of non-observance of Flying Discipline was illustrated by one of our "ace pilots" who caused a great deal of concern and expense by his actions.

Much grief would have been spared had this student stopped to think of flying discipline, simply obeying orders -- orders which were written for a purpose by men with thousands of air hours -- orders to be looked upon as axioms of long life.

This airman's inability to obey orders caused the loss of a valuable aircraft; a wire to his mother stating he was missing; 15 men from this station, rescue squads from Western Air Command, Army and Provincial Police at Chilliwack searching through some of the most difficult terrain in the country in order to offer help should he be unable to help himself; telegrams; telephone calls; medical services; gasoline; accident reports; summary of evidence; investigations and -- who knows -- perhaps a court martial.

A lesson should be drawn from this incident by all flying personnel. Those pilots who disobey flying orders are not flying to fight Hitler but are flying to help him win his war against us.

Coming EventsMOVIES, TOWN HALL, 8 pmTonight:

NO GREATER SIN
All Star Cast

Tuesday:SAHARA

Humphrey Bogart, J. Carroll
Naish, Bruce Bennett

Next Friday:FOOTLIGHT GLAMOUR

Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake
Larry Sims

HOSTESS CLUB

Every nite -- 7 to 10:30;
All invited Thursday at 9
for Wallie Peters' Quiz

ABBOTSFORD HUT

Regular Dance Saturday Nite

MODEL CLUB

Thursday nite Town Hall 730

AIRMEN'S DANCE

For latest news, see story
elsewhere in this issue.

(Movies have not been running according to schedule; info is latest available.)

Latest Rumors . . .

This story is not to be construed as a reference to any rumors now in circulation or likely to be in circulation here at No. 24 EFTS; it is purely a general commentary on rumors, gossip, backfence chatter, sewing circle whispers and just plain bullslinging.

Nor is this article an attempt at information to an already informed public about any matter about to occur or in the process of occurring here at No. 24, or involving said RCAF unit.

As we said (lapsing from the legal), we are merely doing a story about rumors.

Our dictionary defines the word thusly, "an unverified report passing from person to person." Boy, ain't it the truth!

JUST FOR FUN

On Tuesday, just to test this unit's susceptibility to tall tale, The Breeze started a rumor about you-know-what involving the far land of India.

It spread...and spread!

By Wednesday noon, it had come back to its source from all directions and had been broached (if only in jest) at the School Council meeting.

Air Force oldtimers label such grapevine despatches "Daily Routine Rumors." Males call it "gossip" where females are concerned; but the males do more than their share of same.

Now, if there's a moral to all this rambling, it's curb your imagination and hold your tongue.

(Sometimes rumors are true.)

MANAGER DISCUSSES FUTURE AT COUNCIL SESSION WEDNESDAY

Declaring that the possibility of change is ever present in such an operation as an EFTS, Manager Stewart McKercher scotched several persistent rumors as the Council met Wednesday forenoon.

Extra bus service to Van Friday nights is out, a report indicated, because of a bus shortage.

GC Dicks and FL Fyles, personnel, and FL Woodruff, admin, all of No. 4 TC, are here today.

Personnel were advised to read Fire Orders thoroughly.

