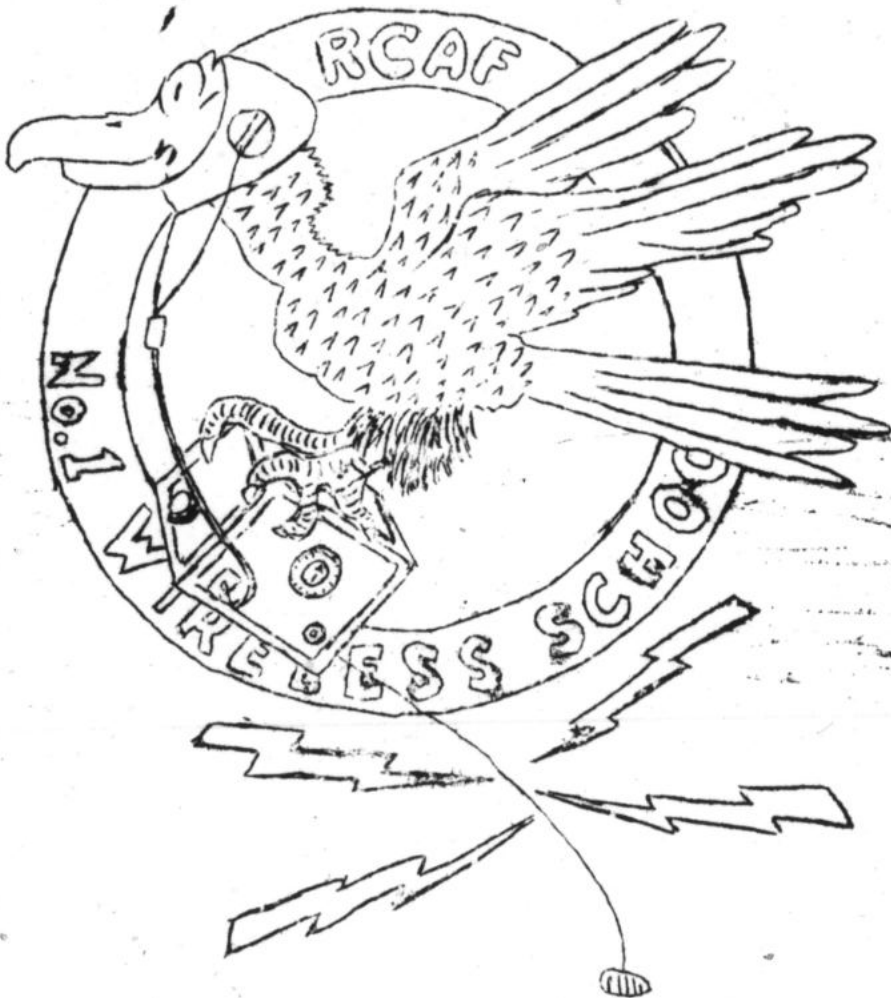


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EDITORIAL

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THE EDITOR AND STAFF OF THE REVIEW AND ALL
PERSONNEL OF NO.1 WIRELESS SCHOOL, WISH TO
WELCOME THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER,
WING COMMANDER R.M. SMITH.

We also wish to thank him for the splendid article published hereunder.
We hope that in the future he will favour us with further items.

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."-- these words were spoken by Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain, under circumstances of extreme emotion, for at the time they were uttered, the Battle of Britain was at its height - August, 1940

Like the famed words of Lord Nelson, spoken under not unlike circumstances, at Trafalgar - "England expects that every man will do his duty." - the words of Winston Churchill will be recorded in the annals of history, and will act as a source of inspiration for all time to preserve the ideals for which we are now fighting.

Many decades separated the utterances of Lord Nelson and Winston Churchill, yet no better exemplification could be offered of the spirit with which the British peoples have been endowed, for, notwithstanding the passage of time, we find today the same courage and nobility of purpose prevails.

One frequently hears that Hitler and his "gang" have so imbued the German nation with a faith of an autocracy that it will not be readily broken. This autocratic state has been developed in less than a decade and has undoubtedly made history for the system at the expense of the individual; the facts of which provide so unanswerable a condemnation. Is it any wonder then, that Germans cannot understand the courage displayed by the citizens of Great Britain and the forces of the British Empire, for whereas their spirit is the result of fanatical preaching and inherent ruthlessness, our determination comes from the courage, fortitude, the nobility of purpose developed for generations.

It is the British tenacity in holding unswervingly to the belief in the rights of the individual that is providing the

stimulant to all those countries at present under German domination, for they know that ultimately victory will be ours, and freedom theirs.

What then is our job?

Our job is to ensure that the traditions of the British Empire, so heroically fought for in the past and the present are upheld in the future.

Canada, for geographic and economic reasons, has been called upon to fill an important task, probably the most important task ever undertaken by a nation within the British Empire, that is: to train the thousands of aircrew essential to victory in a war where air force is a predominant factor. That Canada is proving equal to the task is substantiated by the fact that we are rapidly approaching the stage whereby the impulse on that great Arm - the Air Force, the achievements of which caused Winston Churchill to utter those memorable words, will be mightily strengthened by the flood of fighting airmen trained within our boundaries.

As members of the Air Force, it is our particular job to see that there is no waste motion in our training; to see that every hour in the air or in the classroom is made the most of; to see that we are developing within ourselves that spirit of bravery, courage, and fortitude, as necessary today as in the past. If we can do these things, we can hold our heads high - knowing we uphold our motto -
Per Ardua Ad Astra.

L. S. Breadner
Air Vice Marshall
Chief of Air Staff.

To: Squadron Leader A. Walmsley,
No. I Wireless School, Montreal.

press some time ago --

Dear Sir:

May I have this pleasure of writing you a few lines, as a past pupil at the Wireless School.

First of all I must thank you for making it possible for me to attend this school here.

I don't think a man would ask for a better spot to finish up his course. So far here, I have studied every night. It is my ambition here, to obtain a high a mark as possible. I do appreciate being held back at the Wireless School. It gave me time to think and I assure you, through experience any WAG who leaves the Wireless School without a certain knowledge of the course will be sorry when he reaches here. And so my advice to future Gunners is to build for himself a good foundation at the Wireless School. I believe now, if I were to begin my course again, the results would turn out very very stronger. But it is still not too late for me to make up for lost time and I believe in a short time I will do just that.

And now Sir, it is time for me to close, sorry for such a brief letter, but I know you will understand. I could go on and explain this place, but you know by now what an Air Field is like.

Wishing you the best Sir, and once again thanking you for all you have done for me, I will say, Goodnight.

Yours sincerely, Sir,
Jimmie Lawson.

LAC Lawson, Jim,
R66287 WAG,
Class 4,
No. I Bombing & G'n'y Sch'l.
Jarvis, Ontario.

From time to time we read or hear with a sort of disgust and a bit shamefacedly the efforts of newsmen to paint for us a rosy picture of what is going on in the various theatres of war, apparently to bolster up morale. It is not much to our credit if we accept these ungrounded attempts at pleasantness for the simple reason that we are at war and know, or hope we know, something of what we're up against, and this in spite of the fact that such accounts are often misleading when considered from the angle of bare facts.

The following was clipped from the daily

"Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express today assailed the 'everything's fine' tone which it said prevails in some British newspapers.

"In an editorial 24 hours after Lord Beaverbrook's appointment as Minister of State with powers which observers said would make him virtually Deputy Prime Minister and economic dictator, the Express said -

"Bunk merchants are at it again Among other fairy tales we read yesterday:

"(1) The German army is rotting in Holland;

"(2) There is mutiny among U-boat crews;

"(3) Russia is going to fight Germany.

"On the contrary, we have been licked in Norway, licked in France, Belgium and Holland; licked in Libya and licked in Greece.

"Believe nothing good in this war until you see it and until you earn it".

We like to think that this is the kind of analysis that appeals, not necessarily pleasantly, to a real Canadian - or an Aussie, or a Newzie!

One thing of which we may be proud, in a British way, is that in every case where our forces have met the enemy on anything-like equal terms we have beaten them unquestionably.

MONTREAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Philips Motley, well-known YMCA organist at the Wireless School, was accorded a great honor last week, when his choir, The Cathedral Singers, sang in the Montreal Music Festival under the distinguished English conductor, Sir Thomas Beecham. The Festival was held in the beautiful College Chapel at St. Laurent.

The Choir sang Bach's B-minor Mass in conjunction with the Montreal Elgar Choir, and the performance was enthusiastically received by a very large audience, which included their Excellencies the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice.

THE REVIEW

L. E. EVANS RCAF EDITOR

WEM 9

Being one of the largest classes in the school, with 46 names on the roll call, we thought that WEM 9 should have some mention in "The Review". One issue has gone to press since the flight's formation without even a line about it, either good or bad, and we can't let our class go unheralded forever.

A word about the class itself; we are an above-average WEM class (so we've been told) some of the lads having college education, a lot with senior matriculation and almost all having gone to trade schools for radio theory before joining the RCAF. Over half the men are from good old Ontario, with the majority of the rest coming from New Brunswick. A few of the lads are from the West (it's worth ten marks in theory to be from Saskatoon). As an added feature we have three men from the Permanent Force.

Ask the boys who the "Quiz Kids" of WEM 9 are. The class sits back and listens when the brain trust starts to work. Britain has her Beaverbrook, Bevin and Baxier, but WEM 9 has our Baptis, Booker and Briscoe, "graduates" from WEM 8.

Can it be that there are only four tennis players in the class? Or will more show up when all the work is done?

One last word; don't forget that early train from Toronto on your 43 this weekend, boys.

FLIPS FROM FLYING SQUADRON

The recent Stag Smoker held by Flying Squadron was an event thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks, and the Floor Show! WOW!!

That great big sigh that was heard so audibly at the Airport the day after the Smoker was the boys' sigh of relief when flying was finished at 500 P.M.

What Sergt. was it that wanted to know if there could be a "Floor Show" at the proposed "Flying Squadron" picnic? Oh you Gus!

Is it true that F/O Champoux is secretly practising lassoing? At a cowboy!

Is Doug Shantz of Air Operating Section really getting married this time?

The worried look that has been pervading the brows of several Corporals recently has disappeared. We wonder what happened!

Horse Shoes are very popular during smoke periods.

To the new boys who recently arrived from St. Thomas all ranks extend a very hearty welcome.

A Flying Squadron Golf Tournament some Sunday would prove very popular, matinks.

Well it's time to call up, Home Party. So seeing you, Cheers!

WEM 6

And so the month of June comes to an end. By the time this appears in print (such modesty!) our flights will have been written. Soon we will be going our various ways and Room 424 will know no more.

Before we depart, however, let us say how much we appreciate the services performed by Grahams and Wally of the "Y". There isn't sufficient space to express our individual appreciation, nevertheless it is there, and we hope they will accept this as our effort to say "Thank You", and all that it means.

In the months that have passed we have all made many friends, both in our own class and out of it. One of the compensations about life in the Service is the great gift of friendship. Fellows one would never have met in civil life work and play together, and so many a companionship is born, which will last through the years.

A sincere and unanimous vote of thanks, of course, to our instructor, Cpl. Young, for all he has done and tried to do for us. Trying to teach us radio must have been, we admit, a rather discouraging job at times, but he did his best, and no man can do more. It certainly was swell working with such a regular guy, and to him we owe all we are and hope to be in the Service. Again, many thanks.

We wonder, Corporal, if you will miss certain members of the class, who have, through their apparent ambition to become radio engineers (or could it be instructors) managed to make themselves rather bothersome at times.

(WEM 8)

What ever happened to that eagerly anticipated lecture on grid-leak detection by W.M. "Ghirardi" Roy, eh Corporal? Congratulations, Yarnold, on that bugling of yours. That swing is all right. We wonder what Belmont Park and Mr. Billings will do when you leave. And what would the girls do if "M's" ingenuity failed him, and he couldn't figure out ways and means to stay out late?

Our friend Tom must feel rather sad these days. He has to leave the school, which has been such a pleasant home for him, and he can't quite decide whether to leave as a WEM or as a G.D. Better to swing a broom than a rifle, Tom.

And last but not least though we don't pretend to be Walter Winchell, we wonder who is the worried member of our class who is infanticipating? Could you put us wise, Ted?

And so,
Farewell from WEM 8.

MAILING ADDRESS
FOR RAAF AND RNZAF IN ENGLAND.

SAMPLE:
(Aus.) 490904 LAC Neal D.S.,
Royal Air Force Records Office,
Ruislip, Middlesex,
England.

The number must be prefixed by (NZ) or (Aus.) or (Can) in brackets.

Airmen who reside in Montreal or who are living out are requested to call for their mail at least once a week. This will help us speed up our mail delivery and cut down on dead-letters.

Speaking of news - while reading an American weekly the other day we noticed an appeal for magazines and reading material which might be of interest to boys in the Services.

Personally when on course we developed the habit of carrying a Readers Digest about with us and pass on the suggestion for what it's worth.

If you happen to have relatives or

friends who would care to submit used reading material it might be well to refer them to the Auxiliary Services, Magazine Depot, in the Sun Life Building or some similar organization. It is pointed out that last year's current events and the sensational news of that day are sort of uninteresting now so the sooner we get them the better.

RCAF AND YMCA SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The No.1 Wireless School sports room, located in the sub-basement is open daily for all Airmen.

We have Softball, Soccer, Rugby, Tennis, Boxing, Lacrosse, Cricket and Volley Ball equipment, but since our supply is limited we request that the borrowers will return it promptly when finished so that we will have it for the next fellow. If the cards supplied are properly filled out, with room number etc., we can more readily locate any article that has not been returned.

With your cooperation we will be able to serve you better. We'll be seeing you at the sports room. (06).

F. K. Lisk I/C.

Cricket cont'd.-

A. G. B. Fletcher	5
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E. Jemott C Bateup B Hewitt	7
P. Chantler B Hewitt	8
S. Duff C Kermode B Rob	0
J. Taylor not out	2
Extras	4
Total	76

Fletcher	3 for 6
Robinson	4 for 32
Hewitt	2 for 34

WEDDING BELLS!!

The staff of the Review wish to offer their congratulations to the Editor in Chief, Jack Macintosh, and his bride, on their recent marriage. Happy Landings, Jack!

PERSONALITIES

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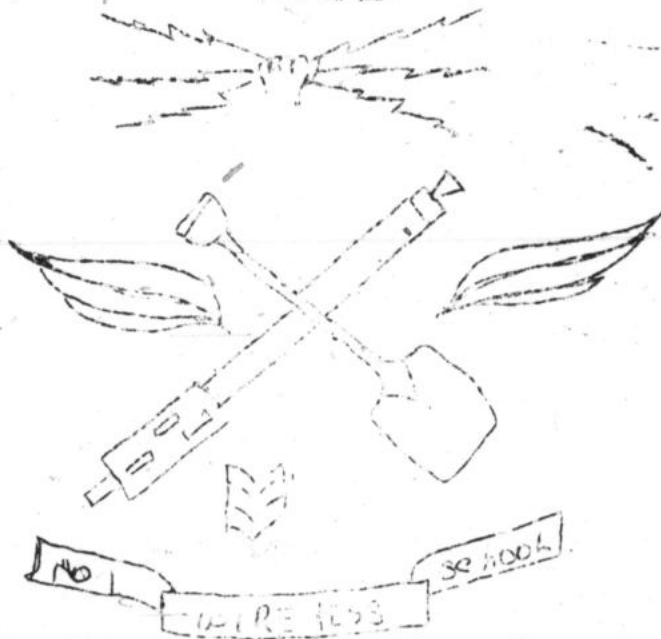
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OUT STATIONS!



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Go on one of the 'Y' Educational trips every Saturday afternoon.

LIBRARY

Under the guiding hand of AC Paquin, the YMCA Library has taken on a new and more pleasant aspect.

In addition to having instituted a new filing system for cards he has also arranged the books in such a manner, that any particular author may be located in a moment.

Also, a new shipment of books has been received from the Book and Magazine Depot, and we suggest that you drop in and see some of our new selections.

HOME VISITS

With such fine weather ahead of us the YMCA is endeavouring to arrange Saturday afternoon drives and picnics and similar outings on Sunday.

Ask some of the boys, who have been out on 48 or 36 hour passes, what kind of a time they had on YMCA week-end visits.

TENNIS

The YMCA has made the necessary arrangements to operate a #1 W.T.S Tennis Club, at the old Mount Royal Hunt Club. Three excellent courts are available here, for the Airmen. They are situated exactly one mile from the School, on Cote St. Catherine Road, across from Brebeuf College.

Arrangements will be made to have mixed tennis on the week-ends. Mr. Jim Soden, formerly of the local YMCA Staff, will act as manager of the club, with Corporal Harrison as promoter.

A limited supply of the necessary tennis equipment has been purchased, so that everyone may get a

game. We would like to thank the Montreal Trust Company for the use of the grounds.

SCOUTS

Since the first meeting of the former Scouts at this Station, arrangements have been made available such that Airmen will be invited to Boy Scout Camps and Outings, during the summer months.

If you were a former Scout, sign up now, and join in the fun.

DO YOU KNOW

That during the first year of the YMCA's operation in the Wireless School, the following total attendances were compiled:

Physical Activities;-----	18,474
Social, Recreational-----	108,557
Educational-----	6,198
Paper-----	504,640
Envelopes-----	211,521

CAMERA NEWS

Camera enthusiasts, new or old will be glad to know of the rapid progress made by the recently formed Camera club. With Cpl Robertson as President, and A.C. Culton as Sec. and with the very necessary help of Wally Clark and Grahame Watt, great things have been accomplished.

Sometime ago it was decided to apply for a grant from the Canteen Committee, for the furnishing of a dark room, but it was questioned whether sufficient interest existed. F/L Archer and F/O Walker came to the rescue, with lectures and displays of photographs and coloured films. The response was terrific and the dark-room equipment has already been ordered. Another essential of course was the acquisition of Room 208 which will presently be a hive of photographic industry. The Club wishes to acknowledge the kindly assistance of Mr. Greyston of Associated Screen News who has come here under difficult circumstances on two occasions and given illuminating demonstrations of developing and enlarging-using his own equipment throughout.

We hope that Mr. Greystone's wife who has been ill for some time, may have a speedy recovery.

By James A. Soden

"We are well on our way toward various western stations, but before we split up we wish to write you, as from the whole group. We wish, principally, to thank you for what you have done for us, not once, but dozens of times. Although we are only a group of forty-five, we know that every man of the Wireless School feels the same and all appreciate it.

"It seems odd that hundreds of fellows, away from home, with no friends and everything strange should be helped and put at ease and given the benefits of entertainment and new acquaintances, all by the tireless efforts of two men.

Letters from New Zealand Contingents, individual Canadian boys, mothers, convalescents, letters from every Airman who has come in contact the Y.M.C.A. at No. I Wireless School, comprise the appreciation file at this centre.

Completing its first year's service at the Wireless School, in Montreal, the Y, under the directorship of Grahame Watt and ably assisted by Wally Vlack, has hundreds of such letters, which money cannot buy, to show for its "tireless efforts" on behalf of the Airmen.

Why are such letters written? Indeed they are sincere. Is it the fact that over a half-million sheets of writing paper and a quarter of a million envelopes were distributed from that office; or rather because some hundred and eight thousand social invitations were offered to the men (and accepted!); because some forty-two thousand times Airmen participated in various sport programmes? No, the answer is more deeply-rooted than that.

It is because the 'Y' staff at this Station begin their day at nine in the morning and continue until eleven that night, seven days a week, doing every little service that is asked of them.

In an endeavour to make the 'Y' a "home away from home", no effort is spared to assist each and every Airman with his problems. In black and white these efforts are known as "personal services." In reality they consist in fulfilling any request, no matter how great or how small, regardless of time, energy or expense. Giving assistance to young married couples in finding accommodation, issuing train information, accepting personal telephone calls and delivering the messages are mild forms of personal services.

Personal Services for the first year numbered 52,720!

In keeping with this spirit the 'Y' has endeavoured to give the men just what they were accustomed to at home. Home Town Nights for Airmen from Vancouver, Winnipeg, Regina, Toronto and many others were held; Scout nights, with representatives from five different countries, for former Scouts; some 3000 Home Visits, wherein the Airmen are invited to private homes to spend the day with a family and enjoy "home-cooked" meals; parties; dances; socials; outings; concerts; bingos; movies and all manner of sports to mention but a few of the programmes arranged for the pleasure of the men in their off-duty hours.

By far the greatest contribution is the 'Y' sport programme. Maintaining its motto "Keep Fit," the Y.M.C.A., with the generous support of the officers, has arranged and supplied equipment for the playing of every recognized sport. Not only catering to the Canadian clientele with the more popular sports such as Hockey, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, etc. but also offering, for the Anzacs, such sports as Cricket, English Rugby and Soccer.

One of the most enjoyed sport programmes arranged were the Hockey games between the Aussies and Newsies, who, previous to their entry into Canada, had never so much as seen a pair of ice skates. These games, needless to say, provided great entertainment for the Canucks.

For those Airmen who wished to utilize their off-hours in the "pursuit of knowledge" the 'Y' not only provided free courses in any subject, but also arranged Educational Trips to large manufacturing concerns - all with the one purpose in view; namely, to give the men just what they wanted.

Thus far we have shown just what has been accomplished by the staff at this centre in their first year of Y.M.C.A. War Service at No. I Wireless School and when we point out that in addition to their work at this Station they are also responsible for the welfare of seven other R.C.A.F. Stations, one can truly appreciate the extent of their work.

Have they succeeded? The proof of their success is in each letter of appreciation they receive. Hats off to Grahame Watt and Wally Clark for a Job well done!

Grahame Watt is taking a long-earned vacation in his home town of Vancouver. We feel sure that the Airmen of this Station will join the staff in wishing him an enjoyable time.



SPORT

D. R. HANLAN - EDITOR -

The Officers and men of No. 1 Wireless School take a lively interest in organized sport. A new staff-member, such as yours truly, is deeply impressed by the extent of this interest. Yet, for a group of young men of this size have we, in the past, been putting everything we've got on the ball? Our teams are good - but are they good enough? We win games, sure, but do we win the number we should?

We have some of the best material that it is possible to find anywhere, but do we make the best use of it? We, as all-men, are proud. Proud to be in the service, proud of our uniforms and all that goes with them. So shouldn't we be just as proud of our sports accomplishments? To all who belong to No. 1 Wireless we say, "If you can play, get on a team, or form another; if you can't, GOOST!!!"

Our teams need your support, all we ask of you who do not enter actively, is to attend our games and give the boys the loudest cheers you have in you. The time to start this? Well, there's no time like the present! "Be seeing you at the games!"

SOCCER

The soccer team had a very good start this season by beating the Rangers Club, at Maissoneuve. Mainly due to Cpl. Robertson and Acl Blore, who kept them out of the goal, and the forward line should come in for their share of praise as the combination was very good although it was slightly ragged, but in the last two games it has improved considerably.

In the second game against the Steel Company of Canada on our own ground in the town of Mount Royal, we came out second best, with a score of 5-0, but that was to be expected as the Steel Company have about the strongest team in the Montreal League, and after we beat the Rangers they thought we had a dark-horse team so they turned up full strength (something they don't do very often, by the way). We hope to surprise them the next time they turn out against us and catch them with a weaker team (some hope).

We were very unfortunate the night we played the Steel Company as quite a few of our players were indisposed which left a team weakened, inasmuch as the indisposed list contained two of the players who played a big part in keeping us on the right side of the score in the first game.

The third game was one in which the team played all out to avenge our previous defeat. This was accomplished in fine style and to the satisfaction of all concerned, as we finished up on the right side of a 5-0 score game.

One of the highlights of this game was the excellent plays produced by MacGillivray on left wing, who beat the opposing goalie to chalk up three goals. Murphy, outside right, played a heady game beating his men continually and placing the ball nicely in front of the goal where it was handled neatly by centre Fitzpatrick, ably assisted by the insides MacMoreland and Russel. In this game the half line turned many a tough situation into a favorable one. Blore in goal made some excellent stops, although over all having quite an evening.

The game of soccer is still popular as could be seen by the cars lined up on the road nearby and the evident enjoyment of the spectators.

Ask Cpl. Pilgrim what he thinks of soccer, and his answer will surprise you, because between his managerial duties he finds time to discuss the finer points of the game. His time before a game is taken up seeing that the minor offences and punishments of extra duty-flight, C.B., etc. do not interfere with the effort of No. 1 Wireless School football teams aspirations for championship honors, and anyone who has not tried managing a team at this school doesn't have the faintest conception of the work necessary to turn out a full team.

This team representing #1 Wireless School is in every sense of the word an international team. From Iceland, England, New Zealand, Scotland, British Guiana, Newfoundland, as well as a representative from every province in Canada. From Halifax to Vancouver come men to meet in friendly competition, and to carry on the good fellowship learned in his respective country or province. This cross-section of the British Empire serves to cement the strong feeling between the Nations which has been demonstrated already in this war.

Our team received the bouquets once more when they handed the Federal Aviation team a smashing defeat the other evening in a Montreal League match in the town of Mount Royal.

At half time our boys had three to

(Cont'd)

their credit, with the other side looking wistfully at a certain area directly behind our goal-keeper. Not satisfied with this 3-0 lead, they decided to mark up a couple more in the second half.

Federal did somewhat better after the change of ends, and held the score the same until the middle of the second half. Peterson decided to do something about this and worked the ball up for Creighton to tally.

In the closing moments of the game McGillvray did it again when he tallied on a shot which had been partially returned by a defender. This made a total of three scores for McGillvray, our outstanding player of the game. Scores were chalked up by McGillvray, Peterson, and Clark. --

Nice going, boys, 5 - 0 sure looks good to us!

R.C.A.F., No. 1 Wireless School Soccer team easily defeated a weakened Federal eleven on Friday evening at the Sun Life grounds. The final score R.C.A.F. - 5, Federals - 0, was a true indication of the Aviators superiority.

Fitzpatrick opened the score after 10 minutes play, and McGillvray increased the lead shortly before the half time whistle sounded. In the second half McGillvray added two more goals to make his bag for the evening three, and Murphy finished off the scoring by getting a well earned goal.

The calibre of play by the School team was a vast improvement over the recent game and the boys passed the ball around with remarkable accuracy.

We all hope our genial player-manager Cpl Pidgeon will soon be able to take his regular place on the team; at present he is laid up with an injured knee.

The line up was -

Goal - Bloore,

Fullbacks - Robertson and Bloom,

Halfbacks - Russell, Ken all, Peterson,

Forwards - Murphy, Creighton, Fitzpatrick
Clarke and Ligerdson,

Subs - Weston, Matthews, McGillvray,
Savage.

CRICKET

In reference to our cricket match against Maisonneuve on Sat. 14th, June, we ran up against bad weather and were unable to have a hit but as far as the fielding was concerned it was superb and kept runs to a minimum. Outstanding in the field were Ken Kermodé and Reg Bateup and the success of the small number of bowlers that were used was very

good indeed.

One of the opposing batsmen quickly got his eye in, and his total was more than half the total.

(Cont'd on Flight News Page)

SWIMMING

Our R.A.A.F. boys really did a nice job at the M.A.A.A. swimming meet a short time ago. In the Army, Navy and Air Force relay, the R.A.A.F. and the Army tied for the winning place with the Navy team a close second.

A team composed of the cream of the three services chalked up a win on the men's 320 yd. medley relay. In this the man really worthy of mention was Lewis Vaughan, Australian surf champion in 1930 - 31. The others were Munre Bourne and George Newsome.

The other R.A.A.F. entries were Reg Howard, Jack Giddey and Ray McNabb. Nice going, boys!

"Water-Follies of 1941"

Through the courtesy of the YMCA, and Mr. Tom Gorman, about 250 of our boys were privileged to see the cream of American Swimmers gathered together in one grand display of diving and formation swimming, as well as comedy and a "Bathing-Suit Cavalcade"

The lead in this show was very ably taken by Buster Crabbe and the Hopkin sisters. These three turned out what your commentator believes to be one of the best swimming and diving displays ever witnessed in Montreal. It is truly remarkable what can be accomplished with the aid of a couple of diving-boards and a small pool of water; a collection of beautiful girls, as well as some men who really know their diving-boards!

As added attractions were presented Kay Carroll's Croquettes; a girls' swing band - and did the boys and girls ever do a bit of rug-cutting to their music after the show; as well as two men and a girl showing us what could really be done on roller-skates, and last but not least, the main orchestra, led by Miss Marie Reberge.

All Airmen who are interested in photography, whether beginners or not, are welcome to join the camera club. Please register at the YMCA office.

(From the Canadian Airman)

"Smoke-eaters" of civil life, wearing a lighter shade of blue in acknowledgment of their war effort, are being accorded due recognition in the RCAF. The inauguration of the initial organization stresses the emphasis placed by the Air Force on fire hazards, and the importance of constant vigilance and precaution. Flying Officer W.A. McCallum, former instructor to the Toronto Fire Department, has been placed in charge of the training.

The "fire department" of the RCAF operates on the "ounce of prevention" theory, and as a result is striving continually to eliminate all possible sources of fires. Every unit in the gigantic air training plan has its specialized fire section, manned by personnel recruited from experienced city fire fighters highly trained for any emergency, and particularly prepared for combatting gasoline fires. Nothing is left to chance in this regard, as a terrific investment in aircraft and equipment, not forgetting human lives, is in constant need of their vigilance.

FIRE PREVENTION ORDERS

1. All ranks trained to eradicate carelessness in matters of fire risk.

2. Special trough lined with fire brick or metal and placed on table to be provided for lighting of blow torches. No attempt will be made to light same until it has been thoroughly heated by gas in the priming cup.

3. No inflammable material of any nature allowed to remain within ten feet (10) of stove or electric switch board or electrical machinery.

4. Repairs to gasoline tanks or other containers of volatile inflammable liquid are not to be carried out without necessary precaution.

No repairs will be carried out without the permission of the N.C.O. in charge of shop or his superior.

5. Oils, paints, varnishes, are to be stored with special precautions, and are to be kept in a cool dry place, separate from other stores.

6. N.C.O.'s in charge of shops, offices or stores must be thoroughly impressed with their responsibility for thorough inspection of all heating appliances and other fire risks in the rooms in their charge. A nightly inspection is essential just before leaving.

7. To guard against spontaneous combustion. Piles of combustible materials such as rags, papers, shavings etc. must not be allowed to accumulate inside buildings. The storage of such materials is to be made in light, dry, frequented and well ventilated places.

8. Under no circumstances is gasoline or any other volatile inflammable liquid to be used or kept in any place other than storage tanks, workshop, or hangar, unless under special instructions from the Commanding Officer.

9. Gasoline is not to be used for cleaning or disinfecting purposes inside of buildings except by permission of the Commanding Officer who will be responsible for the proper supervision of such work.

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N.C.O. I/C Fire Prevention
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Air Force Headquarters demand that all personell of RCAF be careful, and efficient in the matter of fire prevention. Any carelessness, no matter how slight in the leaving of oily rags paper, dust, etc. may possibly result in a major conflagration.

Personell of this station may not realize the danger of fire as we are only living in a 95% fire resistant building. However it must be remembered we will all eventually be transferred onto a Station where the living quarters are entirely of wooden construction, and unless fire orders are STRICTLY adhered to, may amount to loss of life and property, neither of which can be spared at any time, as the loss of Air Force personall will set our war effort back weeks, and sometimes months.

Personell are instructed on this station in the use of the different fire extinguishers and their use, and how to evacuate a building in the quickest possible time.

I might inform you that lately on Trade tests Airmen have been asked questions on different classes of fires, and the effective extinguishments to be used, which counts on their percentage mark, so you can actually see it is advantageous for you to know your fire fighting.

As a parting word, I would like every Airman to abide by the rules and regulations, no smoking in the halls, don't smoke in bed AT ALL, on Chesterfields unless your ash tray is handy, as a care-

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less smoker caused a fire in a chesterfield in the recreation hall as recently as three weeks ago.

Under no circumstances smoke around gasoline, as one gallon of this inflammable liquid properly vapourized is equal to 86 pounds of commercial dynamite, and can do unlimited damage.

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THE FADRE'S COLUMN

ADVENTURE ON THE HIGH SEAS

Among airmen who are proceeding overseas the question sometimes arises: "If my ship is torpedoed and I am cast adrift in a lifeboat, what are my chances of surviving?" No final answer can be given since one's fate would be determined by numerous unknown factors. But the history of the sea records many remarkable achievements under similar circumstances.

In 1791 following a mutiny on H.M.S. "Bounty" Captain William Bligh, in a crowded lifeboat, made an epic journey of 4000 miles from somewhere near Tahiti to the island of Batavia in the Dutch East Indies. An equally celebrated voyage was made about 40 years ago by Sir Ernest Shackleton. With seven companions he sailed a 23 foot boat, 700 miles from Elephant Island in Antarctica to South Georgia, near the Falkland Islands. This voyage was unique because it was made across the stormiest waters in all the Seven Seas and in sub-zero temperatures.

Two weeks ago the magazine "Time" printed a story which shows that the spirit of Bligh and Shackleton still survives in modern British seamen. One of the most hair-raising tales that has come out of the second World War, it is worth repeating.

On Aug. 21, 1940 the British freighter "Anglo Saxon" out of England bound for Buenos-Aires, was attacked 500 miles south of the Azores by the German raider "Weser". The "Anglo Saxon" was sunk and in true German style the raider shelled her life boats. Only one of these managed to escape, a 16 ft. jolly boat containing seven men.

The survivors rowed westward in a maddening heat. On the tenth day the wireless operator died. Then four men jumped overboard leaving Able Seamen Roy Widdicombe and George Tapscott. These kept at the oars until strength failed them. They drifted.

Food and water were pressing problems. Most of the time they ate seaweed. Occasionally a slight rainfall relieved their thirst. Widdicombe broke several teeth trying to eat his shoes and finally in desperation they smashed the glass of their compass and sipped the distilled water and alcohol. Two ships passed them but their frantic signals were not observed.

On the 70th day after the sinking of the Anglo Saxon the jolly boat came to land after a voyage of 2500 miles. It was the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. The two seamen, barely conscious, managed to stagger ashore where they collapsed on the beach.

Months went by before their shattered health began to improve. In February, Widdicombe started back to England but his ship was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic and all hands were lost. Last week Seaman Tapscott undaunted by the fate of his comrade, left the Bahamas to enlist in the Canadian Navy.

Flight/Lieut. Grant,
Chaplain.

I am glad indeed to express my sincere consideration and my profound gratitude to the Publishers of this well fashioned School Paper, and also to formulate my best wishes for a real and good success.

With this privilege, I take the opportunity which I am given to recall to all R.C.'s that Sunday Parade for Divine Service commences when the ROLL CALL is to take place on Parade Ground at 0825 hours.

Weekly office hours, 1945 hours to 2100 hours daily, except Wednesday and Sunday. Any special interview may be obtained at any time during day.

F/L Brunet,
R.C. Chaplain.

P.S. French Books are now available at the Y.M.C.A. school library, for the French personnel and others who might be interested.