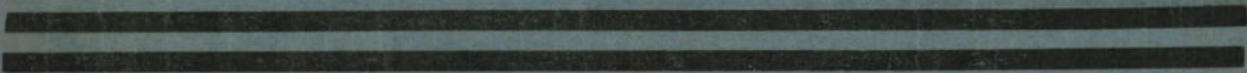


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Any member of the staff will welcome your help. Use them as reporters—feed them material—and "Thumbs Up" will be the magazine you want it to be. We have the gun—you must give us the ammunition.



I. O. D. E. Camp Libraries

By JANET B. WOLFE, Convenor for N. S.

OF THE many branches of war services never heard about before this war, the Camp Libraries work of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire is one of the most interesting, for the Daughters, at least.

Early in the war plans were made for recreational reading and this work was assigned to the I.O.D.E. Begun in a small way, the work has expanded tremendously and, we hope, has brought a proportionate enjoyment to the men.

Along in 1940, to prevent overlapping, there was formed the Canadian War Services Library Council from representatives of the Canadian Legion, the I.O.D.E., the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, and National Council of Jewish Women. To the Canadian Legion was given the task of providing the technical and educational books, and to the I.O.D.E. the recreational reading.

As is constitutional with the I. O. D. E., each province works as a unit with a Provincial Convener heading up the work for the primary chapters in the province and being the connecting link between them and the National Chapter. Each provincial convener, while keeping in mind the national scope of the Order's work and the general principles to be followed, is yet free to direct the work in her province, so that there will be the greatest benefit to the greatest number. Therefore, in Nova Scotia with so many small outposts and with a tremendously busy port,

it seemed that a system of circulating libraries would be better than large permanent ones. So, "libraries" of 50 volumes each are made up, with a variety of books. As many of these "fifties" as needed are given to a fort or camp or ship. Then when the books are read, or when the ship returns to port, the books are returned and a new supply obtained. The contents of each library are listed in duplicate, one copy kept in the Depot, the other put in the box. Each library is numbered, as is each volume, and a record of where it goes, so when returned there is no chance of it being sent, for a second time, to the same place. Also, into each library goes a little slip, telling where the books are from and that they may be exchanged at will.

The Provincial Library Depot is in Halifax at 77 Upper Water St., and there is a sub-depot in Sydney for the Cape Breton area. In addition, if there is any training centre near an I.O.D.E. Chapter, that chapter accepts the responsibility of looking after the provision of reading matter for that centre, with help, if necessary, from the Provincial Depot.

Any service man is cordially invited to visit the Depot, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and on Saturdays until 1 p.m. But stated hours, Sundays and holidays, are ignored if a ship needs books in a hurry.

Where do the books come from? One might say, everywhere. From various chapters and friends in our

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Historic Nova Scotia

THE ANNALS of Nova Scotia are replete with romantic and adventurous story. Tradition has it that more than nine centuries ago the Norseman landed on this peninsula and named it Markland, but the record of that voyage is only dimly enshrined in the sagas of their poets. Yarmouth possesses an inscribed stone which was long believed to be a relic of these Norse visits. It weighs about a quarter of a ton and upon it are characters closely resembling a Runic inscription. It was discovered about 1812 near the northwestern cove of Yarmouth Harbour. The stone is now in the public Library of Yarmouth, and students of runology contend that the inscription on it reads: "Leif to Erik rises or inscribes this monument."

Five years after Columbus made his voyage of discovery, John Cabot crossed the Atlantic and on June 24, 1497, planted the flag of Britain on the northeastern seaboard of North America. His discoveries gave to England a claim upon the continent which the colonizing spirit of her sons made good in later times.

In 1605 Champlain and De Monts established the first permanent settlement in America north of the Gulf of Mexico. They founded their Habitation at what is now Lower Granville, seven miles from Annapolis Royal. There the first gardens of America were planted, the first road made, the first mill established, the first social club organized. The Habitation has now been restored. Buildings the exact size and contour of the original settlement have been erected on the exact site of the first

Habitation. Great fireplaces constructed exactly as those built under Champlain's supervision heat the buildings, and appropriate furnishings assist the visitor in visualizing that first settlement.

After the raid by a Virginian expedition in 1613, a fort was built on the present site of Fort Anne, at Annapolis Royal. It was captured and recaptured many times, was rebuilt in 1702, besieged three times and finally taken by the British in 1710. Six times afterward it was attacked but all assailants were repulsed. It is an earthwork, on the Vauban plan, and its ramparts, bastions, powder magazine and revelins stand as they were at the time of its surrender. The old British Officers' quarters, erected by the Duke of Kent, remain, and contain a museum which occupies the ground floor and is open to visitors daily, free of charge.

Two expeditions from Old Port Royal came to grief at Bloody Creek near Bridgetown, and about twelve miles from Annapolis Royal. In 1711 eighty men were attacked on the stream as a low tide separated their boats. Thirty were killed and the rest made prisoners. In 1757 a detachment of 130 men from Fort Anne were ambushed at a small bridge over the Creek, and twenty-four men were lost.

Beautiful Grand Pre, on the shores of the Minas Basin, was settled by Acadians in 1632. They refused to take the oath of allegiance to the British king and were deported in 1757. Every school child has read the story of "Evangeline" so romantical-

(Continued on page 18)

DRILL

ANONYMOUS

The Airman who has an erect carriage the R. C. A. F., is to teach proper deportment; that is to say, movements are executed in unison upon a single word of command. Men properly performing complicated drill manoeuvres acquire a personal pride in their ability as a body.



The Airman with an erect carriage and pride in himself and his uniform, commands respect, builds up his own self-respect, and is a credit to the service.

A uniform alone, even a smart one, is not sufficient. We might dress a gorilla in a smart uniform—he is still a gorilla.

There is not a more impressive spectacle than a well-trained Squadron or Wing, which, upon an order from its commander, executes a difficult movement unhesitatingly and without a hitch. Such a degree of perfection, degree, I say, for we cannot contemplate supreme perfection, is, however, difficult to obtain without the basic and individual training which is necessary if the whole is to act in harmony. So we arrive at that greatly-despised, but essential, elementary training, recruit's drill, squad drill or collectively primary training.

Recruit's drill is, as everyone knows, the first training an airman receives upon enlisting in the R.C.A.F. Their basic drill is largely, in many cases, entirely responsible for an Airman's future deportment. It teaches him to stand erect, chin up, shoulders back, a stance which is not only conducive to proper appearance, but is also the correct posture for health.

Notwithstanding a man's life and his whole character and disposition prior to his entrance in the R.C.A.F. or any other military unit—for we have only to glance down any city street to see a variety of uniforms—his initial training and the example shown him, in most cases, changes a normally, broad-minded individual's outlook completely. He learns to respect the other fellow—he understands we are all in His Majesty's service for one common cause, and learns to respect the rights and eccentricities, peculiarities, etc., in his fellow-man.

It takes all types to make a world, but we all have our good points and bad ones, and we must never forget the fact. There are exceptions, as in every walk of life, in the uniformed masses, but that only goes further to prove the age-old rules.

There is one vital point that we in the uniform should, must, bear in mind—The respect we tender superior ranks and commissioned officers.

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If there is anything more disgusting than to see an Airman salute his officer in a slovenly, undignified manner, I have yet to experience that displeasure in the service.

This is my contribution. I hope it helps clarify various things which I am otherwise unable to express; that is, verbally. Just—shoulders to the wheel, lads. Work hard, play hard. Remember, a chain is as strong as its weakest link. Don't be the weak link in the Air Force chain of command.

—oOo—

"Madam," he said, "will you please get off my foot?"

"Why don't you put your foot where it belongs?" she replied sarcastically.

"Don't tempt me, madam, don't tempt me."

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By "SRIGLEY"

The weather being rather unpredictable and more or less wet in the past two weeks, sports have not been exactly prominent, that is, of course, with the exception of horseshoes which are played in any weather, rain or shine, mud or dust.

Plough jockeys and otherwise, who are chronic shoe hurlers, will be glad to know that new sets of standard shoes have arrived on the Station and are ready for use. In fact, Mr. Devenney, Director of Y.M.C.A. War Services on the Station, from whom they can be obtained at any time, is anxious that you put them to use at once. Our thanks to Mr. Devenney for the new shoes.

Also in regard to this sport—the lads are running out of territory for new pits, which have to be made every week or so. Then the ground is so hard that game are won by luck rather than skill. Suggestions have been made to remedy this by the use of regulation sand pits. These would bring on organized competition and more enjoyment in the game.

SOCCKER

The Fleet Air Arm handed out a trimming to the Jo Squadron in a game last week to the tune of 2 to

1. 4R.D. has some slight justification in the defeat, in the fact that they were one man short. Certainly the Air Arm had to fight every inch for the extra goal.

SOFTBALL

Standing in Softball on the Station places the Spitfires ahead in the National League with 12 points, with three teams right behind, all with 10 points apiece. In the Canational League the Argos are way out in the lead with 15 points. With some fine weather possibly some upsets will be made.

An R.C.A.F. Softball team has been entered in the Greater Dartmouth Ball League with Cpl. Cochrane as manager. It seems to be an All Star team and the players sure know their way around the diamond. They promise to give some stiff competition to anyone they stack up against, starting with first game against North Stars on July 11th. Here's a chance for you lads to use the great amount of noise you are capable of making, by attending the games and giving our players plenty of backing and support.

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PROP WASH

Cpl. Gillis of No. 4 Squadron has that dreamy look about him for the past few days. Would Eugenie have anything to do with it?

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Housewife: "You will be careful on my new, polished floor, won't you?"

Plumber: "Don't worry about me, lady. I won't slip. I got hobnails in my boots."

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We saw a hefty blonde in a car outside the gate the other night and none other than Casanova Magnus dashing out with a huge bundle under his arm. Was it his washing?

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Sgt. Pilot Quirt, who has taken a continual heckling about being a RAW RAW school boy is soon expected to appear on parade wearing his old school tie (Black and Blue).

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Maybe it is because "mother sends her love" that Doug Wiley, of London is trying to save a century before Dec. 21st. He could have a sparkle in his eye, too.

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Tabor Stone of Texas has taken it upon himself to christen a Hollywood sweater girl R.C.A.F. sweetheart. He wrote her to that effect and received three photos in return. Her picture adorned a tabloid some weeks ago.

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Cpls. McDougall and Hamilton of the Service Police had their moments of joy and sorrow during the past week.

There will be more than a few broken hearts effective 19-7-41. Cpls. Sheehan and Kelly are going on leave. Recovery date likely 2-8-41 for the broken hearts and 5-8-41 for the Corporals.

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Our new Squadron has so many new faces that it is hard to know who is who here. It does kind of annoy an old-timer when he returns from leave and a new hand offers to show him the way around the Station.

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What Corporal Armourer never fails to start singing when he sees himself in the mirror. We can't understand what he sees that inspires his vocal chords to break into spontaneous song.

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A. Logan, manager of the Dartmouth Patriot, wishes to express his gratitude to the R.C.A.F. boys for leaving the papers intact.

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Frenchy Bernard is at it again. Not being satisfied with one Frenchy likes to have four at the same time.

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Surprising how a certain baritone player in the Station Band gets the jitters whenever the word matrimony is mentioned.

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In the West, a fair co-ed confesses she hasn't paid for a dinner since last September. This answers a reader's query in the same issue, "What is the food value of dates?"



PROP WASH

Cpl. Theriault's new job as barrack warden must be very tiring. News has it that he fell asleep while visiting his lady love. Fine show there, Butch.

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Reminder to W. Hill and B. Read. Next time you start off for Sunny-side don't end up in Truro unless you are sure of transportation back.

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"For Sale or Exchange" — One snappy streamlined double-action toaster for one single-action flat-chested iron. See Whyte, Bunk 2, Room 320. The Orderly Sergeant couldn't have anything to do with this—or did he?

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Blackie Roberts, a former Texas cow puncher, oil man with the Aircrew, owns a real Western six-shooter. We have an idea that it is his chief reason for wanting a commission.

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Cpl. Cochrane and Cpl. Thomas certainly enjoyed their week-end at Hubbards.

An apple for the teacher. Every day Flt.-Sgt. Granner hoards his apple and refuses to let anyone in on the secret.

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Visitor: "My, what a large skating rink."

Instructor: "Yes, it has a seating capacity of five thousand."

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L.A.C. Barlow is getting ready to set the date for open house since his marriage. He is anxious for his close pals to meet the Mrs.

N.B.

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Well, it WAS nice to have worn our summer uniforms this summer. We shed a tear for the departed—we hope that they go to the hot place.

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Will someone please convince Blair that there are no AC1 badges.

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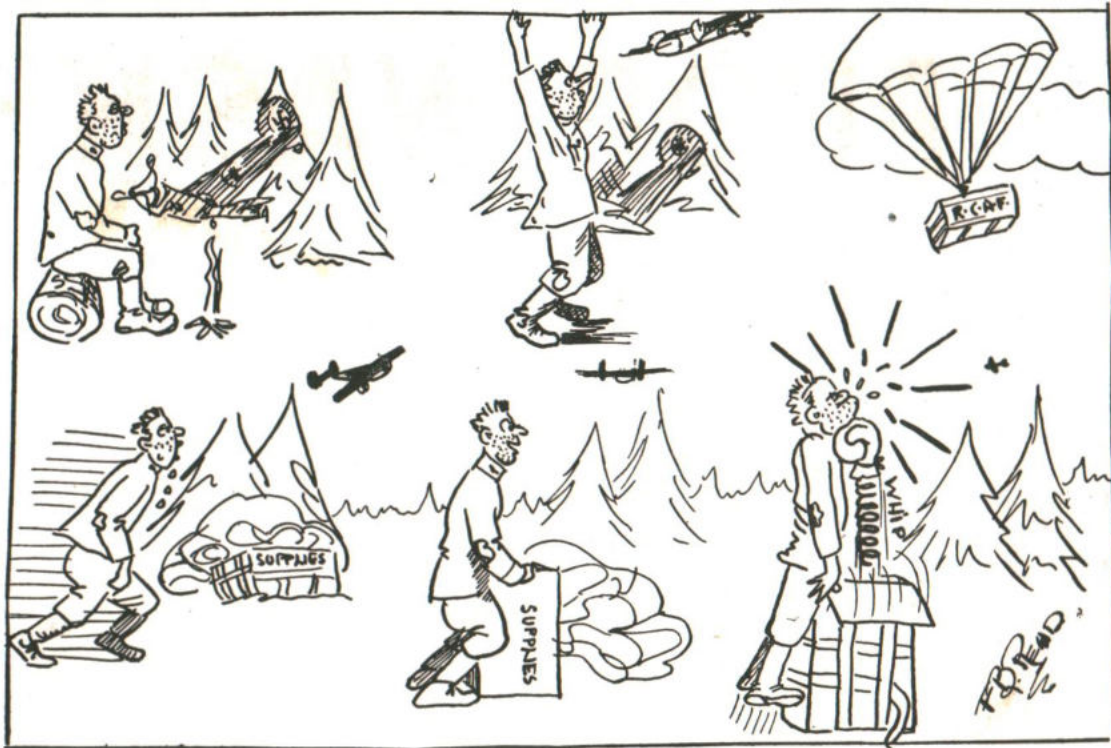
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PROP WASH

It didn't take Sgt.-Pilot Jones long to excel himself in Dartmouth when he walked a local blonde home—missed the last bus and tramped to the field. Smart guy, eh? For what?

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The Officers' Mess dance last Thursday must have been a success. There were no casualties—to speak of. A good time was had by all.

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We presume that when the canteen Corporal asked AC Smith his name he said Brown or Jones.

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The height of something or other (probably wrong) is the following notice on the bulletin board of "B" block. "Whoever took the iron from Room 207 please return it or come and get the cord."

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What did happen to Cpl. Kelly the night of the party at a certain Ft. Sergeant's house?

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Our noble M. T. driver, Mr. Polley, is getting married—suppose we had better wish him good luck as he may need it.

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LOST—One pair khaki pants with a large stain on the right knee. Finder please return to F/O Young. URGENT.

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Cpl. L. Hawkins has been walking around with that lonely look in his eyes ever since his return from Winnipeg.

Ft./Sgt. Davies is now the main umpire. Something to do with the team is better than nothing. Page Srigley.

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Item In Question—Why a certain Ft./Lieutenant is entitled to a rug when a F/O isn't?

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Boy, oh, boy! was "A" Block invaded! No. 4 Squadron personnel beat a hasty retreat last week and after the scrap only 8 blankets were missing.

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Cpl. J. E. Robinson is offering a free course of lectures on "How To Issue and Reissue Summer Clothing". Cpl. J. T. Kelley is thinking of doing the same thing.

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Bookkeeper: "I'll have to have a raise, sir. There are three other companies after me."

Boss: "Is that so? What companies?"

Bookkeeper: "Light, phone, and water."

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How come Cpl. Young refused to play Ping Pong with Ft.-Sgt. Grant. Grant offered to play left-handed.

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A medical journal advances the theory that "man is slightly taller in the morning than he is in the evening." We have never tested this, but we have certainly noticed a tendency to become "short" toward the end of the month.

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I.O.D.E. CAMP LIBRARIES

own province, from central and western provinces where the need is not so urgent, from the U.S.A.

Where do the books go? Again, one might truly say — everywhere, especially when one realizes that not only English, but French, Norwegian and Greek books are eagerly sought, but Dutch and Polish books could be used. The Provincial Depot sent out the first books in December 1939 and from then until June 30, 1941, 32,769 volumes have gone to the Royal Navy, Canadian Navy, Merchant Marine, Army, Troopships, R.C.A.F., R.A.F., to Huts and Hospitals. The Canadian Navy is now cared for entirely by a competent committee with library facilities in the Dockyard, and this committee, Naval Vessels Reading Service, (N.V.R.S.), works closely with the I.O.D.E. so that neither R.C.N. nor R.N. men will sail without books.

Maritime people always seem to reach out across the ocean and so it is probably a natural thing that Nova Scotia should not only put books on board the ships, but should send them along to our men in Newfoundland, Labrador and Iceland. Our friends, the Merchant Marine and Royal Navy, go miles further and pass their books over to other ships in other ports and to the Air Raid shelters in England.



Corporal James Riddell, R. C. A. F., of Toronto, was drowned recently at Cole Harbor Dyke, where he had gone with Corporal Peter E. LaMonontazne, also of the R.C.A.F., for a swim. Apparently getting into difficulties after rushing into the chilling water, Riddell could not be reached by would-be rescuers, who entered the water in an attempt to save him after he had called for help and disappeared from view. His body was recovered some time later, but life was declared extinct by Flying Officer H. E. Wilson, M.D., who arrived on the scene and administered artificial respiration.

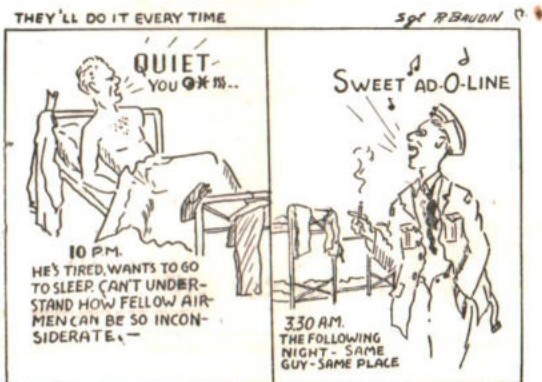
Corporal James Riddell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Riddell, Toronto.

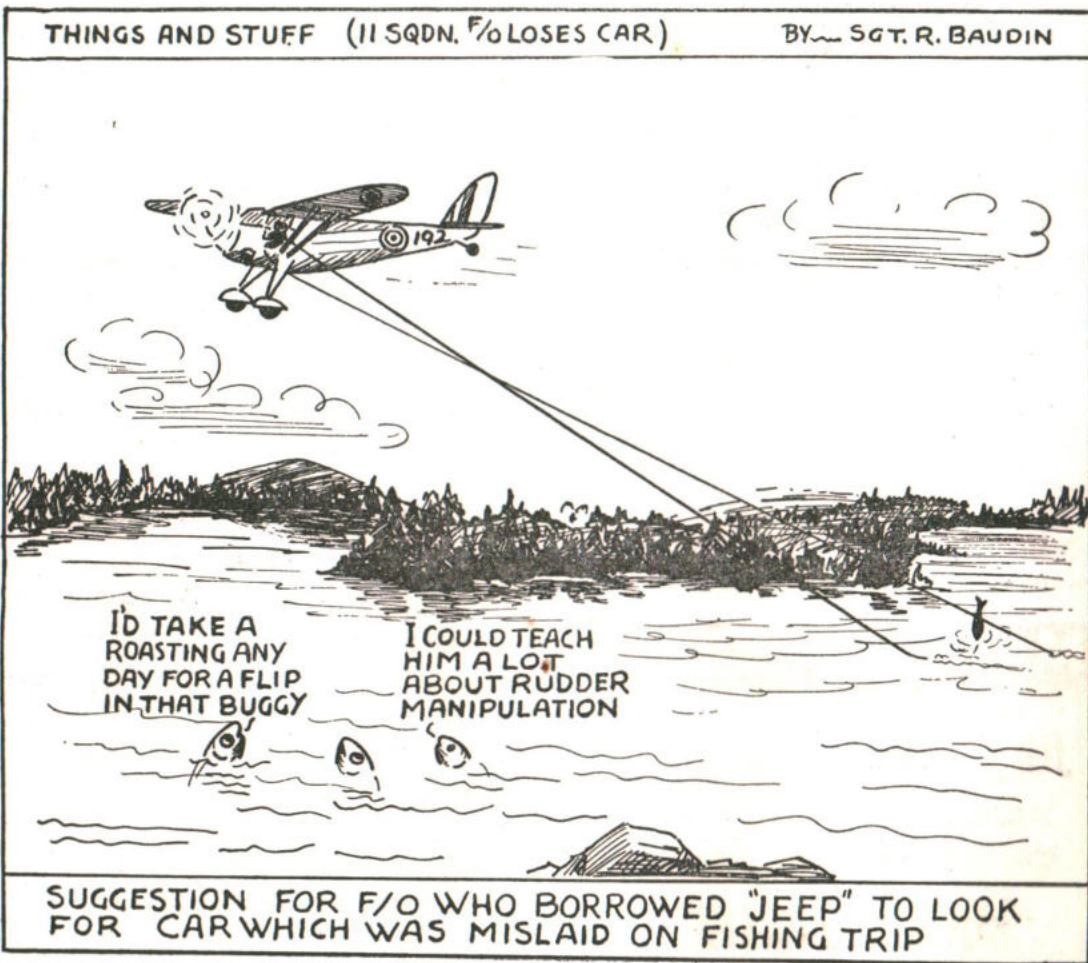
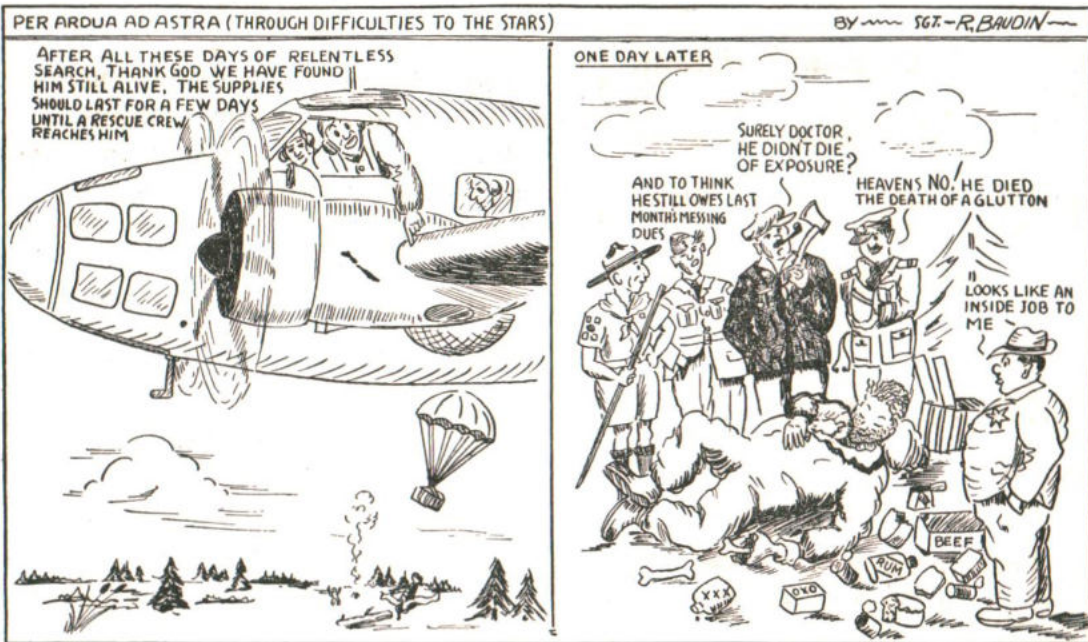
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Congratulations and cigars are in order to and from Sgt. and Mrs. J. D. Murphy. Douglas Brian Murphy was born July 8, 1941, at the Charlottetown Hospital, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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We all wish happiness to Sgt. and Mrs. F. McMillan in their new venture. The bride was formerly Miss Rhoda Parsons, of Halifax.





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July 22, 23, 24—Joan Crawford in
"A Woman's Face".

July 25, 26, 28—Gary Cooper and
Barbara Stanwyck in "Meet John
Doe".

ORPHEUS

July 17, 18, 19 — "Shot In the
Dark", "Singing Hills".

July 20, 21, 22, 23 — "Repent At
Leisure", "Too Many Blondes".

July 24, 25, 26 — "Million Dollar
Baby", "Colorado".

July 27, 28, 29, 30—"Passage From
Hong Kong", "Flying Wild".

July 31 to Aug. 3 — "West Point
Widow", "Pirates On Horseback".

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July 15, 16, 17—"This Thing Called
Love", "Strange Alibi".

July 18, 19, 21—"Buck Privates",
"Reaching For The Sun".

July 22, 23, 24—"Come Live With
Me", "Adam Had Four Sons".

R.C.A.F. STATION

July 16, 17 — "Good Girls Go To
Paris", starring Melvyn Douglas and
Joan Blondell.

July 20, 21, 22 — "The Day The
Bookies Wept", starring Betty Gra-
ble and Joe Penner.

July 23, 24—"Little Miss Marker",
starring Shirley Temple.

July 27, 28, 29 — "Tomorrow's
Youth", starring Drake Moore.

July 30, 31 — "Thanks For The
Memory", with Bob Hope.

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Historic Nova Scotia

ly related by the poet, Longfellow. The average student does not know, however, that eight years previous to the Expulsion when 470 New England volunteers were quartered in French houses at Grand Pre, they were surprised and attacked during a blinding snowstorm in the night by a French force from Fort Beausejour that had been guided to the spot by Grand Pre farmers. Seven officers and seventy-one men were killed—thirty of them in their beds—sixty were wounded, and sixty-nine taken prisoners. The remainder of the New Englanders fought so well, in the snow, for nine hours, that a truce was called and they were allowed to return to Annapolis Royal.

Today Evangeline Park at Grand Pre is visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world. The Park surrounds a portion of the original Acadian village containing the old French willows, the well used by Evangeline's people, and remains of the old burying ground. A replica of the original church is a museum containing interesting Acadian relics.

Halifax, capital of the province, is a fiat city, founded in 1749, the first

English town in Canada. It was once one of the most strongly fortified cities in the world. The Citadel, or Fort George, now obsolete, situated on the site of an older work, took thirty years to complete. It rises high above the city and overlooks the harbour. An object of much interest to visitors is the old Town Clock, erected in 1802. The dockyard, commenced in 1759, contains relics and structures of great interest. The Public Gardens, founded in 1753, are famed for their beauty. Point Pleasant Park, the largest pleasure ground, is reserved by the Crown for the purpose of defense but is leased to the city for the proverbial shilling a year. In the Park are the Martello Tower, erected in 1796 under direction of the Duke of Kent, and several other forts. St. Paul's Church, built in 1750, is the oldest Protestant Church in Canada. Tablets placed by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada call attention to the fact that Halifax had the first Post Office in Canada, the first newspaper and the first printing press.

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Summer is here and the performers that have been entertaining us every Sunday evening are on their summer holidays. Arrangements have been made to have a feature movie on Sunday evenings for the balance of July.

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The following is the schedule for the Sunday evening programs to be held on the Dartmouth Air Station:

July 20 — Movies and Ping Pong. The feature picture will be arranged.

July 27 — Movies and Ping Pong. The feature picture will be arranged.

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A suggestion has been made for the boys on their forty-eights to try to visit the surrounding countryside. There are many places for those who wish to swim and this district is well known for its fishing. Why not take advantage of the summer months to indulge in everyone's favourite pastimes.



What are the possibilities of forming a Camera Club on the Station? At various times the Director of the Y.M.C.A. War Services on the Station has been asked this very question. Naturally pictures cannot be taken of things relative to Station business and before the actual formation of such a club the permission of the Commanding Officer would have to be secured. But there is still a large scope of personal pictures which would serve as media for Camera Club procedure. The photographic section, it is felt, could be of very definite service by helping out with advice and suggestions. Moreover, some members of the Section might be glad to devote a bit of their off duty time. All Airmen on the Station who would be interested in such a club are asked to get in touch with the Y.M.C.A. director.

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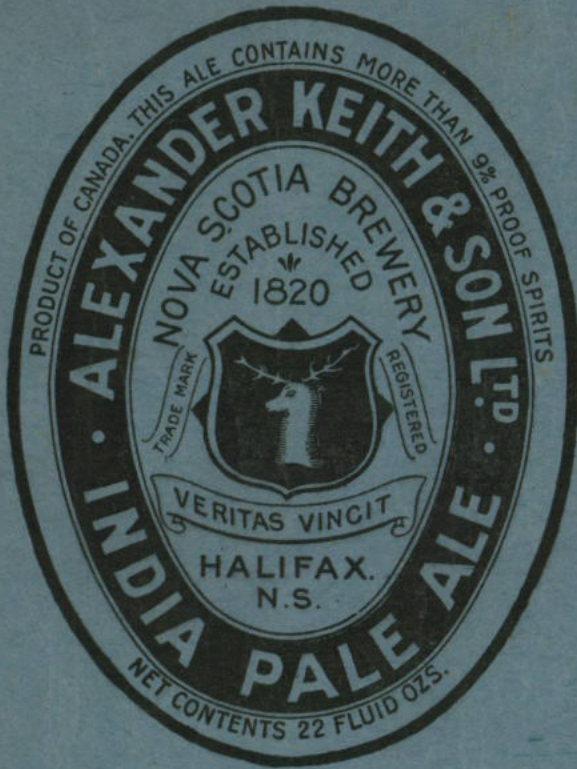
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