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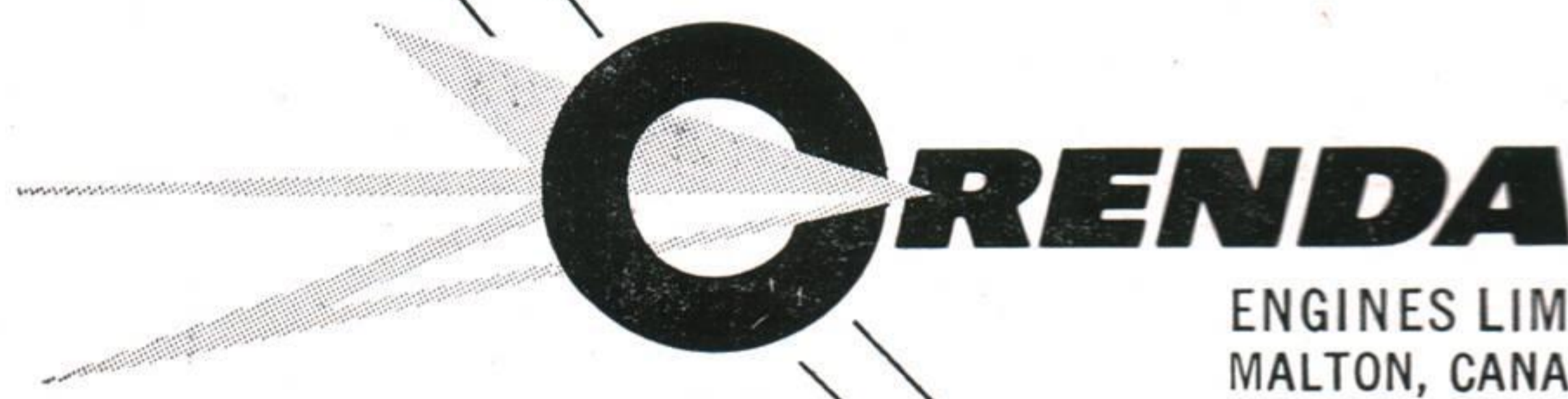
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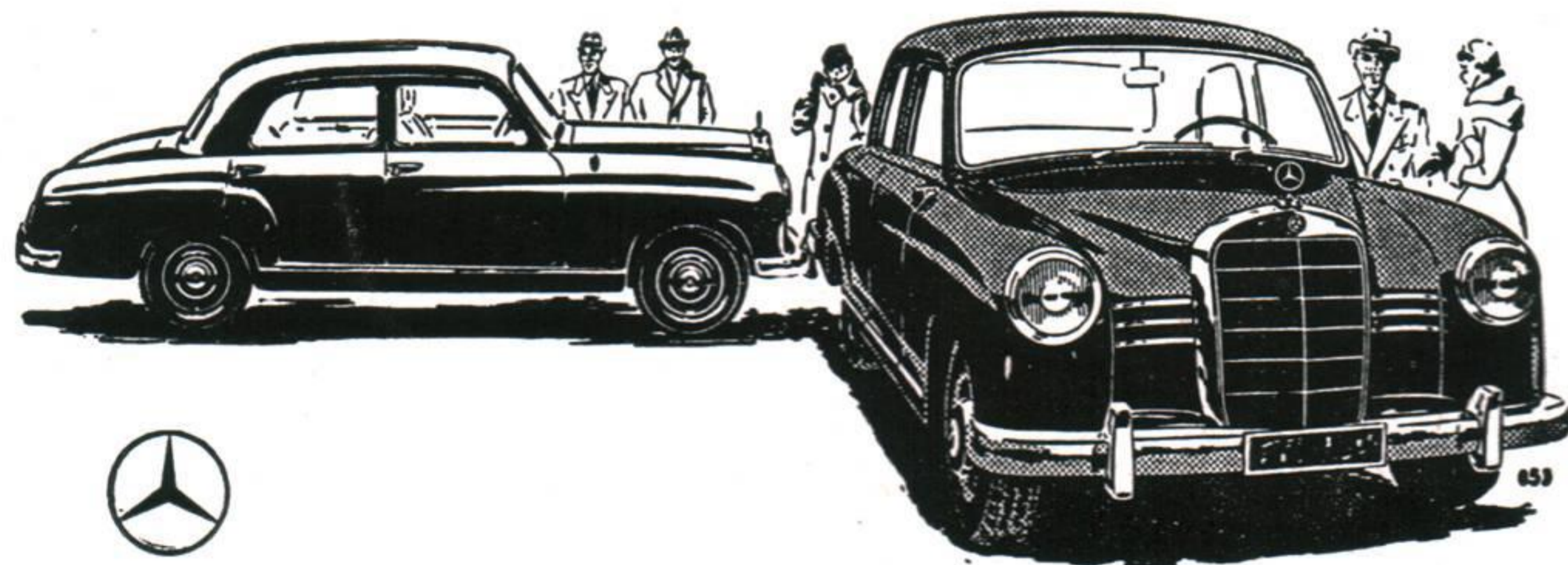
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EDITORIAL

A federal election has been called for 10 June next and, as stated in DROs, 4 (F) Wing personnel and their wives may vote during the period 3 June to 8 June inclusive. Personnel will be advised shortly concerning the procedure to follow when voting. The most important thing to do now is to make up your mind to vote.

Why? Well, on the negative side it costs absolutely nothing and takes only a couple of minutes. On the positive side you get a great deal of satisfaction in proving to yourself that once every four years you are willing to contribute a small amount of your time to make our system of government work. You can also show that you appreciate the chance to vote whilst serving overseas. This is an important concession granted only to service personnel and their wives.

We may be tempted to feel that, being a long way from Ottawa we are hardly affected by what goes on there. This would be false reasoning indeed! We are still citizens of Canada and all measures passed by the Canadian Parliament apply to us. Moreover, under normal circumstances the government elected next month will be the government in power at the end of our tour.

Distance, anyway, should not affect our determination to vote. The Eastern and Western maritimes are a great distance apart yet they have something special in common — the feeling of being Canadian. A smaller distance than this separates us from Canada, so we have no reason to let our interest in our country weaken.

We may plead that we are not quite as well up in Canadian affairs as when we were at home. The library is loaded with Canadian newspapers from the "Halifax Chronicle" to the "Victoria Times", and has copies of other useful publications like the Canadian edition of



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Election time tests whether we are really interested in good government. Will you pass the test?



This Month's COVER STORY

The Abbey in the Village Road, Schwarzach

by Mrs MT Bauert

Ten minutes by car from the airport gate, as many of us have discovered, is the tiny village of Schwarzach. Something of which we may not be aware however, is the magnificent Romanesque Abbey which towers with formidable grace over the trees lining the little village road.

The history of this abbey dates back to Agoaldus, one of a group of Benedictine monks who arrived in this district in the year 714 A.D. They brought with them from Ireland and Scotland all their famous skills and crafts, and these are apparent in the structure and ornamentation of their basilica. A part still remains of the original cloister. This is the magnificent main portal which is topped by the statue of St. Benedict. The entrance through this great arch is from the side street. Inside to

your right you can still see the old cloister mill, which is almost exactly the same as when it was first built.

The main portal of the church has a beautiful statue of Christ the King in its tympanum flanked by saints Peter and Paul. Inside, as you pass through the stone colonnade, the spiritual calm, which is a dominant feature of the abbey, enfolds you, making it possible to grasp the strength of middle age Christianity.

At right angles to the main aisle is the transept housing an imposingly high altar abounding with most beautifully carved cherubs, and many ornate carvings. Truly a work of art, this is the largest Baroque style altar in the province of Baden. It was constructed at the order of the third abbot Barnhardus Beck, who also obtained one of the few existing Silbermann organs for the church. (There is another one in Strasburg cathedral).

In front of this magnificent altar is an extremely decorative wrought iron gate. The work in this gate is symbolic of the skills which came out of the middle ages and was most probably the product of a crude forge and anvil. After the ravage of the Thirty Years War, Abbot Placidus Rauber had the bones of Saint Rufina brought to Schwarzach in order to supply the neglected people with a spiritual centre of interest. They rest encased in a reliquary of glass and ebony within the building. These relics, along with the hand-carved leaf designs on the choir benches and the splendid carvings abundant here, all fit together to make the Abbey at Schwarzach a beautiful and enlightening attraction close to us.

4 Wing Marksmen Retain Trophy



The 1957 Teams which represented the unit at the shoot:
Front row L—R — Cpl O'Brien, LAC Whittington, LAC Fraser, Cpl Hughes
and Cpl Hatton.
Back row L—R — FS Hargreaves (coach), Sgt Minault, Sgt Fraser, Cpl
Snelgrove, Cpl Goddard, LAC Brandon and Sgt Acton (coach).

The Air Division trophy for the annual rifle shooting competition has become pretty well a permanent fixture in the station's trophy cabinet.

For the third successive year, our team carried off the 1957 shoot by a very comfortable margin during two days' fine marksmanship on the Ettlingen Rifle Ranges on April 29th and 30th.

Captained by Cpl Les Snelgrove, the team this year was made up of Sgt Fraser, Sgt Minault, Cpl Goddard, Cpl O'Brien, Cpl Hughes, Cpl Hatton, LAC Fraser, LAC Brandon, and LAC Whittington.

The first day's shooting was the team competition for the Air Division Trophy, and the 4 Wing 'A' team (Snelgrove, Fraser, Goddard, Minault and Brandon) walked home with a grand total of 655 points, a clear 116 points ahead of the closest contenders, 2 (F) Wing.

The 'B' team secured 6th place in this contest amongst the twelve competing teams.

Cpl Stan Goddard, the 1956 winner of the Queen's Medal, was top individual scorer in this competition, with a total of 174 points out of a possible 200. Close behind him, Sgt Doug Fraser and Cpl Les Snelgrove registered 169 and 165 points respectively.

On the second day, the firers were competing for places on the team which will represent the Air Division at various important contests in the U. K. this summer.

Eight of the ten 4 Wing marksmen attained the necessary standard, and can now expect to do a little travelling during the coming months. The first such competition is the R. A. F. Championship which is to be held at Bisley during the first part of June.

For the first time in an Air Division shoot, the competitors were able to enter sweepstakes for each competition, and earn a little prize money by way of extra incentive.

The entire 4 Wing team entered every competition, and although some people suspected this was due to a little high-pressure work by Cpl Goddard, it also reflected the team's advance confidence of the results. Their money was quite safe as it turned out, and over 60 per cent of the prize money given away during the two days finished up in the pockets of our team members.

Group Captain Christmas drove out to the range to congratulate the winners and present the trophies at the end of the shoot, and the downpour of rain which had soaked competitors and range staff alike during the afternoon failed to dampen the spirits of the 4 Wing team as they walked up for a handshake and the Commanding Officer's congratulations.



Group Captain Christmas congratulates 4 Wing's champion shot, Corporal Stan Goddard from Wing Armament. After winning the Queen's Medal in Canada last year, Cpl Goddard picked up the D. C. R. A. Silver and Bronze Medals in last month's competition.

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Personality of the Month



S/L J.B. Lawrence

(by F/O BC Bell)

The personality of the month for April is one of 4 (F) Wing's best known senior officers, S/L J.B. Lawrence, OC 444 (F) Squadron. The choice of S/L Lawrence, (known as "The Boss" by squadron pilots), as April's "Personality", was prompted by a notable event recorded on the 26 Apr 57 as S/L Lawrence logged his 1000th Sabre hour to become the first squadron commander to accomplish this mark since the Air Div was formed in 1953.

Events leading up to this had their beginning in Jan 1941 when S/L Lawrence began his interesting and versatile career. His decision to enter the RCAF was probably influenced by his father, TA Lawrence, who had served overseas with the army during WWI and then joined the Royal Flying Corps in its infancy which later became the RCAF. A/V/M T.A. Lawrence retired as AOC North West Air Command (Tac Air Command), in 1947 and now resides with Mrs Lawrence in Willowdale, North Toronto, where S/L Lawrence calls home.

After his initial pilot training in 1941, S/L Lawrence became an instructor in Canada. In Nov 1942 he made his first trip overseas and joined 195 Typhoon Sqn, RAF. After flying Tiffies for a period he joined the Canadian 402 Spitfire squadron. While with 402 he served in England, Holland and Belgium but the many tales of interesting missions are too lengthy to relate here. In Feb 45, S/L Lawrence attended the Gunnery Instructors Course in England and was there when the war ended. He returned to Canada in Jul 45 and on completion of the Admin

Officers course became OC of the Watson Lake Detachment, Yukon Territories. August 47 brought a change to a flying job with Communications Flight in the North West Territories and Western Canada. In Sep 48 he joined the staff of AMC at Ottawa, where he remained until 1950.

His second overseas posting came in 1951 — to Air Weapons Officers School with the Royal Navy in Cornwall, England, and on completing this he again took a staff position — at the Air Armament School, Trenton in Feb 52. When the school closed he came to grips with the army at Camp Borden as OC air and flight cadets till the Fall of 53. Escaping from Training Command wasn't easy but he managed a shift to a flying position again and began jet conversion courses in Portage and MacDonald and eventually took the OTU course at Chatham for Sabre familiarization. S/L Lawrence reported to 3 (F) Wing in Mar 54 for contact training and their loss was our gain when he took over as OC 444 squadron that summer.

Flying has always been foremost with S/L Lawrence and he has led triple four to many firsts in Air Div especially in Weapons training where the squadron, until recently, held most of the major firing records at Rabat. 444 also became the youngest squadron to attain 10,000 flying hours, also while under his direction.

The story behind his last trip on the 26 Apr is quite interesting. Before the sortie, S/L Lawrence thought he would be just short of his goal and would require another flight. However, some shifty time manipulations had occurred and he took off with 999.00 hours. On returning, no one was more surprised than "the Boss" when he was greeted by the CO, C TechO, acting COpsO, and many other officers from the Wing, plus the station band and the 444 ground crew. A parade was held around the dispersal with "The Boss" on a decorative float in the driver's seat. Congratulations were extended by all present for his achievement of 1000 hours on type.

Of course there have been many other memorable occasions, some best forgotten, but others which will always be remembered. 2 (F) Wing received more than their share of "the Boss'" attention, including attacks by land and air. Quote, "I made 1000 hrs alright, most of it over Europe, and 20 minutes over 2 Wing." Not too much was heard from 416 sqn after that devastating "fly by" in the summer of 56. He has also long been chief leader of Wing flypasts and is head staff adviser for weekend Sabre trips, Spain and Denmark reported to be most popular.

S/L Lawrence has also been successful in aiding the fighting 444th capture the Wing hockey championship two years in succession, in 56 as a playing member, and in 57 as coach. He is also a member in good standing of the single men's Friday night after dinner bar society where many of the plots, plans and statements which have made him famous, are conceived. Among these are plans, (and wishes), for the future, which he hopes will include a posting in a flying capacity, preferably in the USA on F104's or on the Canadian CF105.

When the large group of pilots leave 4 Wing in July, S/L Lawrence will be among them and his departure will be deeply felt especially at 444 sqn where the vacancy will be very difficult to fill. All 444 personnel wish him the best of luck and every success in his new posting, wherever it may be.



Canadian Current Affairs



PEI — The budget has been brought down in Prince Edward Island, and it provides for a deficit of two-and-a-half million dollars during the coming fiscal year. The provincial secretary-treasurer, B. Earle MacDonald, announced that there would be only one tax increase . . . a three-percent boost in the tax on gasoline. This would bring the total tax to 16 cents a gallon, which is on a par with that of New Brunswick, and lower than that exacted in Nova Scotia. The secretary-treasurer said he expected revenue this year to total about 13-million dollars, while expenditures would amount to 15-and-a-half million.

FLOODS — The premier of Manitoba, D. I. Campbell has encouraging news for the people around Winnipeg. He thinks it unlikely that they'll be forced out of their homes this year by floods. Every spring Winnipeg is threatened with the possibility of flooding from the Assiniboine and Red rivers, which converge on the city. But this year, the premier feels, Winnipeg is safe, providing the thaw is a normal one.

MR. BENNETT — A federal offer to help British Columbia develop the Columbia river has been denounced by the Premier of the province, William Bennett. Mr. Bennett was referring to an offer made by the federal minister of fisheries, James Sinclair, to provide 300 million dollars for public development of the river. As far as he was concerned, Mr. Bennett said, no official offer had been made at all. Neither he, nor any member of his government, had been notified in advance of Mr. Sinclair's offer. Nor had they received any official notice after Mr. Sinclair made his intentions known at a press conference in Vancouver. This, Mr. Bennett felt, was not only an insult to himself, but to the people as well.

SASKATCHEWAN — The Saskatchewan government is increasing its campaign to cut down on highway accidents. The latest proposal is a plan to put all drivers through a special test every five years, and it was mentioned in the legislature by the provincial treasurer, C.M. Fines. Mr. Fines said he wasn't too happy about the way cars and drivers were being tested at present. The system left a lot to be desired. But the time was coming when such check-ups would have to be intensified, and the CCF government was working on such a plan now. Particular attention would be paid to the mechanical condition of cars using Saskatchewan's highways.

FOWLER — The long-awaited report by the Fowler royal commission on radio and TV broadcasting in Canada has been tabled in the House of Commons. The commission headed by R. Fowler, of Montreal, was appointed by the Canadian government a year ago. Its purpose was to make a thorough inquiry into the state of the country's publicly-owned and privately-owned broadcasting facilities, and to offer recommendations. The commission was asked to examine particularly the financial structure of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with a view to determining the future financing of the publicly-owned radio and TV system. The recommendations contained

in the Fowler report are not binding on the government, but they probably will provide direction for the federal measures on broadcasting to be taken in the next ten years. It is the commission's firm conviction that the present system of the CBC and private stations should stay. But a separate board of broadcast governors to supervise all broadcasting in Canada, under Parliament, is recommended. The present CBC board of governors would be done away with and the CBC itself would be headed by a president and a general manager. Both the CBC and the private broadcasters would be answerable to the new board of governors. But the CBC would also retain a strong measure of control over the private station, as it does now, under present regulations. As for future financing of the CBC, the commission suggests that the federal treasury should contribute about 470 million dollars over the next six years, to take care of the CBC's expansion and operations, largely in the field of television. The revenue from a 15 percent excise tax on radio and TV receivers, which now go to the CBC for operations, would be used for capital purposes. The commission observes that some Canadians may think the public sums needed to keep the CBC in operation are staggering and perhaps too great a price to pay to keep a distinctly Canadian broadcasting system. But it believes that on the whole most Canadians would consider the estimated outlays of money as providing a co-operative service they really want to buy. The commission notes that a tidal wave of American culture carried by American radio and TV stations threatens Canada, and the only means to keep and develop a Canadian sense of identity is through a Canadian publicly-owned broadcasting system. The commission recommends that more live Canadian programs, both radio and TV, should be encouraged. It notes that colour TV will get under way in two years and predicts that half of the CBC's TV service is going to be colour in 1963. While the developing emphasis is in television, the commission pays tribute to the value of radio, specially in music and news broadcasting and it recommends that radio services be kept up, or even extended. The commission remarks that radio will not be made obsolete by TV any more than railways have been made obsolete by aviation.

CANCER — A Toronto scientist working on cancer research may lead the way to new discoveries in that field. He's Doctor G.F. Wright of the University of Toronto, and his work has been described by the director of a New York cancer research institute as being most significant. Doctor Cornelius Rhoads said that Doctor Wright had been working on the fractional separation of tobacco smoke, a process which reduces the smoke itself to its basic components. When this is done, each component can be tested separately from the others to discover which one is most likely to lead to cancer of the lungs. If the experiments are successful, Doctor Rhoads says, the work of the Toronto scientists will have contributed a great deal to cancer research as a whole. So far it has been indicated that heavy smoking spaced over a long period

of time may lead to lung cancer. By heavy smoking, Doctor Rhoads said, he meant two packages of cigarettes a day for 30 years. The New York research head also mentioned the possible effects of drinking on the human system. He said a man who had about seven drinks a day over a long period of time was risking cancer of the mouth and voice box.

ALBERTA — Premier Manning of Alberta has announced that all welfare pensions and allowances paid in the province will be increased by 15 percent this year. Mr. Manning said legislation to cover the increases would be introduced shortly. The increases would be made not only in provincial welfare payments, but also in payments made jointly by the federal and provincial governments. Premier Manning said the increases would cost the Alberta treasury about 900 thousand dollars a year.

INDUSTRY — A new bill is being introduced into the Nova Scotia legislature this week designed to promote industrial development in the province. The measure, being brought in by Premier Robert Stanfield, provides for the incorporation of the Nova Scotia Development Company. The company will have authorized capital of up to 10 million dollars, part of which will be government money. The new bill defines the company's aims as the promotion of industrial development and the general economic welfare of Nova Scotia. It would seek to attract new industries to the province and develop existing business and industry.

SABRE — An RCAF airman was seriously injured at the St. Hubert air station near Montreal when he was sucked into the intake of an F-86 sabre-jet fighter. A spokesman identified the victim as Leading Aircraftman John Doherty, a native of New Glasgow, Scotland. The spokesman said LAC Doherty had helped start up the Sabre's engine, then walked past the plane too close to the intake in the nose and was sucked in. He suffered serious head injuries, lacerations and a dislocated shoulder.

INSURANCE — The Ontario highways minister, James Allan, has announced that every car owner in the province will have to present proof that he is insured before he receives his licence plates next year. Mr. Allan made the statement during debate in the Ontario legislature on a proposed amendment to the Highway Traffic Act. The amendment would require uninsured drivers to pay an extra five dollars for their annual licences, with the five dollars going to the unsatisfied judgment fund. The minister said the onus to give proof of insurance would rest with the car owner.

SWEEPS — Ten people in Canada have become rich overnight . . . in fact, between them they've collected nearly a million dollars. They're the lucky holders of prize-winning tickets in the Irish sweepstakes, and a whole new future lies before them if they want it. For five, in parti-

cular, this is the lucky year to end all lucky years. They each won 130 thousand dollars, and they can thank a horse named Sundew . . . and a goodly smattering of luck . . . for their new fortunes. Three of them live in Ontario, one is in Vancouver, and the other has his home in Quebec. Three other Canadians, two of them in Ontario and one in Montreal, will collect about 50 thousand dollars each for holding tickets on the horse that placed second in the Grand National at Aintree. And to round it all up, two more held tickets on the third-place horse, Tebretta. They'll get about 25 thousand. With all that luck smiling on them, you'd think they'd have a smile in return. Well, most of them did, but one couldn't even work up a grin over his good fortune. When newsmen went to visit him, he told them he didn't want any publicity. Not only that, but he wasn't even excited over the money. But the others were overjoyed. Most of them were looking forward to the good things in life they'd never expected to have. Long summer vacations, new homes, a better farm . . . were among the list of desirables that winners said they'd buy when the money came in.

BOMB — Montreal's human bomb, Andre Deblois, who terrorized the city with dynamite and a time-bomb, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years. Deblois drew ten years on each of four charges to which he'd pleaded guilty, but the judge said the terms would run together. The young man appeared in court lying on a stretcher. He has been paralyzed since a policeman shot and wounded him in the neck while he was trying to hold up a bank with dynamite. He has been in hospital ever since, and he was taken directly from court to the penitentiary hospital to begin his sentence. Doctors say there is little hope that Deblois will ever recover. In sentencing him, the judge said he was keeping in mind that Deblois had no previous record. He felt too that Deblois had already been punished to a greater extent than the law could punish him.

PORT — Quebec City fears that it may be by-passed by the St. Lawrence Seaway and as a result, lose some of its prominence . . . and revenues . . . as a port. To offset this possibility, it has been suggested that the St. Lawrence river should be kept open in winter from Quebec City to the Sea. The suggestion was made at a discussion of Quebec's industrial problems at Laval University. The speaker was Yvon Tasse, general manager of the trade and industrial bureau of greater Quebec. Mr. Tasse said ice-breakers could keep a channel clear in the winter time from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Quebec City. It would enable Quebec City to become an all-year port. Mr. Tasse thought that ice-breakers might also keep a channel open to Montreal, enabling that port too to remain open all year round. The ice-breakers, however are finding it easier now, he said, to break through below Quebec City than above it. Mr. Tasse suggested that the project be given attention at once, even before the St. Lawrence seaway was completed.

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NORMAN — Reaction to the suicide in Cairo of Canadian ambassador Herbert Norman has been generally shock and surprise. In the House of Commons in Ottawa, members of all parties, including Prime Minister St. Laurent, paid tribute to the 48 year old Mr. Norman, who took his own life apparently in distress over recent allegations made against him by a sub-committee of the United States Senate. The sub-committee actually repeated accusations made by it some years ago that Mr. Norman had been linked with Communism in his youth. The Canadian government investigated the accusations and completely repudiated them, as did the American State Department. The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, said Mr. Norman's death had been due to a nervous collapse brought on by overstrain, overwork and a feeling of renewed persecution. He said that for 18 years, Mr. Norman had served his country as an official of the Department of External Affairs with loyalty, devotion and ability. The leader of the opposition, John Diefenbaker, said Mr. Norman's death was apparently attributable to what he described as the witchhunting proclivities of certain congressional inquisitors in Washington. A spokesman for the CCF party, Alistair Stewart, described Mr. Norman's death as a lamentable tragedy, saying the ambassador had died just as surely as if someone had put a knife in his back. Outside of Canada, regret has been expressed by diplomats who knew Mr. Norman in his years of foreign service. The American secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, sent a message to External Affairs minister Pearson expressing condolences on Mr. Norman's death. The former External Affairs minister of New Zealand, Sir Clifton Webb, described Mr. Norman as an extremely able diplomat and a brilliant scholar of far eastern affairs. In Toronto, the United Church of Canada called on President Eisenhower and the American Congress to stop politicians and partisans from assassinating the characters of innocent men. The statement was issued by Doctor Ernest Long, the secretary of the General Council of the United Church. It said that Mr. Norman's death rested on the senate sub-committee which had accused him of being a communist. It charged the subcommittee with shocking and sadistic methods, and said that fear, hysteria and unprincipled political ambition had carried security measures too far in the United States. Doctor Long called on the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America to hold an emergency meeting. He urged the National Council to prevent further incidents such as the one that had led to Mr. Norman's death.

JETS — The air force has announced that the RCAF's third squadron of CF-100 jet fighters assigned to NATO duty in Europe will leave Canada this month. The squadron will be based in Zweibrucken, Germany, with

number 3 Fighter Wing. Later in the year, the fourth and final CF-100 squadron assigned to Europe will fly over and be based at Baden-Soellingen, with Number 4 Fighter Wing.

ARGUS — The biggest, most expensive plane ever built in Canada has made its first flight successfully. The aircraft is the Argus, a development of the Bristol Britannia turbo-prop airliner, and will be used by the RCAF as a long-range submarine hunter. Weighing 75 tons and equipped with the latest in radar detection and other electronic devices, the Argus took off from the Canadair landing strip and circled Montreal several times. And despite its size, the test pilot, Bill Longhurst, said the ship handled beautifully. The Argus has a range of about four thousand miles, and it's believed that the RCAF has ordered 25 of them for reconnaissance purposes. That figure, however, has not been officially confirmed.

BENNETT — Premier Bennett of British Columbia has announced a huge reclamation project to recover two-thousand acres of land at Squamish, about 40 miles north of Vancouver. Mr. Bennett said the project would cost 20 million dollars. Work on it would probably be started sometime this summer. The recovered land will be used for industrial developments. Squamish has the advantage of being close to Vancouver and of having a deep-water harbor. Premier Bennett said that in addition to the 20 million dollars being spent on the reclamation project, another 10 million would probably be spent on trackage and harbor facilities as they become necessary. The program includes the drawing up of new plans for the community of Squamish itself to accommodate a population of 25 thousand eventually. The present population is about three thousand. The whole development will be under the direction of the Pacific Great Western Railway, which is an agency of the British Columbia government.

INDIANS — In the Caughnawaga Indian reserve near Montreal, several thousand Iroquois are considering taking a grievance of theirs to the United Nations. The Iroquois maintain that the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority has no right to expropriate their tribal lands for the new waterway. However, the Quebec superior court recently ruled otherwise. Five Caughnawaga families who'd taken the case to court were ordered evicted. Now, the Indians understand that the Seaway Authority plans to expropriate more land where live about 200 Indians. An Iroquois chief, Peter Dione, says apparently his people cannot get justice in Canadian courts against the whittling away of sovereign lands. He believes it's too big a question for Canadian authorities to solve impartially, and since he considers it has become an international matter, he thinks the Iroquois should take their complaints to the United Nations.

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Holland in Tulip Time

by Cpl AK Skarbo

This attractive little country by the sea is a land full of greenery and flowers and lots and lots of water. Modern highways and main roads bring you to all parts of Holland in a very little time. Fuel and oil are cheap in comparison to other countries and garages can be found in most cities for any type of American car. The motor cycle patrols render assistance to any person in distress and if you see a yellow motorcycle with a side car watch closely and you will get a friendly salute. Hotel accommodation and meals are reasonable and you will find that it is rather cheap if you keep away from the big cities. The approximate distance from here is 630 kilometers to Amsterdam.

Now, a few of the sights of interest that we have seen and consider worth while seeing. Our first stop will be in Maastricht in the southern-most part. This part of Holland has the odd hill and the rest is rather flat. From Maastricht with the old St Petersburg Fort which was built in early times, you travel northward along the River Maas to Venlo which has two Bailey Bridges spanning the river which were put up by the British in 1944. On from there, still going north, you come by the town of Grosbeck where there is a big Canadian Cemetery. It stands on a hill, one of the few that they have, overlooking the country-side. This is one of the most beautiful cemeteries that I have seen, nicely situated in the quiet country-side with beautiful surroundings. Each grave here is taken care of by some family, and others are taken care of by school children who have adopted these and take care of them as if they were one of their own family. A little farther north we come to the City of Nymegen, which has a history behind it for many Canadians during the last war. Being there myself at the time, I found out that the two bridges spanning the Maas were to be blown up, but the bridge for the road was saved by a fourteen year old boy who pulled the wires from the dynamite so that only two small explosions were heard and they were on either side of the bridge and did very little damage. The castle that guards the approach to the bridge was built in the early times.

Going on you come to a beautiful city called Arnhem. One outstanding feature in Arnhem is the Open Lucht Museum, which has relics and models of farms and villages of Holland. The other is Sonasbeekflora which is a flower show held in May of each year. This city is where the paratroopers landed and many lives were lost. The actual battle ground here is 7 km outside Arnhem at Osterbeek where there is a cemetery for those para-

troopers who lost their lives in this battle. Going farther north you pass through Denenter Almelo and on to Groningen, which sits in a picturesque country-side. This area is mainly mixed farming. Heading now toward the sea you come to the big dyke which closes off the North Sea from the Zuider Zee which is gradually being drained of water. Once an area is drained the soil is washed for three or four years and is then ready for planting. After this area is claimed from the sea, Holland will be one third larger than it is now. On a drive through the Southern part of this land which has been re-claimed you will find old relics of ships and everything the sea has claimed in the thousands of years that it has been there. Crossing the dyke, which holds traffic in both directions, you swing north and come to the naval port, Den Helder.

South towards Alkmaar going through the Poldus, you come to the town of Alkmaar with its cheese market, (in summer only). It is really something to see the cheese being handled and sold. Cheese lovers would really have a good time here, you can get to taste every kind that is made. Just outside of this town in the polders is where the tulips actually begin. Here they grow the large bulbs from small ones. They never let the tulips here flower so it isn't a very colourful place, but it is interesting to see how they are grown and the work behind each bulb. After the bulbs are dug up in early fall, buyers come and bring them to the tulip fields around Lisse, Helegan, Wassenaar and Sasenhiem. This sight is one of the most beautiful and colourful there is, and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

As you travel slowly along the straight, well-paved roads (the scene is too breathtakingly beautiful for you



Holland's Most Colorful Product — Tulips

to think of going fast) you see on either side of you just one thing — tulips. The fields are filled with these stately, richly-hued flowers and you can't help but stop and gaze with feasting eyes at the magnificent and colorful scene.

From the fields it is just a short hop to The Hague. This town has a long history. The Kings and Queens have lived here for centuries, but the present Queen is at Susdyke. The Hague is not a city, it is a town and will never have city rights, as one King or Queen wanted it to stay a town. Historical sights are many. The Binnehof is the old fort which was built to protect the town. Across from this you have the jail-house with all the old torture equipment you can think of. Not used now, of course. Something unique in painting which nobody should miss, if they travel to The Hague, is Panorama Messdag. This painting is in a round dome and stands 12 feet high and 75 feet around. It is a scene of the sea shore at Scheveningen. The artist put the scene on glass and three helpers worked on the canvas. Messdag and his wife painted the sea and houses, and the other artist painted the land.

We now come to the Peace Palace which was built by the Dutch people. They asked every country to donate part of the inside and every country is represented. On this same road you come to Maturadam, the miniature village. If you see this you can see Holland in very little time. It has all the main highlights of Holland, old and new. Now from here to Rotterdam is only half an hour ride. This city is mainly a sea port. The Maas tunnel goes under the river and is about a mile long. One of the interesting sights is going up on top of the Shoppers building, as they call it, and looking over all of Rotterdam. Leaving here you go through to Bergen Op Zoom which has another Canadian Cemetery. Farther on you go to Tilburg and Breda, which are textile towns. Breda is famed for its Umbrella Jail. It's a big round dome and looks like an umbrella. Coming close to S'Hertogenbosch you pass the small town of Uright which held one of the German concentration camps. In S'Hertogenbosch you will see the big St Johns Cathedral over 500 years old. It is beautiful inside and out and is always open. From here we go to Utrecht, famous for its universities. From here to Amsterdam, which has its Rembrandt and many historical places of interest mainly the Queen's Palace which is across from the War Monument. The best and most interesting way to see this city is a tour by boat



The best way to see Amsterdam — by boat

going through the canals and harbour. This is one tour very few people forget. The places where national costume is still worn are Scheveningen, Volendam, Marken, Spukenberg. In Rotterdam don't forget the large Zoo, which has everything in it, and Soesdyk, where the Queen has her palace which is beautifully situated in the country. One of the most colourful and interesting trips is from Arnhem, Ede, Woudenberg, Amersfoort, Soesdyk, Hilversum, Bussum and then to Amsterdam.

For those contemplating the trip don't go by Autobahn. Follow the old roads which take you through the interesting and picturesque parts of the country.



National Costume is still worn in some parts of Holland

4 Wing Marksmen Retain Trophy

(Continued from page 4)

The prizes distributed included:

The D. C. R. A. Bronze Medal, won this year by Cpl Goddard for obtaining the highest individual score in the first day's shooting (the SR (a) competition).

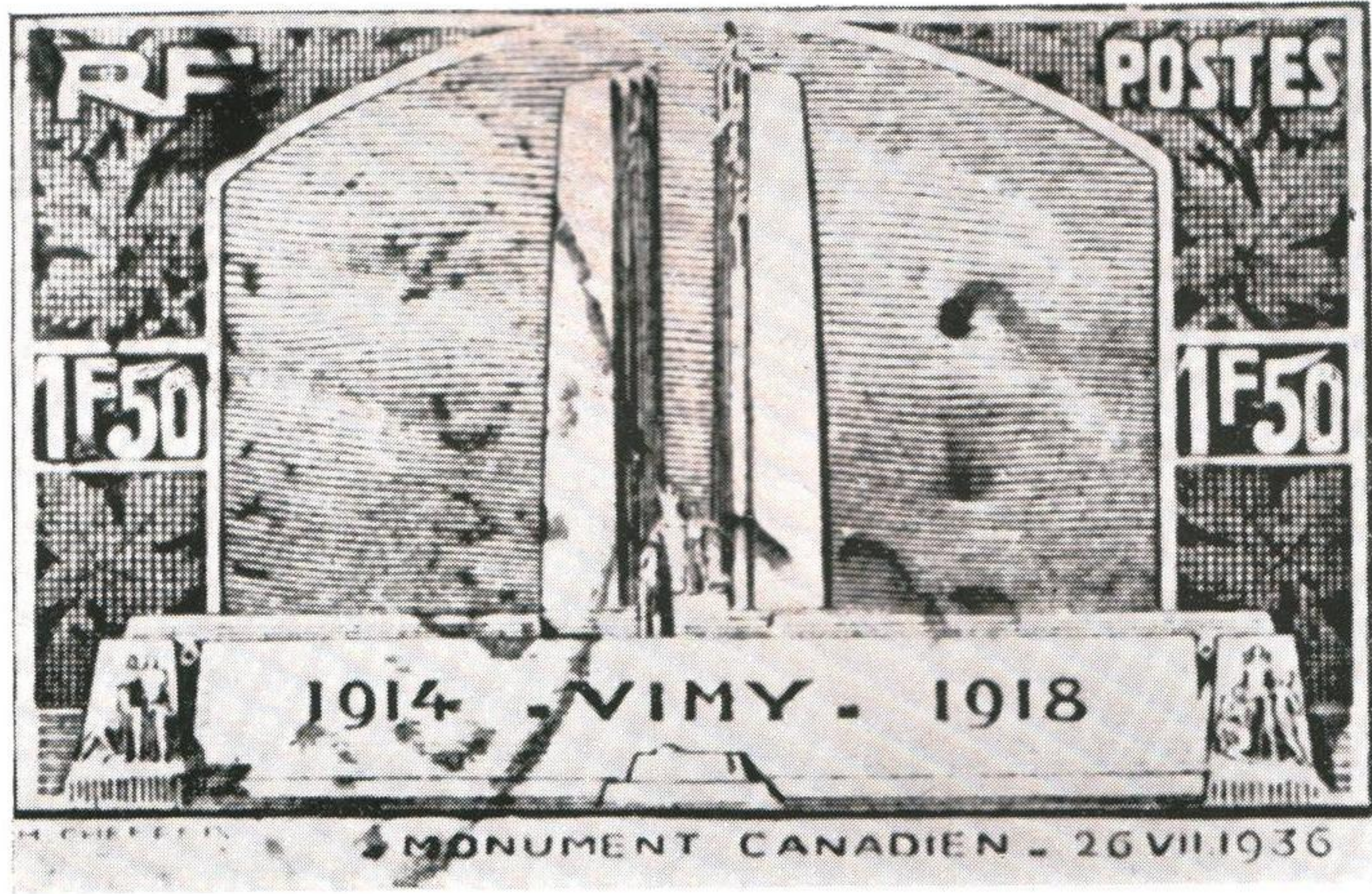
The N. R. A. Donegall Badge for the highest scorer in the second day's shooting went to Sgt Mosely of 1 (F) Wing. Although both Cpl Snelgrove (4 Wing) and WO2 Sullivan (2 Wing) obtained higher scores than Sgt Moseley, both of them were already holders of this particular award. Regulations required it to be given to the next highest man in this case.

The D. C. R. A. Silver Medal, for the highest individual aggregate for the two days, also went to Cpl Stan Goddard, to augment his already sizeable collection.

The 1 Air Division Small Arms Trophy, for the team competition is now resting in our display case in the Administration building, where it will be until the 1958 competition, if not longer.

The station rifle team can again feel very satisfied with their fine showing, and this account would not be complete without a word of acknowledgement for FS Hargreaves and Sgt Acton of the Ground Defence Centre for their work in assisting the team in its organisation, practices, selection and coaching.

As in previous years, the contest was held under the auspices of 1 Air Division HQ, with the Ground Defence staffs from the other units lending a very welcome hand with some of the bullwork.



The Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge, France

by Flight Lieutenant W.W. Scott

Every stamp has a story and for the tale behind this month's illustration we must go back through the bloody pages of history to 40 years ago. The date is April, 1917. The location is Pas de Calais, France. The event is World War I, a costly struggle which transformed Canada from colonial status to a fledgling nation under the capable leadership of Conservative Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden.

Early in 1917 the Canadian Corps, which formed the right flank of the First British Army, began preparations for the capture of Vimy Ridge. This was the most formidable position in Northern France and had been in the possession of the enemy since the first months of the war. It formed the pivot of the German defensive line, a bastion of great natural strength which had been enormously strengthened by an intricate system of defence works.

The battle began on 27th March with an artillery bombardment which gradually increased in tempo until 9th April when the the Canadian Corps of four Divisions, 100,000 strong, surged forward on a front of 7,500 yards, Ecurie-Souchez, smashed through the German lines, swept over Vimy Ridge, captured the guns in Farbus and Goulot Woods, and covered the southern attack by making Thelus village and La Folie Farm secure. Willerval and Givenchy were taken on the 13th April, Arleux on the 28th. The line then ran across the Douai plain, for 5,000 yards from near Oppy to Bois De L'Hirondelle. Canadian casualties numbered 13,477.

Nineteen years later, in July 1936, many survivors of that glorious victory witnessed His Gracious Majesty, King Edward VIII, unveil a Canadian monument at Vimy Ridge. The Memorial itself is about 200 feet square and rises to a height of approximately 125 feet. The original description given by the artist, Mr. Allward, was:

At the base of the strong impregnable walls of defence are the Defenders, one group showing the Breaking of the Sword, the other the Sympathy of the Canadian for the Helpless. Above these are the mouths of guns covered with olive and laurels. On the wall stands an heroic figure of Canada broo-

ding over the graves of her valiant dead; below is suggested a grave with a helmet, and laurels. Behind her stand two pylons symbolizing the two forces — Canadian and French — while between, at the base of these, is the Spirit of Sacrifice who, giving all, throws the torch to his Comrade. Looking up they see the figures of Peace, Justice, Truth and Knowledge, for which they fought, chanting the hymn of Peace. Around these figures are the shields of Britain, Canada, and France. On the outside of the pylons is the Cross.

With reference to the two pylons, Mr. Allard had in mind the superb gallantry of the 50,000 French soldiers killed in the Vimy region during the early part of the war. The ridge itself was eventually carried by the Canadians but the ground, including the neighboring slopes of Notre Dame de Lorette, was hallowed also by French blood poured out without stint. The monument was to be erected on French soil. Thus it appeared fitting that, although it was to be erected by Canada to commemorate the deeds of her own troops, it should also symbolise the exploits and sacrifices of our ally on whose soil it was to stand. In expression of this thought the pylons bear, on the one, the maple leaves of Canada and the Crown but, on the other, the Fleur de Lis of France and the laurel.

The significance of this memorial to Canadians was enhanced by the decision of the Canadian Government to inscribe on its walls the names of about 11,500 Canadians who are numbered among the "Missing", that is those known to be dead but having no known graves. The names of the Canadian "Missing" in Belgium, about 7,500 in number, are recorded in stone on the Memorial Arch at the Menin Gate, Ypres, and it was considered fitting that those who lost their lives in France, and whose graves are not recorded, should be commemorated on the Canadian memorial at Vimy, thus giving it an added meaning as a place of pilgrimage for Canadians.

This year, on April 7th, four hundred and fifty officers and men gathered at the Horse Guards Parade in London, England to pay homage to fallen comrades at the Battle for Vimy Ridge, fought on Easter Sunday, 40 years ago.



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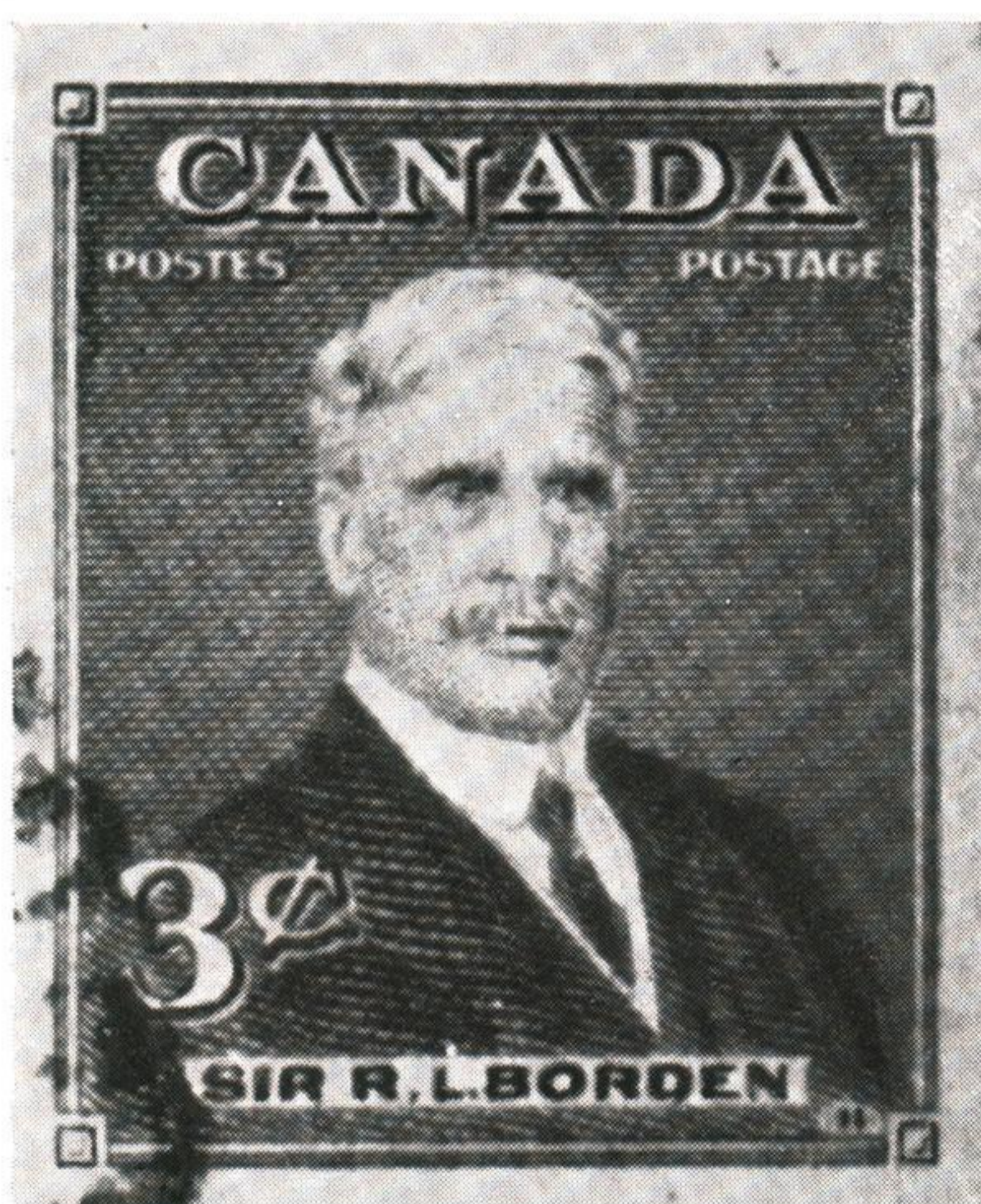


During the coming months, you may be motoring to Boulogne, Calais, or Dunkerque. Why not plan on spending a few minutes visiting the Vimy Memorial which overlooks some 250 acres of land rich in Canadian heritage. This bit of hallowed Canadian territory was donated to Canada by the French Government and can be located only a few minutes drive off main highway N37, 8 km north west of Arras on the way to Bethune.



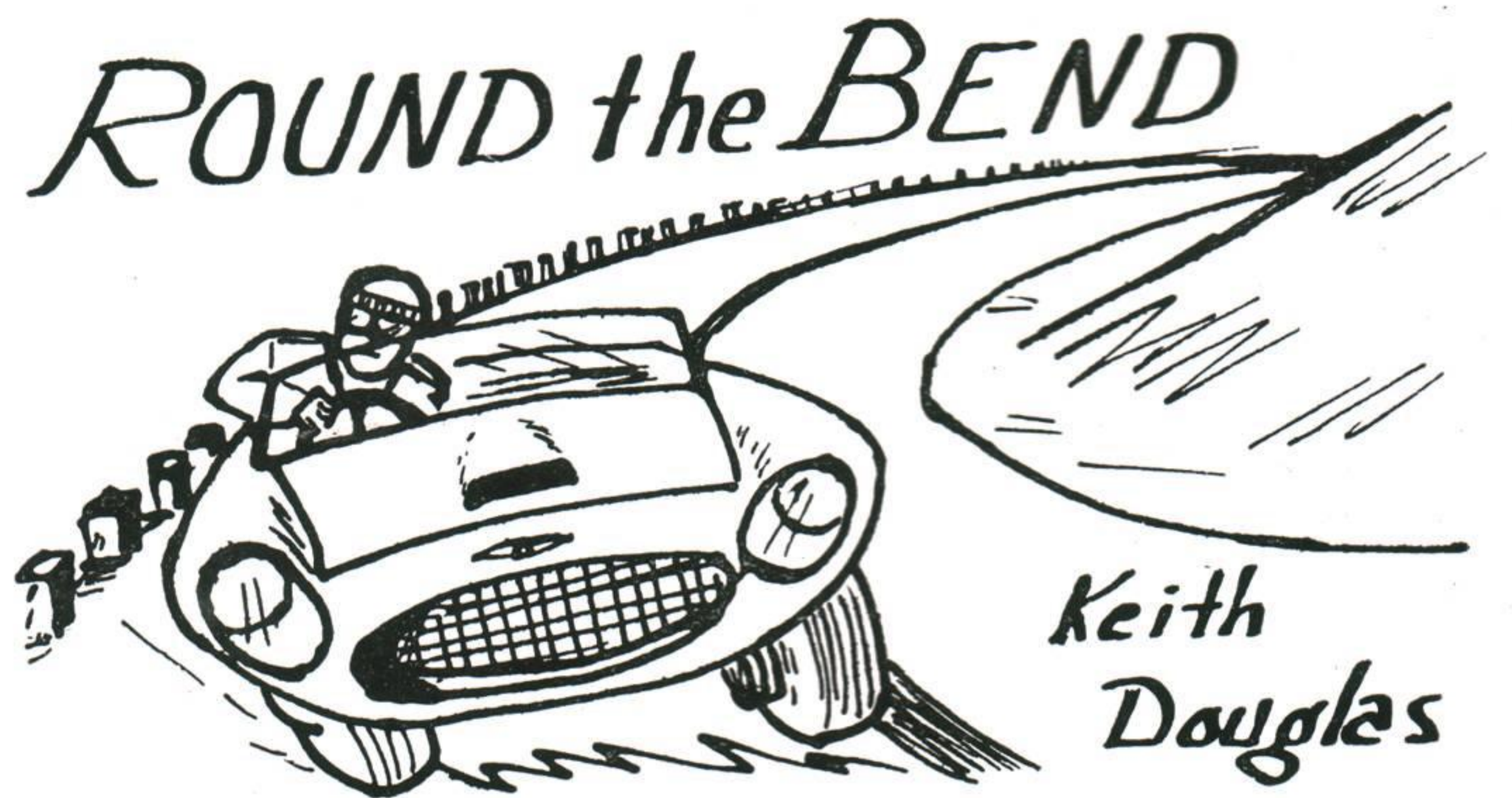
The photo illustrates the eastward wall guarded by a heroic figure of a cowled woman — Canada mourning for her dead. In the foreground is one of the two groups called the Defenders — representing the Breaking of the Sword. In all, the memorial comprises twenty figures, each double life size.

The French stamp was issued on 26th July, 1936 to commemorate the unveiling of the memorial. It portrays a general view of the memorial outlined against a Spring sky of the Pas de Calais, with the cowled figure of Canada standing to the fore and between the twin pylons. The Canadian stamp depicts Sir Robert Borden, leader of the Conservative Party and Prime Minister of Canada from 1911—21.



Sir Robert Borden,
Prime Minister
of Canada
at the time
of the battle of
Vimy Ridge

NOTE Personnel interested in stamp collecting are invited to attend a meeting of the 4 Fighter Wing Stamp Club. Meetings are held in the Wing HQ conference room every first and third Tuesday of each month at 1945 hours.



I'd better start with an apology for dropping a clanger last month, when I said that Indianapolis would be over at the time of release, when of course, Indy is always run on May 30th, weather permitting. What actually happened was that pressed for time, I glanced at my calendar, saw the Syracuse Grand Prix down for the 7th, and somehow confused it with the race at the Brickyard. Sorry.

Victory at Syracuse, in any case, went to Peter Collins, top driver for Ferrari. This Sicilian race, normally one of the lesser Grands Prix (it does not count for the drivers championship) this year assumed greater stature as several top works teams entered, to use it as a proving ground for the coming European season, which opens with the spectacular Grand Prix of Monaco, on May 19. Stirling Moss, driving his first race of the year for Vanwall, set a new lap record, and had the fastest car on the course, but a holed injector pipe cost him a 5 lap pit stop for repairs, and his usual brilliant drive gained him only third place, behind Luigi Musso, (Ferrari).

Now finally here is something for you to see. The Rheinpokal races at the nearby Hockenheim Ring on Sunday the 19th of May. If you've something already laid on for Sunday, there's always the practice to watch on Saturday, and you really should not miss this event. The entry list for this motorcycle race reads as the who's who of international racing. Last year I saw (so help me) a V-8 500 cc Guzzi that was claimed to rev 14,000 rpm before it exploded. When they could get the brute running it really screamed.

To get to Hockenheim, drive up the Frankfurt Autobahn to the turn-off marked "Walldorf-Wieslock" (approx. 40 miles) swing off and over the bridge across the autobahn towards Reilingen. Turn right in Reilingen and the town of Hockenheim is about 3 miles on. Turn to your right in the middle of town to get out to the ring which lies in the woods on the edge of town. Since the woods are criss-crossed with dirt roads it is possible to park your car fairly near the track (100—150 Yds) at almost any point. There are only two curves of any consequence on Hockenheim, and these draw the biggest crowds to the opposite ends of the elongated, irregular oval.

The next Sunday, the 26th of May is the date for the 1,000 rpm Sports Car Race at the world's greatest track, the Nürburgring. This race counts for the International Sports Car Championship (for manufacturers) and all the world's best (Moss, Fangio, Collins, Behra, Hawthorne et al) will be driving.

For this one, drive north on the Cologne Autobahn to Montabauer, take Route 49 to Koblenze, then Route 258

to the Ring. Total distance from here is about 192 miles. Here's a tip for you-you won't find accommodations within 25 kms of the Ring so your best bet is to do as thousands of other fanatics do-camp right alongside the Ring, at your chosen spot. Remember that the Ring is 14 miles around, and has 175 curves per lap. You've a wide choice of sites. The most spectacular and most



Map of the Nürburgring

crowded spot is the famous Karussel, where the track sweeps steeply uphill and does a 200° degree turn on a 100 foot radius. A pre-war race saw 11,000 people at this curve. Another good location is near the Sudkehre, which probably gives a view of the most track. From here (see map) you can see the start and finish lines and the pits about 200 yds away. The pack passes in front of you on the straight, jams into the Sudkehre on your left and then streams out by you in the opposite direction on the reverse straight. Further advantages are that positions on the rail are usually easy to find and that you can see the Dunlop tower, where an illuminated map of the circuit shows the progress of the leaders and a further chart shows the standings. In any case, dress comfortably, as the race will last nearly 8 hours and you've a lot of standing ahead of you.

If you're up in the district before the race any time, for a nominal sum you can have a bash round the circuit in your own car. A chance to amuse yourself anyway. In any case, the race starts at 09:00 hrs with the entire pack taking off in the spectacular Le Mans start, whereby the drivers, lined up across the track from the pits, must sprint to their cars, start up, and take off. As a result, about 50 machines arrive almost at once at the entrance to the sweeping Sudkehre. The jockeying and "phenomenal avoidances" have to be seen to be believed. A wonderful show, and very much worth seeing.

The International Sports Car Club (advt.) will hold club races on an abbreviated portion of the Ring on 1 June, though I don't know if any of the members of the local chapter will risk their precious transportation. Even further up that way, the Belgian Grand Prix is down for June 2nd at Spa-Francorchamps. A wonderful weekend of speed if you've the time and gas.

Before closing this one, I'd like to congratulate J.L. Girard and A. E. White, winning driver and navigator in the ISCC's 1 Rallye Flugplatz on 28 April. A good drive in a tough event.



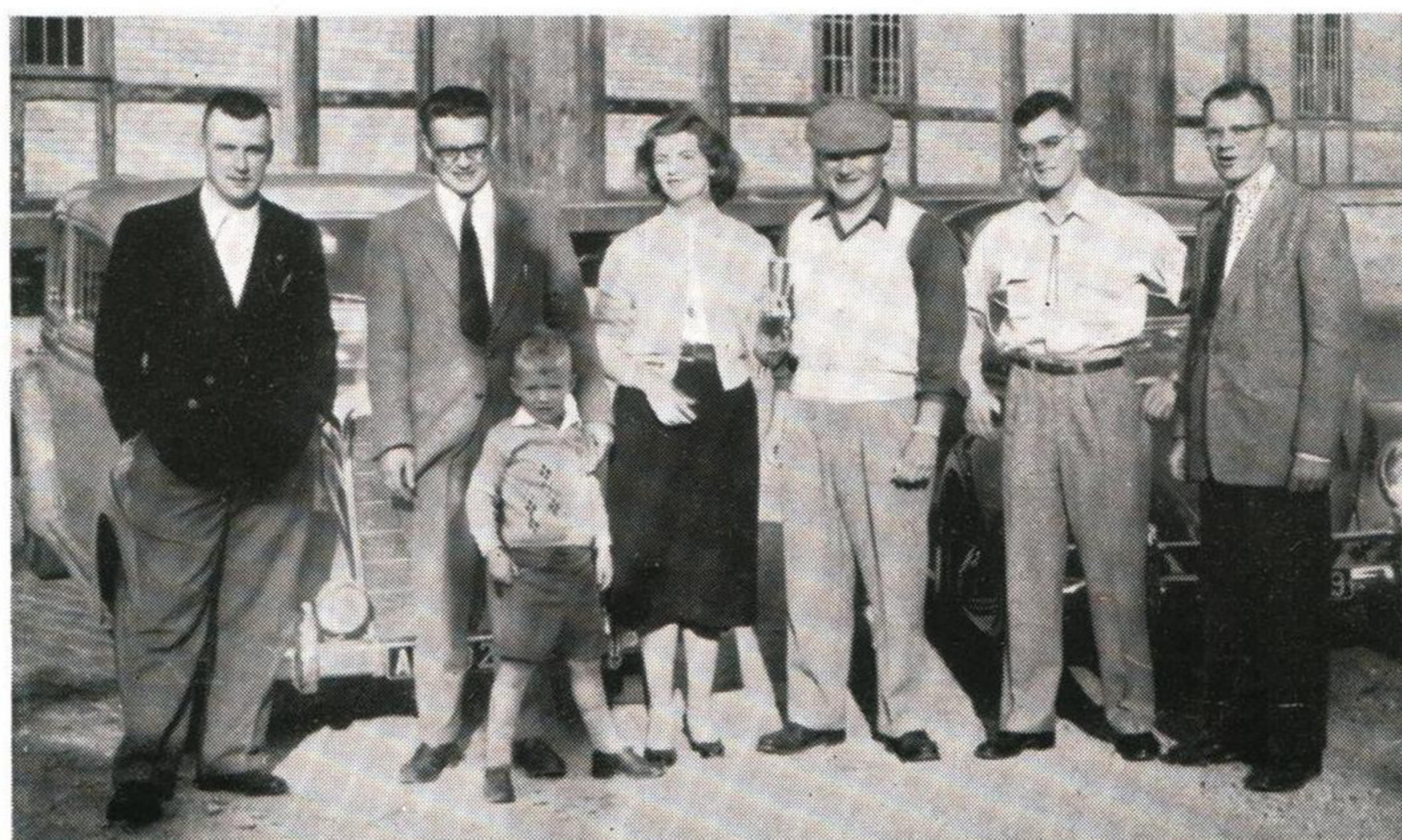
Our photo (above) shows the start with S/L Zwicker handing out the route sheets and waving them off at the right time



The winning driver (Cpl Girard) and navigator (Cpl White)

Now-after all that, you have likely noted that there is no Road Test this month-too many other things to get in and as you can see we have used a goodly portion of our space and there wouldn't be room for it anyway. Besides, the car that was to be tested is tied up along the line someplace and wouldn't be available in time. Too bad, but don't loose hope-we have a pair of very interesting pieces of machinery coming up in the near future.

That is all for this time-see you at the ISCC meetings, watch for announcements as to time and place.



D.A. Fraser (Sports Chairman), Mr & Mrs Gill, (runners-up), Cpls Girard & White (winners) and K.E. Lathey (Chairman)



Padres' Page



CONSIDER THE LILIES

by F/L C. H. White, Chaplain (P)

The story is told of how Oscar Wilde, the British wit of some fifty years ago arrived at his club following the opening night of one of the plays he had written. The drama had been an apparent failure. "Oscar, how did your play go tonight?", a friend asked. "Oh, the play was a great success, but the audience was a failure", was the author's reply.

When I think of myself, and hundreds of other motorists, speeding along the autobahns, I sometimes wonder if God doesn't say to his angels "The world, with all its beauty is a great success, but the audience is a failure."

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these" (St. Matthew 6 : 28, 29)

These words of Jesus, addressed to the Palestinians of centuries ago, speak to us also. Here, in Baden, we see God annually clothe the grass of the field in garments richer and more extensive than in many places in Canada. In spite of frost or flood, the fields will bring forth a great harvest again this year. We know that because God has made his world to work that way. He never utterly withholds his healing and life-giving power. Disaster is always more than matched by growth and harvest. And so we point, as Jesus did, to the flowers in their springtime splendour. "If God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

Jesus is still saying that to you and to me — people who are fussing and fuming about our lot in life. I am sure that God never intended us to live so fretfully or at such a rapid pace as we are today. Let this world, clothed in all its beauty, teach us our proper place in God's scheme.

Secure in God; Growing for God: these are the lessons of the things of nature. What a contradiction to our own selfishness. Many in our neurotic age chatter about security, but not security in God — security in ourselves, if possible, security through money laid aside, pensions or insurance, or, in the case of nations, security through armaments. Growing and flourishing selfishly and materialistically, but definitely not for God. Forgetful of the whole purpose of life — that God might be glorified. This purpose is life's hardest lesson.

The world of nature knows it by heart. Why are the flowers so beautiful, or the sunset, or the mountains, or anything else in creation? For their own sakes? Of course not. And though we say we can enjoy them if we will, that is not their primary purpose either. The primary purpose of the beauty of the earth and the sky, the mountains and the rivers, is surely that God may be glorified.

So it should be in all our worship, in all our lives — that He might be glorified. "Let your light so shine before men, that they might see your good works and glorify" — not you, or what you have done, but "your Father who is in heaven."

Robert Browning in his poem "Rabbi Ben Ezra" illustrates our place in God's scheme of creation:

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,

Subways Advertise The Ten Commandments

by F/L P. Gorieu, Chaplain (RC)

It bears repetition that freedom depends upon the respect of moral and spiritual values, upon our loyalty to God and upon our continuing reverence for the sacred worth of the individual. It bears repetition too, that the communist creed is the exact opposite of the above-stated sense of values.

Individuals frequently ask themselves what they can do to make this a better world. The following story, reprinted from Christopher News Notes, shows how one ordinary person, fired by the desire to be active in helping others become more conscious of spiritual values, went about it. I believe it leaves us all with some food for thought.

"Crowds on the subway to Coney Island were surprised a few months ago to find a listing of the Ten Commandments among the ads for soap, slenderizing and chewing gum. 1500 subway cars carried the advertisement with the Commandments for an entire month at a cost of \$400 to the resourceful individual responsible for it.

Although the "ad" bore only the simple statement "paid for by a friend", news reporters were not satisfied. They decided to search out the anonymous donor. This was not easy for the originator of the idea had sworn the few who knew about it to secrecy.

Eventually the newsmen discovered that it was Miss Adelaide O'Mara, a stenographer at the New York Life Insurance Co., who had planned and executed this unique way of bringing the Mosaic law to the attention of tens of thousands of subway riders.

Miss O'Mara quietly explained her reason for undertaking her action in this way: "I have heard it said that sometimes a small thing can change the world."

Reporters first thought that she was probably acting for some religious group. Modestly, Miss O'Mara firmly emphasized that her action had not been sponsored—it was something done entirely on her own.

As with all good deeds, there was a good person behind this accomplishment. Miss O'Mara's project began with a deep desire to share with others the spiritual truths intended for all by God and needed by all without exception. "Ever since I read 'You Can Change The World', some years ago, I have been thinking of how I could do this," she remarked.

But more than a noble desire was necessary. To follow through with the idea took considerable time, effort and money. But where there is a Christlike will, there is a Christlike way. Miss O'Mara looked up the company handling subway advertisements, discussed and settled all details with them and paid the entire \$400 cost out of her savings, part of which was a bonus given her two years ago by her employers.

This apostolic effort made a deep impression on far more than the Coney Island subway riders. All New York newspapers featured the story. And Miss O'Mara, who started off by wanting to keep the whole matter a secret, has been on two television programs. She humbly accepted these opportunities when she realized that they offered unusual missionary openings to bring a great reverence for the Ten Commandments to millions more. Then, too, she realized, it might remind countless others to show a little imagination and enterprise in bringing into the marketplace spiritual truths that are vitally needed for the very survival of Christian civilization.

Many more individuals would be up and doing, we feel sure, if they sensed the important role they can play in drawing men to God. Our Blessed Saviour stressed this when He said: "Let your light shine before your fellowmen, that they may see your good example and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5 : 16)".

The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in His hand
Who saith "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God:
See all, nor be afraid."

Sports and RECREATION

VOLLEYBALL

INTERSECTION LEAGUE

The intersection volleyball league finished up the season with 422 Squadron in the lead, by defeating Supply in the finals. Nice work fellows and our congratulations.

Air Division Tournament

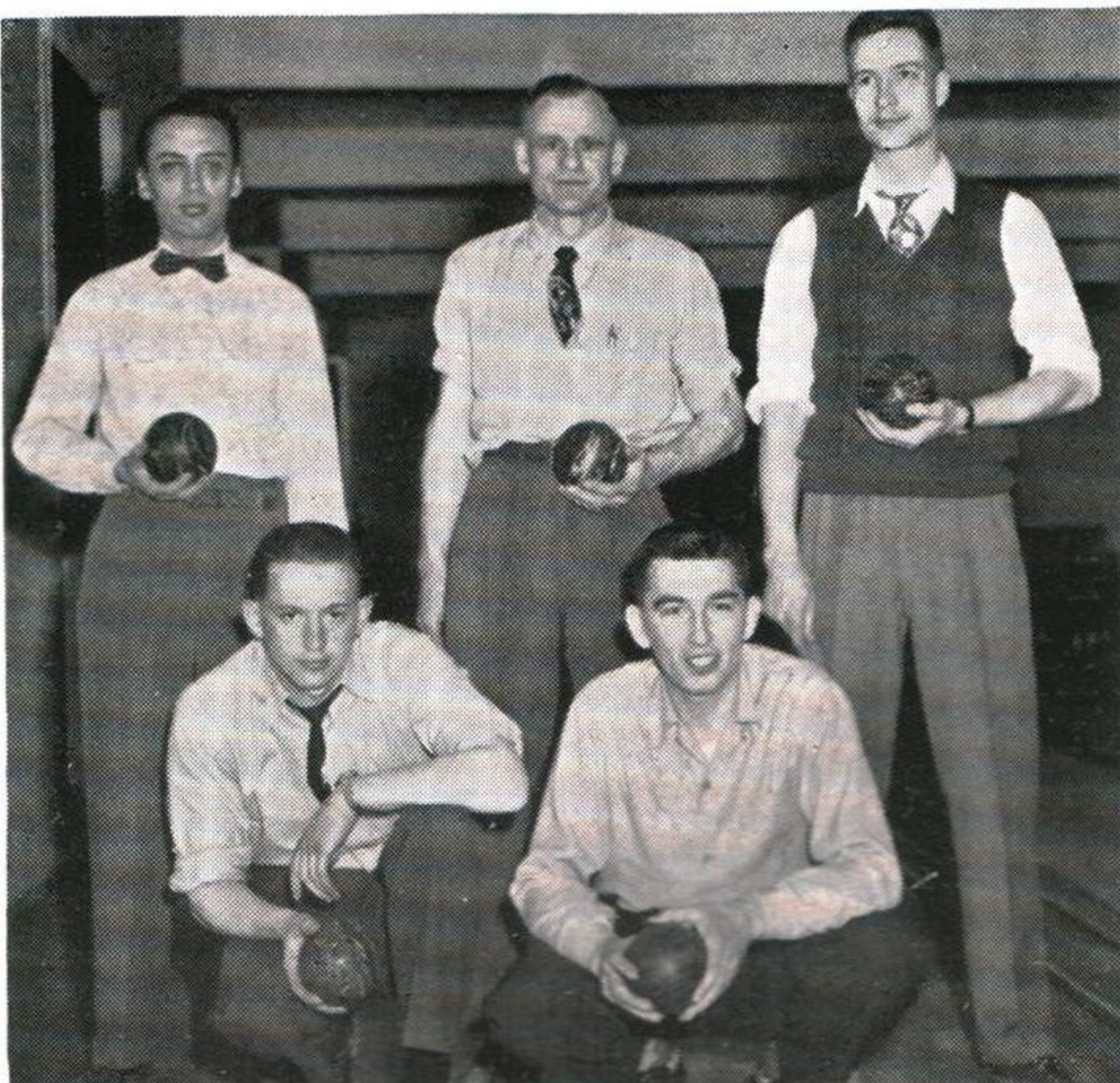
Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th of April, 422 Squadron's team (our intersection champs) travelled to 3 Wing to compete in the Air Division tournament. They won their first game against 2 Wing without any trouble but were knocked out of the competition by losing the next two matches against Air Div and 3 Wing. 2 Wing won the trophy.



Station Intersection Volley-ball Champions.
Back row L—R — LAC Proctor, Sgt "Eddie" Haddad (Coach)
LAC Cook.
Front row L—R — WO2 Rooney, F/O Wellon, Cpl Buckner.

BOWLING

On the 27 & 28th April, the best bowlers on the station embarked for 1 (F) Wing to participate in an Air Division



The Men's team representing 4 (F) Wing in the AFHQ Wire Bowling Tournament.
Back row L—R — S/L Woolley, Cpl Goertzen, LAC Edlund
Front row L—R — LAC Levesque, LAC Dwyer.

two day tournament. Well they didn't win, but they all received an "E" for effort. Bowling 5 sets for a total of 16.115 pins, however that just wasn't good enough. The team from 1 (F) Wing came first with a pinfall of 16.894. There's always next year fellas. However the team didn't come home completely empty handed as Cpl. Wilson won the high single score with a nice 353 — Nice one.



The Airwomen's Bowling Team representing 4 (F) Wing in the AFHQ Wire Bowling Tournament.
Back row L—R — LAW's Rae, Hansen, Watson
Front row L—R — LAW Reggenwetter, Cpl Bennett

BASEBALL

The baseball team is well under way now and have already played an exhibition game with the Army Engineers — Karlsruhe. The team is still looking for a manager and it is hoped that the position will be filled before the Air Div schedule begins 26 May.

Schedule for June and July is as follows:

26 May 57	3 Wing vs 4 Wing
2 June 57	4 Wing vs 2 Wing
9 June	1 Wing vs 4 Wing
16 June	2 Wing vs 4 Wing
23 June	4 Wing vs 3 Wing
6 July	4 Wing vs 1 Wing
7 July	4 Wing vs 1 Wing
14 July	3 Wing vs 4 Wing
21 July	4 Wing vs 2 Wing

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FASTBALL - AIRWOMEN

This year the Airwomen's team is combining with some of the wives to form a really potent squad — only trouble is finding any competition.

FASTBALL - STATION TEAM

There is no Air Division league this year — so our station team is entered in the Karlsruhe league with the American Army — What a snap.

TENNIS

The tennis courts are now open for enthusiastic players. There are two playing areas . . . two courts beside the swimming pool and four near the Ground Defence Building. Tennis raquets and balls can be signed out from Sports Stores.

ARCHERY

Good news for all ye 4 Wing Robin Hoods! An archery club has been formed here on the station. However they are still in need of a few members and so why not come out and try your skill. Instruction will be provided for beginners. All interested personnel are asked to contact Sgt Haddad at the Sports Palace. (Loc 76)

INTERSECTION FASTBALL

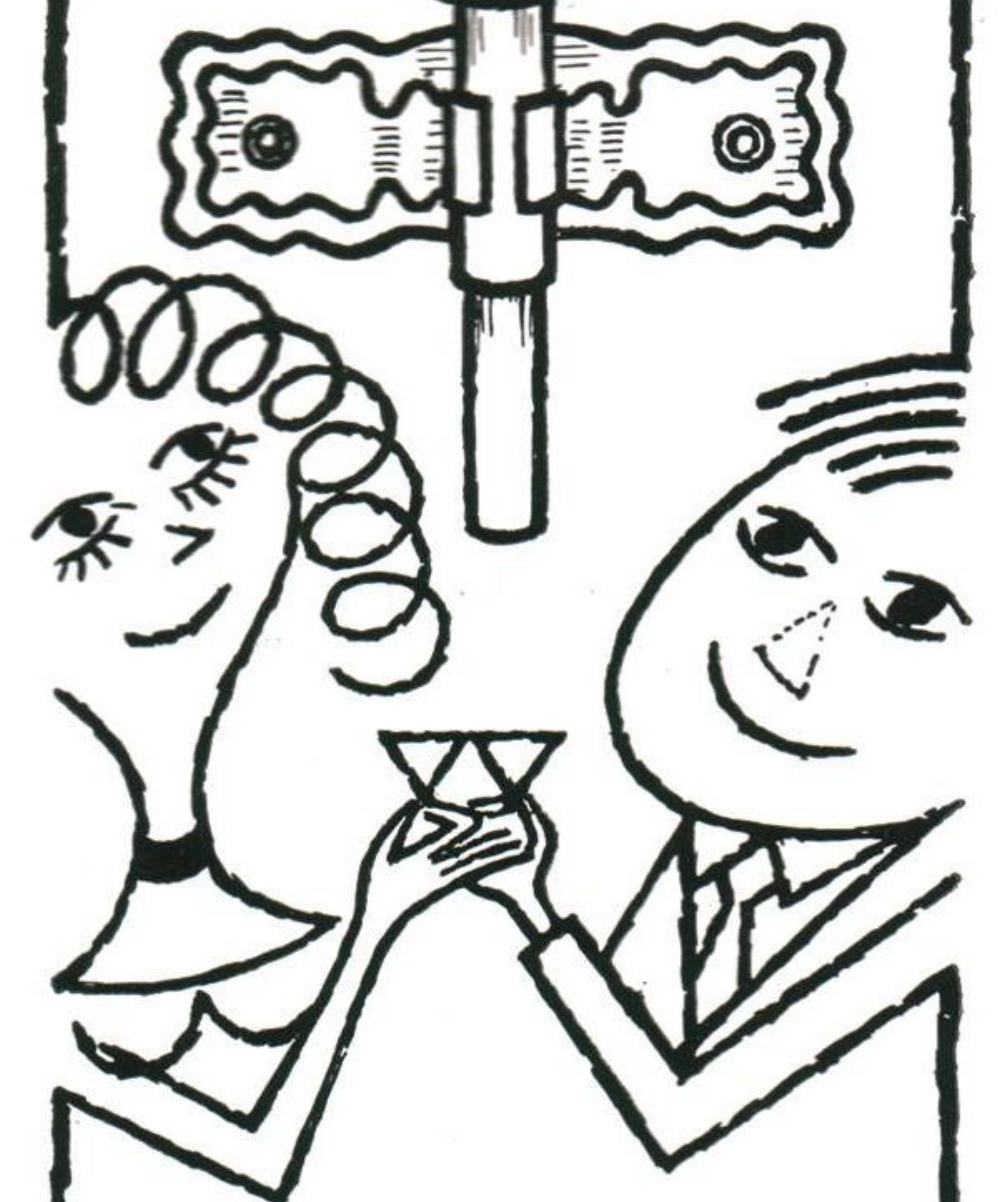
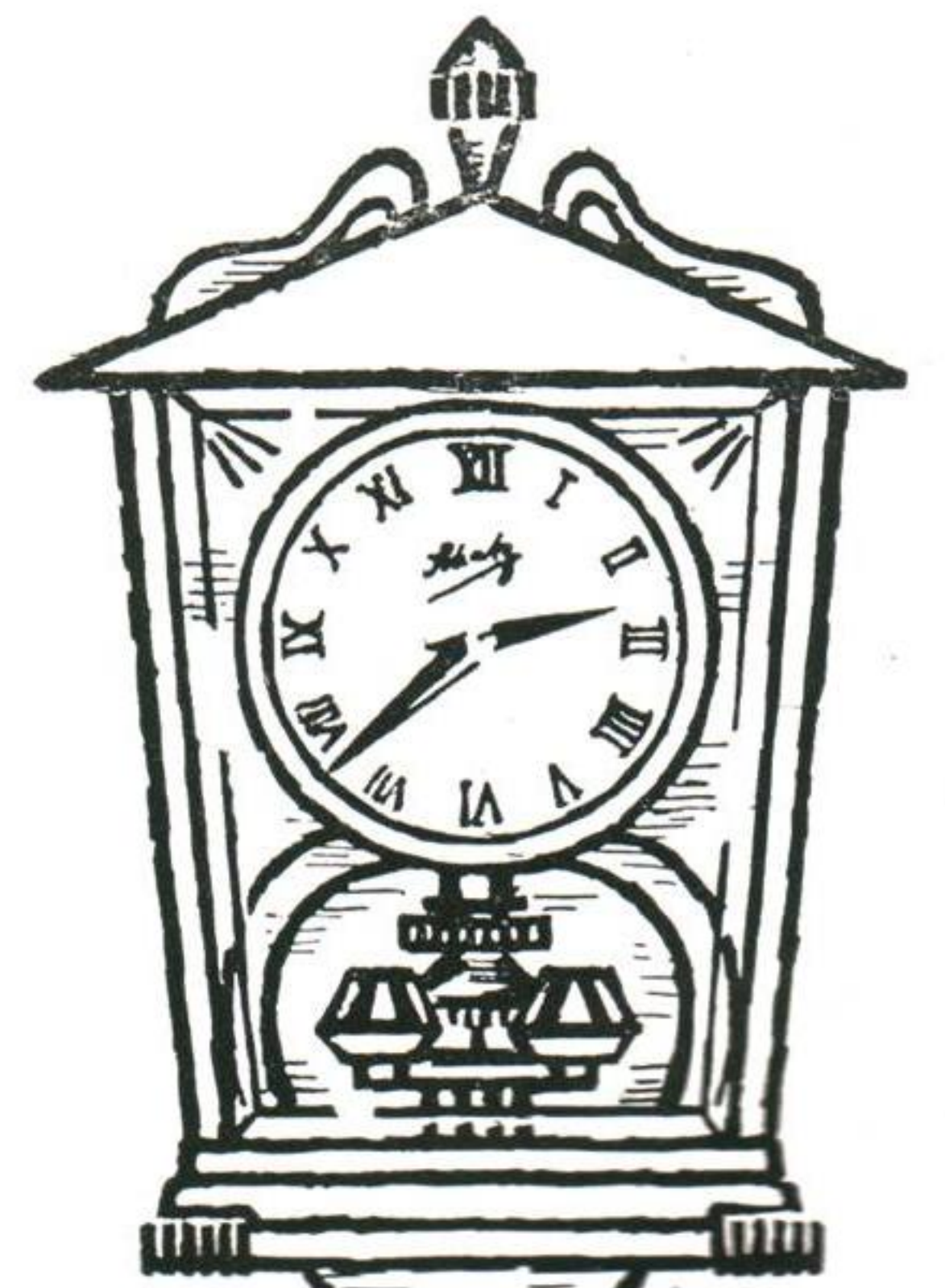
This year's league is due to start on May 13th., but it's not a Friday — No Sweat — Or on the other hand there probably will be much sweat. There is an "A" and "B" league again this season. The "A" league will consist of 444, 422, 414, Wing Maintenance, Telecom and Headquarters. The "B" league — 444, 422, M. E., Training Flight, A. F. P, Maintenance and Headquarters. 414 unfortunately is leaving us and do not have enough personel who will be around long enough to form two teams. Game nights will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Last year's Champs — 444 Sqdn have already stated that they are keeping the trophy — Any Comment?

ENTERTAINMENT

A three act comedy entitled "The Bell Book and Candle", sponsored by the US special Services, Heidelberg will be presented at the Station Theatre here at 4 Wing in the near future. There will be an afternoon and evening performance, admission will be free and let's see a full house for both shows. Watch for more information regarding dates.

Flash-keep 31st May free. There will be a big American Services Dance Band in the Arena.

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414 (F) Sqn

Impressions of an Exercise

Not having noticed an article on this noble sport, although it was time someone informed the unfortunate of what wonderful experiences they are missing. Life rolls along happily until one morning you are informed of your duty as protector of the innocent and defenceless. The morning is usually spent shining your armour and digesting gen. After a brief talk by a wheel on your forthcoming role, you walk away feeling invincible, heroic and all choked up inside (sort of humble and proud). If only this feeling would last a week, but from experience you know it doesn't last past lunch time.

You go to work that afternoon and scratch your head wondering why everyone hates the job so. The day is beautiful. Balmy, the sun shining, life's a bowl of cherries. Around seven or so you begin to find out that cherries have pits. Everyone has gone home at five and the place looks deserted. But they know we're still working. A few low passes make sure of that. About eight o'clock you climb wearily off your white charger and put away the shining armour to partake of vittles and wine. Having contentedly "urped" you prepare to snatch a few winks. Few is right, try going to sleep at nine o'clock when you've already had too much sleep that day. About one or so you finally drop off or having exhausted the supply of reading material available you stare wide-eyed at the wall. Without a doubt you'll finally fall asleep before it is time to get out.

A ruddy horrible racket slowly penetrates the fog and you sit up in bed. A little while later you figure you have it. Something is making a noise. Blank. Ah, over there. Blank. Turn your head. Stare. That little thing on the table. Stare some more. Why is it making so much noise? Ah, alarm clock. Stare some more. Must stop it. Stare. Yes must. Button, push the button down. Lovely peaceful silence. Ah, to rest my heavy eyes. Now we have it. Alarm clock; ringing; 3:15 AM; got to get up. Breakfast; exercise; shiny armour; protect defenceless; etc, etc.

So the day starts.

C. T. P.

Air Crew News

As for local happenings on the sqn last month the ranks of the single types thinned as two of the chaps drew life sentences. F/Os Bawtinheimer and Brotherton took the big step and trod down the aisle to higher pay.

Also married this month in Manchester, England was F/O Wyndlow, an ex 414 type. The wedding was attended by F/L McGowan, F/Os Flynn, Morrison and Platz, and from what I hear, managed to make a fine party out of this reception.

Ground Crew News

by LAC B Webber

This month we wish to welcome some new members to the sqn, though it may be only a short stay it should also be a pleasant one, especially for two guys. From 444 sqn we greet LACs Small and O'Toole, from Wing Telecom LACs Creelman and Pozdzik, from Bagotville Cpl Scherling, from 422 sqn WO2 Masters, from 1 Wing LAC Levaque, and a belated greeting to LAC Ferrier from 6RD.

Farewells are in order for FS Fairbairn to Wing Maint, Cpls Ross and Bennett to North Bay, LAC Rempel and Lambly to Bagotville, LAC Delisle to Greenwood and FS Withers who returned to Canada on course.

Heard Small remark the other day, "Since I came to this sqn I haven't had much sleep, the Swede is always after me to go to Baden-Baden. Oh well, I am making a name for myself down there, anyway."

Behaviour among the boys has been pretty good these days, assessment time, you know. Maybe Ozzie just plain forgot.

There is an old familiar face around the station lately, that of "Gus" Gaussiran, who was a member of the Sqn Electrical Section in the old days. Gus came over on re-hab leave to marry a little German Fraulein. Congratulations Gus, and may your bride enjoy Canada.

WO2 Sherman, Cpls Brown and Emard are back from a trip to Wales, 1 Wing and southern France on an air firing exercise against the French and Yanks. The RCAF came out victorious in the deal, getting a higher score than the French and Americans put together. (P. S. The scores were not published in the Stars & Stripes.)

Anyone interested in joining a walking club can contact Pierre Law-ler, as the ex-president, Jim Ross, has returned to Canada. There's nothing like a good 10 mile jaunt, eh boys.

No sweat Gaff, only another 2 or 3 weeks left.

Helpard's car lot seems to have taken a drop lately, from a gross Buick to a little pink convertible Volkswagen.

Wow!! Is that ever a flashy car, Page. What make is it? Oh, excuse me, I see now it is a VW but by the colour a person would think it was an Austin-Healy.

What's this I hear about Levaque a few weeks ago? Someone said he wanted to join the French Foreign Legion. Now Burt, what would your Mother think if you wrote her from Indo-China or Algeria.

Heard Scott and Majcher are practising for a motorcycle daredevil show. What's the gen on this, boys?

ADIOS

P. S. Congrats to Cpl Albert, Cpl Gaff, Sgt Callander and LAC Proctor on the birth of new additions to their families.



by F/O D. S. Miller.

Again does scribe with quickened eye and strengthened arm, take up fresh chisel to record, forever, more honours of 444.

First of all, the Squadron offers heartiest welcome to the new pilots F/O's Ralph Gallinger, Jack Aiken and Gord Gibson. All are married and have their families with them. May their next three years here be the best yet. Ralph is a product of the Kiwi Shoe Polish Company's best customer, R.M.C., and the football has-been, U of Toronto. Jack has spent a lengthy tour instructing at MacDonald. Gord, — well, Gord, we think, is our secret weapon. He is planning to start a Squadron all his own and with SIX Boys, for a start, who can challenge the idea?



F/O Gallinger

F/O Gibson

F/O Aiken

This month 444 added two more members to the exclusive 1,000 hour club. They are F/L "Red" MacDonald and the OC, S/L Lawrence. Red's 1,000 hours climaxes four years on the Squadron. The Sqn members presented Red with an appropriate gift on the occasion. It was beautifully engraved "Red MacDonalds 'FREAK' Stick". The Stick commands a certain air of authority and Red admits it would have made his job on the Sqn immeasurably easier if he had had it in the beginning, — especially for delinquent fly-boys who show a chronic reluctance to report for duty in the simulator or as Runway Monitors.

The OC's 1,000 came a few days later, and to himself quite unexpectedly. Stepping down from his Aircraft, S/L Lawrence turned around to find himself confronted with a huge reception party, band included. To achieve 1,000 Sabre hours is a very noteworthy achievement, and everyone joins in the congratulations. (Now that the OC and 2i/c have a 1000, maybe the F/O's can get some time in again.)

F/L Johnny Ursulak has dropped into the Sqn for a few days to say hello before going to 3 Wing. Johnny was Captain of the Air Division Gunnery Team, at the 4th ATAF Gunnery meet at Cajaux, France. All the laurels went tot the Air Div Team which came home in front of all the others. John is on his way now to 3 and 2 wings to get checked out on CF's, prior to assuming his position as Weapons Officer at the paper mill.

F/O's Gin Smith and Scribe are back, after three months in Training Flight. The replacements are F/O's Brian



S/L Lawrence celebrates 1,000 Sabre hours

(I didn't think she would say "yes") Bell and Scotty (Don't pass when I say "Double"!) Wrather.

F/L Barry Smith has been suddenly called to Canada where his parents are ill.

The Sqn was recently actively engaged in cine work, punching imaginary holes in the flag, and we are all waiting for Sardinia to open up to attempt to lay low 422 again.

FLASH — F/O Evan Gill who has been studying South African cultural and social habits from Cape Town to Austria and Paris has moved, according to latest reports to Brussels. Is this thing strictly academic, or not???

444 Ground Crew

by LAC J.D. Ledrew

With the advent spring comes the arrows of Cupid as LAC Norm Weston and LAW Lena Regenwetter can tell us. Saturday 27 April the RC Chapel was the scene of their lovely wedding. The reception was held in the Mixed Lounge and was very well attended. The bride looked lovely in white while the groom, true to tradition was blushing madly. The very best wishes Lena and Norm from all the personnel of the Fighting 444th.

On Friday 26 April LACs Fleming, Pogue, Brown and Cpl Strickland laid on the beer (and how they laid it) in the Grunen Baum as a farewell gesture. If anybody has any doubts about the quantities laid on just ask Cpl Ross. LAC Fleming (the scourge of the AFP) is heading for Cold Lake and LAC Pogue for North Bay while Brownie and Strickland are making that long awaited departure for Sardinia. Best of luck to all of you. By the way a belated congratulations to LAC Brown who quietly slipped over to England and made the fatal plunge.

The Fighting 444th has been avidly practising ball this spring and promises a good battle to the other teams in the league. Naturally they hope to repeat last year's performance and are quite confident in doing so.

Last but not least congratulations to the seven new Corps. Most of you will know by now but here they are! Gullickson — M&W Tech; Eby — AF Tech; Hurl — AE Tech; Oulett — AE Tech; Lachance — ComTech; Williams — Inst Tech; MacKinnon — AE Tech.

And pass the crying towels to those of us who must say "Maybe next time".

422 Sqn



by F/O H Jacobs

As we prepare this article for the press the one day old daughter of F/O and Mrs Johnny Mulhall is crying her heart out at the station hospital. To the proud Mom and Dad we say congratulations and to the young lady "welcome to 422".

F/L Paul Apperley and F/O Pete Wittich are at the present at home on the Flight Safety course. The pair left a week or so ago by no other means than Pan-American and Trans Canada Air Lines, and this alone should put them in the proper mood for lapping up the "gen".

F/O Hank Henry has returned from the 4th TAF gunnery meet held last month carrying in his hot little hand the trophy awarded for the highest single average. A sincere pat on the back is in line for Hank for a good job so capably done. (444-wise F/L Johnny Ursulak rounded out the 4 Wing contribution to the victorious RCAF team).

F/O Nick Kunitski, F/O Danny Danford's pupil, has gotten himself on the squadron roll call having arrived a short time ago by way of the pipeline. It's "welcome aboard" to Nick and we hope that your stay here is a long and happy one.

That just about sums up this month's activities, so long for now and we'll see you in the June issue.

From the Ground Defence Section

Another busy month was recorded by the Ground Defence staff during April, with business looking up in several different spheres.

In the travel department, Cpls Pitchford, Stuart and Wilson followed in the footsteps of Sgt Acton Nottingham bound, for a ten day course at the Civil Defence College and general inspection of the United Kingdom.

Our representative on the station rifle team, Cpl O'Brien, gained 10th placed out of sixty-one competitors in the Air Div. Rifle Shoot at the end of the month, thereby regaining his sweepstake money and qualifying for a trip to Bisley next month for the R. A. F. Championships.

In the Health and Welfare Department, the section's old men have been treading the path to the hospital for a periodic check-up, and despite their appearance, they all seem to be reasonably healthy. Mrs. Hargreaves spent a few days in the same institution during the month, however she managed to get out in time to pick up a little prize money in the Sergeants' Mess Bingo — to the tune of \$30 we hear. That's the advantage of having FS Fortune on the Sergeants' Mess Entertainment Committee of course.

On the athletic side, the general physical condition of the staff is such that we have to leave this department to the younger folk. Alan Hargreaves and Billy MacDonald travelled up to Marville to hold up the school swimming team in the championships up there at the end of April.

Since Mrs Stuart returned from Canada, the large pile of empty pork and beans tins has disappeared from outside their PMQ, and Cpl Stuart has picked up most of his lost weight. He and Sgt MacDonald are still pulling in the extra cash as part-time operators in the station cinema, with W.K. doubling as vegetable gardener along with FS Fortune and FS Hargreaves.

LAC Michaud's patience was rewarded at last with news that his remuster to Ground Defence has received the approval of the Gods. As soon as a vacancy occurs in the trade, he can expect to make the jump up the social scale into the sacred ranks. In the meantime he has been taking a week's leave for one last pre-repat fling.

The Pitchford family have become so well established in Baden-Baden that they have taken their names off the PMQ waiting list, and chosen to continue living on the local economy. This has given the Wilson family a one-place move up the waiting list, and they confidently expect to be in a PMQ within the next two or three years.

FS Fortune has been unsuccessful so far in his campaign to accompany the Bisley team as chaperon or religious adviser, however maybe he'll be able to pull a political string or two in his capacity as Town Councillor.

By the time this appears, the section should be just about due to move across to the palatial new building across the road; not before the 10th, though, because Cpls Pitchford Wilson and Stuart asked us particularly to await their return from England so they could lend a hand, too.



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By NEWF.

Oh how the money rolls in! Yes, that's true; now that the car check teams are at work, lots of dollar bills are changing hands. Times are really tough, even the M. E. types have to pay a dollar. Nuff said, this car check deal is a touchy business, for people who have had their cars rejected.

Once again we have to lift our weary waving arm to wave "Bon voyage" to a couple of M. E. types. Cpl Voyce and Lac Dryden have taken to the high seas for the summer cruise to Greenwood, N. S. Guess they will arrive just in time to kiss the Apple Blossom Princess. To help ease the burden on the **overworked** M. E. Section we have had two airmen posted in from over Canada way. We extend a hearty welcome to Lac Ricketts from Whitehorse, Y. T., and Lac Rutan from 6 RD Trenton. Play her cool fellows, the first keg of beer is the worst.

Things seem to have settled down to normal once again after all those wild promotion parties. We hit the nickel jackpot this time and had eight promotions, all from Lac to Cpl (oh well, it's a start). The most familiar saying around the section nowadays is "Guess maybe next time".

Bowling has had it for another year. Seems first place in the "A" league kept changing hands between Tech Services and M. E. Monarchs. When the season's play had finished, both Tech Services and Monarchs were tied for first place. A three game roll-off decided the winning team. O. k. so Tech Services were lucky and won! (Don't forget to let us see your Crests fellows.)

Came the day of judgement when the play-offs started and it was a different story. The Monarchs out-rolled all opposition by a comfortable margin and came through as 4 (F) Wing Bowling Champs. The guys of Tech Services "A" Team deserve a pat on the back for the "Old College try". (Don't ask me what College). For the Monarchs, well, nothing is too good. (Guess we will compare our trophies with Tech Services crests.) There is a rumour around the section that one of the Monarch team members is going to donate gold plated Ashtrays to all Monarch players. (Thanks Chiefie!)

During the month of April (all month) the M. E. Section Canteen was in the process of having its face lifted. Under the capable direction of Sgt (claw-hammer) Halvorson, changes are beginning to show. In fact, Gus better have something to show for all the noise he has been making behind locked doors. Just as soon as the painters are finished, we will be open for business as usual, 10 cent cokes, 15 cent hot dogs, and 5 cent coffee (I use the term coffee in a loose manner of course). It's o. k. Gus, you did a good job and **putty** will hide a multitude of sins.

Well, spring has sprung and the grass is getting greener, all the birds and bees are... Well, what I am trying to say is, when driving: — both hands on the wheel please. If you can't keep both hands on the wheel, stop! **DRIVE SAFELY** and be around to see the birds and bees next spring.

Krankenhaus Knews

by Cpl Barnard

Promotion Day has come and gone and it almost missed the hospital it did. But it was a grand April Fool's Day for Sgt Pete Dickman who gathered a crown for his stripes. Everyone in the section is happy about it. There was a smashing party at the Schloss Neuweier recently to say goodbye to Nursing Sisters Ruth Starkey and Terry MacDonnell. The latter, being a Maritimer, was glad to be going to Chatham but it isn't known what Matron thought of Tofino Bay. And this is the time to give a warm welcome to her successor, F/L Hazel Finch, who comes to us by way of Support Unit, Metz and 3 Wing. She isn't a bit like the traditional sort of Matron, the kind who sprinkles carpet tacks on her Wheaties in place of sugar just to prove she's tough. But to get back to the party. As I said, it was held at the Schloss Neuweier, an old and very interesting castle, with considerable atmosphere. There we all hacked away at some superb Wiener Schnitzel and the good old fried kartofflen and drank the good local wine. Afterwards, there was a certain amount of present giving, some of the shortest speeches on record, and dancing. The dance floor deserves special mention. On this floor dancing was hazardous and not the least bit rewarding. To begin with it was a split level affair with a somewhat wavy surface. It meant a fairly hazardous descent or a pretty stiff climb, depending on one's direction of travel. And the lighting was barely gloomy. I looked carefully, without success, for the source of light and concluded it must have come from a half-grown glow worm that our ingenious host had captured and tethered to one of the higher rafters. But, really, it's the spirit of these things that counts, and we had a marvellous party. Cheers until next time.

Supply Section

by Cpl AK Skarbo

First off we would like to say our Goodbye to FS Kane, Cpl Fossen and LAW Lundstrom who are leaving for the land of Golden opportunities. We wish you all a pleasant journey and good luck at your new stations.

Two of our wonderful girls are leaving, LAW Reading and LAW Pentland. The old Supply Section won't be the same without someone to tease once in awhile.

News and Views of Trips to Tulip Land — "Hot off the Press". Dot has a new name, "Ice Cream Dorothy", heard she can really eat it, must be very good eh Dot, specially with a chaser. Wooden shoes were the custom for one of our boys and they say he knows all about the Penny Bar even if he only stayed 15 minutes. One of our girls got into quite an argument when a Dutchman told her she was the same as an American. Her reply, "There's no difference between you and a German." Good going B.J. Who can't remember buying, packing and handing out sandwiches and then wondering where his money was? No one robbed you, or did they Wally? We could wind up the trip by telling what happened that last, hot, fatal Monday afternoon while waiting over two hours for lunch — but we won't.

What's the matter Joan, going to Berne while the rest were in Holland. Couldn't you trust the Auspuff in your car? Well, all kidding aside it seems that everybody had a wonderful time, even though they came straggling in anywhere from 25 after 8 to 10 o'clock in the morning.

TECHNICAL Services

By Cpl Mike Bush

As usual nobody will admit to having done anything of note. However, I tapped the grapevine and came up with the following.

Lac Gordie Law took a trip to the USAF Baseball Umpire's School at Ramstein recently, so watch out when arguing the rules.

Law Alice Stutt went on leave, presumably with her husband. Where they went I'll likely never know.

Lac "Sardinia" Ben Morin still doesn't know when he's going to that land of sunshine, but he still has hopes.

Lac John Graham and yours truly made the trip to Paris. Now I guess we can be expecting most any Honor Guard that comes along.

We would like to welcome Lac Fred Wells from Cold Lake, Alta. Hope you like it here, Fred.

FS. Larry Fink has gone on leave to Holland. More about this when he gets back.

Lac "Sam" Girard just got back from Spain. I drew him out a little about this place as regards vacations. I got a long story about Visas, expensive gas, dusty roads and Bull Fights.

Ground Handling reports that the only bit of news they can think of is that "Adcock got his hooks". Congratulations.

Just for the record, look out for pieces of paper that look like traffic tickets, Roger.

Skeet Club News

A 50 bird skeet shoot, sponsored by the Karlsruhe Rod and Gun club was held at the Karlsruhe skeet ranges on Sunday 28 April. The 4 (F) Wing Skeet Club was represented at the shoot by Sgt George Laidler, Sgt Huston, Cpl Claude Gray, Cpl Jim Cassidy and Cpl Newf Churchill.

Competition was keen throughout the shoot and when the smoke cleared around the score board it showed 4 Wing as winners of the 5 man team. In individual classes Lt Fred Henry US Army, won high gun, with Sgt Ed Huston one bird down to win Runner-Up high gun.

Class winners were as follows:

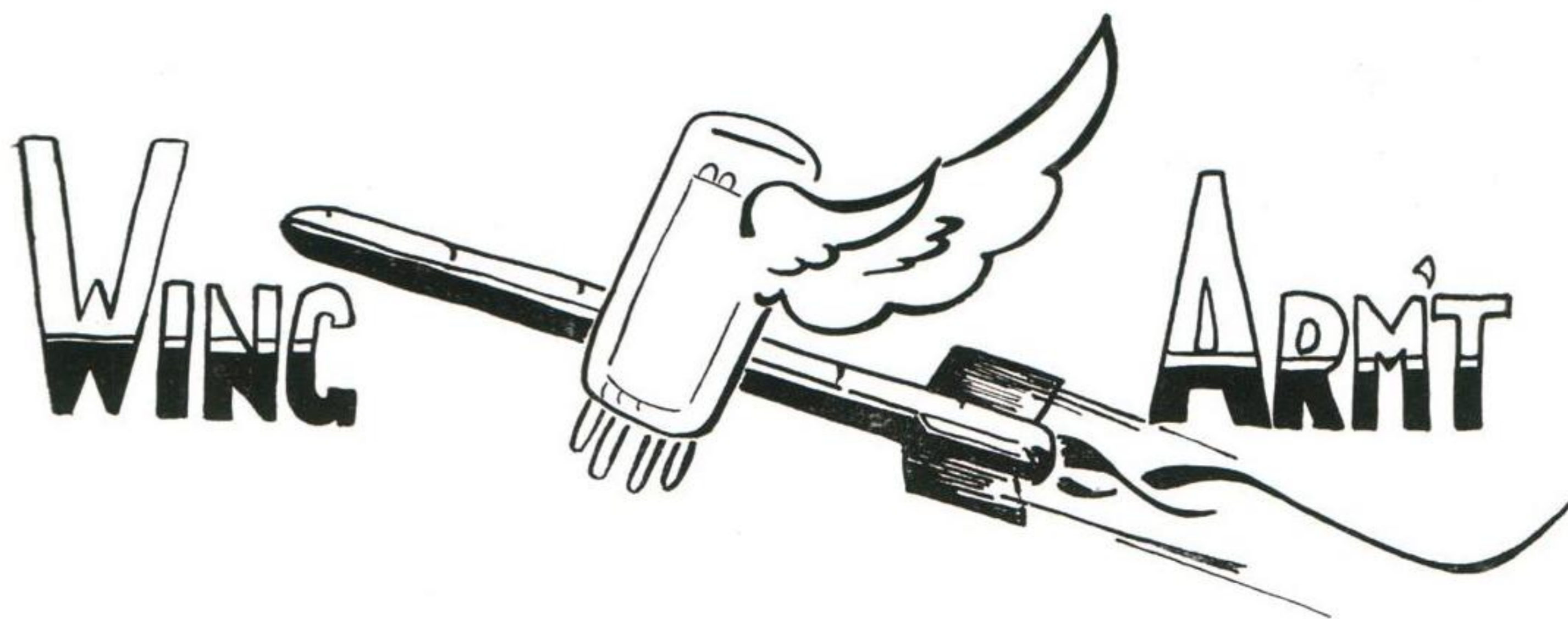
Class A winner — Cpl Claude Gray

Class B winner — Cpl Jim Cassidy

Class C winner — Sgt George Laidler

The shoot was conducted under ideal conditions, and attracted a total of twenty-eight shooters from various units in the Karlsruhe area.

Prizes consisting of sporting equipment were awarded to all class winners and runners-up.



by "Al" Wilson

It's springtime on the Flugplatz and the parades
have all begun,
The D. A. gets up early-before the rising sun,
To make the coffee is his goal,
And like the C. O., he takes his toll!

Taking advantage of the wonderful weather by leisurely meandering about the countryside are; WO Rootes (We wonder who's "throwing the bull") and family in their new Zodiac, LAC Dukeshire on his MURDERCYCLE, and last but not least "Redlight" Gottraux and family in their "mechanized roller skate". The Easter weekend was very enjoyable spent amongst the ever beautiful tulips and windmills of Holland by LACs "Ray" Depatie and "Rog" Lavoie, also F/O "Curly" Stanton enjoyed an excursion throughout the Lowlands. LAC Ashford, "The Kid from Digby", spent a few days in Paris under the title — Guard of Honour.

Staying with the topic of travelling we wonder who is taking a trip to Canada via Super Constellation? I hear tell though that Arm't F/Os get along quite well with any aircraft hostess.

Have you ever heard of the "Long John Itch", the "Goosepimple Parade" or the "Cold Lake Twitch"? Well, there is a "wheel" in our section, S/L Zwicker, who has all the symptoms. Just think, Sir, you won't have to use those over worked scales (the ones for weighing stories heard by the Traffic Control Board) anymore!

"Don't Fence Me In" can be heard drifting from the little cubby hole between two "wheels" — a wonderful position for a typist, hey, Hal? A word of advice — when one has dizzy spells he should wear glasses not lift them.

Here it comes roaring down the road belching fire and snorting like a bull — what is it? As we lift ourselves gingerly from our slit trench, removing our respirators as we rise, we gaze in utter astonishment — WO2 Salter riding a PUTT-PUTT.

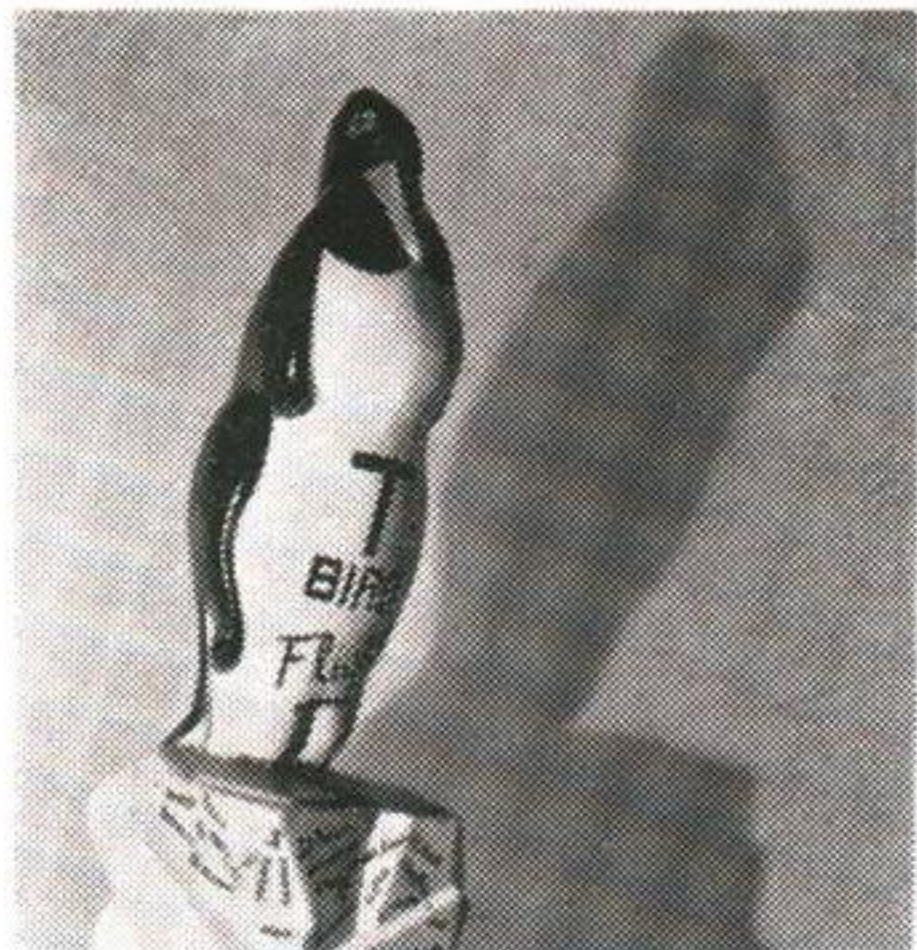
The latest gen from the diaper-line — a nine pound baby girl was delivered via STORK EXPRESS (not Bristol) to Mr. and Mrs. "Tanglefoot" Tanner. A little bird told us that both parents are doing fine (what a way to get out of paying income tax).

The RCAF's 1 Air Div. won the trophy at the 4th ATAF Shoot due partly to a very capable Arm't Systems Technician, Cpl "Lex" Zadow. A tip of the old Armament tin hat to "Zad" and all of the fellows who participated in the shoot.

Cpl "Stan" Goddard is to represent this section at the Air Div. Rifle Shoot. "Stan" won the Queen's medal last year and is a crackerjack shot. Best of luck, Stan, we're all behind you (It's dangerous in front).

The Armament Clan had an unscheduled party recently when we all turned out to support the local Motor Touring Club in a small gasthouse in Baden. It stands to reason, fellows, there must be other sections on the station!

Are you expecting? FS Reid is — a new Isabella T. S.



Flashes from Training Flight

by LAC Jackson.

First this month we would like to extend our best congratulation to all those who got promoted. As everyone should know by now, F. S. Kent got his WO2, Cpl Sexsmith got his Sgt. And LACs Pineau, Reydkal, Milton, and Kreutz got their Cpl.

At the writing of this article, LAC Ball is getting ready to go on leave in England. Cpl Bob Reydkal, and Hodder are shaking the dust of 4 (F) Wing from their shoes to head for green pasture, Bob and Bernie are both going to Stn Greenwood, so we extend our best wishes of good luck and we are sorry to see you go.

Wing Training Flight Personnel



Back Row: Cpl Reydkal, LAC Senior, Cpl Foss, F/O Bell, F/O Miller, F/O Flynn, F/L McGowan, OC., F/L Lalonde, F/O Smith, F/O Dusseault, LAC Robinson, Cpl Milton, LAC Jackson.

Center: Cpl Jonasson, LAC Lasouski, Sgt Sexsmith, LAC McKinney, Cpl Kreutz, Cpl Pineau, Cpl Walker, LAC Quigley, Cpl Turner, Cpl Playfair, LAC Viklund.

Front Row: Cpl Malin, LAC Neil, LAC Hoffart, Sgt Patrick, LAC Kirby, LAC Oak, WO2 Kent, LAC Van Sickle, Cpl Hodder, Cpl Lemieux, LAC Ball.

WO2 Kent has been pretty busy in getting ready for his trip to Holland. Sawing metal and hammering were the noises coming from the basement of the section. "What is he trying to do??" exclaimed some of the personnel. It did not take long to find out what the outcome was to be. A luggage carrier for the Ford and an extension light for his tent. From first hand reports everything works perfectly. As Holland is going to be the testing ground for the equipment, we expect to have lots of news of Tulip time in Holland.

A social evening was held in the mixed lounge last month for the members of Training Flight. From what I heard it turned out to be quite a social evening, or to some of the guys I should say morning, as the party ended up in the wee hours. After the social evening, all present had morning coffee in PMQ the Host and Hostess being Mr & Mrs Kent.

On the same day of the party Training Flight had another celebration in store. The item was a fly past

with all of Training Flight's aircraft taking part. The Expeditor having the leading role, was piloted by F/L McGowan. From the reports of a passenger in the Expeditor, LAC Neil claims that "Things looked pretty rough, but on the ground things looked different." Good Show!

What do the personnel of Transient Flight do? The biggest question among many of them asked by people from various sections, about the guys on 24 hrs shift work. Well! Fellas, on one occasion last month they serviced exactly eight type of aircraft coming in and out, thus missing their break period that is something any section cannot claim. — We take our hats off for the fine work that you are doing.

We would like to extend best wishes of a prompt re-establishment to Cpl Lauzon as he is spending a small stage at the Station hospital as this article is being written.

We had a slight change on the aircrew side F/O GN Smith and F/O DS Miller returned to 444 and being replaced by F/O Bell and F/O RE Wrather. Our flying staff now is composed of four officers who are permanent with us. They are F/L McGowan our OC, F/L Lalonde, Wing Safety Officer, F/O Flynn, Unit Instrument check pilot, and F/O Dusseault, Flight Simulator Instructor.

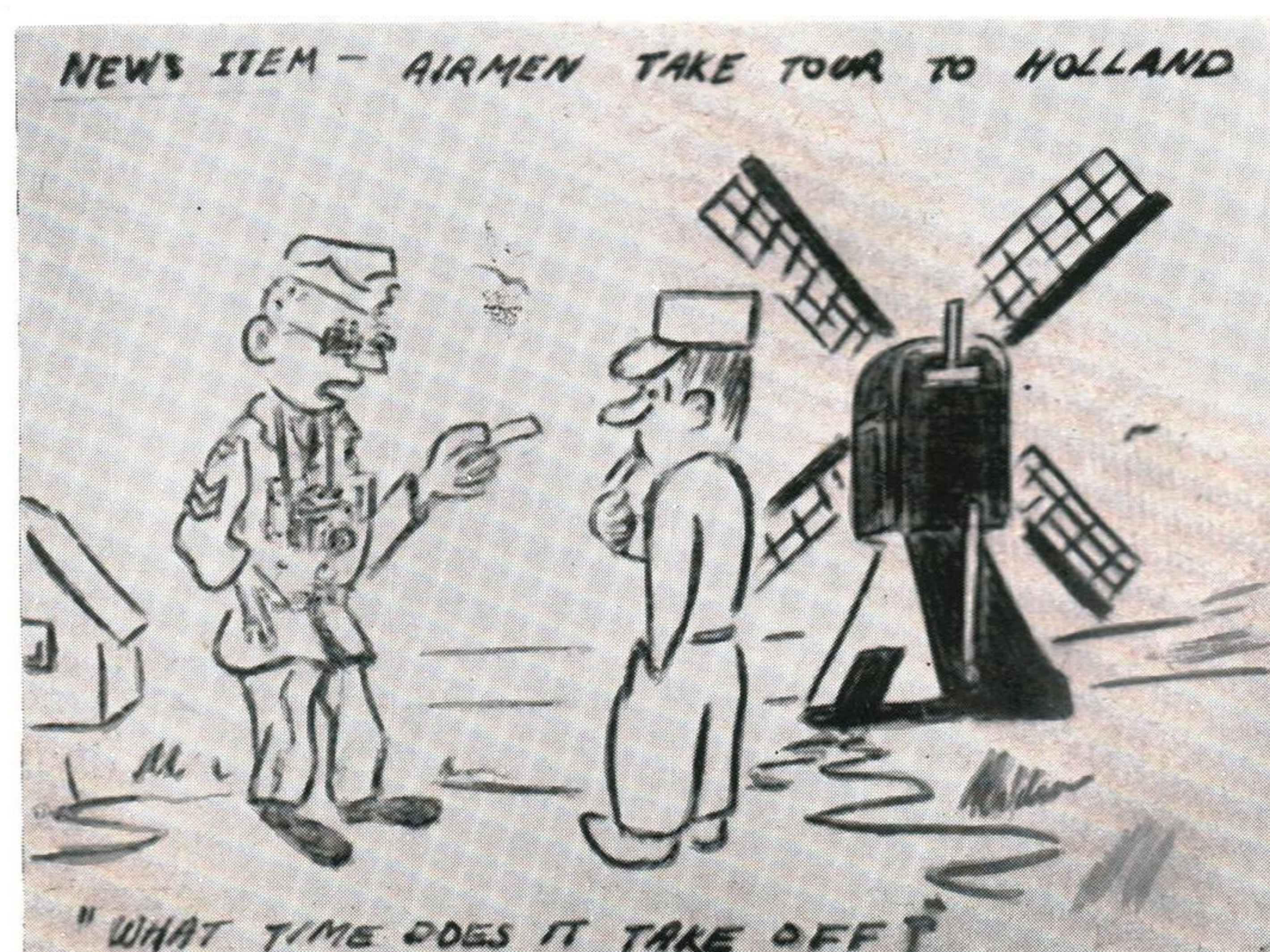
Before I close we would like once more to challenge Fire Hall for a game of horse shoes on Wednesday morning. What do you say Fellas!

I guess that's all for this contribution. Bye Folks!!

Food Services

Since the last issue of the "Flieger" quite a few lucky people in Food Services have received their postings to Canada and seem to be very happy with them. On the other hand, though, we are sorry to see them all leave. We will also be welcoming new staff in their place. There is still a while before the majority of these people go in June, when they will be getting their last leaves in, over in Europe.

On the 24th of April a small farewell party was held in the Mixed Lounge to bid Auf Wiedersehn to LACs Frost and Tremblay. Bon Voyage and best wishes for the future were expressed on behalf of the Messing Staff by F/L Christie.



News from the Crow-Bar Hotel

(Formerly The Guardhouse.)

by Cpl Ray Haight.

Well, here we are with news from the "Polizei". I don't think it is very much this time. You know, I am new here myself and will try my best to give you a little bit of news about our AFP's at 4 (F) Wing.

At first we say good-bye, Auf Wiedersehn, Au revoir or what ever you call it, to a few of the fellows from our section — Sgt Hoiland, Cpl Dale, Sgt Martin. When this issue comes out, they will be well on their way to the Land of the Big P. X., and we hope they will always remember their time spent at 4 (F) Wing in Germany. Auf Wiedersehn goes also to F/O Parkinson, who has not been with us too long but will be missed, he leaving the land of "Mox Nix" for the land of the "Parlez-vous Francais" in the vicinity of Metz.

On the other hand we say "Guten Tag" to Cpl Bond from Rockcliffe, Cpl Bateman from Gimli, Cpl George McCreary from Station MacDonald, (well, Alm, is the family together now). We hope your wife will like it here. Cpl Ron Bouchard's wife also arrived from Canada and they will live in Baden-Baden. Congratulations are in order to Mr and Mrs Joe Vranic on the birth of their first child. Some of our fellows have changed from shift-work in to the offices and I think they like it, (How about it fellows). Cpl Stevenson is working like mad, lots of overtime (Sam, What happens in the day time?). Cpl Hodge takes the pictures now.

Now we are in May and I think, it is the nicest month of the year. Have you been into Baden-Baden the last week? Doesn't it look beautiful with all the flowers and blooming bushes? As I said at first, I am new here, but I like this place very much and I hope all new comers will enjoy their stay over here.

Well so long fellows, have lots of fun and till the next issue I guess it's "Auf Wiedersehn".

Smoke House News

by Sgt. H. O. Miller

Well here we are again with views and news of the Station Fire Fighting lads, and to bring you up to date on the most recent happenings which seem to mainly consist of postings and promotions.

On postings back to Canada, we all wish the very best to FS Steppings and Lac Davies who are departing these fine shores for the land of the Maple Leaf. On the other hand we all extend our heartiest greetings to Cpl "Chuck" Savory and Lac May who have just been posted in from St. Huberts and Rivers Manitoba respectively. Both these fellows have wives and are impatiently awaiting their arrival.

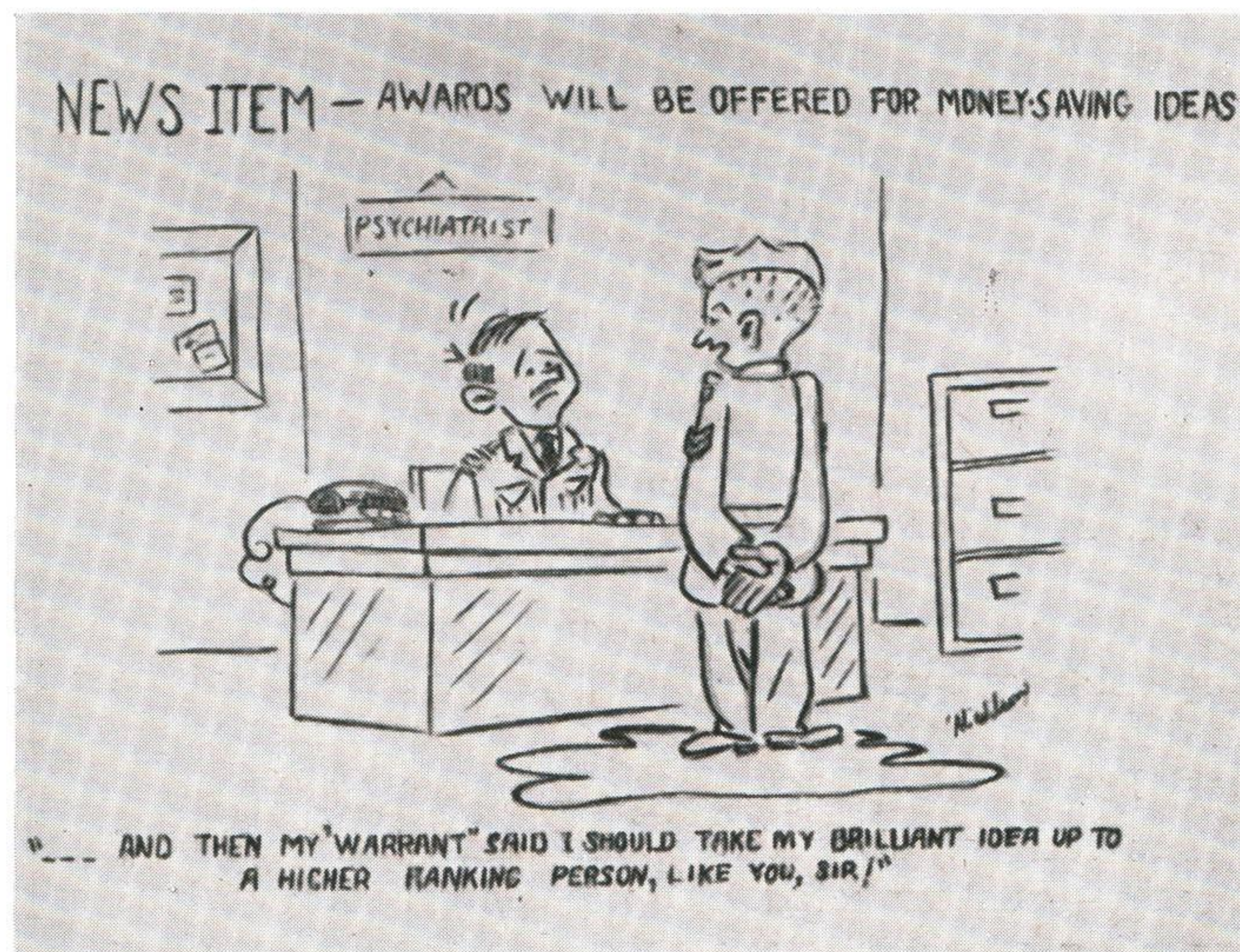
In the way of promotions, we have Cpl Donald Teed and yours truly to Sergeants. Also Lacs Stratton, Purcell, Renaud and Savory have all been bosted up to Corporals.

In the way of parties there was a very enjoyable stag held for FS Steppings and Lac Davies in Sandwier. One of the high-lights of the "do" was the tape recording of the party made by Mr "Ernie" Burnside, our worthy theatre manager. It is to be hoped that he is not of a larcenous nature, for with some of the songs and such, blackmail could be possible. Anyway, a great time was had by all.

From our section touring club we had FS and Mrs Fulkerson on a grand tour of Holland at tulip time. From all reports his new Chrysler went well and a very enjoyable trip was had.

By the way, the fellows in the section are all getting ready to take on all worth-while competitors in the good old game of volley-ball. It is really surprising to see the old fat melting away and the glimmering, glittering muscles showing through. We are certainly base amateurs, but are having a good time anyway. Horse-shoes are also in the fore-front again, replacing the old standby of Darts.

Well folks, we really must close off for now, so until next issue when we expect to have more news of impending arrivals, we will say good luck to all our fans.



CANADIAN CURRENT AFFAIRS

(Continued from page 8)

SECRETS — Premier Manning of Alberta has replied to criticisms that he allowed supposedly secret sites of the mid-Canada radar line to be published. The premier's reply is that the sites, 15 altogether, all in Alberta, are not a secret, he said anyone in Alberta could find them without much trouble. They were recently turned over to the federal government by the Alberta government and the locations in detail were later published in the official Alberta Gazette. Premier Manning told the legislature that as far as he knew the armed forces had not been embarrassed. At the same time the minister whose department handled the transfer of the sites, Norman Willmore, minister of Lands and Forests, said that Ottawa hadn't asked him to keep it a secret. However, in Ottawa, a spokesman for the defence department said the matter would be studied to see if there had been any breach of security. He agreed with Mr. Manning that anyone could find the mid-Canada sites without much trouble. Some had been de-classified but most of them were still a secret. However, he said a number of people did know all the sites, especially those who had helped them.

COURT MARTIAL — An air force spokesman has announced that a flying officer is to be court-martialled as a result of a crash of an RCAF aircraft in St. James, near Winnipeg, last February. The RCAF spokesman said the charge to be brought against Flying Officer Jack Sargent, the pilot, has not yet been decided. In the House of Commons earlier, the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Defence, Mr. Campney, said, without elaborating, that a court martial would be held. Four houses in St. James were struck when the air force bomber crashed. No one was seriously hurt.

Soellingen Sally Reports

by Benny Bennett

Well summer is officially upon us — that is if you can take the number of bathing-beauties soaking up the sun in our back yard as an indication. There are those among us who can't afford the trip to Majorca!!!

New faces among the Feminine Division are LAW Laura Lingle (MetO) from Stn Trenton and LAW Shirely Perritt (FtrCop) from Stn St Hubert. A big "hello" to you both and we hope you'll enjoy your stay here. If you follow the trend of the other airwomen in about a year and a half you too will be crying the blues over the "No Extension Policy".

Belated congratulations to those on the promotion list — the good news was too late for last month's issue — however better late than never.

Entertainment in the lounge for the month of April started with a farewell party held on the 15th for LAW's Elaine Watson and Teddy Hanson, Cpl's Jenny Chor-zempa, Marg Shortt and Stevie Gallant. The evening got underway with a sing song, with Mrs Betty Stone at the piano. One of the hi-lights of the evening was a Birthday presentation to Betty from the girls. Many thanks Betty for giving us your piano talents and making so many enjoyable evenings at the lounge for us. All the best to the troops and we expect to hear from you once you get past Paris.

The long week-end saw the barracks close to being empty — as expected. People ventured to various surrounding areas that are reachable within the four day limit we had. The vital spot of interest proved to be Holland, and quite a few of the girls took advantage of the tour sponsored by the Sports Palace. Marie Vergouwen was able to go the most native of all, by visiting her relatives in Breda, Holland. Just mention cheese from there and you have her rapt attention.

Foreign intrigue was at its best a few days previous to the 25th of April, not one word must leak out, this was to be a surprise. The lounge was beautifully decorated with flowers and streamers, and soft lighting gave the room the full effect desired. Then at approximately 9PM Reggy was ushered into the lounge for her shower. It is beyond my writing capacity to give a description of the registered look of surprise that came over her face. When

the confusion had dispersed the bride-to-be was led to the place of honour that is designated for this sort of occasion and the gift opening commenced. A short skit on "Marriage Bliss" was presented and proved to be (due to the expert ad-libbing on the part of the characters) as hilarious for those performing as the watching audience. The evening climaxed with a wonderful lunch, and, over cups of coffee advice was offered to Reggy from those who had read the latest issue of "Good Housekeeping". And the unsuspecting airwoman who got the ring at the end of the ribbon — we wonder what the future holds for her — what say Squirrel!!

The sound of soft melodies or rousing rock'n roll emanating from the AW's lounge these past few weeks can be attributed to the new radio and record player. With an eye to future entertainment a Record-Round-up night might be held.

The 3rd of May found the airwomen playing host to Mrs Slemon & Mrs Godwin, wives of the visiting dignitaries in the AW's Lounge. Further comment and pictures of this visit will not be available until the June issue.

Tulips graced the altar and candlelight prevailed throughout the Roman Catholic Chapel on the 27th April 57 for the wedding of Lena Regenwetter and Norman Weston. Marlene Ecklin played the organ and Mrs Cretny sang "On This Day Oh Beautiful Mother" as the guests were ushered to their pews by Gordon Love and Donald Gullickson. The bride, given in marriage by F/O RC Maddison wore a ballerina length gown of white lace net over taffeta and carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaid, Stevie Gallant, was gowned in a ballerina length pink dress. Red Folkard was Norman's best man. Before proceeding to their wedding reception the happy couple paid a visit to S/L Steene at the Stn Hospital. The mixed lounge beautifully decorated with tulips and illuminated by candlelight was the perfect setting for their reception. Refreshments were served by close friends of the bride and groom. Before leaving her reception the bride requested that the flowers decorating the tables be sent to the hospital for the service personnel. Best wishes are extended from all the airwomen to you both.

Telecom Gen

by Cpl E. Sherwood

Spotlight this month of course is on the Section Party. This thrash took place in the Mixed Lounge to the music of Fred Curry and his Maple Leaf Trio. The local talent floor show by Chris Black and fellow artists was greatly enjoyed. The W Tel O made farewell speeches for the departing personnel, with a special word for Ellie Obel-toft! I understand Jim Bayliffe was resting during this period, lulled to sleep no doubt by the sombre toned injunctions of Sailor Remphrey. 'Twas a good "DO", roll on the next.

The Gomm Ground men walk around with blistered hands these days, must be making hay while the sun shines. They have smiling faces though. WHAT CAN it be??? Must be the NEW MAN. I see the acquisition of Sgt Murray from 414 has brightened Com Air up some, or is it the new paint job?? Air Section has sent Pozdzik

and Creelman on TD to clean up the COBRAS' nest. Cold Lake has sent reinforcements in Cpls Love and Smith; welcome, you must get together with FS Newman on a reunion.

To Cpl McNamara (teletype) and LAW Shirley Perritt (FtrCOp), a big "hello", see you at the next Section Party which shouldn't be long, jeepers it's three weeks since we had one. FS Johnson at last relinquished the W Tel WO's chair in favour of FS Murray (ex-GCA). Cpl Ennis now becomes the GCA wheel, you'll be able to park your car outside building 9 now Harry, when you get a car!!

Anytime now we should see Eric Gaudet's new Mercedes; so you sold your other heap to that old wreck collector Rushmer, eh?? I hear Norm's cast off goes to Jerry Loehr. Be difficult pulling Volks around in that old Hillman, Jerry, or shall you push it under a truck??

See you next parade.

A GLIMPSE OF DENMARK

by LAC J. D. LeDrew

Denmark, as we all know, is one of the Scandinavian countries. With a population of 4 million and a very tiny area, one would tend to think of it as inconsequential as a country to see during leave in Europe. If any of my readers have thought this they couldn't be more mistaken!

Denmark is one of the most charming countries this writer has ever had the pleasure of seeing. The people are very kind and friendly, sometimes to the extent that one would think their only reason for being there is to make visitors happy.

My trip took me to Frederica where we left the train and thence to a town called Braedstrup where I was a guest for about 10 days. Braedstrup is in the heart of rural Denmark and as such, off the beaten track of the tourist trade. This put one in the unique position of being able to see what Denmark is without the commercial trimmings. The surrounding country-side is heavily agricultural and while on the subject I would like to add that the Danish farmers till the soil as I've never seen it tilled before. It is a pleasure to see the rich rolling fields on all sides of you. I was told that in 1956 there was so much fertilizer used in Denmark that if it were put in 100 lb bags it would stretch from the North to the South Pole! Also in this part of the country there are literally hundreds of burying grounds for the Vikings of old! They were buried with their arms etc and covered over with large amounts of earth. There is hardly a field that doesn't contain one or two of these "Mounds" as they call them. The Danish government does not allow the farmers to remove them and this the farmers definitely do not like.

This part of the country is dotted with many little streams which are quite abundant with trout. While there I visited a trout "farm" and was quite surprised to hear that the original trout they stocked the farm with came from Nova Scotia.

After spending several more days loafing in this part of the country I went to the coastal city of Aarhus (the second largest city in Denmark) and thence to Copenhagen by boat.

Copenhagen is definitely, as the song says, wonderful. There are many things to see, the main things being, City Hall, Parliament Buildings, the Kings Castle, Girls, State Art Museum, Girls and some unique buildings made completely of white marble imported from Greenland which is a Danish possession. Some of these buildings were built back in the 1930's and look as though they had just been completed. Copenhagen is definitely geared to the tourist trade. It is evident in all the hotels, shops

and clubs. Also the prices. I would firmly advise any visitors to this city to make what they call the Castle Tour. You can catch it right beside City Hall any day of the week. It costs only 21 Kronen (\$3.00) and lasts all day. You tour several old castles and the running commentary given by the wonderful guide really makes it a vivid experience. The Danes are a very proud and patriotic people and this is made quite obvious by the guide's conversation. Some of the art and woodwork and silver work is nearly unbelievable. The profits of the largest brewery in Denmark annually go to the state to replenish and keep their priceless old treasures in top shape. This is quite evident by the appearance of the old castles etc.

Copenhagen has a population of just over 1 million which means that it holds over 1/4 the population of the entire country. After tourists, the main industry of the city is shipbuilding and one yard alone employs over 4,000 men. The shipyards are rather interesting to see.

For anyone wishing to travel by car, the roads are good generally, if a little narrow and gas is not too expensive running about 1 Kronen (14c) per litre. The food is entirely unlike our native dishes and I would strongly advise visitors to eat as many Danish dishes as possible. However, drinking their Akavit (shnapps) with the meal is one habit I would advise one to go easy on. It is, to term it mildly, potent.

Summing up I think I would say that Denmark is definitely a place to visit. Either for the family or for a single person. The interesting points of the country are many and varied plus the added advantage of not being too expensive.

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