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No, Flash has not gone the way of many other Station Papers, as some have been surmising. Nor has its absence been due to a restriction on paper or to a stricter censorship, but rather to the ebb and flow of R.C.A.F. personnel.

F/L Scott who was the father of this baby has been posted to #16 S.F.T.S., Hagersville, and so for a time Flash was left an orphan...no reflection on the father of course. Late last week the S.A.O. put this orphan on the doorstep of the new Station Padre, F/L Payton, and he being a sympathetic soul consented to adopt it.

Now in these days of Service exigencies and rations another mouth to feed is a real problem for any one, even the Padre. And Flash being a growing child required an adequate diet that it may play its rightful part on a Station that has won the Efficiency Pennant. The Padre being the guardian is responsible for seeing that Flash is well fed, and appears in good form each week for all to enjoy.

This is our Station Paper, and not an official organ of some bureaucracy. Therefore we ask as many as will to take some responsibility for it. You can do it in this way. If you have some interesting article, news of any graduate, some spicy bit of gossip of Station personnel, any humorous contribution, an original poem, or anything you deem worthy of our Paper, bring it along to the Padre.

Some of you may have had experience in this work, then we would appreciate your help. To make Flash a credit to the Station we need the co-operation of all, without your help it is liable to become a problem child.

IN APPRECIATION



Gone is Padre Scott - Gone is the Winchell of No. 5 I.T.S. After a stay of approximately six months F/L Scott has gone to #16 SFTS. He was a fine genial chap to whom any one could talk or ask a favour. He made a real contribution to the station life while with us, and we shall not forget him for a long time. He was a power on our volley ball teams, as well I believe about a fifth string pitcher on the officers softball.

His horseshoe pitching was top grade too, at least for our Moss. But his outstanding legacy was the Station Paper which originated with him, and which he left for us to carry on. As he turned it out in his own effortless style, Flash became one of the best RCAF Papers in Canada. He persuaded many of us to write articles for the Paper, and there were many excellent ones. Never an issue went out without some pithy article of outstanding value. I am sure the first issues will be prized mementoes of many of us. The humorous sections were especially enjoyed, and also the personal tit-bits. No we'll not forget him will we Lou, even though he was a strong competitor? Will we F/O Armour? Will we CPL Roberts?

The word Flak which we see so frequently in the newspapers comes from the German word Flugzeugabwehrkanone which literally means "aircraft-warding-off-gun". Thus Flak is the 'Fl' of Flugzeug, 'a' of Abwehr, and 'k' of Kanone.

The Nazis put up notices "For Germans Only" in many public buildings and thoroughfares in Amsterdam. These notices vanished during the blackouts and reappeared outside the City's cemeteries, slaughter-houses and sewage works.

"Religion and belief is fundamental to our cause. It is the motive force which carries us through the darkest moments and along the most arduous paths towards the goal we know to be ahead - a goal founded on right and truth. What better aid could you have but the Scriptures? What for instance is more apposite at the present time than the Sixth Chapter of the Epistle of the Ephesians, verses II - 15."

Air Marshall Sir Richard Peirse, D.C.B., D.S.O.,
A.F.A.O.C., India.

THE PENNANT

After two years of untiring effort No. 5 Initial Training School has succeeded in winning the "Efficiency Pennant", an award offered quarterly by the Honourable C.G. Power, Minister of National Defence for Air, for the most efficient School of its kind in Canada.

No. 5 is justly proud of her success, not only for actually winning the "E" Pennant, but for the many times it has had Honourable Mention in previous quarterly competitions.

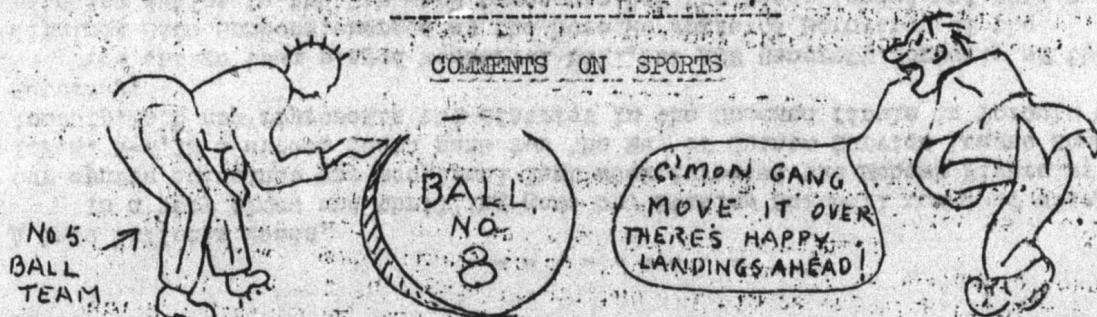
Our appreciation and thanks are extended to our Commanding Officer, Wing Commander A.J. Snetsinger, ED, for our enviable position as top ranking Initial Training School in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Appreciation is justly due also, the Instructors, Students, and civilian personnel who were responsible for this success.

On Friday, 20 Aug/43 Air Vice Marshall F.S. McGill, Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Training Command made the presentation. His final words could only be taken as a challenge to us all, "You have won this Efficiency Pennant", he said, "I wish to see you keep it." Our efforts are behind our Commanding Officer in retaining it.

What is the Munroe Doctrine? A policy formulated by President Munroe of the U.S.A. in 1823 declaring that at the risk of war the United States would resist the creation of new European Empires in the Western Hemisphere. Canning, the British Foreign Secretary assured the American Minister that Britain and the British Navy would support the United States in this Policy.

EDITORIAL (Cont'd)

The best example of patriotism I know is that of the young Yugo-Slavian who was hung for having confessed that he had killed a German for whom ten hostages were being held. Later it was learned that he was innocent.



Your Sports Columnist has been busy all week trying to reach a pitch of optimism sufficient to write baseball comments that will not require a black border around them. Even rose coloured glasses, a free membership in the Optimists' Club and the odd snatch of bottled sunshine have produced the same joy that Hitler has had in Russia.

Two straight victories in the Belleville City Play-offs and a 17-3 larruping administered to the Trenton C.F.B. in the No. 1 T.C. playdowns built up hopes that No. 5 I.T.S. was on the way to several championships. Postings deprived us of F/L Green and L/C Westfall and despite excellent replacements the team seemed to lose its punch, so that we lost three games in a row to Reliance Aircraft in the Belleville Series.

Our Station is still represented in the RC F semi-finals by a team of which we are all proud. There is baseball ability in every member wearing No. 5 I.T.S. roundels. We grandstand critics are confident that whichever way the decision goes the boys have played the game with everything they possess.

The first game with the Trenton Station team resulted in a 7-7 draw. The second was won by your Station team by 4-1. The next game is to be played on Thursday evening with No. 1 I.F.S., at Trenton. The winner of this game will represent this district in the finals which will be played in Toronto Saturday August 28th.

Next Week the series with Reliance Aircraft will be continued in order to decide the custodian of the Bank of Commerce Trophy, which is emblematic of the City of Belleville Championship.

BARNYARD GOLF

Superb! Colossal! Terrific! Stupendous! Only these words can describe the horseshoe pitching of (Ah, here's the canker) Pte. Heimpel. Imagine the Army has to show us, who boasts such farm experts as F/L Cowleson, F/O Warren and IAC Sammy Chambers, how to play this ancient sport. Of course we must admit that there is some oddities of style that puzzle us, for instance shutting the eyes when throwing ringers. Nevertheless Pte. Heimpel won in a decisive fashion, defeating WAC McHugh 20-21, 21-6, 22-3, in the final round. Incidentally both finalists were from the Post Office - Won't some other section challenge them? Both these Champions are going to participate in the No. 1 T.C. Barnyard Golf Contest.

TABLE TENNIS

The opening tournament of the Fall Season got under way in the West Barracks on Tuesday evening, with the heaviest entry list that this Station has had for a long time. Twenty four players started and when the smoke of battle, or was it smoke from Reg. Hackett's pipe?, had cleared away, Westall of Flight 32, McLaughlin of Flight 22 and Cutting of Flight 21 were left undefeated. The final games will be played on Thursday evening 20 Aug/45. By the way where was No. 1 Squadron????

These tournaments will be continued throughout the Fall. How about a little inter-flight team competition.

THE FIELD DAY

This event which was to be held on Wednesday afternoon August 4th coinciding with our Second Anniversary was held instead on the afternoon of August 18th. Every one of the fifteen events were closely contested by two hundred and fifty five participants, and six new Station records were set.

Flight 29 led by their O.C., F/O McManon, and the Station mascot, Snetzy, who was bribed to serve them, emerged as the top scoring flight with thirty three points. Every member of twenty nine exhibited a splendid team spirit, which undoubtedly contributed greatly to their victory.

The individual top scorer was Corporal Dewar of Flt. 17, with eleven points. He won the dicuss and the log throw events, setting a new Station record of 22'7" in the latter event. He also came fourth in the shot putt. Only one point behind him were AC2 Sharkey of Flt. 32, and AC2 Pietz of Flt. 29. Sharkey's performance was outstanding as he won the 880 yard race and the mile run, setting a new Station record in both. Pietz won the 100 yard dash and the baseball throw.

The new records set were the 440 yards won by Wright in 57 seconds. The 880 yard won by Sharkey in 2'17", the mile run by Sharkey in 5'9". The cross country run was won by Rachner in 7'5" and five tenths. The pole vault was won by McFee with 10'10", who beat his own record by six inches.

Air Vice Marshall F.S. McGill, A.O.C. of No. 2 T.C. presented Cpl Dewar, AC2 Sharkey, and AC2 Pietz suitable awards for their high standing, on the day that he visited this station for presenting us with the Efficiency Pennant.

The standing of the various flights and their points is as follows;

Flt. 29....33 points	Flt. 27....11 points	Flt. 33....6 points
" 32....20 "	" 10....11 "	" 18....5 "
" 31....19 "	" 28....10 "	" 35....3 "
" 34....15 "	" 11....8 "	" 19....3 "
" 17....12 "	" 12....6 "	

Hi Notes on the Anniversary Dance

The thanks of all to the entertainment committee for a grand evening, and the suggestion that we may have more dances of the same design.

To F/O Ramsay a bouquet of Orchids for the cabaret style of the luncheon. And a hearty 'Hiel' to Hitler, Mussy, and Tejo, pardon us W.O.2 Inman, Sgt Stillman and Sgt Rideout and the others for an excellent skit.

It was cer tainly good to see the old timers enjoying themselves. S/L Roberts seemed particularly to be enjoying himself (not having to worry about missing benches from the class room the next morning.)

Noticeable among the old timers were such personalities as W.O.1 Lacey, Flight Rosenberg, Sgts Hughes and Samain, Cpl Rudeliffe. LAC Paley, Clow and Patterson.

A late bulletin reads,

In a very close and thrilling game our Station Softball team, of which our sports columnist was sceptical last week, defeated the Mohawk Flyers of No. 1 I.F.S. 6-4, in a sudden death game for the Bay of Quinte Service League Championship. No. 5 now represents the district in the Command finals in Toronto on Saturday.

The entire team played wonderful ball, but AC2 Hancock, formerly of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, emerged as the hero. He relieved Borovitch of the pitching duties in the 7th, when Deseronto had the bases loaded, and none out, and leading the score. It looked bad for us. Bill retired the next three batters without allowing a run, and we were able to go on from there to take the game.

A question frequently asked this week, "Where did the S.A.O. get that black eye?" I understand he was in a battle of some kind last week end.

F/O Guertin would like to know what A/S/O Mitchell meant, when approaching the vacant chair next to him in the Mess the other day said, looking at him, "O you're in the last stages.", and moved to another table.



A WORD TO DEMOCRACY

Democracy has locked horns with Totalitarianism; it is a struggle for survival. We are convinced that Democracy will be the conqueror, and this isn't wishful thinking either.

We can see that Totalitarianism is not the best thing for this modern world, especially as it finds no place for the individual in the life of the nation. So in these countries the individual is sacrificed without any compunction, for the good of the whole.

We know that Democracy has its weaknesses, and we hope that in the post-war years we shall overcome most of them. One of its problems is the paralyzing powers of individual selfishness, which is so detrimental to the health of the nation. The Totalitarianists sacrifice the individual, and in Democracy the individuals too often sacrifice the State in order to gain their own selfish ends.

We don't have to look far afield to see the symptoms of this divisive element in our Democracies, it is obvious in the Air Force. People who complain if they don't always get their own way, or the best of every situation. People who just won't cooperate, who want to work things out in their own way. Selfishness displays itself in greed, indifference, disobedience, and in many other ways that disregards the interests of others. How patriotic is much of our so-called patriotism? Selfishness in any form jeopardizes the highest interests of any nation.

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