

# Wins---Canada's Top Honours

## Cock of the Walk and Minister's Trophy to No. 20

Two of Canada's top honours have been awarded to No. 20 in the form of the "Cock-of-the-Walk" Trophy for the best training station of the airforce in Canada and the Minister's Efficiency Pennant for the best Elementary School in Canada for the second quarter of 1944.

Among the messages of congratulation received were the following:

From No. 1 Training Command. "My congratulations to you and all ranks at your Unit on being named as the most efficient E.F.T.S. in all Commands and Winner of both the Minister's Pennant and Cock-of-the-Walk Trophy for second quarter of 1944 stop May the continued efforts of all ranks result in winning the pennant for the next quarter stop Effective date 1st August."

From F/L Thos. Bruce, Commanding Officer of No. 20. "I most heartily congratulate all ranks on these awards, and I also wish to express my appreciation for the manner in which all branches and departments have aided and assisted in achieving these honours."

From Ottawa:

Hearty congratulations on winning the Minister's pennant for the period ending 30th June.

J. L. Apedaile, O.B.G.  
Civil Flying Schools.

### MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

This School has been awarded two of the top honours of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The Ministers planes could

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## GROUND SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS



Knowledge College has nothing on the ground instructor staff of this station, our knowledge men are reading left to right, standing, Sgt. Sid Blanchette, Armourment Inst.; Jack Warburton, Signals; L. Campbell, Airmanship; Frank Schofield, Airmanship; Bill Hooper, Signals; Cpl. Little, Armourment; front row, Bill Scott, Navigation; Clayt Wrenshall, C.G.I., and Arne Scott, Navigation.

## No. 20's HISTORY

In an anniversary issue of "Tarmac" it seems fitting to include an unofficial history of the station, although no one knows which date should be chosen for celebration. The station opened unofficially on June 23rd, 1941; flying commenced on June 25th and the station was opened officially by the late Duke of Kent on August 23rd.

The present site was selected for the twentieth E.F.T.S. as far back as 1940, at which stage in the war flying clubs were almost the only institutions in Canada with trained flying personnel. This flying school like other E.F.T.S.'s, was therefore formed by amalgamating the resources of flying clubs under a civilian manager, Mr. Charles Robson. Almost all the instructors wore civilian clothes, employed on a

leave-without-pay basis so far as the R.C.A.F. was concerned, and including five or six somewhat colourful bush pilots. Service personnel, on service rates of pay, was confined at first to a Chief Supervisory Officer, an M.O., a few Testing Officers and the orderly room staff.

The site chosen was a mixture of swamp, bush and pasture land across which ran an unpaved road. The sewers, water pipes and buildings were erected by the Stirling Construction Co. of Windsor. The first building to be completed, in December 1940, was the Service Police hut which perhaps accounts for its poor strategic position.

Work continued through the spring of 1941 until a piece of paved runway was finished and

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## BIG PROGRAM

### FOR SPORTS

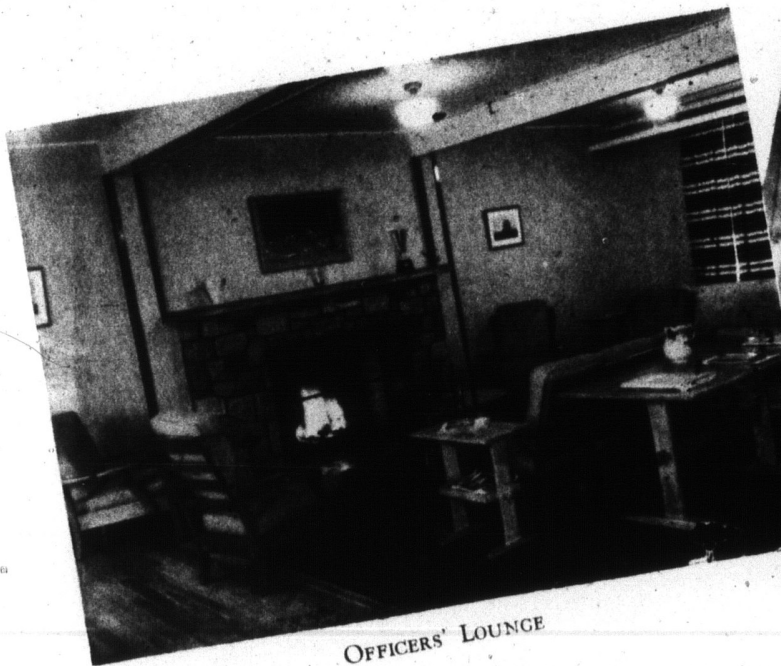
The month of August has rolled around, and we find No. 1 Training Command a beehive of sports activity. The reason for all the hustle is the Command Sports Meet which is being run off throughout the month. In order to facilitate the eliminations the Command has been divided into various sections, with No. 20 E.F.T.S. grouped in the Toronto and District division. The qualifying men and teams from each section will meet in Toronto at the end of the month to battle it out for the championship.

Here at Oshawa we have been beset by postings which have taken away several of our dependable athletes. However, F/O "Wish" Saunders, our Sports Director, has stated that entries will be sent in from No. 20 to every event. For some time now we have been using Alexander Park to work out for track and field, while the swimmers have been getting into top condition at Pleasure Valley Ranch. Among the many arrivals on the station within the last few months there are doubtless several who could put up a good showing on one or more of the events. Anyone who is interested, whether he considers himself championship calibre or otherwise should contact F/O Saunders, who assures us that everyone will be given a fair trial and a chance to represent Oshawa in the tournament.

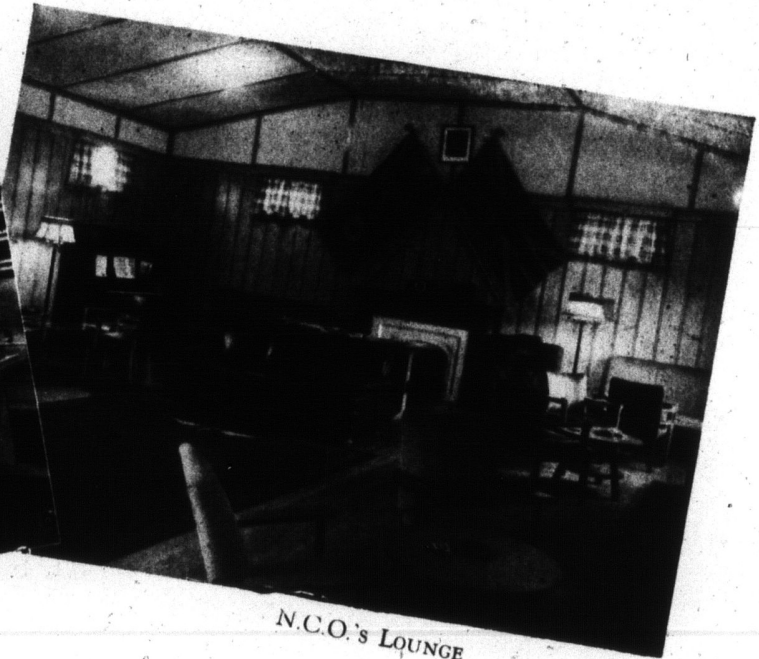
In the baseball playdowns No. 20 took Malton to camp 9 to 8 in the first game, the other 2 games at Malton we went down for the count.

At Camp Borden for the swim meet No. 20 took 3rd place with 8

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OFFICERS' LOUNGE



N.C.O.'s LOUNGE

### WITH THE K. of C.



Ed. Stumpf, Supervisor

Sports and recreation go on, the heat of summer doesn't stop very many. On the hottest days you are sure to find a good Badminton game going or hear the rattle of pins in the bowling alley.

The Airmen and Civilians are finding the Reading and Writing Lounges in the Rec. Hall a more pleasant place to spend their leisure time with the addition to the lounges of large, beautiful Console Model Radios. F/L Brown and Mr. Bernardo who made this possible, certainly did a very fine job.

The Station Library keeps on being a very busy place. A good percentage of the books are out on loan all the time.

The exchanging of flashes is very much appreciated by the Airman. A supply of these flashes was made by the Ladies' Airforce Auxiliary of Oshawa, who launder them so that there are always clean ones on hand. Darning socks and mending for the airmen are also done by the Ladies, as well as supplying a good number of new knitted socks and sweaters. This work has been done by these ladies for the past few years and is appreciated very much. Watch your Bulletin for the coming movies and sports events.

## HONOURED RECORD

On the third anniversary of the opening of No. 20 E.F.T.S. we look back with pride on the excellent record the school has built up in its comparatively short period of service.

It has always been the aim of the management and the R.C.-A.F. personnel serving here, to give trainees everything they needed to start them off on a successful career in the air and as much extra "gen" as each, according to his capacity, could absorb. No. 20 E.F.T.S. "old boys" are carrying the fight to the harassed enemy in many theatres of war throughout the world.

The effort put forth to give students efficient, safe training cannot be easily measured; neither can the credit for the progressive policy of the school be

attributed to any one person. Throughout the past three years many men have come and gone; each leaving his contribution of ideas and methods to be accepted or criticized by those of his associates who are continually searching for the perfect flying training plan.

The foremost objective of the staff serving at No. 20 has been to assure students, parents of students, and the whole civilian population of Canada that Elementary Flying Training can be, and is, a good deal safer than most people suppose. It should be understood that safety and economy are inseparable in training. The former is the best guarantee of efficiency. Achieving maximum safety in training demands that everyone connected in any way



AIRMEN'S LOUNGE

with aircraft or the men who fly them, must be constantly aware of the responsibility placed on his or her shoulders. No job, no matter how routine, can be considered unimportant if failure to do that job properly could result in injury, death or monetary loss to flying personnel or the people of Canada whom we serve.

Constant checking of details by those placed in authority, and punishments awarded to those found negligent in little things, are sometimes hard to take if we have only a short-range view of the action in question. However, the punishment which would have to follow, if one of these little mistakes resulted in death or injury to personnel serving here, would be many times more drastic and quite useless in rectifying a criminal mistake already made. For this reason a strict safety-first policy is demanded of all personnel.

We like to think that No. 20 E.F.T.S. leaves nothing to be desired for those who want to give their best in the interests of flying training; we also like to think that those who want to devote as little effort as possible are scared away by the high morale of the station. We feel safer with the latter types carrying the chips on their shoulders in some distant spot. This "manner of man" is rapidly becoming extinct due to his inability to discover that knowledge, ability and safety are always present in direct proportion to the amount of effort put forth to acquire them.

During the month of July there were no accidents at No. 20 E.F.T.S.

# TAR-MAC

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## "Toodles"

Hello again:

So many things have happened and so many new faces replacing old ones, I hardly know where to start, but in any event, here goes.

Seeing its summer, many of the folks have been holidaying and although haven't been able to get the gen on their activities, at least we know where they were, or were they? "Mickey" McAdam back from two weeks black fly hunting in Chapleau . . . understand "Bud" Ross spent a couple of weeks at Wasago Beach with sister (Vera). It wasn't because a certain ex #20 LAC is at Borden by any chance . . . Sgt. Sid Blanchette off to Winnipeg to his loved ones, has just returned . . . Cpl. Bettridge back from a week at St. Mary's . . . P/O Nels Schroeter (as you like it, columnist) and Mrs. S. spending a fortnight sunning in the North land . . . P/O "Moose" Calladine and his lovely wife had a trip through Muskoka and Lake Simcoe district . . . Squadron Mistress Blair away for two weeks, is back with a lovely tan but no information as to her activities, my; my; . . . F/O Hancock had a rest from signing Sport Fund checks, and is all set to start again, after a nice rest . . . F/O Pallett away helping Pop with his farming . . . F/S Phelan and the lovely Connie (ex switchboarder of this School) spent two weeks in the Thousand Islands, came back with horror stories of spiders as big as your fist, what—no fish stories . . . F/L "Mike" Ozarko and Mrs. O. away for a week . . . P/O Nesbet at home for a, leave with wife and Junior . . . Violet Taylor seeing the sights in Detroit for her holidays . . . "Available" Ed Stumpf at home in Kitchener helping the missus fix up their newly acquired home. F/S Charlie Prince and Bill Moore on a fishing trip. Understand it was very successful, lots of fish . . . Mr. Bernardo back

## OPENING CEREMONY



A gala moment at the opening of No. 20 E.F.T.S. on August 23, 1941, with the late H.R.H. Duke of Kent officiating. The inspection party included A. V. M. Brooks (A.O.C. of No. 1 T.C. at that time), F./Lt. George Newsome, and His Excellency.

from a week's rest in Vancouver . . . F/O Lorne Jarvis and Mrs. Jarvis off to visit the folks in St. Kits but Mrs. J. neglected to pack Lorne's civvie duds, so poor hubby treks back for same, and they say men are forgetful . . . and there is a story going around about one of our time keepers walking home from a truck ride in the wee hours, big bad wolf eh; . . . Helen of the Messing Staff, leaving #20 for greener fields, lot of luck . . . Vicky York's recovering from an operation at Oshawa Hospital . . . Helen Ross seen spending her wealth in Toronto for fancy frocks . . . W/O 1's Dwyer, and Carrothers giving up smokes, what will power, eh boys . . . Eve Hamilton spending hours figuring out which method is best for tying long white shoe laces . . . Local lovely being serenaded in the wee hours, a wolf who can see in the dark, no doubt.

Bye now,

TOODLES.

## SPORTS PROGRAM

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stations competing. F/L. Charlie Cawker won the 66 2-3 yd. dash, LAC Harris took honours in the 100 yd., and F/O McDougall stood 3rd in the diving. Sgt. Brodhurst and LAC Carson swam in the relay. So our swim team is all set to place No. 20 in the fore at the Command finals at Sunnyside on August 18.

## FAREWELL FOR ADJUTANT

The Adjutant has left. Long live the Adj. On August 2, 1944, the N.C.O's got together to wish F/L "Buck" Rogers good luck on his posting up into the wilds of Borden and at the same time welcome F/O Griffith.

"Buck" is well liked around the N.C.O's dugout and the boys tried to show their appreciation to their ex-Honourary President.

All the speakers including the C/O spoke of "Buck" with respect and admiration and joined with us of the N.C.O's mess in wishing him all the luck of the world.

"Buck" toasted the new Adj. (F/O Griffith) and asked us to give him our co-operation and support as he takes up his duties and also nominated P/O "Pop" Wood as our next Honorary President.

The party ended after a light lunch and refreshments by singing "Buck" out of the mess to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and that was the opinion of all present.

## SPORT GOSSIP

By F/O Hitchcock

Old Man Weather has been playing havoc with the sport schedule during the past few weeks and there has been a pause for breath. The Station ball team has been active, though, and their latest game resulted in a 6-4 victory over the Ajax squad on July 18th. The team has been very successful this year, the tally now standing at nine wins against one loss over the season's play. Postings have thinned out at least three of our better players, LAC's Chater and Harris, both pitchers, and LAC Solar, catcher, all of whom we were sorry to lose.

After two years of trying to secure a level sports field the bulldozers from Toronto have finally arrived and are hard at work. It is hoped to have it completed in time for our Field Day. The date has not been made definite yet, but it will be held around the end of the month. Every type of contest will be included in the list, individual, team, and inter-flight competitions, with suitable prizes for the winners. Follow this up with a big dance in the Rec. Hall and what have you got? A bang-up field day, in fact one guaranteed to be the best yet.

## FROG JUMPING NEWEST SPORT

Cheers and shouts amid circles on the hangar floor brought to light the newest fad at No. 20, in the form of a Frog Derby, with Testing Flight, Glen, and Flight Commanders really pushing their favorites for a win, it has come to light that Handcapper F/L Hurren is starting a frog farm in Bolsover (its on the map) and intends to take on all contestants. The Link Section are going to put up their pet jumping rabbit (if the station cats let it survive) against the winner, if trainer George Page can get brother rabbit in condition soon enough.

## ICTHYOLOGY

The other morning, just before the 7.30 parade a crowd of U.D.J.'s gathered round a corner of the swimming pool to admire the spectacle of a dead mouse and six live frogs besporting themselves in one corner.

It makes one wonder whether the M.O.'s minion who solemnly fetches a sample of the water for analysis each day is interested in marine biology or is merely being funny.

**LATE FLASH**—Glen Black won the Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin trophy at Oshawa golf club with a score of 89. Congrats.

## No. 20's History

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planes could take off to practise flying over the neighbouring field at Whitby. By June the buildings were finished, but a second hangar, the Officers and the N.C.O.'s mess, O.R. barracks and the recreation hall were added last summer.

The first draft to arrive, Course No. 31, was composed of 64 R.A.F. and 6 R.C.A.F., including one American. Elementary flying courses have now ceased temporarily with the graduation of Course 106. The graduation of Course 31 was rightly regarded as a great occasion and is still regarded as the best flight party ever held. A dance took place in the Auditorium of General Motors. Fortunately flying had been washed out early in the day by bad weather, so everyone was happy before the dance even started.

There are a number of people on the station who have worked here since the station opened, including the C.G.I. They tell tales of distinguished students of the past. There was a Czech navigation officer, named Gellner who had fought with the Polish Army in September, 1939, and escaped somehow to turn up in New York months later. Then there was Holmes, who was married to a Hollywood film star and made a practise of flying to New York every week-end. Today, F/L Don Morrison, D.F.C., D.F.M., is on the station.

Flying training started in 1941 with a few Tiger Moths, but despite the fact that 10 Fleets were in use for a short time on Navigation flights and that the arrival of Cornells has been predicted for two years, training is still performed in the 66 Moths on hand. Perhaps this is one reason why the total of fatal casualties is so low . . . two instructors and one pupil have been killed in three years . . . possibly the lowest casualty rate in flying training anywhere in Canada or the world for that matter.

There have been some memorable incidents. A fire once broke out in the hangar, damaging four aircraft. A German pilot, Ober Lieutenant Oeser escaped from Bowmanville Internment Camp and was captured in the hangar stealing a flying suit in which, plus a Moth, he hoped to fly to the States. History relates that he was most hospitably entertained; while under guard in the "digger" he was passed a ceaseless stream of drinks. The first of the CFI's once got lost on a

weather flight. He saw water below him and assumed he was over Lake Ontario. He headed north. It seemed to be a long time before he sighted the shore and when he did, he was out of gas. Having forced landed he found himself at Coldwater and so earned his nickname of "Coldwater Joe".

All things considered Oshawa cannot be called a "stuffy" station. The number of local regulations has been increased only as their introduction was necessitated by the behaviour of station personnel. The food is good, the civilian and service personnel are mutually tolerant, the hospitality of the inhabitants of Osha-

wa Town has been generous . . . and hence one hears the old lags (remusters who have been on a dozen or more stations) comment that Oshawa is the best Air Force station in Canada.

Miss Jennie Cendric, of Accounts, is sporting a lovely diamond and we understand the lucky man is Jack Bissell, a former employee in the Accounting Section. Congratulations folks.

It isn't a question of how much money we give the Government, but how much of the Government's money we keep for ourselves.

## SLIGHTLY CONFUSING

By F/L Jack Lambe

Once upon a time there were three turtles. The oldest one was named Philip, the middle one was named Leroy and the youngest one was named George. On this particular day Philip was celebrating his centennial so they decided to go downtown to "Ye Olde Snacky Shoppy Combination Bar and Sandwich Room" to have a drink. So they did.

When they got there they all climbed upon a stool (i.e. respective stools) and ordered three beers.

Said Philip "This one is on me fellows" and reached for his wallet. You may well imagine his embarrassment when he found he didn't have it with him. (You know damn well you can).

"George" he said, turning to the youngest one, "be a good chap and run home and get my wallet, will you? I left it on my dresser".

George demurred for a few moments and then replied "Well alright, if you promise not to drink my beer while I'm gone". (Young as he was, you can readily see George was hep to the pitfalls of alcoholic friendship).

"Why George!" the other two said in the most amazingly realistic hurt tone of voice, "we wouldn't do that. In fact we won't even drink our own until you get back".

"Well see that you don't" said George, and made for the door with pachy dermatous obliquity.

So Philip and Leroy sat looking at their beer for five years and their mouths were watering just something awful.

"Looks like something's happened to George" Leroy said. "My beer's beginning to evaporate. Shall we drink it."

Philip was more of a gentlemen than Leroy and really didn't think they ought to, but he saw the wisdom of the suggestion, so he said "OK, do let's" so they did.

Slightly refreshed, they sat eyeing George's beer for another two years.

"Look here" said Leroy "It's more or less certain George has departed this life and gone to the happy land of his forefathers". (He couched it in these terms, for in those days, turtles paid a great deal of attention to geneological trees.) "Anyway this is getting slightly ridiculous, and our good reader will be bored if this goes on much longer. Let's drink George's beer".

"OK" said Philip, who really thought better of it "do let's."

Just then George stuck his head in the door and said "If you do, I won't go."

Moral "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine — my liquor."

### Glossary

1. Pachy dermatous—anything relating to pachyderms.
2. Obliquity—anything relating to oblique.
3. Geneological—anything relating to geneology.
4. Forefathers—anything relating to whether you're sure of it or not.

## POSTINGS AND PROMOTIONS

In the month of July, Mr. DAPS of Ottawa has really been working on No. 20 E.F.T.S. personnel and among those to leave us were F/O Stan Cousins, and F/O Ted Roe for Boundary Bay, West Coast O.T.U. F/L George Slocombe to Windsor, F/O Keith Clarke, P/O Les Keeley and P/O Noakes to No. 1 I.F.S. Deseronto. F/O A. J. Edwards to C.F.S. Trenton and the following for a jaunt across the pond:— F/O F. H. Armstrong, F/O F. Bradbury, F/O H. Walsh, F/O T. Engles, F/O R. McKee, P/O S. Freeman, P/O R. Carter, WO1 Fredericks and WO 2 J. Lowery. No. 20 E.F.T.S. wishes you lots of luck and wish we all could go with you.

P/O Nels Schroeter, P/O Wright and P/O Nisbet recently commissioned, congratulations.

## WINS CANADA'S TOP HONOURS

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Pennant for the best Elementary School in Canada and the Cock-of-the-Walk Trophy for the best Training Station in the R.C.A.F. in Canada, this Trophy was donated by Wing Commander Edward Hack, R.A.F., V.R.

It is indeed a great honour to have our Station singled out from such a large number of Stations in Canada as being the top Station for the past quarter, ending June 30, this is the second occasion on which we have won the Minister's Efficiency pennant and we have been the runner up on two other occasions.

I would like to take this opportunity of extending my congratulations to all members of the R.C.A.F. and the entire Civilian staff for the splendid job which you have done, and the very fine spirit of co-operation which has been shown by all. No one individual or group of individuals can claim the credit for winning these awards. It takes the co-operation of the entire Unit to make such an achievement possible, and you can each and every one feel that you have had an equal share in the great honour which has been awarded to us.

Let us continue to carry on the good work, with the splendid efforts and co-operation which you have shown in the past quarter, the winning of the pennant in this present quarter should be assured.

MR. S. R. BERNARDO