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TO THE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN OF No. 3 INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL

By Squadron Leader Denton Massey

It is my own private opinion that forewords such as this are written consequent upon the dictates of common practice rather than principle—in other words, to appear rather than to be read. However, I am very happy thus to reply to the request of the Editor for a brief word in this the first issue of “The Take-Off”.

It may be said tritely that “comparisons are always odious” but, nevertheless, I confidently feel that it is the desire of every member of the Staff of this School, and of every Trainee, to make No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, the outstanding Initial Training School of the whole British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. To that end we have dedicated ourselves, and I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation for the support and loyalty shown to me by all the personnel of this School since I reported here to assume command on May 9th of this year. Whether it be in the course of ordinary or extraordinary duty, on the parade ground, or the sports field, or in the K. of C. Hut, or in the canteen, or in the mess, there has been shown to me those manifestations of co-operation and support which spring only from a sense of desire rather than a sense of duty. I can, in turn, only try to be worthy of what has been given to me.

To all my fellow members of the Staff, may I say “congratulations” for what you are accomplishing. Whether your duties are instructional or of a routine or unusual nature, you have done and are doing your job well.

To the Trainees, past and present, may I also say “congratulations” for your ever heightening performance in the classroom and out of it. Good luck

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To The Officers And The Airmen...

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to you, and may you carry to your next school from this the same friendly and understanding feeling toward us that we feel toward you.

Quelques mots a mes compatriotes canadiens-français. Nous sommes heureux de vous avoir en aussi grand nombre dans nos rangs; parmi notre personnel et parmi nos étudiants pilotes. Tous nous honorons le même Roi, tous nous combattons pour la même cause. Bien que nous soyons parfois ridiculisés par nos semblables en dehors du Service, nous devons en être indifférents et travailler tous ensemble à la même cause: "Combattre l'ennemi".

And now a word particularly to those whose nationality is other than Canadian and who are our gallant allies, our Americans, Czechs, Poles, Norwegians and Danes. You, too, are one with us and of us. Your work here at the School, in spite of the handicap of language, has been outstanding. We are privileged to have you enrolled here and the School is better for your being on our strength.

Finalemnt un mot aux citoyens de Victoriaville et des environs. Vous nous avez acceptés avec une gracieuse et cordiale hospitalité. Vous nous avez créé des distractions et une atmosphère familiale. Pour tout ce que vous avez fait et faites encore, nous vous en sommes reconnaissants. La salutation de Son Honneur le Maire de Victoriaville que vous trouverez dans cette publication est la caractéristique de l'accueil que vous nous prouvez.

To all of you then, Service personnel and civilian alike, may I express these two words which, when said sincerely, mean more than any others, namely "Thank You".

As I conceive it, there are three jobs of work to be done here. First, to prepare the Trainee academically for his next phase of formal training. Second, to build the Trainee physically, making him fit for the strenuous physical task that lies ahead. Third, to build him spiritually so that he is possessed of that spirit which will lift him above disappointment and heartache and permit him to fight as only his predecessors in Aircrew have fought.

This is an "officers training school", preparing Airmen to become Officers, either commissioned or non-commissioned, in Aircrew. The training period can be and is fun, but none of us must lose track of the grim task with which we are faced. We are training the cream of young manhood to fight; not only to fly but to fight in the air, and to fight in the spirit that is born of hate—hatred of those things which the Hun and his ugly brothers-in-arms delight in.

The tools are at hand. We are doing our bit at No. 3 Initial Training School to train those who can use 'em. These are the lads who will "finish the job". Let's to it — and to hell with the Hun and his yellow mate!

Denton Massey, S/L

C.O., No. 3 I. T. S.

Greeting from the Mayor of Victoriaville



Dr. F. CHAMPAGNE,
Mayor of Victoriaville

Hommages à l'Ecole Préparatoire d'Aviation No. 3 Victoriaville

Parmi les événements qui ont marqué l'ascension de Victoriaville dans la voie du progrès, il faut inscrire en caractères spéciaux celui du 1er février 1941.

C'est en effet ce jour-là que le gouvernement provincial de la Province de Québec s'est porté acquéreur du grand Collège commercial que les Révérends Frères du Sacré-Cœur avaient rendu célèbre dans toute l'Amérique du Nord.

Un mois plus tard, le premier

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Of the outstanding events that have happened in Victoriaville, special mention should be made of the one which occurred on February 1st 1941. On this date the Provincial Government of Quebec acquired possession of the large Commercial College in Victoriaville, which the reverend brothers of the Sacred-Heart had made one of the best institutions of its kind in North America. About one month later, the first intake of aircrew trainees arrived in this town to be escorted to the ex-college for the inauguration of No. 3 I. T. S.

This new R.C.A.F. training centre was then entrusted to the command of W/C Burden, who became very popular in this town and was accorded due reception and welcome wherever he made an appearance in our civic or social festivities. Later this young institution expanded rapidly under the able command of W/C Douglas Findlay, who was one of the most popular men in the social circles of Victoriaville, due to his straight forwardness and fine manly appearance.

But the glory which was bound to crown this R.C.A.F. Training School followed the steps of the present Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader Denton Massey, one of the most distinguished political leaders of his country, as member of Parliament for Toronto-Greenwood. The citizens of Victoriaville will never forget this imposing military leader, a distinguished gentleman and understanding Canadian, who has made such a figure in our civic assemblies and our national celebrations, and who has so attached himself to our people by speaking eloquently our own French language.

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Hommages à l'Ecole Préparatoire d'Aviation...

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groupe d'étudiants aviateurs occupait les lieux et l'Ecole Préparatoire d'Aviation No. 3 était née.

La plus tendre enfance de l'Institution fut confiée aux soins du Commandant d'Escadre Burden dont notre population a vivement apprécié les apparitions dans nos fêtes civiques. L'Ecole adolescente a grandi sous la direction du Commandant d'Escadre Douglas Findlay, qui n'a compté que des amis dans la société de Victoriaville.

La gloire qui était destinée à jaillir sur notre Ecole d'Aviation devait être sans limites, puisque le troisième Commandant de l'Ecole devait être l'un des chefs politiques les plus marquants de son pays, le député de Toronto-Greenwood, le Chef d'Asca-drille Denton Massey. Les citoyens de Victoriaville n'oublieront jamais l'imposant chef militaire, le distingué gentilhomme, le sympathique Canadien, qui a fait si grande figure dans nos assemblées civiques et dans nos fêtes nationales, et qui a si bien su s'unir à notre peuple en s'exprimant éloquemment, même dans notre langue française.

L'Ecole d'Aviation de Victoriaville

est notre orgueil parce qu'elle demeure la plus haute manifestation de notre effort de guerre.

Nous voulons coopérer avec les autorités de l'Ecole et les seconder dans la tâche d'intérêt national qu'ils doivent accomplir parmi nous. Nous voulons exprimer, par de fréquentes rencontres, notre sympathique admiration aux nobles jeunes gens qui viennent apprendre parmi nous les grands devoirs de l'avenir; nous voulons les entourer de nos respects et communier à leur héroïsme.

Nous invitons les officiers et les aviateurs à se sentir bien chez-eux dans notre petite ville canadienne-française qui ne porte que des sentiments de loyauté et de fraternité.

A titre de maire de Victoriaville, je veux tendre une main amie à l'Officier-Commandant, aux officiers et aux aviateurs de l'Ecole Préparatoire d'Aviation de Victoriaville.

Vive le corps d'Aviation Royal Canadien!

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The modest village was recognized as a municipality only in the year 1863, and was given its name in honor of the reigning Queen of England. At that time, besides the local lumber business, there was a large and prosperous tannery. It was the custom for the colonists to bring their products (wood, bark, grain, etc.) to the settlement where payment was accepted either in the form of coupons or barter. In the autumn, and time came for the payment of taxes, Church dues, etc., the settlers obtained the necessary money from the stores where they traded.

Progress did away with these primitive arrangements; banks established themselves in the community, and gave local economy a new life.

Victoriaville has grown steadily since 1890, when its population was less than 1000; in 1900, this figure had increased to 1605. Its present population is 9500.

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Editorial

As this is being written the first issue of "The Take-Off" is almost ready for publication. A station magazine is coming into existence. As it goes through the final stages of labor the staff is becoming a little nervous and apprehensive. We wonder if the first-born will be up to expectations and if it will find favor in the eyes of its parent, the station.

We have high hopes for the baby. We want it to reflect the life of the station as a whole. We hope that, besides amusing the troops, it will be successful in fostering and maintaining a good group spirit on the station. And furthermore we feel that it can do something toward helping the men to understand better the community in which we live.

"The Take-Off" has progressed considerably beyond its first stage, i.e. when it was merely a name in our suggestion box (or perhaps we should say, when it was merely a twinkle in the C.O.'s eye.) Generous cooperation has been afforded on all sides and we have no doubt that the station as a whole will prove a helpful and understanding parent in the up-bringing of the child.



Squadron Leader Denton Massey

Squadron Leader Denton Massey was born in Toronto, June 20th., 1900. His early schooling was at St. Andrew's College, and later at Bissell School in Munich, just before the first Great War. After the War, he took a short course in engineering at the University of Toronto, followed by a course in that same subject at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in the spring of 1924.

For eighteen months, following his graduation, Denton Massey worked his way through the shops of the Massey Harris Company, doing everything from operating a tapping machine to moulding. The year 1925 saw the organization of the York

Bible Class, which, starting with 18 members, grew to mammoth proportions by 1931 under his leadership.

Squadron Leader Massey was chosen as host to the delegates of the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. He formed the Advertising Agency of Philp, Massey & Co., and produced outstanding Radio Programmes. In 1935 he was elected to Parliament (to which he was re-elected in 1940) and in 1936 he attended the World Youth Congress at Geneva.

In March, 1940, he donned the uniform of the R.C.A.F., and was sent on the first of the School of Administration Courses. On the completion of this, he became Adjutant of the

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Notre Jeunesse sous les Ailes

Il semble qu'aujourd'hui plus que jamais nous devons être fiers d'être Canadiens, d'appartenir à ce Canada qui n'a pas hésité une seconde à prendre les armes pour défendre contre l'impiété et la barbarie, son patrimoine sacré, ses traditions et sa foi. Le péril qu'encourt la Patrie a réveillé la conscience collective. Celui qui hier encore regardait le monde avec indifférence se sent aujourd'hui un lion pour défendre ses droits menacés. Sur nos drapeaux la devise "Vaines ou meurs" devrait être inscrite en lettres de feu. La victoire apportera au monde civilisé la libération; la mort serait préférable à une tyrannie néo-païenne qui vise plus à tuer les âmes qu'à blesser les corps.

La guerre actuelle est venue reviser les jugements internationaux, à l'intérieur de chaque peuple, de chaque âme elle a produit un classement, elle fait remonter de profondeurs inconnues l'essentiel qui porte la vie. Hier, ce jeune homme aimait sa patrie sans le savoir. Aujourd'hui, il l'aime d'un amour vivant pour avoir ressenti l'aiguillon de ses craintes, le sursaut de ses colères, l'ardeur de ses espoirs et, à travers les brouillards de l'avenir, l'éblouissement lointain des gloires entrevues comme certaines. Hier, il aimait sa patrie dans la tranquillité; aujourd'hui, il l'aime dans

l'effort généreux, dans le sacrifice. Dans la souffrance il l'aime davantage. Dans la mort, perspective normale pour le combattant, il est fier de lui prouver son amour, son culte.

Des milliers de jeunes Canadiens se sont levés pour défendre la Patrie, l'élite de notre jeunesse s'est enrôlée sous le drapeau glorieux du Corps d'Aviation Royal Canadien; cette élite, vous la rencontrez tous les jours dans vos rues, ici, à Victoria-ville. Ils viennent de partout, de toutes nos Provinces, de toutes les sphères, ils sont sortis de toutes les classes sociales, de toute profession, libérale ou mécanique, ils apportent avec eux différentes cultures, diverses formes d'esprit. Mais tous ont un idéal commun, tous sont unis dans le même amour sacré de la Patrie. A ces jeunes, on serait mal venu de leur reprocher le goût des aventures, car c'est là une autre force qu'ils déposent fièrement au service de la défense du droit. Ces jeunes, ce sont vos fils, vos frères, vos maris peut-être, vos enfants; c'est un peu de vous-mêmes. Ces futurs héros qui dans le ciel braveront la mort pour vous défendre, ce sont les vôtres, ceux que vous avez formés. Vous les aviez formés pour la paix, parce que nous sommes un peuple de paix. Mais la guerre est survenue brutalement, et maintenant

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Squadron Leader Denton Massey

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Air Armament Flight. Later he became Adjutant of the Trenton Station, and in December, 1940, was posted to Air Force Headquarters to act as Liaison Officer with the about-to-be-formed Air Cadet League. When the Composite Training School was formed at Trenton, he became its first Commanding Officer. On May 5th., 1942 he was posted to No. 3 I. T. S. as Commanding Officer. He was here only a few days, when we realized that in Denton Massey we had an outstanding man in our midst.

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The Hut furnishes writing facilities, recreational games, dances and moving pictures, and the weekly programme is posted on all the billboards throughout the Station.

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Greeting from the Mayor...

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The Aviation School is the pride of our town because it remains the highest manifestation of our war effort. We pledge, therefore, our entire cooperation with the staff and other personnel of the school in the task that they will accomplish among us for the national interest. To this end we wish to express our deepest and most sympathetic admiration and great respect for the young aircrew trainees who spend a period in this locality being trained for their future duties. We envy their future heroism and glory. We also wish to extend a hearty welcome to all the Officers and Airmen stationed at this school and we want you all to feel at home in these French-Canadian surroundings.

As Mayor of Victoriaville, I want to extend a friendly hand to the Commanding Officer, Officers and Airmen of No. 3 I. T. S.

Cheers for the Royal Canadian Air Force!

Victoriaville, July 29 th. 1942.

Dr. FELIX CHAMPAGNE,
Mayor of Victoriaville.

Corporal's Blow-Out

A very successful "cabaret" dance was held by the Corporal's Club in the K. of C. Hut on July 21st. The dancing got under way at about 9.30, with approximately 60 members with their girl friends and wives.

The dance got off to a rather slow start, but fortunately after the first few rounds things really started to hum. There were three "spot" dances during the course of the evening the first won by Cpl. Richler, the second by Cpl. Greer, and the final one a tie between Sgt-Major Blanchette and Cpl. Pointer, so, to keep everybody happy, they were both presented with prizes.

At about eleven thirty the refreshments were served. They were most enjoyable, the only trouble being that apparently the termites got into the kitchen ahead of the waiters.

Several guests dropped in during the evening, among whom were F/O Ayotte and Mrs. Ayotte, P/O Hern and Mrs. Hern, and about eleven thirty it was noticed that F/Lt. Renaud was there, but he disappeared so quickly that it caused quite a controversy the next morning as to whether he was actually there or not.

During the latter part of the evening, Sgt-Major Blanchette honoured (subject to verbal controversy) us with a few vocal selections under the very baleful stares of his wife and Sgt.-Major Kirkham. He was accompanied at the piano by Cpl. Jullyan's lady friend, Miss Vary.

About one o'clock the dance broke up and everybody went home tired but very well pleased. Thanks are due to Cpl. Gauvin who ran the dance and did a mighty fine job of it, and Cpl. Patterson, who acted as M.C. and record changer.



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The Hanchet-Taylor sports trophy was won for the first time this season jointly by "Headquarters" and "B" Flight; the second time by "F" Flight. The said "F" Flight turned in some hard fought soft ball and volley ball games to win with 40 points. "Officers" placed second with 30 points while "G" Flight was third with 25. For a time the "Officers" threatened to win the fortnightly series, as they placed some strong tennis teams headed by the C. O. and P/O Hern in the competitions. (Incidentally the C. O. tosses a wicked ball in the softball games). "F" Flight was strong on volley ball, however, and their team, made up entirely of Poles, proved to be unbeatable. Apparently the Poles played a lot of Volley ball in Europe where, we understand, they practised with a sixteen pound shot instead of a ball.

Gymnasts Dream Coming True

Now that the Drill Hall and Gymnasium, Par Excellence, has opened with a bang, the dreams of Cpls. Chesley and Dixon, PTI's., appear to be in a fair way of coming true. Their eyes sparkle as they tell of plans for tumbling, high and low bar and horse work, boxing tournaments, indoor tennis, softball, badminton, etc., etc. And some hundreds of other eyes sparkled the other day when the C.O. intimated that the Drill Hall might be used again for dancing (or *was* it dancing?).

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R.C.A.F. Wins Over Fashion-Craft

P/O Hern's Baseball team (L&M Flights) proved to be too good for the Fashion Craft team when they met at the local stadium on July 26th. Smart fielding and good hitting combined with the air-tight pitching of Lefty Wally Crate brought the score to 10-0 at the end of the fourth. At the beginning of the fifth Alphonse Charland galloped up on a prancing white charger. Perhaps it was due to his red shirt, for just then Albert Martineau, Fashion Craft's 1st baseman and number one hitter, drove deep into centre field for a three bagger. At this time your reporter burned his left fore-finger quite badly and before he got going again Fashion Craft had batted in six runs. From then on it was a nip and tuck battle with brilliant hitting on both sides. Fashion Craft's Lafond relieved Cote in the pitcher's box, but he couldn't stop the steady hittings by R.C.A.F. Fashion Craft too continued to hit, led by Martineau, Roberge, Vallier and Fournier. Finally Dunster relieved Lefty Crate for R.C.A.F., but it didn't help much. The game ended 22-11 in favor of the Air Force team. Umpires were Sgt. Major Blanchette and Ronnie Hamel.

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The Lieut.-Governor taking the salute, (in rear) G/C A. Raymond, G/C F. G. Waite and Lieut-Col. Papineau.



Major-General Sir Eugene Fiset, K.C., M.G., D.S.O., M.D., Lieut.-Gov. of Quebec.



Trooping the colours on the route march through Victoriaville.



The R.C.A.F. Central Band on parade



At the Band concert in the Drill Hall

The Lieutenant Governor Dedicates the Drill Hall

A milestone in the history of Victoriaville, and of No. 3 Initial Training School particularly, was marked by the visit of Sir Eugene Fiset, K.C., M.G., D.S.O., M.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, and Lady Fiset on July 23rd; a visit arranged through the initiative of S/L Denton Massey, C.O. of the school, for the official opening of the new drill hall.

The Commanding Officer and his worship the mayor, Dr. F. Champagne, met the Lieutenant-Governor at the outskirts of the town with the entire personnel of No. 3 I. T. S., with the exception of a skeleton staff, formed up in column-of-route with the Colours on parade and the R.C.A.F. Central Band in splendid array. On his arrival his honor was given the royal salute in formal greeting and escorted through the town to the city hall.

Flanking the car of the Lieutenant-Governor were an escort made up of six nationalities, the representatives of which were AC2 Laferrière (Canada), AC2 Murphy (United States),

AC2 Ludwigsen (Norway), AC2 Basaraba (Poland), AC2 Coleman (England) and AC2 Nagey (Czechoslovakia).

At the town hall an official address of welcome was made by Dr. Champagne and Sir Eugene Fiset expressed his appreciation and his pleasure at being in Victoriaville. A welcoming address by S/L Massey was followed by the introduction of local representatives to the vice-regal party. The golden book was signed by the distinguished visitors.

At the luncheon which followed in the officers' mess at the station, where the Lieutenant-Governor and his lady were escorted after the reception, several ladies were present to meet his honour and Lady Fiset. They were Mrs. Massey, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Champagne, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Paquin, Mrs. Renault, Mrs. Beaudette, Mrs. Firby, Mrs. Vaillant and Mrs. Bolton.

In the afternoon the parade was again assembled; the colours were

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The C.O. hands over the parade to Major-General Sir Eugène Fiset.

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marched on; and the whole handed over to the Lieutenant-Governor.

During his inspection of the parade his honor congratulated the commander of the guard of honour, F/L Dubuc, and F/O Gelfand. Recognizing in F/O Montizambert a former soldier with whom he had served in the Boer War, he stopped for a chat. F/L Métayer, F/O Perrault and all Squadron Commanders were presented, as well as many trainees.

With the inspection completed the squadrons were formed into a hollow square and the Precision Squadron gave an exhibition of precision drill. They were followed by the Ottawa Central Band, which went faultlessly through the intricacies of a musical march drill and retired with the applause of the spectators and all ranks.

The parade was then moved off and reassembled in the drill hall for the

official opening of the building. S/L Massey gave an address of welcome in English and French and in his reply Sir Eugene congratulated him especially and his men as well on the manner in which the affair had been conducted.

Recalling pleasant associations in the past with S/L Massey in the House of Commons his honour expressed his pleasure at meeting an old friend. The trainees, he continued, represented the men to whom Canada would be indebted for the winning of the war.

Addresses were also made by Dr. Champagne and by Group Captain F. G. Waite, Acting Air Officer Commanding, and as a final gesture Sir Eugene and Lady Fiset were presented with a crest of the Province of Quebec which had been made by F/O Perrault and which won expressions of gratitude and praise from his honour.

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In the officers mess the officers and guests were later presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady Fiset and their party, and at 1800 hours the vice-regal party were escorted to their car by S/L Massey and left for Quebec.

In the evening the new drill hall was initiated into the life of the station by a concert given by the R.C.A.F. Central Band under the direction of F/S Kirkwood, and a dance followed for which a part of the R.C.A.F. Central Band provided the music.

Comments have indicated that the ceremony was conducted in such a manner as to reflect considerable credit on the station's entire personnel. Essentially it appears as an indication of ability and initiative of the commanding officer of the station.

Other distinguished guests at the ceremony were : G/C A. Raymond, C.O. of No. 5 Manning Depot, G/C Lunden, C.O. of No. 12 Equipment Depot, G/C Scott, C.O. of No. 13 S.F.T.S., W/C Dubuc, C.O. of No. 4 Manning Depot, S/L Paquin from A.F.H.Q., S/L David, C.S.O. of No. 11 E.F.T.S., S/L Archambault, C.S.O. of No. 8 A.O.S., F/L Roe from No. 4 Manning Depot, F/O Charbonneau, No. 11 E.F.T.S., and F/O Bolton.

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Dominion Day Ceremonies

The unfurling of the Union Jack on the new flag pole in front of the Administration Building on the afternoon of Dominion Day was a notable event. Several hundred people occupied chairs on the lawn when the Wing was marched into position around the circular driveway, with the Guard of Honour drawn up directly in front of the building. The firing of a "feu de joie" by the Guard was an impressive part of the ceremony.

The Commanding Officer, who thanked the Brompton Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd., for donating the beautiful tree which formed the flag pole, introduced Dr. Félix Champagne, mayor of Victoriaville, who raised the flag. The Victoriaville Band was in attendance and added much to the event. Following the flag raising, the guests adjourned to the parade

ground, where the Wing marched past the Mayor, Major Alain, of the 4th Army Troops, R.C.E. (Reserve), and the C. O.

On raising the Union Jack, Mayor Champagne said :

"I wish first to thank the donors of this magnificent flag-pole and then the directors of this magnificent Air Force School for today's fine demonstration. The Union Jack which you now see flying recalls to us one of the great historic facts of our country, our beloved Canada.

"When the French flag, in the hands of Montcalm, was defeated by Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham, Canada became an English possession. The 60,000 inhabitants of the country at that time understood their duty towards their conquerors, the English, a valorous nation.

"We, French-Canadians, made our requests as a people under the British Crown; our rights, our language, our faith, our customs have always been safeguarded under the British flag.

"In the sombre times through which we are passing, there must be but one flag, the British flag. We must unite, for there is only one Canadian nation. Those who do the greatest harm to the country are the extremists who try to destroy the well-being of the one or of the other race in the country. Let us be true patriots by recognizing the virtues of each of the great races which comprise Canada."

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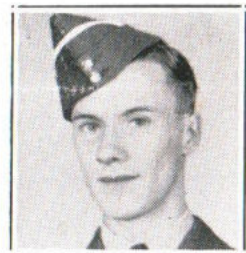
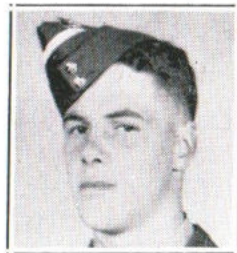
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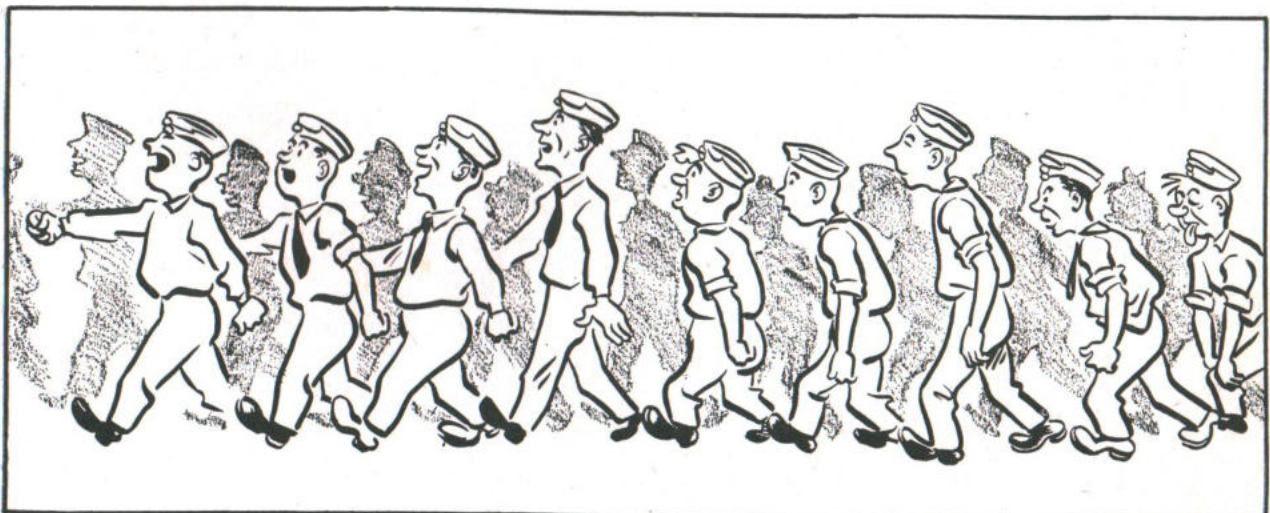
H. R. Scheiding, of London, Ontario, and C. D. Fraser, DesMonts, Quebec, split the honors in course 54, making 976 marks each on their I. T. S. course. As an acknowledgement of their achievement each was presented with an engraved cigarette lighter by the Commanding Officer.

W. J. Countryman's 975 marks placed him first in Course 55. Immediately after graduating he left for his home at Belleville, Ont., in order to squeeze in a few days leave before reporting to 8 A. O. S. at Ancienne Lorette. As a result we didn't have time to get his photograph taken.

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Much ado in the line of face-lifting in the mess (and it is a mess). Much tearing down of walls, panelling of new ones and what's left of the old ones, pounding of nails sawing of wood, etc. What with two pianos, and two would-be artists playing the same piece in different keys, besides all this, it's a really homey, quiet, and peaceful place to live in.



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How often I reach
 For a bottle of “screech”,
 And sit me down to get tight.
 I see snakes on the wall,
 Pink elephants crawl
 On the ceiling, all day and all night.

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WANTED : Suggestions for a sure Snore Cure. All correspondence should be addressed to Elmer Q. Zilch, in care of this paper. (Fire Chief, please note.)

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Once upon a time... ball game. Pat Winder injured. Limped to Hospital. Put to bed. Possible fracture. Arthabaska next day. X-ray taken. No fracture. More bed. Sick leave. Still limps (probably).

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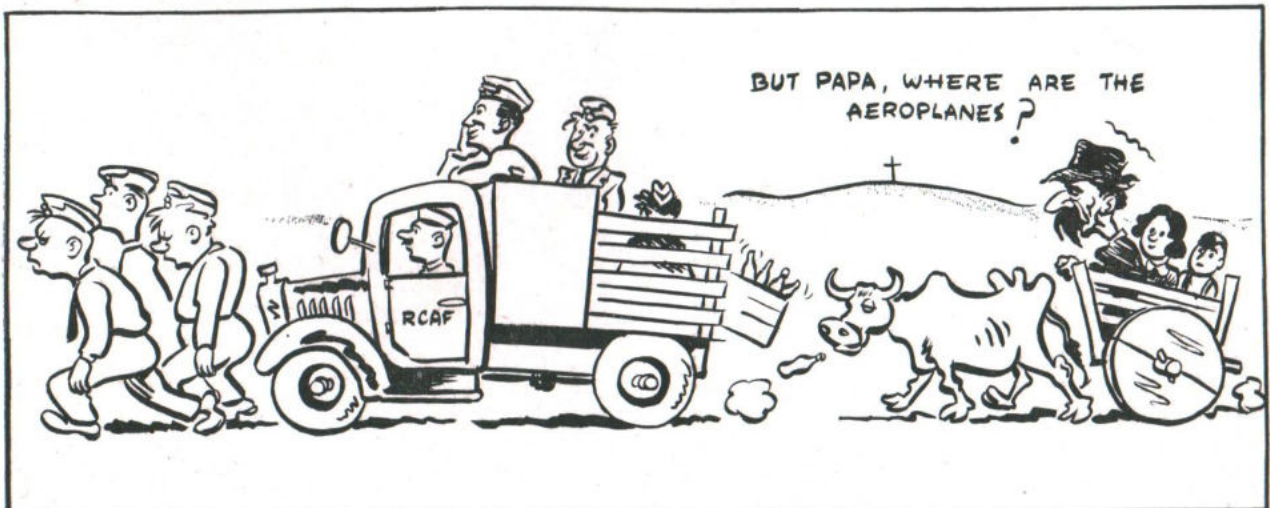
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ENTER "K" FLIGHT



"K" Flight, composed of lads from the far flung corners of Canada, arrived here July 4th., some having completed guard duty. Others including Cpls. Buhr, Barteau and Hooshley and Sgt. Durant, having remustered to Aircrew.

Sarge Durant has five years of service to his "K" Flight Senior credit. Cpl. Buhr was appointed official Barrack Warden and is now affectionately referred to as "Ole Mother" Buhr. V. E. Mayhew, known as "Bob" to his many friends, was the unanimous choice to fill the position of Flight Senior.

Tallest man in the Flight is big Sid "Flip Flop" Philp. Big "Flip Flop" has to wait for a clear day to tell whether his shoes are shined. Shortest man in the group is Junior Roddie, sometimes referred to as the "Little Colonel". How such a small package can make so much noise is unbelievable.

A great change has come over Ronald "Big Mac" MacDonald. Before coming here, "Big Mac" could sleep through an earthquake; now, lo and behold, he arouses the bugler at six a. m. on his own volition. Wonders will never cease!

Our Flight Commander, F/O W. A. M. Catton, has instilled a keen sense of duty in all of us. Our Sergeant J. R. Laberge possesses a military bearing which is the wonder of all the flight. Let us in on the secret, Sarge. How do you keep your back so straight for so long for so little?

BYCHOWSKI BROADCASTS

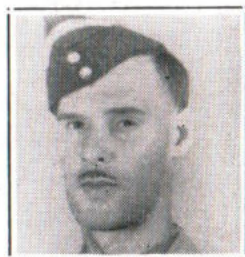


AC2 J. R. Bychowski After resistance collapsed, Bychowski hid away in Warsaw for several days and then, hearing that his parents had gone to Lithuania, he escaped through the German lines and made his way there. Before the occupation of Lithuania the family went to Sweden. After two years they were able to make their way across Russia to Vladivostock and thence to the United States, where Bychowski's father, a physician and professor of psychiatry is now a psychiatric specialist at the Bellevue Hospital, New York.

AC2 Bychowski, J. R., flew to New York to participate in the "March of Time" broadcast on July 16th. He is one of the "F" Flight Poles who, having escaped from Poland after the German invasion, are now preparing themselves to take another crack at the Hun.

"L" FLIGHT NEWS

We arrived late in the night of July 19th and found No. 3 I.T.S. very much to our liking. F/O Gelfand, our Flight Commander, and Sgt. Henaire, our N.C.O., are looking after our general welfare: no complaints so far. AC2 Ralph Henders was elected Flight Senior and Cpl. Martin McDonald, Barrack Warden. Graduation is Sept. 11th.



34 of the flight are ex-Precision Squad men from No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, and 10, including 3 sergeants and 3 Corporals, have remustered from ground crew duties. Some of the latter have service records of years.

Sgt. Smeed, a Permanent Force man, completed 5 years' service last May; Sgt. DeBow, our 210 lbs. heavyweight, joined up in the early months of the war. Mike Relahan, of the Precision Squad, had 18 months in the Active Army before he saw the light.

We have 3 men from the United States, Charlie Hawes, "Tubby" Landry and Eric Newton; and one man from the British West-Indies. Ken Veira is that lone soul, hailing from the island of St. Kitts. All provinces of the Dominion are represented. Our "local yokel" is "Smoke Corporal" Riddle, whose home is in nearby Danville. We hope his proximity to home will not tempt him to do anything rash.

THE I'S HAVE IT

"I" Flight (Course 56) is an exceptional course insofar as we are the smallest class ever to go through the Victoriaville machinery — something new has been added. With a roll-call of but 42 men, all but eight are "re-musters". Small in size perhaps, but watch our score!



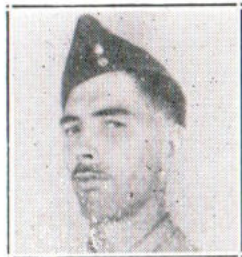
Our Flight Commander is F/O Comeau, and Sgt. MacDonald (our Flight N.C.O.) was recently promoted from Corporal when it was discovered that he was heading such a remarkable Flight. Flight Senior is Sgt. Slater. Barrack Warden is Cpl. Gaudet. Poland, Czechoslovakia and the United States are all represented. Sgt. Dodswell has spent five years in the R.C.A.F. and Sgts. Magnus, Watson, Buchanan and Cloutier are all Permanent Force men.

When our Course is completed on August 16th we shall say adieu to Mr. Brandon, having chalked up another record for Victoriaville—we hope.

“M” FLIGHT SALUTES THEE

We have come, to learn and inwardly digest for King and Country, to what we thought was just another school — what a surprise was in store for us. The C. O. is the kind of man many of us have dreamed about but had never met. Some of us have had but a few months in the service; others are proud of their five, six and seven years. Eight men from the R.A.F. have seen active service, knowing fully what it implies, and are proud to work, fight and play alongside their Canadian brothers. Our Flight Commander, F/L Dubuc, is a typical “play the game” man and we sincerely appreciate him for his keenness.

Ft/Sgt. Grant is the senior man. Take your clothing repairs to him and he’ll murder you. All for now from “M” Flight; keep an eye on us through!



Sgt. A. G. Grant
“M” Flight Senior

News and Views of “G” Flight



AC2 A. J. Clark
“G” Flight Senior.

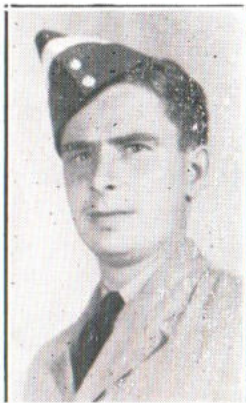
“G” Flight arrived at No. 1. T. S. on June 7th and it was not long before F/O Burke, our Flight Commander, found he had a variety of personalities to contend with.

First there’s the man who carries the mail, Knobby Clarke, our Flight Senior, and his constant companions Carl Barthman and Rudder Joe. Who is the ex-link instructor who is always complaining of “house-maid’s knee?” Cpl. Fred Hamer, our barrack warden, no doubt. Have you met our sleepy twins, Cpl. Barnett and A. C. Gaydos? “G” Flight is distinguished as an international flight in that not only are six provinces represented, but we have some ten Americans, six Czechs and one Free Frenchman. Not counting the Czechs, the whole flight is composed of remustered airmen and 22 airmen from the No. 1 Precision Squadron, Lachine, Sarge Welsh has the honour of being the oldest in point of service.

Why does Corporal Gilmore, our Flight N.C.O., always wear on the sports field that sweater bearing a strange device, “K.T.S. Trenton”? Every time he appears, about eight lads take one look at him and dash off to study.

Flight “G” with Flight “F” form the senior Class on the station and has high hopes of graduating 100% on August 1st.

“J” FLIGHT DRIPPINGS



AC2 J. G. Flanagan
“J” Flight Senior

Official Definition — “J” Flight: A group of young AC2’s of striking and peculiar genus, show an egregious esprit de corps and are believed by scientists to be the most distantly removed from genus ape of any genii thus far discovered. Habitat: Barracks III next to “K” Flight. Food: Malted milk, but have been known to eat meat and some kinds of vegetables during crises.

Intellect: second only to N. C. O’s, have been known to press clothes and even polish buttons under extraordinary circumstances... Encyclopaedia Cambrannica. Don’t make her dance John.

Flanagan: “Do you or don’t you?”

Blonde: “I don’t but since you persuaded me, I will.”

Pome

Grooms eats peas with honey.

He’s done it all his life.

It may sound kind of funny.

But it keeps them on his knife.

LOVE STORY

Her: Don’t you love me anymore?”

Sears: “Yes Dear. I’m just resting.”

That’s all. Somebody put the lights out!

“F” FLIGHT WHISPERS...

Who are we? Well we number forty-four and come from every place you can possibly imagine. Eight Polish lads are with us, having arrived by many devious means and methods. One of our Polish pals, J. R. Bychowski, went to New York on July 16 and was heard over The March of Time Programme, so we do not lack distinction.



Sgt. F. M. Horton
“F” Flight Senior

Our Flight Senior, Sgt. Horton, is an ex-discip and our Flight Commander is F/O Ledoux. Eight Senior N.C.O.’s and three corporals make up the balance of our parade.

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Notre Jeunesse sous les Ailes

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ces enfants devront acquérir une nouvelle mentalité. Ils devront subir un cours d'héroïsme pour que demain, dans un Canada, dans un monde pacifié, vous puissiez reprendre votre vie normale, même si eux ne sont plus...

Ici, à Victoriaville, ces jeunes aviateurs que vous côtoyez subissent leur premier entraînement. Leurs capacités sont mises à l'épreuve, capacités intellectuelles et physiques, par des cours appropriés, par des exercices et les sports.

On déterminera si tel sujet doit être pilote ou observateur, on l'enverra dans d'autres écoles où il pourra se perfectionner. On lui inculquera l'esprit de corps, un esprit de discipline qui en fera une partie essentielle dans le grand tout du C.A.R.C., l'instrument de la victoire. L'entraînement complet exige de lui une bonne dose de volonté, de courage et de persévérance, mais les résultats entrevus sont dignes de leur abnégation, de leurs sacrifices. Ils l'ont compris. Le soir venu, après une journée bien remplie, après une journée d'efforts intellectuels et physiques, ils ont besoin de détente, de saine détente, ils ont besoin de sympathie. Les Chevaliers de Colomb l'ont compris; ils ont organisé pour eux tout un programme d'amusements. Sous une surveillance étroite, nos aviateurs trouvent à la "hutte" la sympathie dont ils ont besoin en même temps qu'une diversion qui s'impose. Vous aussi, ouvrez-leur généreusement les portes de vos foyers; ils ont droit à cet apostolat patriotique de votre part, c'est un devoir sacré que la Patrie et la Religion vous imposent. Vous refroidirez leur ardeur si, au nom de préjugés, vous leur refusez quelques heures de douce vie familiale, cette vie dont ils ont tant besoin.

Plusieurs d'entre eux ne reviendront pas de la grande rafale; c'est parce qu'ils aiment la vie qu'ils ne craignent pas de mourir. Et cette vie, ils la vivront en beauté dans un ciel de gloire, comme l'éclair qui jaillit entre deux nuages vit d'un seul coup toute sa destinée de lumière. Ils méritent plus que votre pitié, elle les insultera; ils méritent votre admiration, elle les stimulera, ainsi que votre sympathie la plus chaude. Que si parfois ils ne s'en montrent pas dignes, c'est alors que vous devez leur tendre la main, votre charité chrétienne aura raison de leur égarement passager.

Cette guerre aura martyrisé les âmes et les corps, ruiné les monuments, détruit les richesses, mais elle aura aussi exalté les sentiments les plus purs de piété patriotique, de charité chrétienne, source infinie de beauté, source jaillissante de toutes ces horreurs. La jeunesse canadienne a pris les ailes pour sauvegarder cette conception de la vie qui est la nôtre. Leur esprit bat des ailes, ils iront à l'assaut de ces sommets où l'on ne vit que d'air pur. Le ciel sera leur tombeau peut-être, mais sur le front de chacun de ces chevaliers de l'air la beauté salvatrice du Rédempteur aura imprimée en rouge et en chaud le signe de leur martyre.

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From page 12 — S P O R T S

Recently some new kind of ball game (?) has made its appearance (Apparently it is just for those who have stiff arms). We can't find out exactly what it is but the adjutant plays it so it must be native to Glumbrynwaldallglyn, Wales. F/O Mayne, who comes from Vancouver, tries to play it too, but we don't think that proves anything. AC2 Coleman, who hails from The Channel Islands seems best of the lot.

The idea seems to be to hop-skip-and-jump and then propel a little ball down a sort of third-rate hotel hall carpet toward a little one-sided monkey cage. (Of course there's no monkey in the cage; how could there be? We said it was only one-sided.) About this time one of the other participants, who has been leaning on a big over-grown ball-bat all the while, comes to life and if the ball approaches near enough he takes a whack at it. After a while he changes with one of the others so that he too may have a few whacks.

We'll keep you posted on any further developments.

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DRILL HALL OPENING DANCE

As the R.C.A.F. Central Band concluded their concert with a beautiful arrangement of "There'll always be an England" news spread in the drill hall that the expected train-load of girls had arrived from Richmond. Soon the decks were cleared for action. A fifteen piece Central Band dance orchestra poured forth the tantalizing strains of the latest jive. The tired dogs of the airmen gave a lusty yelp and went into action. Now in the arms of the beautiful girls of Victoriaville, Richmond, Drummondville and parts unknown (Ah, the ladies, God Bless Them), they were prepared to dance away the fleeting hours. And they did. Some, we will have to admit, found



S/Ldr. and Mrs. MacDonald trip the light fantastic at the drill-hall-opening dance.

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the exercise a little strenuous and sought out quiet havens in the moonlight where they could rest (or were they merely searching for the lost gas chamber?), but on the whole the dance was a huge success, a fitting climax to a memorable day. We look forward to future occasions when we can again play host to those who on many occasions have been so generous in providing entertainment for us.

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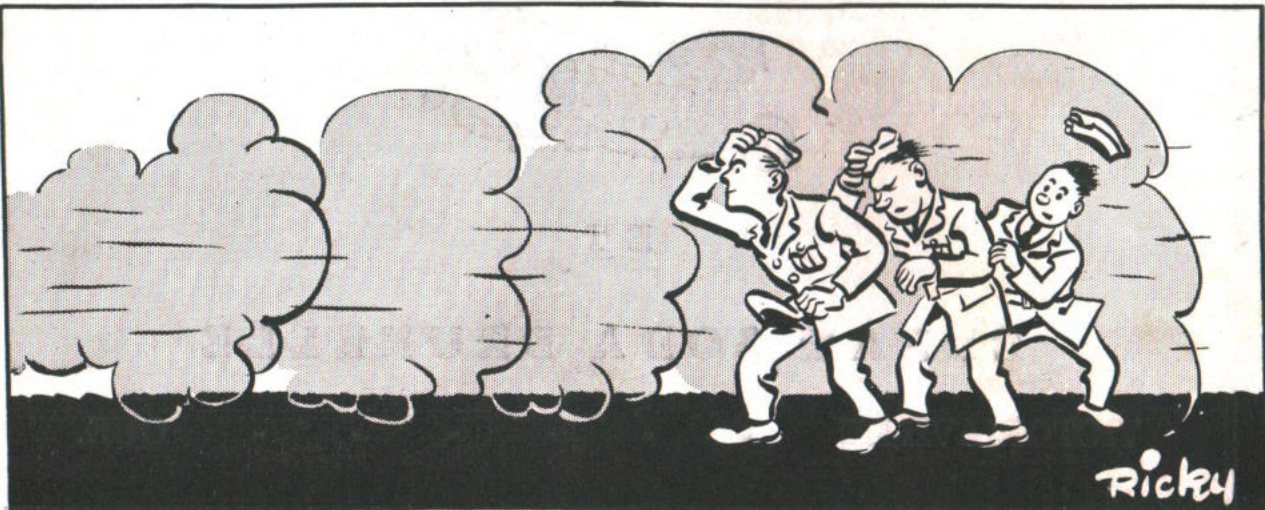
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