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RCAF *News*

Air Division Donates $ 2,500 to Frejus Relief Fund

Personnel of 1 Air Div, traditionally ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, have given almost $ 2,500 to aid the stricken French town of Frejus. The French community in southern France was hit in Dec by flood waters following a dam break. A cheque for $ 2241 was given by Air Commodore P.Q. Gilchrist, Air Division Chief of Staff, to the French Liaison Officer at headquarters here, Commandant H.H.R. Poirot, to be passed to the Mayor of Frejus. The money came from personnel at Air Div HQ, and 2,3, and 4 (F) Wings. A cheque for $ 254 had previously been given by personnel at 1 (F) Wing, to Frejus Disaster Fund Headquarters at Longuyon, near Marville.

With the cheque went a letter to the Mayor of Frejus, expressing the sympathy of all Air Division personnel for the disaster and loss of life that occurred.

The donations for the Frejus Disaster Fund were made as Division members were busy with annual Christmas contribuitons and parties to orphanages, old peoples' homes, refugee camps, and needy families near the various bases.

F104 Cost

Reports from Ottawa say that the 200 Lockheed Starfighters planned for 1 Air Div may cost more than was expected. The original estimate was 420 million dollars, but this figure may well be increased because of the need to provide Canadian companies with the tooling capacity to build the supersonic planes. The Starfighter jets are to be manufactured by companies in Toronto and Montreal, but component parts will be made through sub-contracts. The government says most of these will be issued to Canadian firms but it's likely that the government will have to provide the special tooling requirements. The Minister of Defence, George Pearkes, said in Paris while attending the NATO sessions there last month that re-equipping Canada's air division overseas would likely take four years.

New Radar Stations

Canada and the United States have agreed to build 45 new radar installations in Canada to strengthen North America's warning system against air attack. They are intended to overcome one of the chief loopholes in the Pinetree radar chain which extends from Vancouver Island in the Pacific to the Yukon and in the East from Winnipeg to the Atlantic coast. There is a gap across the prairies. The new installations will help close the system's inability to detect low flying aircraft with any degree of accuracy. General Laurence Kuter, chief of the North American Air Defence Command, said recently that the subsonic attack at low level would remain a threat indefinitely. The 45 new radars are in addition to seven heavy stations that will be built, five in the West and one each in Ontario and Quebec. The decision to build the additional installations was taken in Ottawa last August at a meeting between defence minister G.R. Pearkes and the former American defence secretary, Neil McElroy. Since that time, planners have been working out the number of radars required to spot hostile, low-flying bombers.

Atomic Weapons For RCAF

The government has confirmed reports that negotiations are underway with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to arm the Canadian Navy and Air Force with atomic depth charges. Defence Minister G.R. Pearkes said after a cabinet meeting in Ottawa that the whole question of supplying Canada's forces with atomic warheads was discussed by a joint Canadian-United States defence committee. The weapons would be supplied to the Navy and Air Force for attacks on submarines. The NATO negotiations are concurrent with talks between Canada and the US for the storing of atomic warheads in Canada for use by the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile. The Bomarc, which has a range of about 450 miles, is being purchased by Canada and launching stations will be built in Ontario and Qubec.

CF 100 Replacement

The jet plane now used by the Royal Canadian Air Force, the CF100, may be replaced by the American supersonic aircraft named the McDonnel F-101. This is reported from Ottawa, but the reports said there was still no indication whether the government would decide to replace the subsonic jet with another manned interceptor. Several months ago the government strongly suggested that it considered the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile would provide sufficient air defence against bombers. In recent remarks, the Minister of Defence, G.R. Pearkes, made it clear that he did not think too much money should be expended on new interceptor planes. The air force has nine squadrons of the CF100 in Canada. The plane has been in service eight years and its speed and altitude capacity are limited in respect to an attack by supersonic bombers.

Missile Defence

Remote Ascension island in the South Atlantic will become a new base next month for Canadian scientists studying ways to deal with the intercontinental ballistic missile. Defence experts have admitted that so far no method has been devised to deal with possible rocket attack with any certainty as yet. But scientists at Valcartier, Quebec, working under the defence research board, have been co-operating for several years with colleagues in Britain and the United States on the problem. Ascension, a British Island, is one of the loneliest in the world, situated almost exactly half way between Africa and South America. The Canadian scientists assisted by an RCAF team, will try to determine the feasibility of using infra-red wave lengths to detect the rockets.

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Fasching at Hörden



Once again the Fasching season has rolled around. Officially opened last 11 Nov with typically jocular meetings it has lain dormant until after the Christmas season. Now the local population cast off much of their restraint and plunge with vigour into Fasching celebrations. There is a German saying "Wer an Fastnacht nicht verrückt ist, ist das ganze Jahr verrückt", which means "Who is not crazy during Fasching is a fool the whole of the year." The Germans put merrymaking first and even sell furniture or personal belongings so that they will have enough money to keep the party going. Husbands and wives often go out separately, and being dressed up don't recognize each other when they meet. Every town and village celebrates Fasching with larger towns like Cologne, Mainz and Munich vying with each other for the largest parties, zaniest activities and most colourful parades. You can, however, have a most interesting time at some of the local villages, and Hörden, between Gaggenau and Gernsbach is well-known in the surrounding area for its Fasching activities. People from large towns like Karlsruhe go specially to Hörden to take part in its Fasching program. During Fasching, Hörden changes its name to Schmalzloch which means Fatpot. Four weeks before Schmutziger Donnerstag or Dirty Thursday (25 Feb), Schnurren (meaning humming or rattling) will start in Hörden. Girls and ladies from 16 to 60 years old dress up in old clothes, don masks and make the rounds of the village. They make a great deal of noise, make humorous remarks about people they see or meet, take a drink out of anybody's glass, and even make the men pay to go into a Gasthaus. They do this every Thursday until Fasching ends.



Hörden girls dressed up for Schnurren

The men may not dress up except on week-ends and the last few days of Fasching. If caught they have to pay a forfeit. There is a band in every restaurant and gasthaus and the rule is that only women may choose their dancing partner. This is a dicey deal for the man because he has no idea what sort of girl may be hidden behind the fancy dress. She could be a personable good looking girl or someone not quite so entrancing.

On Fasching Sunday, (the last Sunday before Lent) Hörden holds its parade. It is very colourful and filled with imaginative floats. Our pictures show scenes from recent Fasching parades.



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Fasching

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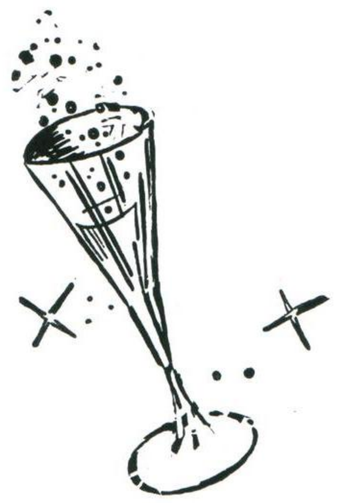
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Above and below: typical floats in the parade, with the Fasching Princess Shown in the upper picture



Cocktail-Parties

Perhaps recently you may have asked: "How noisy can a cocktail party get?" Two Canadian scientists studied the problem and made some interesting discoveries. They found that the acoustical phenomena of a cocktail party usually works something like this:

A cocktail party tends to break down into small conversational groups with — in the beginning at least — only one person per group talking at any one time in a more or less normal conversational tone.

The listeners of each huddle or group try to "tune in" their talker and at the same time try to "tune out" all other talkers in the room.

As the room fills and conversation increases, the talker in each huddle finds it necessary to raise his voice in order to be heard.

This, of course, tends to make other talkers inaudible, so they in turn raise their voices which increases the general noise level which makes it necessary . . . . . and so it goes.

As the general noise level increases, each listener will try to improve his signal — to — noise ratio by moving closer. This process cannot be carried very far before the frailer — or thirstier — members of the group are elbowed out. Thus the average size of the group tends to decrease while the number of groups — and talkers — increases.

It was found that each time the number of persons doubled, the noise level increased by 3 decibels, reaching about 55 decibels with fifty persons. Then it suddenly leaped to 70 decibels.

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Learn German



Personnel transferred to Air Div are presented with an opportunity to travel which normally they could not afford themselves. Many people back home save for years for a trip to Europe and even then it lasts a few weeks only. We should therefore make the most of our transfer here.

The first and most important thing to do is learn the language. You cannot properly appreciate the local people or get the most out of the places you visit unless you can converse with the nationals for hotel rooms, meals and other services. The German language is particularly useful because it is understood by people in most European countries. In Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, the Benelux countries and Scandinavia you can usually get along if you can speak Deutsch.

A knowledge of German can help you in difficult situations and better still, avoid difficulties. In his article "Live On The Economy And Like It" in the July issue of the Flieger, F/L Sabey noted that of the problems met by those living on the economy, "First and foremost is the language barrier. This is rated at the top because many of the difficulties are a direct result of misunderstanding the language and thus are cleared up when a competent interpreter is called in". One lady recently ordered a ton of coal but because she didn't understand German ordered — and received — about enough coal for five years. All these big and small problems will not exist if you can converse properly. Remember the misunderstanding is not the fault of the local nationals. When we are in Germany it is up to us to learn their language.

Enjoying our stay here is just one aspect of why we should learn German. Another reason is bound up with our primary purpose. We must realize that a war is actually in progress right now. Popularly termed the Cold War, its outcome will have as important consequences for us and our children as a hot war. We are fighting a war of ideas, a war for men's minds, and unfortunately the Communists are doing extremely well, — very much better then we are, according to many competent observers. We have only to glance briefly at the events of the past ten years to discern how much ground we have lost. China with its quarter of the world's population is lost to us; we have lost favour, to say the least in the oil rich and strategic Middle East; and events in places like Cuba do not bode well for us. The recent anti-American riots in the Panama Canal zone are known to have been Communist inspired. One way to counter Communist infiltration is to show the people of the countries we are in or visit that our way of life is the best. General Alfred M. Gruenther former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and now president of the American Red Cross said recently that psychological security is more important than military or economic security. "Military Force will not guarantee security", he said. "Our real task is to project before the world the correct image of the United States — and we start with some very tough disadvantages. I am concerned," he added "over whether we will keep ahead of the Soviets psychologically". U.S. Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker in a recent speech to U.S. Army officers and wives told them to promote America when they are assigned overseas. "Learn the language," he said, "we should do a better job in these foreign countries." He warned that "Russia makes a business of it." What was stated about the U.S. goes for us too as Canadians. To get ahead in the psychological battle we must get out and meet the people. This applies to all of us. Just as the next hot war will affect everyone so we must all do our part in the present struggle. In many ways we are doing well, as indicated by last month's article "4 (F) Wing Plays Santa Claus". But this alone is not enough. The psychological war is a continual unrelenting one made all the harder because you don't get any immediate or startling results comparable to victory in conventional battles. We must never let up.

The folly of not meeting the people and of not learning their language is startlingly discussed in "The Ugly American", copies of which are available from the Wing Library. The book is based on facts which the authors have observed for themselves, and it clearly explains why we are in danger of losing the Cold War. It shows how the Russians treat the business of being in another country. Their diplomats, advisers and staffs go on a lengthy course before they go to foreign lands. They learn a lot about the people and they learn to speak the language fluently. Contrast this with the embarassing situation that arose some time ago when a western diplomat appointed to Ceylon didn't know the name of the Ceylonese premier!

Preventing war is your prime purpose here. You can do a great deal by learning German. It will also pay large personal dividends in making your tour more instructive and pleasant.

Your New Language Instructress

Miss Ingeborg Bühler who began her duties as the Wing language instructress 4 Jan, comes to us from the Benedict language institute at Wiesbaden. Born in Stockstadt/Main (near Frankfurt) 24 years ago she attended Secondary Grammar School, a private interpreters' school in Hamburg, and spent 3 1/2 years studying at the Interpreters College of Mainz University. Miss Bühler speaks German, English and Spanish. She has worked with Sabena airlines in Frankfurt and has travelled in England, Switzerland, Belgium and Austria.

German Language classes are held afternoons and evenings until 1900 hours at the Wing Ground Training Centre. Personnel who wish to learn German should contact Miss Bühler at the Ground Training Centre, local 62.

■ Dear Folks

Well, Christmas is over and just as I'm getting my strength back again Fasching comes along. I think I told you last year all about Fasching. It gets going after Christmas and goes on till Shove Tuesday and people act like that brother of ma's that we don't speak about anymore, leastways when ladies are about. However I'm going to be a bit more careful than I was last year when I didn't properly recover until just about the time the Octoberfest came along. I've made some New Year's resolutions and I'm going to do my best to keep them, at least till the middle of January. Just to show ma I'm serious I'll write down a few:

I won't go to Roochie more than twice a week
I will not bark back at the snack bar hot dogs
When I get my next uniform from Supply I'll be glad
I don't pay more for a two-tone job.

I had a look around for some of them Doberman Pinchers you wrote about. They still cost a bit of money and when I told the man who sells them that we got old Jock for free he said his Dobermans were thorough breads and wouldn't like being sold for a little bit of dough. I guess though they'd be just as dangerous to have around with small cars as old Jock. They're used to them here. Just about all the cars are small though the people drive them as if they were Stirling Moss in a two or three hundred horse-power Aston-Martin. The only difference is that Stirling Moss knows what he's doing when he's driving. They've got some real cute little buggies here. There's one I think is made by Harold Lloyd and seems as if it's made as a practice vehicle for people going to outer space. The Deutschers must be doing some rocket research, without letting all the people know when they don't work like they do down in the States. This buggy sounds like a missile blasting off and you sit in it with your knees up supporting your chin. Get in one and you're ready to go into orbit. There's another one called a Gigglemobile I believe and I guess it's good for a laugh anytime.

Well I went down to that place I told you about in Baden and put your ten dollars to good use. The only thing is they advertised a strip show there, you know like the cartoons they have sometimes in that weakly magazine pa used to get before ma found out, but I think the stripping applies to your wallet because after a couple of drinks to make my cold better I found I didn't have much left. So I hope ma's rheumatics won't stop her putting in a few more bucks when she writes again.

I won't be sending Horace any more picture cards. I'm improving my mind as they say, that's another of my New Year resolutions, and I'm going to start my own collection of art.

Your son and heir.
Elmer



Dear Son and Heir

Well Elmer, Christmas and New Years has come and gone and there's not much left around the house except some more cracked glasses and a few broken resolutions. If things were as hectic at RCAF Stn Hugelsheim as they were around here in Hogs Hollow on New Years Eve then you fellows were in no fit shape for nigh on a week.

Man, what a party we did have! — We finished off the two big tubs of brew in the cellar as well as what was working in the bathtub. At long last Ma and me can have a bath. The beer I brewed from the recipe you sent me went over with a bang. Most people would take a sip and say "this beer tastes like HELL" — But I would correct them and say "Elmar says its DUNKEL, not HELL". Horace, the hired man, was his usual self, loaded to the eye-balls and made a durned fool of himself. He hooked up the old mare to the buckboard and went roaring up and down the stretch between the General Store and the Livery yelling "the British are coming!!"

I dragged myself down to the lock-up next afternoon and asked Horace just who he thought he was and what he was tryin' to do. The durned idiot sez the last thing he remembered was that he wanted to be like Pierre Radisson. I told him then and there Pierre had never said anything of the sort. Any hayseed knows that Napoleon was the guy who said those famous words.

Well, Elmer, things are fairly quiet in the Capital City lately. The Civil Servants are still moaning about no pay raise — the only things raising in Ottawa right now are the eyebrows on the brass in the Finance Department. The Ottawa Citizen splashed a big headline the other day which hinted that everyone was gonna quit but after you read the small print it just happened that a reporter was quaffing a few in a local malt shop when he overheard a fellow crying in his brew. Come to find out this fellow works at the Experimental Farm in the Textile and Poultry Division and he jest sat there at the table and sobbed "If I don't get that cotton pickin', chicken pluckin' raise I'm gonna join the Air Force and go to Germany where I'll really be appreciated".

The new pup I gave your Ma for a Christmas present has been a real riot — so much so that we've decided to name him "Carpenter". I'm sure glad our General Store doesn't run out of privvy paper like yours does or else your Ma and the pup wouldn't be seeing eye to eye. If you run short of anything like that again, Son, let us know right away quick and we'll mail you some. It would be a fine state if we had to send you CARE packages every month.

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Many personnel seem to have the mistaken idea that anything with a dollar sign on it is a matter to be handled only by the Accounts Section. Others seem to believe that the sole function of the Accounts Section is to issue pay twice monthly. In actuality, its proper purpose lies somewhere between the two extremes. This article is written in the hope of creating a better understanding of the role of Accounts Sections in the RCAF.

Accounts Sections fall into three component parts; namely, Supply Accounts, Pay Accounts, and Accounting for Messes and Institutes. (The latter being nothing more than your old friend NPF). While there may be some variation from place to place, depending on the nature of the unit together with local peculiarities, there is, generally speaking, very little difference in operation and organization.

Supply Accounts is not to be confused with the Supply Section. While the two must work together closely, they are nonetheless two separate and distinct organizations, each with a separate and distinct purpose. Supply Accounts is concerned not only with the receipt, and consumption of the various supplies that are required in the day-to-day operation of the unit, but also with ensuring that such supplies are appropriated for their intended usage as prescribed in regulations. This brings into use such matters as the payment of invoices, the preparation of inventories, stocktakings and audit.

The invoice desk may be regarded as the "Accounts Payable" department. Briefly, its function may be described as follows: — after goods and or services have been provided, the vendor or supplier submits what is commonly known as an "invoice". This is his way of saying that he is now ready to receive payment! The invoice itself is nothing more than a piece of paper which is usually, and sometimes quite attractively, embossed in letterhead. It also contains such relevant information as the quantity of items provided and the price. Some suppliers offer a discount for prompt payment. This calls for a sudden burst of speed on the part of the invoice clerk. Before passing an invoice for payment, the invoice clerk must be satisfied that the goods/services, as itemized on the invoice, were in fact received; that an authority for purchase exists; that prices quoted are in accordance with the terms of the contract or agreement; that funds are available to make payment; and that the invoice as presented is correct in all respects.

An inventory is fundamentally a list of articles in use, and on charge, in any particular flight, section or building. It is, so to speak, a transcript of the articles-in-use ledger which in turn is supported by the vouchers that recorded the transaction in the first instance. An inventory is to be prepared at the time of a periodic physical check of the articles in question; also at the time of a change of inventory holder; and any such times as may be deemed necessary.

Stocktaking is a term that is familiar to many of our readers. It is simply a physical count of articles held in stock for possible future use. At least once each year all items held in stock must be checked by actual count, weight, or measurement. This includes stocks held not only in the main supply building, but also stocks of armament, photographic supplies, and technical maintenance supplies, among others too numerous for individual mention. Another function falling within the realm of Supply Accounting is the audit of stock record cards as maintained by the Supply Section. There are over 35,000 such cards here at 4 (F) Wing. The audit clerk must be satisfied that all receipts and issues are genuine and correctly recorded on the appropriate stock record card.

While the foregoing is an outline of the various aspects of supply accounting, the general reader will no doubt



Stocktaking time — Section 22 L Ref 5105 — Shoes, white — quantity 1 pair. Cpl Pete Sitter of Supply Accounts and Sgt JI Case of the Supply Section are taking count.

UNTS



The Section of lassies and ledgers! These lassies ("Fraeuleins" here in Germany) are at work on the Articles=in=use ledgers.

appreciate the fact that the detailed intricasies are a very specialized field and well beyond the scope of this article.

Pay Accounting in the RCAF is much broader in scope than the name implies. It includes not only accounting for pay and allowances, but also accounting for clothing credit, public revenue, public rations, and claims of various kinds.

A record of service pay is maintained for each person on the strength of the unit. It shows particulars of pay and allowances according to the circumstances prevailing for the person in question. It also shows particulars of deductions for income tax, pension or deferred pay, and pay assignments. Pay sheets are treated as confidential documents and no information recorded thereon can be divulged to unauthorized persons without the express permission of the individual concerned.

A record of clothing credit is maintained for each airman on strength of the unit. Some of the newer members of the RCAF may be surprised to learn that the present system of clothing credit with its "cash refund" has been in use for less than seven years. For various reasons it is generally regarded as more satisfactory than the arrangement previously in use.

Auditing claims is a function of Accounts which occupies the full working day of a clerk. Everyone in the Air Force today has submitted a claim of some sort at one time or another and normally receives his due without too much delay.

New trends are changing the character of the pay-day routine. The old routine is rapidly disappearing! No longer does the Pay Accountant Officer, followed by an entourage of clerks and armed guards, trudge off to a pay parade and issue cash by hand. Nowadays most persons have their pay deposited in the local bank. In the parlance of the trade, such persons are said to be on banking arrangements.

Accounting for Messes and Institutes is somewhat similar to ordinary commercial accounting, and for that reason regarded by many as the most interesting aspect of service accounting. The development of community life at most RCAF units has given many of the institutes the appearance of "big business". Nowadays M&I operations include the grocery store, department store (PX), snack bar, auto club, community council, Airmen's Club, Corporal's Club, Sergeant's Mess, Officers' Mess, together with numerous sport and recreation facilities such as hockey, tennis, swimming, curling, fastball, basketball, volleyball, bowling, and the cinema. This list is by no means all-inclusive. The volume of turnover in some RCAF institutes is the envy of many private entrepreneurs. Gone are the days of the old wet and dry canteens!



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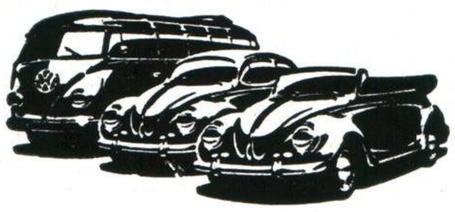
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Probably one of the most important aspects of M&I accounting is receiving the cash proceeds accruing from the operation of the various Messes & Institutes. It is received, counted and deposited daily by the M&I Accountant Officer.

M&I accounting brings into use such familiar terms as invoices, inventories, stocktaking and audit, all of which are described in the paragraphs dealing with Supply Accounting. While there are, of necessity, some variations designed to meet a different set of circumstances, there is not enough difference in essence to warrant separate discussion, to say nothing of time and space limitations!

To ensure that wing fund outlets are properly controlled, the M&I accountants operate a system of stock control. It is a device which at any given time can establish the total selling price value of merchandise on charge to a particular outlet. Then by the simple expedient of a physical stocktaking, it is possible to ascertain whether or not a shortage exists. It is, so to speak, part of the watch-dog operation. However, it may be added that there is a difference between a watch-dog and a blood-hound!

Another important function in M&I Accounting is the preparation of financial statements. It is regarded as a report on the operation of the business. A financial statement is divided into two principal parts; namely the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Profit and Loss. The Balance Sheet shows the financial position as at a given time, while the Statement of Profit and Loss is a reflection of the activities that have transpired during the period covered by the statement. The financial statement serves as a guide to future operations. It indicates trends which may be regarded as favourable or unfavourable. The appropriate authorities are to take note and act accordingly.

The person responsible for the overall direction and co-ordination of accounting activities at unit level is the Senior Accountant Officer. He is responsible for the operation of the Accounts Section, and on financial matters, is an advisor to the Commanding Officer. He must maintain constant liaison with the Chief Administrative Officer, the Construction Engineering Officer, the Senior Supply Officer, and to a lesser degree with other station officials.

Thus, from the foregoing, it can be seen that the Accounts Section does not exist unto itself. Quite the contrary, almost every activity in the RCAF affects someone in the Accounts Section. Whether it be a can of beans that you purchased at the Grocery Store, a package of pills you received at the pharmacy, the fuel consumed in the aircraft you fly, a new hangar door, a new dependent in your home, or any one of countless other activities, sooner or later, directly or indirectly, it leaves its mark in the counting house!

The "machine age" finds its way into the counting house.





"A little disappointing this morning, only $18,000.00, says F/O M. J. MacDonald, the M&I Accountant Officer, as he makes his daily deposit of proceeds from Mess & Institute operations. How disappointed can one get?



The Pay Accountant Officer, F/L L. F. Krueger, opens the safe. He wonders why the Germans refer to him as Herr (Hair) Krueger!





Life Returns to Pompeii

by G.K. Webster

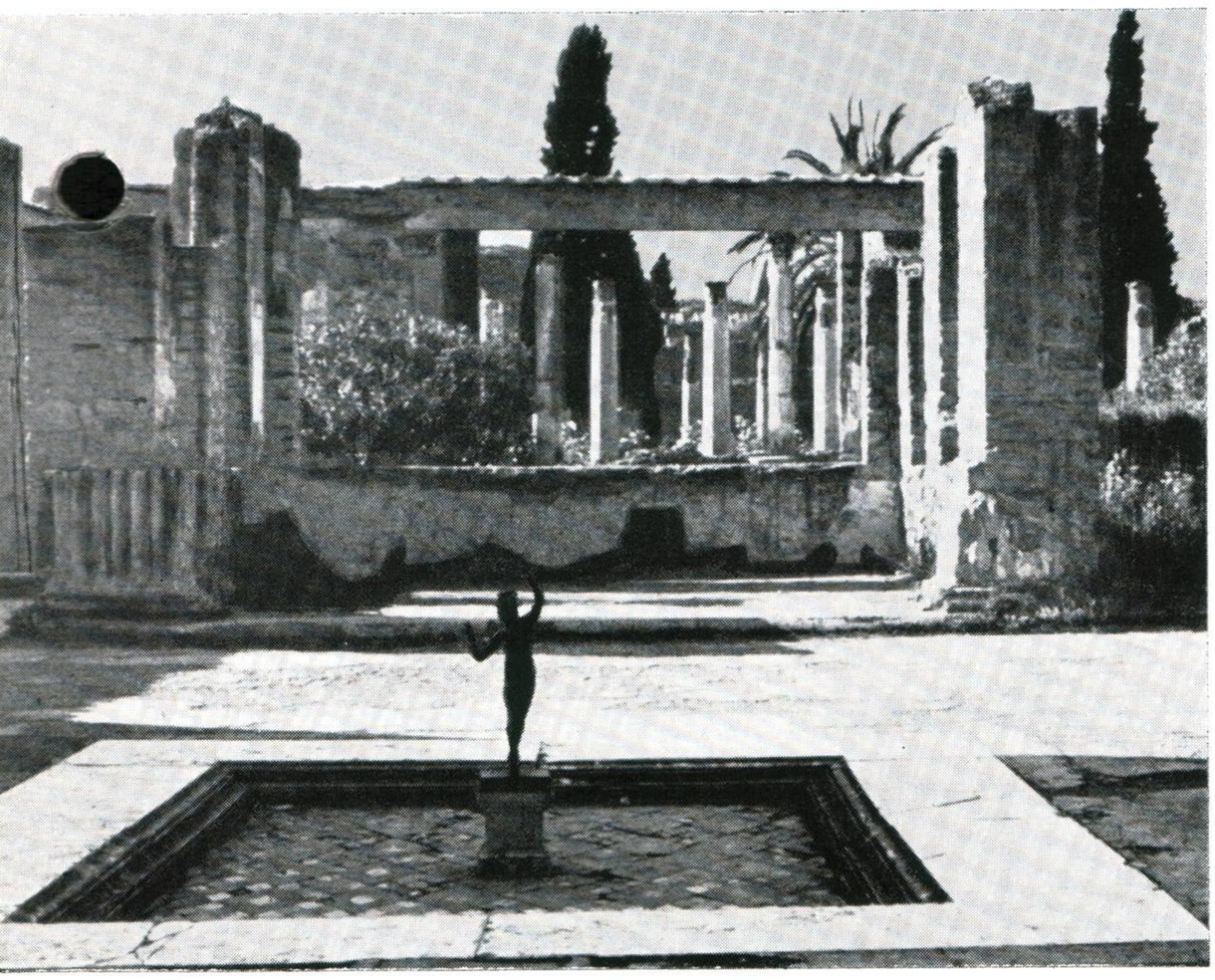
"Oh you from Greece, you from Rome, come! see: ancient Pompeii is now brought to a second life, the city of Hercules stands again."

Friedrich Schiller

It is a hot day in August of the year 79 A.D. the morning breaks over the quiet land bright and clear; the people of the Sarno Valley go about their daily tasks unaware of the catastrophe that is about to happen. Vesuvius towering over the countryside is seen by the people as a serene mountain clad in woods and vineyards. Suddenly it awakes! As if from a gigantic chimney a huge cloud of hot ashes and cinders pours from its thundering summit, darkens the sun and rains down on Pompeii and Herculaneum. Too late the inhabitants see their peril and flee their houses only to find death on the roads leading to safety. A few seek shelter in their cellars but they too perish from poisonous gases in the air. Then slowly advances the dreaded lava flowing steadily over everything in its path.

Thus, under 19 to 23 feet of ashes and lava, Pompeii, a city of 20,000, lay entombed. The eruption was a terrible event but it sealed and preserved for us for nearly 2,000 years the complete vision of an entire, glorious and carefree city whose life was arrested in an instant, interupted violently but not destroyed.

Pompeii was founded by Oscan peoples of Campania around the 6th Century B.C. Her people, menaced by the Etruscians of the mainland, were forced to make a defensive alliance with the Greeks who ruled over the gulf of Naples. A temple on the terrace of the Triangular Forum and some murals show the Greek influence. This influence ended towards the end of the 5th Century B.C. when a more war-like Italic people descended from the mountains and Pompeii with all the other Campanian cities was assaulted and vanquished. The city was then reconstructed and enlarged according to Italic types of architecture.



The inner court of the "House of Cupid". The sunken square in the foreground is where rain water was collected and drained into cisterns.

So life went on. In 310 B.C. the territory was invaded by crews of Roman ships which landed to plunder and seek provisions. These invaders were repulsed but during the Samnite wars the city, it is believed, was for a time occupied by Romans. Pompeii took a fairly peaceful part in these wars, and even in the mortal dual between Carthage and Rome, the Hannibalic war. Her time for action came during the great social war when the Italic people staged a violent revolt argainst Roma. Pompeii baced herself to fight a valiant battle for liberty and lost. She was besieged by the Romans in April of 89 B.C. The Italic army intervened briefly but was irreparably defeated at Nola and Pompeii suffered military occupation.

Here as elsewhere unification was very rapid and Pompeii soon assumed the aspects of a Roman city. A tragic episode in 59 A.D. showed that regional spirit still remained in the populace. During a spectacle in the amphitheatre a brawl broke out between Pompeians and Nucerians (the people of a neighbouring city). The reason: which pair of gladiators were the best fighters. Before order had been restored many Nucerians had been killed or driven out. Nero referred the case to the Senate and the gravest of penalties was handed down. The amphitheatre was closed for 10 years!

A few years later in 62 A.D. a rumbling earthquake caused considerable damage, but being a flourishing city reconstruction was begun amid the ruins with a new vigour. New edifices sprang up, restoration of temples and public buildings was carried out, houses were either repaired or rebuilt and decorated anew with rich and luxurious floors and walls. Factories and shops increased along the main streets. Then came that fateful day in August 79 A.D. when all this vanished from the eyes of mortal man. The early Christians believed that this was the vengeance of God wrought on the lustful living Romans.

Pompeii was re-discovered in the 16th Century when a canal was being dug on a land reclamation operation. Many inscriptions and frescoed walled buildings were found but explorations were not begun until 1748. Then began one of the greatest enterprises in the history of archeological excavations. Since then about three quarters of the city has been brought to light and more is slowly being uncovered. Whilst trying to unfathom all the mysteries of old Roman life, the work is slow and painstaking so it will be many years before the entire city is unearthed for all to view and ponder over.

Many great and wonderous treasures of statues, paintings and tapestries came to light behind the slowly receding layer

of ash and lava, but, sad to say, very few have remained. They have wandered from their rightful home to adorn museums around the world. Enough remains, however, to give the tourist a fascinating picture of life in the days of the Roman Empire.

As the digging progressed many mortal remains were discovered. Casts were made of some of the impressions these pitiful people left in the hardened ash and lava, bearing mute testimony of the agony some had to bear before death relieved them from their suffering. There is one, however, which is displayed in Pompeii, of a man who died peacefully asleep, ignorant of the holocaust that was raging about him. There is a story that is told of a discovery in 1932 of two perfectly preserved bodies. One a wealthy urbanite lying in the street, the second lying beside him with his hand on the other's money belt. Could this be a lesson in Crime Does Not Pay?

Surprisingly enough nearly all the streets of the city are straight and the intersections are at right angles. They are narrow but still manage to have walks running down each side some of which are elevated as high as one to two feet above the road bed.

Series of stepping stones cross the streets at intervals for the convenience of pedestrians. At these crosswalks great ruts were worn into the stone-paved road beds by rumbling carts and chariots that were forced to bump their way between the stepping stones.

If you visit the city and expect to stroll up a street lined with perfectly preserved buildings you will be disappointed. Many are in different stages of ruin, probably crushed by the weight of ashes and lava on their roofs. Many others however do stand nearly intact with murals and inscriptions on the outer walls still in good condition. Some walls even yet carry political advertisements and notices of gladiatorial competitions. Step through a portal into a house like the "House of Vittii" and you would not be surprised if a Roman dressed in his toga was waiting there to greet you. After nearly 2,000 years the colors of the murals on the walls have not lost their brilliance. One color called Pompeian red has still to be duplicated. In the inner courtyards the same fountains spray and bubble. The flowers and shrubs bloom in the gardens faithfully duplicating those that grew there long ago.

Wander up one street and you will find still visible the oven and mills of a bakery. The mills consist of two large stones one above the other. The top one being hollow was filled with meal and rotated by hand. This ground the meal which sifted out between the rocks and collected below. In other streets as if waiting to renew business are public houses where hot and cold drinks were served and meals prepared.

Surrounding the Forum, a large square or piazza, are many temples and offices. These formed the religious, political and economic centre of the city. Unfortunately they are in a sad state of ruin. One temple consecrated to the worship of Venus has heaps of building material lying near it but never used because of the eruption. It must have been damaged in the earthquake of 63 A.D. Near it is the Temple of Apollo with a statue of Apollo on one side and a bust of Diana opposite.

No doubt to the Romans the most important functions of the city were entertainment. Besides many gambling houses, grog houses, and houses of ill repute, the amphitheatre was probably the main attraction where to the death man was pitted against man, animal against animal, and man against animal. This imposing bulk is the oldest known Roman amphitheatre and differs somewhat from those of other cities. Near the amphitheatre is the Great Palaestra, a great walled square internally lined with porticoes. Here gymnastic games were held and on that last day many youths vainly sought shelter in a wide latrine in one corner of the wall. Their skeletons were found there in recent excavations.

The Romans liked to bathe. There were many private baths in the finer houses and so far three large public or thermal baths have been discovered. The oldest is the Stabian Thermae, dating back to the Samnite period in the 2nd Century B.C. The building is divided into two parts, one for men and the



A mural on the wall in the "House of Vettii". Murals such as this exist in many buildings.



The forum with Mount Vesuvius in the background

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A typical street in Pompeii showing the pavement and elevated sidewalks.

other for women, each part having its own entrances. The heating plant was built between and served both sections. Both parts were the same having three main rooms with a pool in each, one cold, one warm and the other very hot. Around the walls were small cubicles for private baths, and at one end a large open space for sunning and playing games. The Thermae of the Forum was built at a later date, but is basically the same as the Stabian Thermae. The heated room has hollow walls for the passage of hot air.

After a time the old baths did not satisfy the luxurious ideas of the populace so a large bath was built in the centre of the city reserved for men only. It still had the three main rooms but they were large and airy and lighted by huge windows. The best of material was used and painstaking care was taken in its construction. The building was not completely finished when the eruption stopped all progress.

The Great Theatre was built into the natural slope of a hill where about 5,000 spectators came to watch plays enacted and be entertained by orchestras. Near the Great Theatre is a small covered theatre which was used mainly for recitals of music.

Thus when the excavations are finished we will have the truest historical record of ancient Roman life preserved for us down through the ages by nature herself. We can stand in the middle of the Forum and gaze up at nature's handmaiden, still periodically rumbling as if chuckling over the havoc she caused.

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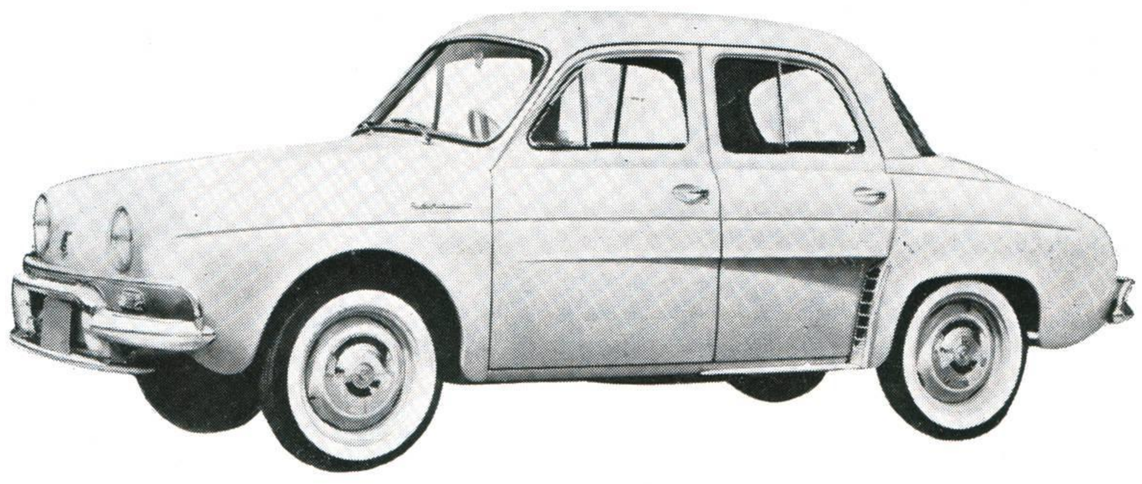
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Modern communications may have displaced the original use of bells as bearers of messages but their chimes are still meaningful and beautiful. We in Europe are privileged to hear carillons of outstanding quality. Many attended the historic service at Speyer when the bells named for the Reformers were dedicated and first rung.

At 4 (F) Wing the music of the bells echoes across the peaceful fields from the neighbouring villages and towns as we hear their appeal for mankind to worship God and centre their lives around His Word.

Let us hope that in this brave New Year of 1960 the bells of each community will resound in a world chorus of peace and good will to "ring in His kingdom on earth and the brotherhood of man."



Wrapping the gifts for refugees housed at Rastatt



Some of the Guild members around the Christmas tree

Christmas at Rhine Valley Park School

The Christmas spirit was reflected in a variety of ways at Rhine Valley Park School. On the afternoon of December 16, a program was sponsored by a Grade Four and a Grade Six class. It included a pantomime of Christmas customs around the world, and two plays, among which was an adaption of Dickens' popular "Christmas Carol". The program proved very entertaining for the parents and friends of the participants. A later concert featured the Kindergarten pupils and pupils of the other elementary grades singing carols, presenting plays, and doing choral reading. At the station theatre, the younger pupils of the Base School provided entertainment which ranged from dancing fairies to fluttering snowflakes and talking animals. On Thursday, classroom parties were everywhere in evidence.

Another way in which the Christmas spirit was reflected was the visit to the Rastatt Refugee Camp. The elementary students of the Rhine Park School raised $ 75.00 in various ways so they could give Christmas gifts to the children at the Refugee Camp. They had candy sales, white elephant sales, plays and movies. The High School students held a bazaar one afternoon and raised $ 125,00.

On arrival in Rastatt the group was ushered into an assembly hall and seated opposite ninety-eight German youngsters between the ages of five and fourteen. They sang a few German carols, and one twinkly-eyed boy of seven recited a poem in German; another sang a solo. Our group then joined with them and sang "O Tannenbaum". The Canadian boys and girls sang "Silent Night" in English.

Mr. Wartnow spoke to the children, with Miss Kara acting as interpreter, and told them how the money had been raised and wished them all a Merry Christmas.

Each Canadian child presented gifts to two or three German children. The excitement of each child was reflected in the breathless "Danke" as each one opened the gift. They were all so obviously thrilled by the occasion and the gifts.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 16, thirty-five Red Cross representatives from grades four to thirteen went to Rastatt to give the gifts to the children. Each child received an article of much needed clothing plus an orange which is considered a great treat.



A scene from the Christmas show presented at the Astra Cinema by the Base School

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JANUARY ATTRACTION

Fri. 15th. "INTENT TO KILL" starring Richard Todd, Betsy Drake and Herbert Lom is a CinemaScope thriller that revolves around a Montreal hospital, and vividly describes attempts to bumb off a Sout American dictator. (A)

Sat. 16th. Children's Matinee. "MARINES COME THRU" starring Wallace Ford is a story of the U.S. marines in action. Included in this programme is an interesting short in color about London.

Sun. 17th. & Mon. 18th. "ASK ANY GIRL" is the recommended film of the month and is described above. (U)

Tues. 19th. "KINGS GO FORTH" starring Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood is a World War II triangle melodrama set in the South of France and concerns the rivalry of two Americans, a lieutenant and a playboy heel, for the daughter of a Negro father and a white mother. (A)

Wed. 20th. & Thur. 21st. "THE LIGHT IN THE FOREST" is another Disney classic in Technicolor and stars Carol Lynley, James MacArthur and Fess Parker. A period outdoor melodrama, it describes the dilemma of a white lad brought up by the Redskins. (U)

Fri. 22nd. "FLYING LEATHERNECKS" starring John Wayne, Robert Ryan and Janis Carter is a Technicolor spectacle warm with human drama and packed with breath-taking thrills of the U.S. Marines of the air. (U)

Sat. 23rd. Children's Matinee. "I MARRIED ADVENTURE" is another thrilling adventure story with Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, supported by a comedy short. (U)

Sun. 24th. "HARRY BLACK" a CinemaScope, Technicolor adventure melodrama embracing the complicated love life of a white hunter, and stars Stewart Granger, Barbara Rush and Anthony Steel. (U)

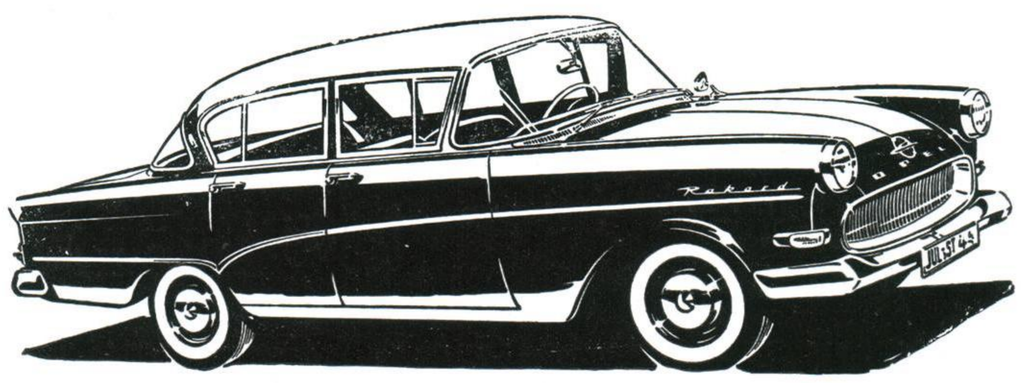
Mon. 25th. "THE HUNTERS" a CinemaScope, Eastman Color Korean air war melodrama stars Robert Mitchum, May Britt and Robert Wagner and is a story of an ace flyer's love for a weakling's wife. (A)

Tues. 26th. "COMPULSION" starring Orson Welles, Diane Varsi and Dean Stockwell is a CinemaScope Charleston period crime melodrama set in Chicago, and based on the sensational Leopold-Loeb murder trial. (A)

Wed. 27th. & Thur. 28th. "THE SEVENTH VOYAGE OF SINBAD" starring Kerwin Mathews, Kathryn Grant and Richard Eyer is a Technicolor horror comic sandwiched between "Sinbad the Sailor" boards. (A)

Fri. 29th. "BATTLE OF THE V 1" stars Patricia Medina, Michael Rennie and David Knight. A World War II melodrama telling how courageous Polish patriots learned of the Nazi's V 1 bomb experiments and tipped off the British. (A)

Sat. 30th. Children's Matinee. "FUGITIVE VALLEY" starring The Range Busters is of course a Western and is supported by a musical short. (U)



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"GIRL OF THE MONTH"



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The January "Girl of the Month" was also the "Windmill Girl of the Year" for 1959. She is Pat Patterson a 19 year old (almost) London girl.

Sports and RECREATION

Hockey

This period marks the half-way point in the winter season of sports and is time for a look back, and a long look forward.

In looking back, the problems which seemed insurmountable have been resolved, if not to the satisfaction of all at least for most. Again as in previous years, hockey takes the spotlight, and this year has seen many changes. The "B" league had little trouble in forming up and getting under way, but not so "A" League. With a concentration of power in the 3 HQ Squadron teams, the flying Squadrons experienced a real pinch for hockey talent. This resulted in the combining of the Sabre Squadrons and a five team League instead of six.

Another disappointment was the decision not to form a Wing team, and the subsequent failure of the Air Division league. The team formed for a benefit game against Mannheim on Dec 15, and played a brilliant and thrilling game with the final score 6—5 in favour of Mannheim. The play was reminiscent of the game with the Royal 22nd Regiment last year.

While Wing activity in hockey will remain at a low ebb for this year, we may yet see one or two games more this season.

Aside from the number of teams in the league, there are several other changes in the inter-section picture. Combines, ever low man on the totem pole are a smashing, driving powerhouse this year and at the half way mark stand at the top of the league with a good margin. Wing Maintenance, last year's finalists, are back in the second spot, with Headquarters as usual, in third place. The combined Sabre squadrons hold down the last play-off spot with last year's champions, 419 Squadron wagging the dog.

Another change is the introduction of a "Player of the Month Award". In each game, the officials rate the players, as in the NHL, first, second or third star, with appropriate points for each, and the player totaling the highest is featured by photograph in the lobby of the ice arena. The outstanding player for November was Sgt McCabe of Wing Maintenance and for December, LAC Mullins of Headquarters.

"A" League standings to 20 Dec 59;

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Combines	13	9	1	3	21
Wing Maint	11	7	4	0	14
HeadQtrs	12	6	5	1	7
Sabres	13	2	8	3	7
419	9	1	7	1	3

"A" League top ten scorers to 20 Dec 59

Mullen	Headquarters	34 points
McCabe	Wing Maintenance	26 points
Norum	Combines	21 points
Fleet	Headquarters	18 points
McKnight	Headquarters	15 points
Lapierre	Combines	28 points
Routhier	Combines	24 points
Goudryon	Wing Maintenance	21 points
Finlay	Combines	15 points
Holland	Combines	14 points

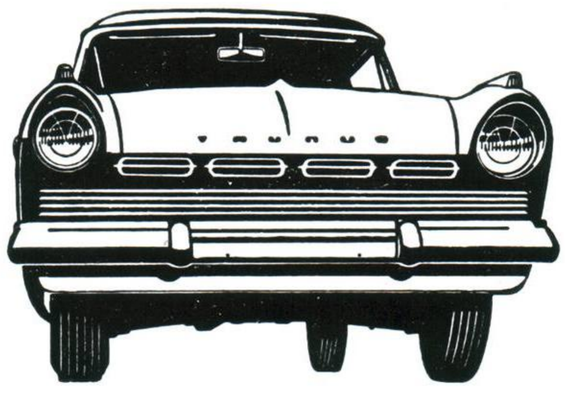
"A" Hockey League — Scorers by team

Name	Goals	Assists	Points
Combines			
Lapierre	14	14	28
Routhier	14	10	24
Norum	14	7	21
WING MAINTENANCE			
McCabe	18	8	26
Goudryon	13	8	21
Racicot	5	8	13



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HEADQUARTERS

Name	Goals	Assists	Points
Mullen	24	10	34
Fleet	10	8	18
McKnight	4	11	15
SABRES			
Gagosz	4	9	13
Fischer	10	1	11
Kunitski	5	4	9

The "B" League hockey got under way later than ever, but will manage their usual 15 game schedule. While the NCO's Mess have proved to be the power in the league again this year, they got off to a poor start, as the Officers measured them in the first game. While the calibre of hockey in this league is not as high as in the "A" League, a goodly number of supporters are out each week to see these teams play and some of the "old timers" could teach the youngsters in the "A" League a trick or two.

"B" Hockey League Standings

Team	P	W	L	T	Pt
Sgt's	5	4	1	0	8
Airmen	5	3	2	0	6
Officers	5	1	3	1	3
Cpls	5	1	3	1	3

"B" League — Scorers by team

Team	Name	Goals	Assists	Points
Sgts	Rafuse	10	5	15
	Brose	10	4	14
	Benesko	5	5	10
	Fraser	6	3	9
Airmen	Renaud	1	5	6
	Gelinas	4	0	4
	Blackett	3	1	4
	Girard	2	2	4
Officers	Smith	2	2	4
	Thomas	3	1	4
	McIntyre	1	2	3
	Clark	2	1	3
Cpls	Alp	4	2	6
	Yakowchuck	2	2	4
	Knowles	3	1	4
	Davis	4	0	4

Top five scorers

Rafuse	Sgts	15
Brode	Sgts	14
Benesko	Sgts	10
Fraser	Sgts	9
Renaud	Airmen	6
Alp	Cpls	6

Wing Basketball

The wisdom in withdrawing from the Wing Hockey is demonstrated in the functioning of Wing Basketball. It is becoming increasingly evident that our people are loath to devote week-ends to this type of activity, and most especially where travel is entailed. While 8 games were scheduled for this half of the season it is doubtful whether any team has actually played more than 6. Both the men's and women's teams from 4 (F) Wing have played four each.

The ladies got off to a heart-breaking start when they played 2 (F) Wing and lost 13-14. This was doubly disappointing since the game counted as two. They fared much better at Air Division as they downed Air Div 16-18. This was a double victory as well. They met last year's champions, 3 (F) Wing, at home in a two game series and went down fighting in both. The first game saw 3 (F) Wing out in the front early and try as they did, our girls could never catch them and lost 36-27. The second game was much different, as the battle was close all the way ending up 26-23. The spirit and the ability of the team is good and the second half of the season should see them do much better. Playing for the team are; Storey, Hall, Hockley, Bacon, Luxton, Bell, Robinson, Luxford, Ing, Tang, Taft, Scott, Coward and Myanishi.

The men's team have fared better than the ladies. Still without a coach or manager and relying on old men (in basketball) like Sabey and Wilson the team has a 5-1 record.

Reversing the results of the girls against 2 (F) Wing, the men won their game 31-30 and this also counted as a double win. They repeated the performance at Air Div by winning 62-54 and returned home to split with 3 (F) Wing losing the first 60-50 and winning the second 60-56.

Playing for the team are; Sabey, McLeod, Golling, Brown, Wilson, Young, Irwin, Neilson, Coward, Parkinson, Dean, Zatina, Hutton, McGinnis and Hayes. With talent like this, all the team needs is a guiding hand at the helm to go all the way.

Intersection Basketball

The League this year ran off a little more smoothly and showed more enthusiasm and more players on each team. It was poorer for the absence of a team from 422 Sqdn but they contributed a fine referee in Paul Hayes.

The champions from last year, 419 Sqdn, were strong again and went through the season undefeated. They were unable to field their strongest team in the finals however, and lost two very fine games to Headquarters who now reign as Intersection Champions for 1959. Playing on the Championship Headquarters team were old guard types like Vanier, Sabey, Wilson, Young, Jarvis and Janosik, and some new faces like Thomas, Bridgeman, Knight, Aitken and Byrne. While not all of these people were able to play in any one game, enough turned out on a given day to carry Headquarters colours to the top in basketball.

Judo

As reported in the November Flieger, an Air Division Judo team journeyed to Nottingham and took part in the National Police Contests.

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Four of the team were from this unit and along with the other 15 members of the Judo Club are planning a gala exhibition in late January. They are expecting to receive two days of instruction from the highest qualified judoist in Europe, complete the grading tests, and then take part in an exhibition judo contest which will include teams from Germany and France.

We would ask our people to watch for the dates, and turn out and support the team. A Judo contest is an extremely interesting spectacle, and your patronage will be most appreciated. Watch for the Judo contest in January.

Wing Bowling

The Unit representative team competed in the Air Division Tournament at Metz on 11-12 Dec 59, and while the team only managed a fourth place, which is a slip from last year's second, the boys did very well under some rather handicapping conditions. The tournament was won by 2 (F) Wing, always formidable opponents in sports, and particularly so in bowling.

An amusing aside was the brilliant game bowled by our Bob Curry, who won the High Single trophy with a 382. Bob claimed he was only trying to get warm after a night on the floor with paper towelling for a blanket. Playing for the team were Gray, White, Kreutz, Racicot, Curry and Jensen.

Inter-section Bowling

With a somewhat changed pattern of organization, the league is running very smoothly and plans for a great finish are already underway. As always with so many teams (24) the spread of points between top and bottom is fairly great, but the spread between each team is so little, that each week sees several teams move up or down in the standings. The league as usual has been divided up into two sections and the top four teams in each section are;

Monday League	Points	Wednesday League	Points
Wing Tel (Air)	49	Odds and Sods	56
Keglers	45	Reptiles (444)	54
Volkswagens	41	Tel Ast (422)	44
Workshops	40	Sooners	42

High Average in the Intersection League

Racicot 213 Pridding 212 Kreutz 211 Gray 211
Myles 211 White 209 Wilson 208 Burghardt 208
Jensen 207 Curry 207

Mixed League Bowling carries on three days a week and much the same story applies:

Ladies' High Average		Men's High Average	
Frey	193	Walker	216
Petrus	188	Kreutz	216
Barkley	181	White	216
MacGillivray	178	Myles	204
Allen	171	Nichols	204
Bookham	168	Cathro	202
Warner	168	Gray	202
Cleaver	167	Wilkie	202
White	167	DeMarco	200
Kreutz	166	Hayward	199

The ladies league bowls three afternoons a week and their 12 teams are doing very well. In the individual statistics, Joan McCoy is monopolizing the board, holding the High Single with 344 and the High Triple with 732, and the High Average with 197, — — pretty good scores in any league.

Ladies Curling Club

The Ladies Curling Club got away to a good start with a general meeting in Sept. There was a very good turn out and the club increased from 12 teams to 16. The executive elected were Elsie Williams — Pres; Verna Wregget — Vice Pres; Anna Hayes — Sec; Helen Curtis — Treas; and Olga Mills — Drawmaster.

The Xmas Spiel was a real success with very keen curling from all rinks. The winners were: First Event — Elsie Williams rink with Hazel Millar, Marion Loud & Beryl Alp; Second-Veran Wreggets team with Eileen Fortune, Helen Raiwet and Bunny Young.

The Second Event went to Anna Hayes, Irene Killens, Mildred Harbour & Marie Porter. Runners — up Joan Byrne, Dorothy Moodie, Sally Smith and Marg Pardoe.

The Consolation Event was won by Gladys Millar, Eirlys Rowley, Flo McLennan and Phil Mooney. Second Place Fran Sommen, Allie Hoad, Betty McKay and Marg McElroy.

A coffee party was held at the Mixed Lounge following the final games. Prizes were presented and gifts were exchanged.

We are now looking forward to the New Year's games. Competition is very keen and all the teams are trying for our Curling Plaque which is passed on each year to the team with the most wins. At the moment Elsie Williams & Anna Hayes teams are tied.



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Little league hockey

At 4 (F) Wing the good old days of playing "Shinny" on a frozen lake, river or outdoor rink has been completely vanquished by one of the most modern ice plants to be used by minor leagues for hockey. We, at 4 Wing, should certainly be proud that our children have such an opportunity, — an opportunity many of the parents never had themselves, to learn one of Canada's greatest sports. A great deal of thanks should be extended to the Commanding Officer and his Staff Officers, the Recreation Officer and Staff, the Mayor and his Councillors and last but not least the men who have given up a great deal of their time to manage and coach our Little League Hockey teams for making this opportunity possible.

The first half of the season has been completed quite successfully. There have been a few complaints, mostly from the children, that one or two teams were stronger than others but that is to be expected as many new faces have appeared in the interim since last season and we who made the team rosters did not know the boys' potential. However, the main reason behind teams playing each other is to teach the youngsters sportsmanship and competition foremost, secondly to endeavour to teach them hockey and thirdly to assist in occupying their spare time.

It is most gratifying to see how many parents take an interest in their children by dropping in at the rink to watch them participate in these competitions, but it would be even more gratifying if more parents would do the same.

The winners of their respective divisions for the first half were:

7 — 8 years	—	Mustangs
9 — 10 years	—	Hurricanes
11 — 12 years	—	Tigers
13 — 14 years	—	Eagles

This year we are looking forward to the 1 Air Division playoffs to be held sometime in March. By the time this article is published practice sessions will be well under way and with the coaching the boys will be receiving they should impart quite an impression.

A get-well wish goes out to Mervin Sabey who is greatly missed by all his team-mates and we sincerely hope to see him on the baseball diamond in the early spring.

General

Looking ahead to the New Year, there are some things which will commence even before this reaches publication.

You may be one of the privileged radio listeners with an FM band who has picked up CFN Radio Broadcasting from 3 (F) Wing and monitored here. If you haven't done so already, try 96.60 mgc on the UKW Band. When our studio is operational, we hope to activate spot announcements and local news broadcasts of our own.

Ladies' broomball is scheduled to get underway about 15 Jan, and it is hoped that the Messes and Clubs will give the organizing committee more support than last year.

A very fine archery organization has sprung up, and as soon as back stops for the targets can be obtained, the club will commence activity. They will operate in the "Little Gym" on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings from 2000 hrs on. Anyone interested in this very fine activity, should watch for further announcements.

Intersection Basketball is over and Intersection Volleyball commences. Teams have been out practising prior to and immediately after the New Year. Enough teams are expected to form two Leagues of 7 or 8 teams each. Included in these plans are teams from the High School Boys and the Airwomen. All in all it looks like a promising season.

The activities mentioned here are of course, in addition to the program which has been active all fall.

If it's not too late — — A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all, and may you enjoy it more by being fit, and doing some creative activity in the Recreation Field.





SOFTBALL: Left: Mary Slaght receives the trophy won by the Raiderettes, Air Div champs. W/C Hale made the presentation. Right: 4 (F) Wing Raiderettes and Raiders.

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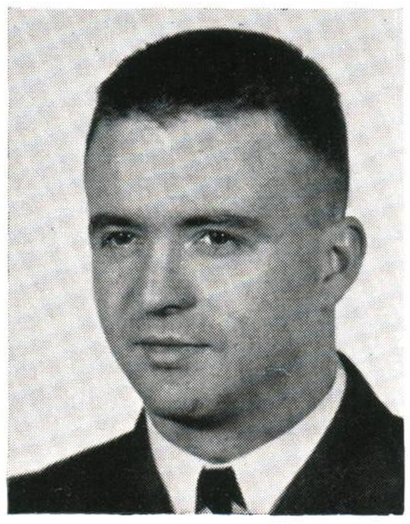
419 SQN

At this time of year we usually hit the doldrums as far as local news is concerned, and this year is no exception. By the time this appears in print, the mad social whirl of the festive season will be a distant if somewhat painful memory for many of our merrymakers. The wear and tear of an endless series of parties is becoming more & more apparent. We don't intend devoting any space to relating the antics of any of our squadron clowns as they probably won't be hearing the last of them from their wives for some time to come. As a matter of fact, yours truly had to curtail his party-going drastically this year as the better half presented him with a fine son for Christmas, and we willingly gave up wining and dining for the joys of formula, dishes and diapers. Two days later another blessed event was recorded when F/O and Mrs John Mortimer announced the arrival of another little income tax deduction, also a boy. For those who like to make book on such things, this runs the count to four straight boys born to squadron personnel in the past few months. Both F/O's Mortimer & Neilson displayed a hard headed business sense when they showed up at Accounts for their income tax rebates before the ink had quite dried on the birth certificates.

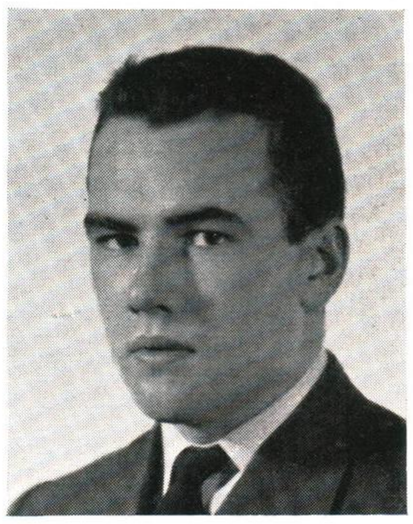
The latest promotion list was a most gratifying one for four of our squadron members, with Mike Carle and Zeke Sicard receiving their Flight Lieutenants, John Mortimer a permanent commission, & Arn Pedde a three years extension. All concerned have our congratulations and the assurance that we'll do our best to help them celebrate the occasion.

Chop 107

F/O Lew Reynolds is one of our more experienced "newies" with five years of airforce life behind him. Born and educated in London Ont, Lew received his pilot wings at Gimli in 1954. Three years of instructing on T 33's at Portage and Saskatoon were rewarded with a 419 posting. His navigator Cam Bernard is a native of Edmonton Alberta. Cam joined the airforce in 1957 and came to us via the pipeline graduating from the Air Observer school in Winnipeg in April 1959. Both Cam and his pilot are solid family men with a pair of off-spring each.



F/O Lew Reynolds



F/O Cam Bernard

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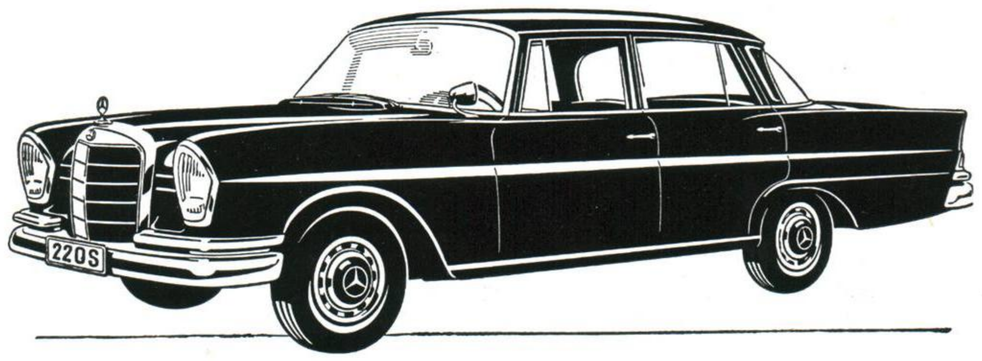
Temperatures	**1959**	**1958**
Mean Max	45	45
Mean Min	33	32
Monthly Mean	39	39
Highest	56	55
Lowest	16	15
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Total precipitation	1.96	3.68
Total Rainfall	1.95	3.67
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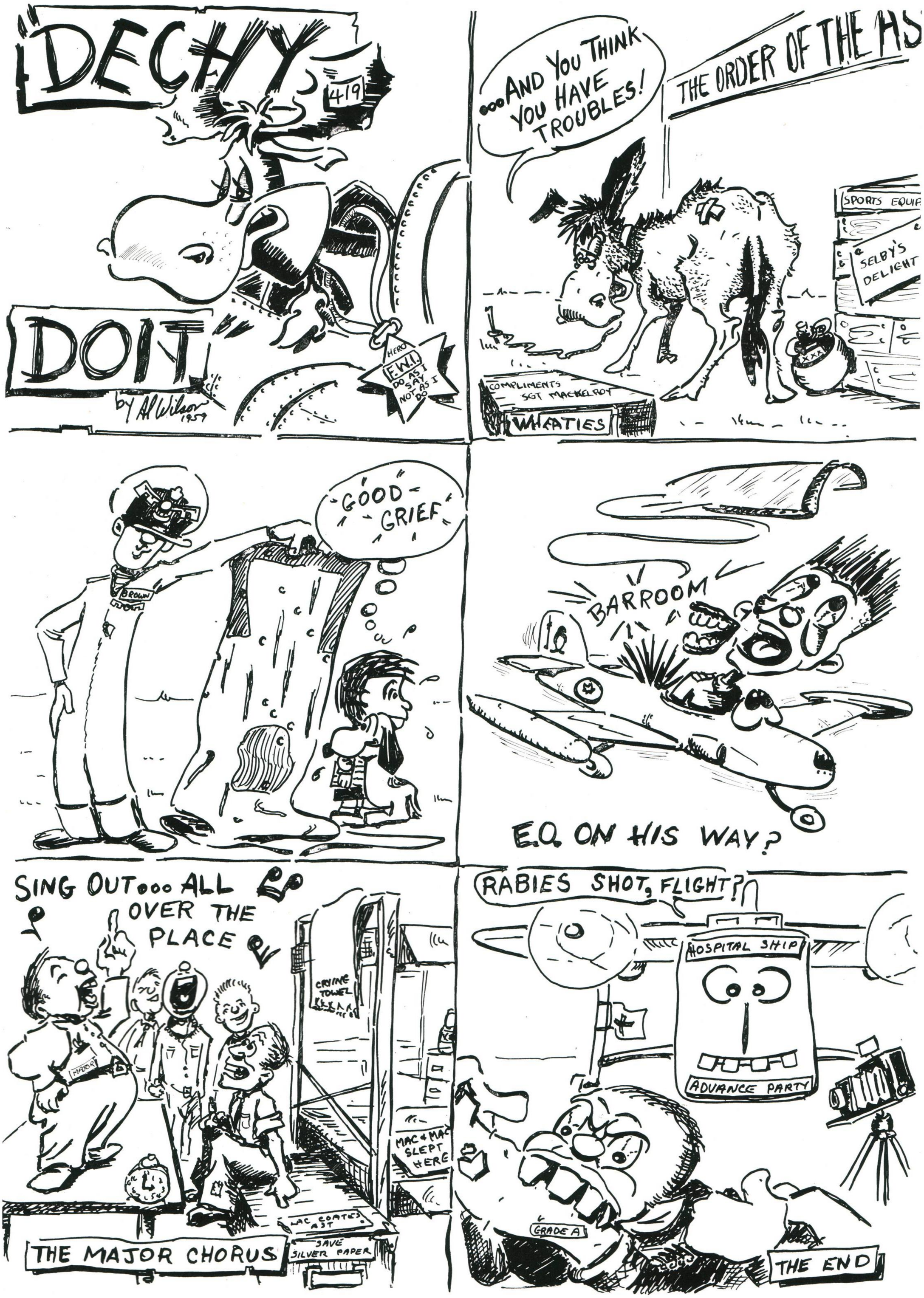
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444 SQN

Well Christmas is over, and the New Year is fast upon us. With everybody still reeling from the round of parties enjoyed by all, I think the New Year's celebration could almost slip by unnoticed or could we be wrong? Perhaps if we draw upon our final reserve of energy we may possibly muster up enough strength to take in the New Year's round of celebration. Most of us will breathe a sigh of relief when they are all over.



F/O Dave Barker reaches 1,000 Sabre hours

This last month marked the addition of another 1000 hr. Sabre jockey to 444 Sqn. F/O Dave Barker is the latest to be added to this distinguished list, and the occasion was appropriately celebrated. Congratulations, Dave!

Welcome to F/O Ron Glen another "newie" for 444 Sqn. Ron comes to us via Chatham and the Pipe Line and is a member of the "Brown Baggers" association.

This month we bid farewell to F/O "Chet" Randall who is departing for the land of ice and snow to take in the FWI course in Chatham. See you in the Spring, "Shaky".

A volley-ball team has been organized again this year and by the looks of the few practice sessions we've had, 444 should have a good year.



F/O Chalmers

On 21 Dec 59 444 was shocked by the sudden and tragic loss of one of its finest members. F/O Chalmers was one of our most active and well liked squadron members. He participated in practically all Sqn endeavours and always gave his whole hearted support.

We would like at this time to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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Well, here is a brand new year and by the time this comes out I imagine the majority of us will have broken most of our resolutions. However, if you made enough of them you're laughing for another month, maybe.

As we look back at old '59 we see it was a very eventful year, especially marriages, then births and births, then marriages. With this in mind, it seems that the Canopy Bay finds itself with a shortage of cheesecloth. I hear that this material is a good substitute for baby diapers. What some people won't do to save their pfennigs! Then there were examinations then promotions, exertions, then vacations, celebrations then suspensions, intoxications then deductions, and infections then injections. Actually it was pretty well a normal year. (Air-Forcewise, that is).

I suppose our biggest accomplishment in our section was the change-over from Wing to Central Maintainance which we are still trying to accomplish. Right now it seems like everybody's in each other's hair with the exception of a couple of FS who have long foreheads.

Then there's that sergeant who wears glasses and wanders around the hanger armed with a magnifying glass and extension light looking for popped rivets in Sabre intakes. Well, with the eyeglasses and magnifying glass combined he must have 20—20 vision.

Few new events have developed. The Volkswagen has pushbutton doors and I hear the hospital has got a new amazing color scheme for pills this year. Ahhh! Progress!

By the time this is published the trade board results will be out and I hope all you potential tradesmen make out alright and there won't be any of you crying in your beer. It kills the flavour. Just ask me, I know all about it!

We've had a lot of new faces come to us in the last few months from the squadrons and abroad. We of Wing welcome you all and hope you enjoy your tour. I imagine that most of you, by now, are stockholders of Hugey's Greentrees.

I'm sure all of us in maintenance would like to thank the Sabre squadrons sincerely for pawning off so many snags and such on us in the past year. No doubt you'll keep this up in '60. After all some-one has to keep you boys flying.

Then there's 419 who had a big year in '59 by shattering all kinds of records (among other things), everywhere they went. We believe there's a place for you fellows in the A.A.

Before I go I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to all those men we lost to the squadrons. Your loss is their gain, and besides the pay's the same.

I hope all of you enjoyed your Xmas, especially those who worked that week-end, and the best of luck to you in this new year. (you'll probably need it).

I now turn you over to the other half of this duet; come in George York.

Here's the Instrument and Electrical news. We missed a few issues and both sections look a lot different now.

First and foremost, I would like to greet all newcomers in the electrical section. Starting with the working men we have Lac's Casey from Toronto, Buchanan from Downsview, Unger from 6RD, Jensen from Cold Lake, Connors from 444 late of Greenwood, Forbes from 444, Jenkins from 422, Ayers from 422, Naso from 444, Veinot from Summerside and Cpl Avery from Trenton. Cpl Schneider has left us for 422 and Cpl Crossman has gone back to Stn. Trenton.

Other gossip from the home of the electron: Larry Cormack is married now, Ray Locke is engaged and yours truly has also crashed down from forty thousand.

Cpl Shand has sold his car and is now looking for a car to take home. He's getting in his 5 BX walking to hockey games.

In the Instrument section the new faces are: Lac's Backstrom from 444, Brubacher from Uplands, Dundas from Greenwood, Sauer from Penhold, Stephenson from 444 and Cpl Praud from 422.

Everyone in both Instrument and Electrical looked as if they had a good Xmas.

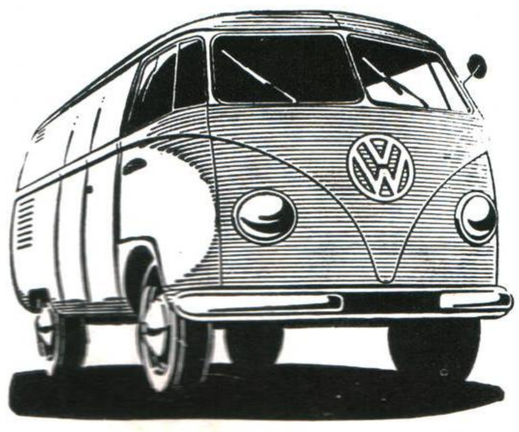
SAGE Training

A six-man team of Canadians headed by Squadron Leader R.E. Churchill of the RCAF has arrived at the System Development Corporation (SDC) in Santa Monica, Calif,. where they will work closely with the corporation's staffs on air defence computer programs relating to the Canadian portions of the SAGE system.

The team is expected to spend at least two years in Santa Monica.

SAGE uses a network of high speed digital computers to provide up to the minute information on the more than 70,000 aerial flights which take place daily in the U.S. and Canada. These electronic computers must be "told what to do" and these instructions, called programs, must be written by humans.

S/L Churchill and his staff will take part in this human direction work. At the same time they will become familiar with many other aspects related to computor programming work and be in a position to advise the RCAF in the coming era of SAGE in Air Defence.

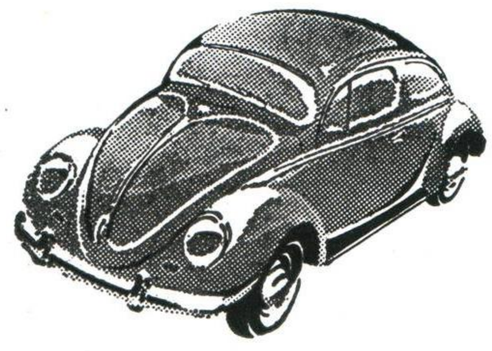


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Supply Section

The Supply Section has been a busy place the past two months. In fact so busy that we could not take time off to write for the Flieger last month. Since our last column in the Flieger we have bid good bye to Cpl Bob Masse who has gone to snow-covered Trenton and also to LAC Dave Macumber who has returned to the promised land of Greenwood.

We have had many additions to the Supply Staff. Cpl Ken Isnor from Stn Bagotville, LAC Bangy from Stn Greenwood, LAC Johnson from Stn Uplands, LAC Bill Kilpatrick from Stn Lincoln Park and LAC Garrett.

The Supply Section combined with HQ, Accounts, Central Warehouse and Rec Center to have a gala Christmas Party in the Mixed Lounge on Dec 18. We in Supply feel that this party was definite proof that Supply personnel work harder than any of the other sections at the party, because by midnight there were more Supply people sleeping than from all other sections together, so they must have been more tired than everybody else.

Cpl Sam McCullough has taken a one year extension so I guess HQ Hockey team will be stuck with the same old water-boy again next year.

Congratulations are in order for LAC and Mrs Hele one the birth of a daughter, Patricia Ann, on 16 Dec.

Air Movements unit have recently moved into their new office located in R&I Section, so R&I changed their slogan to "If you have time to spare, travel by air". By the way Willie, Supply Group Staff are sure pleased to see you over there so they can do some work now but they don't mind you visiting every so often to build up the morale.

Myrna, what do we hear about you getting a bike? We are wondering what the heck you want to do around camp with it! Anyway congratulations on your engagement and we still say "Poor Al".

Jeannie has been seen carrying around lots of goal-tending equipment lately; we wonder, is she going to be a goal tender or what?

F/O Stoner is the most consistent officer in Supply; he tossed a coin for coffee every day for the last four months and has never won yet. Don't worry, Sir, you might win some day.

Lately we heard of another collection to be taken amongst the farmers from Supply Orderly Room to purchase a new honey-wagon to sprinkle their plants, which are obstructing the beautiful scenery that Sgt Easton enjoys so much.

Ruth, what happened to that cactus you were supposed to get for LPO Section? Did you run out of money or couldn't you decide whether Sgt Easton was worth the money or not?

Dot, you always wonder why your name is never in the Flieger. We are also wondering why!

Boy Scouts

In the Dec issue of the Flieger we gave a very brief outline of Scouting, — how it came about, how many boys are now registered with the Association and also who was the person responsible for the foundation of Scouting.

In this month's Flieger we would like to give a little more information on the person responsible, — Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, more commonly known as "BP" to the Scouting Association.

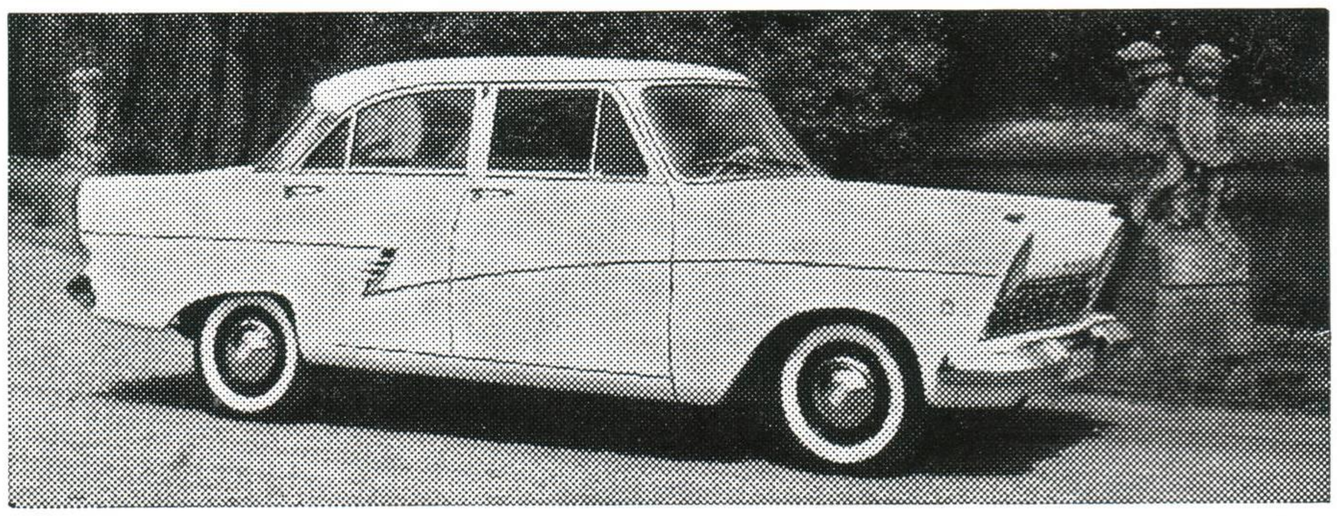
BP was born on Feb 22, 1857. His father was a minister who passed away when BP was only 3 years old. His mother was left with seven children, all under the age of fourteen. At the age of eight Baden-Powell could, and loved to, draw with either hand also was beginning to write. At the age of thirteen he won a scholarship to Charterhouse and also he acquired the nickname "Bathing Towel". While attending Charterhouse School BP began to make a name for himself. He was talented in many ways. He could outrun many boys, also he could play the fiddle, the mouth-organ, ocarina (a small wind instrument shaped like a sweet potato) he could imitate many well-known people, and could even play the piano with his toes. During BP's second year at Charterhouse the school moved to new premises which gave BP another chance to improve his talent as it was here at "The Copse" that he learnt his craft. He came once upon a wild cat and he noticed how quietly it moved so he began to practise moving quietly so that he could sit and watch all the wild animals of the forest without disturbing them. He practised this so hard that he could eventually move up to a very close position without even being noticed by a bird, a rabbit or any wild animal of the forest. BP also gained a very strong sense of hearing and also learnt that by putting an ear to the ground he could hear if someone were coming. BP also had a fancy for sailing and during the summer holidays he would sail with one of his brothers.

When BP was 19 years of age he was called before the Principal of the school and asked if he would like to join the army. To enter the army he had to write an exam. Out of 700 candidates he placed second highest so he left school and took the rank of second lieutenant in the 13th Hussars "The Lilywhites". After being gazetted a 2nd Lieutenant he was sent to India to join his regiment. His past experience in The Copse of learning to move quietly and his knowledge of the different sounds of the forest helped him greatly during his service career in India.

After everything had quietened down in India, BP or shall we now call him Lieutenant Baden-Powell was sent back to England where he later became a Captain and was sent to Africa to help suppress an uprising there. During his expedition in Africa he walked by error into the center of the revolting tribe but due to his quick thinking and liking for

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children he became a friend of the tribe and single-handed he marched the tribe out to the British who were searching for him. That same evening Captain Baden-Powell's Commanding Officer wrote the following in his report. "I beg to bring to the notice of the Lieutenant-General Commanding, the invaluable services rendered me by Captain Baden-Powell. This officer's unflagging energy, his forethought, and his thorough knowledge of all military details were of the greatest assistance to me . . ." For his work Baden-Powell was promoted to Brevet-Major and at the end of 1889 he went to Malta and was appointed Intelligence Officer for the Mediterranean.

Scouts
Number 2 Troop

On the 17th Dec 59 we had an Investiture evening. We welcome the following boys into 2 Troop and to the Scouting Association as Scouts:

Dwayne Brennan Bryan Hayes Donald Yager
Philip Patterson Royston Jarvis Lee Kelm

We also planned for early January a visit from a Troop of American Boy Scouts.

Cubs
Sabre Pack

On the 19th Dec 59 we held a ramble in the bush, the main cause for this ramble was to collect old logs and shrubbery to make a gift for mother and to place it at the Christmas table as a center piece.

We also had an investiture night this month where we were very pleased to welcome the following boys to Sabre Pack and as Cubs to the Scouting Association:

Mitchell Brooks Larry Rondeau.

We also wish welcome back Freddie Dusablon to the Pack after several months stay in England. How was Cubbing over in England Freddie?

T-Bird Pack

Since our last edition we have no one who has been promoted, or given a star for either first or second, and we have no one who has been sent up to scouts. But before the next issue of the Flieger we will have many changes; some will have gone up to scouts some will have received either their first or second star and possibly some will have been promoted to either a Second or Sixer. We have a few boys who will be receiving their first star very soon after the New Year and we would like to congratulate them at this time. The following boys will be receiving their first star:

Wesley Cornelson Pat McKenna
Doug Wheler Bob Talbot

We must also mention that our newly invested Cubs are doing a fine job. They have already started to pass tests which has put them all off to a flying start. So keep up the good work boys.

At the end of our last year's term of Scouting we lost a Cub who was very small; as a matter of fact he was noted to be the smallest Cub in 1 Air Division. Generally we give a name or there is a name reserved for the smallest Cub in the Pack. Well we have finally come up with another small one but, as to whether he is the smallest cub in 1 Air Div we don't as yet know; but he is the smallest in our Pack so we have given him the name which was left for him by the last Cub who returned to Canada. This name will remain with him until the day comes that he leaves or another Cub comes in who is smaller than he, (and that is not expected). So Mark Gibson your name during Pack meetings and Cuberees is now "Mowgli".

Notices

We are very pleased at this time to congratulate W/C Markham on his new position as District Scout and Cub Master in the 4 (F) Wing Association. W/C Markham will be of great help to us all, especially with his past experience with Scouting in Canada.

At this time we wish newly-weds Scouter and Mrs York much happiness and the very best of luck in their new life.

Parents are reminded that after the first of the year (in the month of Jan) it will once again be registration time for boys in the Scouts and Cubs.

The three cub Packs of 4 Wing held a mass Christmas party on Monday 21 Dec 59. This party included carol singing, which was followed by wrapping the gifts which were bought from the 50 cents brought by each Cub to their pack. After the wrapping of gifts everyone was filled with treats and then called into the Grand Circle for the closing of the evening.

2 Troop & Cubs contributed to the Refugee Christmas fund. We thank the Scouts and Cubs for giving their free time and helping to distribute the Christmas hampers.

We must mention at this time that on 24 Jan 60 all parents of Scouts, Scouts, Scout and Cub Leaders and the Group Committee are invited to Rastatt for a reunion between German, French and Canadian Scouts. The place is not decided yet but all will be notified in due time as to where it will be held.

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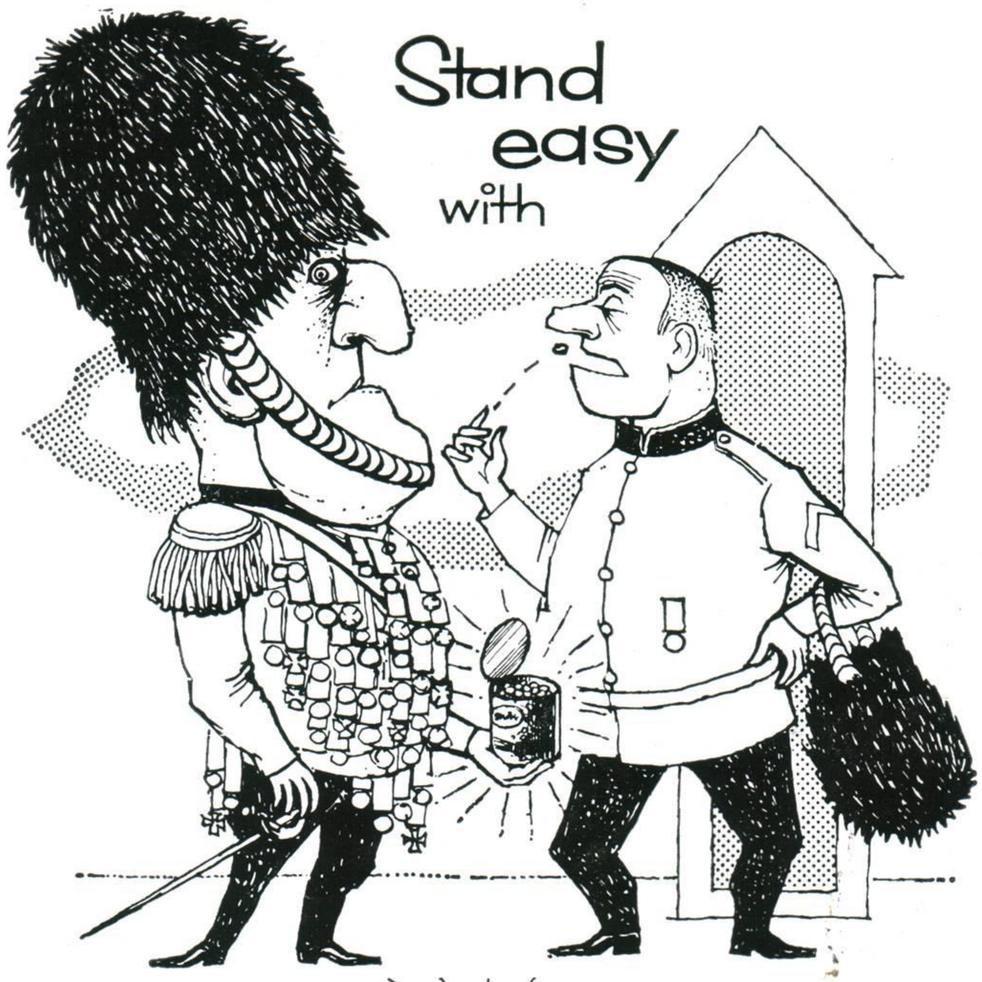
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