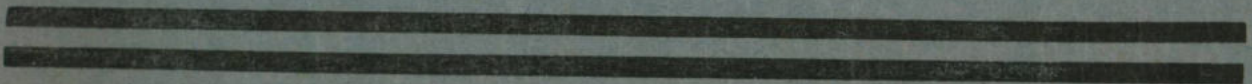

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EDITORIAL

DUTY, in the sense of the word, is really abstract, it cannot be weighed or measured except from the moral point of view, but its psychological effects are concrete. Canada's virile youth are flocking to the colors by the thousands. WHY? Because this, our Native Land, must be preserved to carry on our Traditions of Freedom and Democracy.

UPON us, as an integral part of His Majesty's Forces, rests the responsibility of defending from aggression our mode of life. This has been entrusted to us for safe-keeping by our forefathers who have fought and died for freedom. Freedom, that we have so far taken for granted, but are now called upon to defend. The youth of Canada has not failed; by the thousands they are leaving their loved ones, their homes and secure positions that we may continue to live under free skies.

THE very fact that Canada's youth has rallied to this call so splendidly augurs well for the future of our beloved country. This shows that the clean flame of our ideals still burns as brightly as it did in the heroic days of Nelson. Behind us are thousands of co-defenders on the Home Front. They are our wives and sweethearts, the workers in factories, the technicians, the engineers, who are working day and night to produce our materials of war.

YOUTH is lighting the way to a newer and greater democracy free of any hint of oppression from the Dictatorial Powers. We will carry on as a solidly united front because our morale is high and our beliefs in our way of living cannot be shaken. So take heed, those who would oppress us, for in the words of Nelson, "England Expects Every Man To Do His Duty", and EVERY MAN IS DOING HIS DUTY.

Three Months Experience In Canada

By A.C. G. C. PHILLIPS

ON arriving in a Canadian port three months ago, I had a cold and icy reception. As the boat approached the first slice of land I had seen for many a day I stood on deck, shivering from head to foot and finding the Canadian winter conditions rather embarrassing to my physique which had never before ventured out of the mild European climate.

Not long afterwards that cold and icy reception was substituted by the warm and homely welcome the people of the West accorded to the Royal Air Force personnel who formed a Station on a barren prairie which is now going to be their home for some time.

A memory which will linger within me for a lifetime was the picturesque scenery provided by the trip to my new Station out West. For miles on end the train seemed like a serpent ploughing its way through a wilderness. At first I admired the snow-draped trees which lined the railway track for unlimited miles, but as the train turned corners I had a desire to see signs of human life. To an ordinary Canadian it may not seem strange to travel through uninhabited country for miles on end, but we in England are accustomed to pass through villages, towns and cities at frequent intervals when travelling.

In its entirety, the journey out west was one of the most fascinating I have ever made. It is sufficient to say that the brief time we had in Montreal, Winnipeg, and Regina gave us a glimpse of the grand cities of

Canada and that our swift-moving view of Lake Superior constituted a tranquility which contrasted forcibly with war-scarred England.

I was touched with the warm-heartedness of the people of Medicine Hat, Alberta, which was our destination. Spontaneous greetings of cordiality by the inhabitants generally immediately established common understanding between the Airmen and the people. An impressive step taken by the people to contact the Airmen was to advertise in the local paper to the effect that they would be glad if Airmen coming from different parts of the British Isles would call at their homes. In this way, British people who had been away from their native soil for as many as 30 years would make contact with Airmen coming from their native towns and villages. Friendships developed on these grounds and have been maintained, and after the day's work Airmen go to homes which they, by now, have made their own homes.

British Airmen in Medicine Hat form their own amusements. They go snake hunting on the prairie and shooting is a favourite pastime. It is not an uncommon occurrence to find Airmen riding across the prairie on horses which they have either bought or hired.

The prairie now yields up scenes which it has never known before. Flat spots are sought by the Airmen to play soccer and cricket which are traditional English sport and, in view

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An Airmen's Letter To His Mother

THOUGH I feel no premonition at all, events are moving rapidly, and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids which we shall shortly be called upon to undertake. You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades of the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of greatest importance. Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled lighthouse relief ship. Though it will be difficult for you, you will disappoint me if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability. No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as anyone in the country, and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future. My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It means that your sacrifice is as great as mine. Those who serve England must expect nothing from her; we debase ourselves if we regard

our country as merely a place in which to eat and sleep.

History resounds with illustrious names who have given all, yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire, where there is a measure of peace, justice, freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilization has evolved, and is still evolving, than anywhere else. But this is not only concerning our own land. Today we are faced with the greatest organized challenge to Christianity and civilization that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale. For this I have to thank you. Yet there is more work for you to do. The home front will have to stand united for years after the war is won. For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing; every individual is having the chance to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old. However long time may be, one thing can never be altered—I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death, only a queer elation. . . . I would not have it no other way. The universe is so vast and so ageless that the life of one man can only be justified by the measure of his sacrifice. We are sent to this world to acquire a per-

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Impression And Appreciation

By L.A.C. KEN EWEN

DURING my twelve months' service with a fighter operational training Unit in England I met a lot of Canadian Sergeant Pilots, but they were always so busy learning to fly that my eager questions regarding Canada for the most part remained unanswered. Canada excited me, appealed to my romantic nature; maybe childhood stories of redskins, mounties, trappers and the great white emptiness of Alaskan winters had made an impression, created for me an atmosphere of Rockies and a wild beauty.

The arguments I have heard about Canada's potential resources sounds so appealing that I am left with a feeling of frustration and an intense wanderlust to roam the West.

I like Canada — I knew I should like it. After nearly two years active service in war-torn England, I like Canada twice as much as I thought I should like it. That is reaction brought about by winter blackout, rationing, overcrowded, over-worked Air Force Camps, rigid restrictions and a thousand and one petty irritations attendant to war

conditions. Oh, Yes! Canada is a land flowing with milk and honey, hamburgers and coke, silk stockings and delicated perfumed undies; a blessed relief from bombs. Frequently I am bored but I reflect it is infinitely better to be bored than bombed. Go to England, by all means, you Canadian fellows. It will be a high experience of thrills and inspirations, with a valuable lesson in the art of living. When eventually you come back you will doubly appreciate "coming home" which will be a good thing for Canada and something that happens only to those with courage to leave home.

They say that the way to an Englishman's heart is through his stomach, and I can state here sincerely and truthfully that I, an Englishman, admire and feel a very great affection for your Canadian cooks.

I have been in Dartmouth a fortnight and now I leave for an R.A.F. Station. The Canadian's way of living is impressive in more ways than one, and I have a secret admiration for the R.C.A.F. Camp.

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LA CONGA

By ANONYMOUS

La Conga first came to Cuba as a single step in the tempo of today but with an accented fourth beat instead of kick. The kick was inserted later when it became a dance.

In the Congo River regions of Africa slaves were used to cultivate the lands and do the heavy work. They were chained together in a long line, neck to neck and ankle to ankle. In their walkings they became accustomed to walking in definite rhythm so that their chains would not become entangled in those of their neighbors. They found that by taking three short steps and then, on the fourth step, hitching their chains along everything went smoothly and nobody was tripped up in the chains.

When slaves from Africa arrived in Cuba they were still chained and walking in their peculiar Congo rhythm. Later they were unshackled by the Spanish but they still worked in the fields and walked in the "one-two-three-hitch" rhythm.

In the evening they would gather around a fire and start a jam session. Their only instruments were drums of various sizes and pitch, some filled with water, others just an animal's skin tied over a hollow tree stump. They would beat out the basic rhythm of their walking tempo which was the definite "one-two-three-hitch" rhythm.

The dancers would then merely revert to type and in groups of five or six would slowly pace out the rhythm accenting the fourth beat with a hitch of their body in a convulsive movement.

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By "SRIGLEY"

FOOTBALL

In the second game of the Fortress League, R.C.A.F. defeated the 52nd Heavy Battery by a 4 to 1 score. Euskise, wiry star forward, led the Airmen with 3 goals while last year's war horse, Colclough netted the fourth. Thomas toed a corner shot to save Battery a shutout. At Woodside, after playing two tie games, the R.C.A.F. finally scored a 3 to 0 victory over Fleet Air Arm. A large crowd attended and the game proved fast and exciting. Buchan, a fast and colorful forward for the Airmen, shot two markers in the basket while Colclough took the bid for the third. The re-entry of the R.C.A.F. in the Military League this year has proved a great deal of satisfaction to football enthusiasts. Their brilliant playing shows that they are no easy match and we are looking for them on top at season's end.

BOXING

Posters were placed in each Squadron announcing the coming Boxing Tournament in Halifax. Much interest has been shown by our already popular, fistic friends and to them

should go our unlimited support. Arrangements can be made through F/O Ellwood, H. Q. Stores. This seems an opportune time to stand by your renowned title "Fighting 4R.D." We will expect an entry, so be prepared.

HORSESHOES

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PROP WASH

Flying Officer McRoberts is sporting a haircut that is an artist's dream. It took two room-mates, the orderly officers, two pairs of ladies' toe-nail scissors, three mirrors, a comb and an electric razor and a lot of prayers to do the job. Pilot Officer Cameron who engineered the "piece-de-resistance" has resigned under pressure.

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Well, girls, sorry to say that Sgt. Pilot Loughed is now out of circulation. It didn't take long, did it, Mabel? Do we ever admire his pluck.

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Flt. Sgt. Michel seems interested in a certain young lady by the name of Margaret. It didn't take the sergeants long to get organized in their new home.

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Two new courses have been added to the armament course in 4RD. Spark plug cleaning and carpentry. It's hot off the "points".

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AC2 Thompson of H. Q. Orderly Room has revised his opinion of Halifax-by-the-Sea. A cute little blonde must be the cause for his retractions.

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T.C.A. was looking for a Flying Officer whom we last head of as a Sergeant S.A.L.

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"You'll have to pay your bill or leave."

"That's real nice of you. My last landlady made me do both."

Why did Flight Sgt. Grant's face turn red when A.C. Hunt laid a three-sacker over his head during 4R.D.'s baseball game the week before. Surely it wasn't the two-bits. or was it?

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It is noted that "Apple Blossom" Rodney is running off plenty of pounds after his trip to the Valley a couple of weeks ago.

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Corporal Metcalfe has been made president of the Liars' Club and AC1 Thompson, secretary at its first meeting.

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Pat watched the professor staring up at the sky through the long, shiny black telescope.

Presently a star fell.

"Sure, and the man's a good shot," said Pat.

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Flash!—Battling Balenko leads with 23 naturals in a row.

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That peculiar "squat-walk" that many officers of the Seaplane Base have developed is due solely to the fact that th mirrors are hung so very low in the bathroom that shaving has indeed become an art. Page F/O E. A. Riley.

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Another setback to wearing summer issue — but LAC Art Ryder is said to have a formulae for cleaning that lipstick off tunic pockets. There's a good opening for a business there, Art.



PROP WASH

We wonder why Corporal Manchester looked like a ship-wrecked sailor on Gooseberry Island on Sunday, June 22. Pray tell. Why the pretty blonde?

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Who looks for the mailman in "D" block with most lust in his eye every morning? Why, it's Doug. Wiley, of London, Ontario. If at least one letter from the "N.O." hasn't arrived, there's a blue boy left after the smoke from the reaction clears away. But "Nancy" seems to be pretty faithful.

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The cartoon "An Airman On Leave" by "Victory Bond" is none other than a true confession of Read's own furlough.

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The mysterious 'phone call that Cpl. Garnet Buchan of Security Guard received a few days ago caused him several hours of exhilarating anticipation. But apparently he isn't due for a western transfer yet. He still plans to spend his furlough with the wife at Toronto.

Has the station one of those "mean thieves". Some Airman walked away with a thermometer in front of Maurice Chisling's store in Dartmouth. It is a three-foot model and was fastened on with 3-inch screws. The owner would like to have it back immediately due to the heat wave. No questions asked.

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Why is it that the spearhead of the football team usually trains in the city at night. Do you know, Buchan?

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Why do all the girls take Junior Regan home before ten o'clock. Surely they don't think he's that young?

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AC1: Say, Cpl., how about a loan of a nickle to make a 'phone call.

Cpl.: Here's a dime, 'phone all your friends.

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Tassier doesn't want his name mentioned in Prop Wash. I won't why? Who's sorry now?

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PROP WASH

Corporal Delby of Security Guards hasn't really taken to scaring the Station Sergeants, but he did a good job near the hospital the other night when he was showing a recruit how to challenge "forcefully". The Sergeant, a quarter mile away, thought he was on the spot.

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The wing parade with fixed bayonets was almost too much for Sgt. Major James and LAC Read after two weeks of tripping the light fantastic about Toronto and Montreal.

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Wife: "Would you like some nice tender chops and some delicious golden-brown potatoes this evening, dear?"

Husband: "No, I think we ought to save money. Let's eat at home."

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Who'll volunteer to send down some green oil for the starboard light for LAC Hill? At least two quarts and instructions where to put same. How about some co-operation, eh, 4RD?

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"Was that your new girl I saw you with last night?"

"No — just the old one painted over."

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Ed. McIntyre decided that he would try for a M2. We wish him luck but we are afraid that he will have trouble with his eyes.

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We hear that Findlay and Giduck (Jo. Sqd) are doing guard duty often; maybe they like it?

"Many a fate has been decided on the flip of a coin." Sgt. "Casanova" Magnus of 5BR Squadron and Cpl. Allister McRitchie of the Service Police are rumored to have devised that age-old system for deciding who should date a Dartmouth dainty.

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FLASH!!—Friday, the 13th, will long be remembered up at N. Sydney. The boys were all set for their big dance, beautiful girls were coming by the hundreds, liquid refreshment was all stored up; in fact, one LAC even had a couch set up behind the furnace—when at the last moment orders came for all planes to fly that night. The only ones who got a break (or did they?) were Sgt. Chandler and Flt. Sgt. Michel who were detailed to try to explain to the ladies and keep peace with them.—What a job!

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Even the officers like N. Sydney. F/O Renwick is continually happy now, but perhaps it's just the lovely scenery around here that's causing it. I wonder?

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"I don't like to say it, dear, but Fred doesn't seem to be as well dressed as when you married him three years ago."

"That's strange. I'm positive it's the same suit."

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What corporal runs to the armament section when he wants a man?

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An Airman's Letter To His Mother

sonality and a character to take with us that can never be taken from us. Those who just eat and sleep, prosper and procreate, are no better than animals if all their lives they are at peace.

I firmly and absolutely believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our mettle because He knows what is good for us. The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out has been discarded for moral principles.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and know men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed. Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret, and one only—that I could not devote myself to making your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

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A foreigner was relating his experience in studying the English language. He said: "When I first discovered if I was quick I was fast; that if I was tied I was fast; if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one one-dollar prize,' I gave up trying."



Best of luck to Cpl. L. Hawkin and his bride. The Corporal was married to Miss Florence Ramsey last week at Maryland United Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Better late than never. . . . In the deadline rush of last issue the marriage of F/Sgt. Dougall to Miss Marie Mahan of his home town, Windsor, Ont., was omitted. Congratulations, Dave.

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Big surprise of the issue—Flt. Sgt. Grover of the Marine Section has at long last joined the benedicts. Congratulations and best wishes.

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No. 4 Squadron is again showing the Station personnel the way to entertain. A dance was held at the MicMac Club the beginning of the month and an enjoyable time was had by everyone. Good work, No. 4 Squadron.

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June the 6th was a big day for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Their first edition, which is called the "Penguin", rolled off the press. It is an excellent one and we wish to take this opportunity to wish them success in their forthcoming issues.

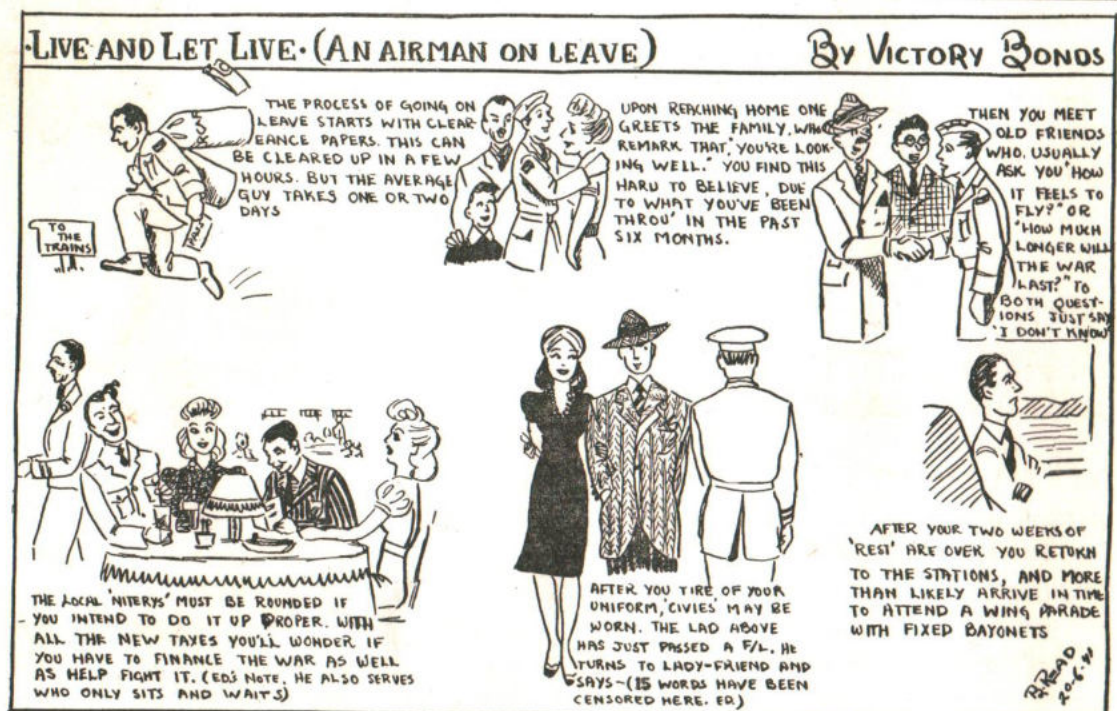
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LAC Jimmy Floyd has followed the path of his many friends and was married June 26th.

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2. This is my eighth child — what are you doing about it?
3. Mrs. R. has no clothes—has not had any for a year. The Clergy have been visiting her.
4. In reply to your letter, I have already cohabited with your officers—so far without result.
5. I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is now dead.
6. Sir, I am forwarding my marriage certificate and two children, one of which is a mistake, as you will see.
7. Unless I get my husband's money I shall be forced to lead an immoral life.
8. I am writing these lines for Mrs. J., who cannot write herself. She expects to be confined next week, and can do with it.
9. I am sending my marriage certificate and 6 children. I had 7 and one died, which was baptized on a half sheet of note paper by the Reverend Thomas.
10. Please find out if my husband is dead, as the man I am now living with won't do anything until he is certain.
11. In answer to your letter and according to your instructions, I have given birth to twins to the enclosed envelope.
12. You have changed my little boy into a little girl; will this make any difference?



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July 2, 3, 4—Bette Davis in "The Great Lie".

July 5, 7, 8—"Ziegfeld Girl" with James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr.

July 9, 10, 11 — "The Uncertain Feeling", with Melvyn Douglas and Merle Oberon.

July 12, 14, 15 — "Men of Boys' Town", with Mickey Rooney and Spencer Tracy.

ORPHEUS

June 30, July 1, 2—"Blonde Inspiration", "Knockout".

July 3, 4, 5 — "Mr. Dynamite", "Friendly Neighbors".

July 7, 8, 9—"Man Made Monster".

July 10, 11, 12—"Mr. District Attorney", "Ghost Valley Raiders".

July 14, 15, 16—"Here Comes Happiness", "Devil Dogs of the Air".

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July 1, 2, 3—"Spy In The Pantry", "The Letter".

July 4, 5, 7—"Night In Rio".

July 8, 9, 10—"Girl, Guy and Gob", "Dispatch from Reuters".

July 11, 12, 14—"Lady Eve".

R.C.A.F. STATION

July 2, 3—"The Light That Failed" with Ronald Colman and Walter Huston.

July 6, 7, 8—"Sea Devils", Victor McLaglen and Preston Foster.

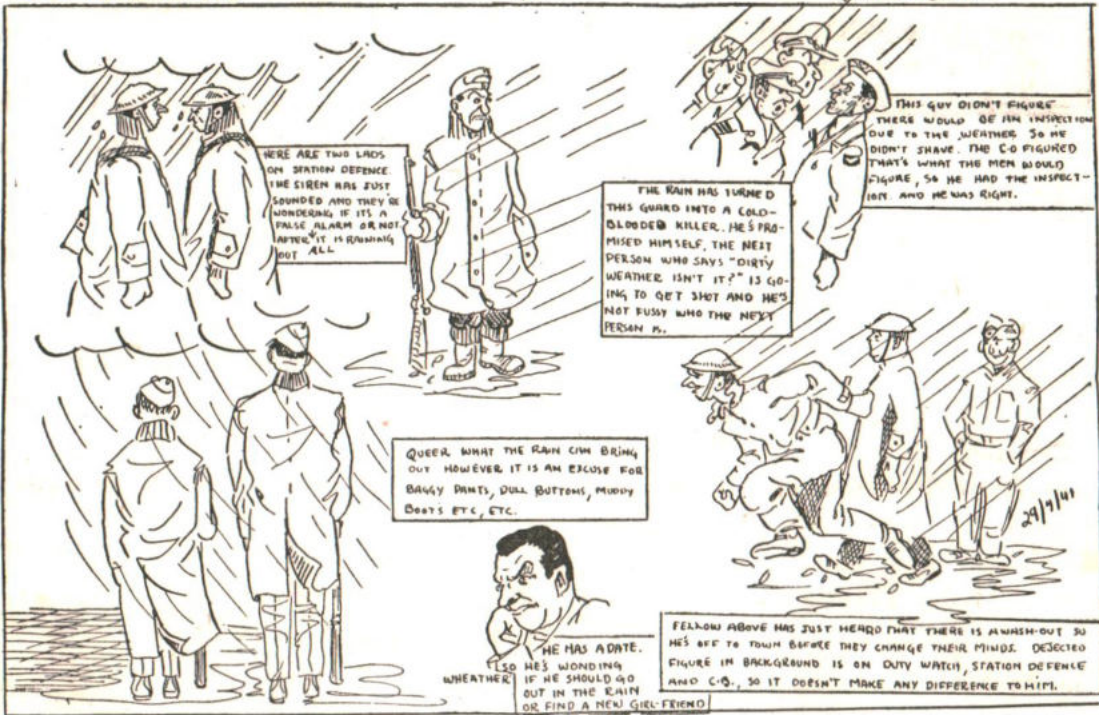
July 9, 10 — "Sante Fe Marshal", (Western), William Boyd.

July 13, 14, 15 — "Bringing Up Baby", Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

WHEN THE RAINS CAME

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The whole Air Force can laugh at this one: The story, in a few words, concerns the Air Crew man from Texas who thought it wise to ask his Commanding Officer if he might take the C.O.'s niece to a dance. The details: "Texas" met her and began at once to broaden her views with some of his stories. But she fed him back, and set him back with the "crossed-finger" announcement that she was the C.O.'s niece. A chance to show himself before his officers, a chance

to "show off the dog" before his mates and a possible chance for a few easy hour shifts to facilitate his dating the officer's relative probably coursed through his mind. "Why, sure, go right ahead," the C.O. said. "Thank you verry much, suh," answered Tex., hefting a departing salute from a great coat pocket. The orderly room still echoes with the laugh. "The d..... fool, that isn't my niece, it's our maid."

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of the fact that Western Canadians are not fully acquainted with the games, the Airmen have taken an interest in teaching them. This is the way social activities between the people and the Airmen have developed.

Everywhere I have been in Canada I have found unquestionable evidence of democracy. Canada is truly a representative country of democracy and to line up with Britain in the fight against despotism is a step to maintain the freedom which we all have enjoyed so well.



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HE: "OVERALLS NOTHING, THIS IS MY SUMMER ISSUE."

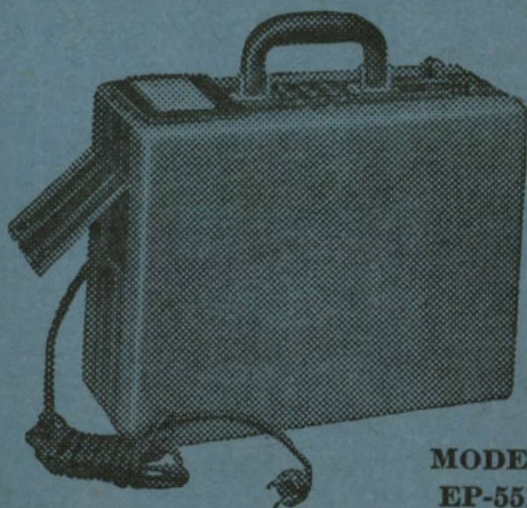
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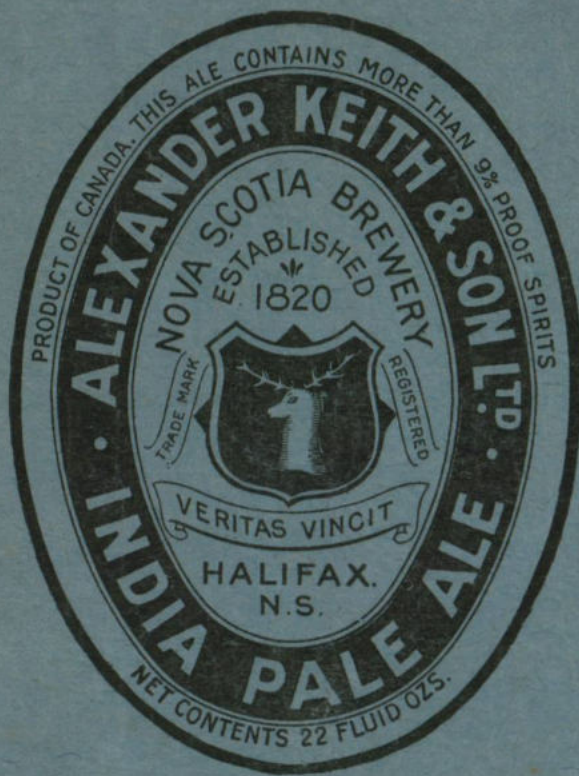
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