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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

It has been said, and not without foundation, that the fight for the preservation of peace will demand collaboration and toleration on a scale never before dreamed of as possible by the human race. In this world of such diverse races, religions and opinions, problems will arise which will require a concerted effort on the part of all nations to settle their differences with equanimity. To-day the foundation for future collaboration is being prepared and yet it is evident to all of us just how complex the problem is.

The average person to-day is willing to concede this point, but asks what can I do about it and how does it concern me. The answer is that a study of governments and their platforms will safeguard the world against the savage attacks of ambitious demagogues envisaging themselves as emperors of the world. An unthinking nation is an easy victim of the emotional demagogue and is easily carried away by his impractical dreams. A profound study of a government's policy will determine its sincerity and practicability towards human needs, which are invariably the root of all evil.

Canada itself is realizing the prodigious need for trained men in post war reformation and has announced a tentative plan for the education of demobilized servicemen. Competitive spirit is strong in all of us, and it will be carried even more so into civilian

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life, thus resulting in a world where only the trained man succeeds. As members of the forces our first purpose and aim is to prosecute this war to a successful end, but we should be thinking of the post war period with a vigorous and liberal mind. The medium for the promotion of thought is a discussion group, under the guidance of an experienced man. It is the heritage of the human race to evolve to an Utopia, but it can only be reached through blood, sweat and tears.

Let us here at #5 I.T.S. Belleville begin the foundation of a better world by resolutely and frankly realizing our obligations to our families, to the world, and yes even to ourselves. There are men on the station now prompted by the desire to foster a discussion group. Cannot something be done about it?

John McCormick.

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" A jug of wine, a book of verse, a loaf of bread,
And thou beside me in the Wilderness,

Flight 23, recently graduated with course 92, has adopted the above verse as significant of its philosophy of life. During its ten week stay here at #5 I.T.S. Belleville, the "fighting 23rd" has compiled an enviable record, which should serve as an inspiration to incoming flights.

On Tuesday night Jan. 25, the 23rd overwhelmed all opposition in the I.T.S. gymnasium to capture the station champions: Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball. This was a first to a course in which flight 23 has displayed the highest of sportsmanship and team spirit both scholastically and athletically. The entire forty-two members graduated with such success that each man has achieved the course he wished. Flight 23 also enjoys the unique distinction of having two of its members chosen as winner and runner up for the Commanding Officers award for the most outstanding airman in the course.

The Flight would like to express at this time their grateful appreciation to Flight Commander F.O. Benner, and disciplinarians Sgts. Smith and Langan. These men showed every consideration, and flight 23 is as proud of them as it is of its own record.

Peter Kirk

COMMENT ON SPORT

#5 I.T.S. boasts one of the finest equipped gymnasias in the country and every effort is being made by a competent and industrious physical training staff to utilize these assets. Tuesday night Jan. 25, was the scene of clashing and muscular bodies for almost three hours. The finals of the inter-flight, inter-squad games were being played and when the final whistle was blown, flight 23 had emerged as winners of the floor hockey, basketball and volleyball contests. The athlete gave a fine exhibition of skill and courage, and in particular a fine display of the will to win.

On Monday night Jan. 24, #5 I.T.S. basketball team journeyed to Mountain View to play that station in a scheduled game of the local service basketball league. Thanks to the entry of course 96, coach Fitzpatrick introduced a strengthened team to the Mountain View Five. The first half was featured by slow and cautious play with the home team leading 8-6 at half time. In the opening minutes of the second half Mountain View began an offensive which saw some pretty ball handling and shooting by both teams. With five minutes of play remaining Mountain View held a commanding lead, but #5 I.T.S. strove valiantly to turn the tide. However their efforts were in vain for the home team closed the game with a 24-19 victory. Barney Marentette, Norm Senay and Ron Edwards supplied the scoring punch for I.T.S. whilst Chubby Williams added strength to the defence. Coach Fitzpatrick is confident that #5 I.T.S. is well represented and with continued practice will be a definite threat. With a victory over the lowly Mohawks Tuesday night at the Mohawk gymnasium I.T.S. can capture second place.

It is hoped to organize a novice boxing tournament in the near future, and the co-operation of all will be appreciated in organizing this.

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Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, in the Drill Hall. So it seems, for our P.T. and Drill Officer must have a terrible set of night-mares, judging by the groaning, bellowing, and general pandemonium that comes from his room every night. What has he done to deserve all this? Is it remorse, or his conscience waking up? On officer, whose room lies near by, thinks he must be haunted by his many victims. Beware P.T.'s.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK.

Airmen of the station will be sorry to hear that F/O Warren whom they knew as the genial chairman of the entertainment committee who really worked at his job has been posted. F/O Warren was one of the men most responsible for the splendid schedule of dances and shows that we have had lately. He was also responsible for most of our decorations and for the splendid bandstand which adorn our dances. It seems also that he was known about the officer's mess for palatable and potent punches; tho' by his own admission they were slightly corrosive on plastics and having a certain anaesthetic value on the human organism they did leave everyone feeling in a convivial mood and contributed greatly to the success of officers social events.

It is certainly with the utmost sincerity that we wish "Mel" the best of luck in his new post and bid him welcome whenever he can visit us in the future.

IS IT TRUE ?

That our barrack warden is the defender of the airmen's rations ?

That L.A.O. Biggs is thinking of matrimony and is her name Phyllis ?

That W.O.1 Duffin is the defender and champion of the Sr. N.C.O's, (trainees) ?

That a Squadron Leader of H. Q. took advantage of his rank in Tronte Union Station ?

That a number of Airmen of this station are frequenting the Indian Reserve at Shannonville ?

That laundry equipment can not be set up until the personnel of this station finish paying for their Victory Bonds, as at that time the machinery will be paid for ?

That Sgt. Firefighter demands the attention of the girl friends of those working under him ?

That Sgt. "Peck" payed for a rather enjoyable evening for Sgt. Cooper, Sgt. Gluckstein and "Hank" the barber ?

That a W.O.2 now has a W.O.1's uniform reposing or hanging in his locker ?

OVERHEARD IN BARRACKS

- 1st. Trainee. Have you looked at "The Aircraft of the day", Joe?
- 2nd. Trainee. Yeah! Say, who do they think they are fooling, anyway. Anybody can tell that's a Beaufort from the middle of the Parade Square. Why don't they give us a tough one for a change?
- 1st. Trainee. Well, yes, its easy to see its a Beaufort, alright, but its a nice clear shot and really gives a guy a chance to look the features over. You know, I tangle the the Beaufort and Blenheim up a lot, but I've noticed a lot of features to watch for, now that I've studied that picture.
- 3rd. Trainee. Are you kidding?
- 1st. Trainee. Well chum, you just study that picture a few minutes and notice the depth of the fuselage, the roundness of the nose, the underslung radial engines, the oil coolers in the leading edge of the wing behind the engine nacelles, and the "fort" on top from the cockpit to the dorsal power operated gun turret, and then ask me if I'm kiddin'.
- 2nd. Trainee. Huh! You mean to say you saw ALL that?
- 1st. Trainee. Have a look for your self, its free.

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IS IT TRUE?

That the diet of some of the cooks now consist of hot dogs and milk shakes purchased at the canteen? Can it be they can't stand their own cooking?

That Frank Gauld is the hardest working man at I.T.S.?

That a percentage of the members of the hostess club will only dance with officers or the "hep-cats" from the kitchen staff?

That the fire drill caught Iac Heaton in the barber's chair and that he has sought permission to wear his winter issue "Tea-cosy" in class, in town, or wherever man might see him?

That a Scotch Corporal in "Accounts" collects unused parts of railroad tickets, and tries to exchange them for a return ticket?

RECREATION IN ITALIAN PRISON CAMPS.

The most monotonous life a man can lead is that of a war prison camp in Italy. Nothing to do, no place to go, day in and day out. Were it not for our own organized entertainment and educational programs one would go mad with boredom.

As a general rule each prison camp in Italy has their own entertainment and educational committees, the members being chosen from among the inmates by the men themselves. These committees provide the prisoners with a very good variety of activity. The theatrical society would produce a play and a variety show each week. The type of play would vary from week to week so as to satisfy the different tastes. One week they had the Merchant of Venice, the next The Man Who came To Dinner. The variety shows were held every Saturday night. They were composed of short skits, with the orchestra rendering popular music between the different numbers. We had a swing band, a symphony and an accordian band. These instruments were bought by the men through the camp commandant, each man of the camp contributing toward them.

The Sports committee organized leagues for softball, cricket, volleyball, and basketball. All this equipment was supplied by the Red Cross.

The Educational facilities were remarkable considering the circumstances. Instructors were obtained from among the men for practically any subject one desired to study. Timetables were made out, classes lasted one hour, and were held in different rooms. These courses were prepared by the instructors themselves.

(Written by one who was a prisoner of war for some time.)

Who was the P/S that had no more to do than put Red on charge for having his hands behind his back ?

I hear the boys in the Equipment Section were collecting money for Sgt. Cooper. What for boys ?

If Cpl. Boethby could run a lot of lads would be in detention by now.

What Sgt. in the Airmens Mess has his boots shined now and is always clean shaven since S.O. Mitchell arrived ? Why ?

Who is the Sgt. who always enquires who is on duty at the gate ?

Why is Stockie spending his 48's in Belleville now ?

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take pot luck, leave it all to chance.

The answer lies with ourselves, you, and you, and myself. It is we of the younger generation who are the potential backbone of this country. It is up to us to plan the course, carefully, considerately, and intelligently. We must Think, Work, and Act - constructively, And as we do these things, and do them well, we will automatically make this land of ours into a working, stirring, striving democracy. One which, self confident in its inner strength, can refute all "Isms" with equanimity. A true source of pride to ourselves, and a monumental symbol to the entire universe.

The Torch is ours - let us use it well.

An Airman.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE MONTH

- Feb. 5th. Eaton Masquers, the finest show in the East, with thirty five performers (mostly girls). This is considered to be one of the largest troops, they even have their own electrician. The first five rows in the auditorium are reserved for the lady friends of personel, (including wives.)
- Feb. 11th. A Valentine Dance with the Jive Bombers from 6 R.D. and the usual load of hostesses.
- Feb. 26th. Victory Parade , another enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Keep these dates in mind and plan to be there.

MOVIES FOR FEBRUARY

Action in the North Atlantic	Feb. 14th.
Princess O'Rourke	Feb. 21st.
Night to Remember	Feb. 20th.
Mission to Moscow	Feb. 28th.
Sahara	Feb. 23rd.

Who is the model Corporal in the Accounts who was put off the train last week in Belleville ?



EDITORIAL



OUR PROBLEM

It was Socrates who advocated that men ought to marry. He claimed that if the choice were a good one the individual would be very happy. If it turned out otherwise he would become a philosopher. One automatically becomes a philosopher without going to all that trouble when writing an article of this kind. For this is an attempt to make some of us think; of ourselves, of our future, of the country we live in. Exactng demands aren't they?

Yet the apathy, the indifference, the self complacency, so prevalent amongst most of us is enough to shake one to ones innermost depths.

How many of us have been thinking in terms of the post war era? How many of us know what we would like to do when the war is over? And have been planning intelligently to attain this end. Have you?

It seems that most of us have acquired the "Let George Do it attitude," that everything will turn out all right eventually, and that we can go along unconcerned and mentally indolent, and that these significant problems, which will affect our very lives, our happiness, and the well being of our intimates, will automatically solve themselves.

That is definitely not the case, and still, judging by the action of some individuals, all that will be necessary after the war is won is that we go home, sit in an easy chair, a cocktail in one hand, a book in the other, and some fairy will come along each week and replenish our bank account.

Intelligent planning isn't it?

Of course when things dont turn out well due to our own short-sightedness, we can always rant and rave at the government, that's our prerogative. And then again we can always blame certain groups, or individuals for our own shortcomings, -- That's quite fashionable but will that solve the problem? Are we ready and willing to shoulder our responsibilities, and problems, which may be forthcoming? Are we prepared to meet the future intelligently and absolutely or shall we just go forth in some haphazard manner, and

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