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TWO CORPORALS WIN AWARDS

"AL" SPRINGATE RECEIVES DUTCH BRONZE CROSS IN LONDON

BY THE "ED"

At an investiture held in the Dutch Embassy, London, on the 13th of September, Corporal A. C. "Al" Springate, Comm Tech with 1 Fighter Wing, received the Dutch "Bronzen Cruis" (Bronze Cross) from Lieut. Col. C. J. M. Nass, Dutch Military Air Attache.

Shot Down

Cpl Springate, who now calls Montreal his home, served as a wireless-airgunner in the crew of a Halifax bomber during World War II. While on a glider towing mission over Holland in October, 1944, the Halifax in which Cpl Springate was flying was attacked by enemy fighters and forced to descend from 7,000 feet to 500 feet to avoid being hit. As the aircraft was crossing the Dutch coast flak batteries opened up and knocked off part of the bomber's tail.

One Lost

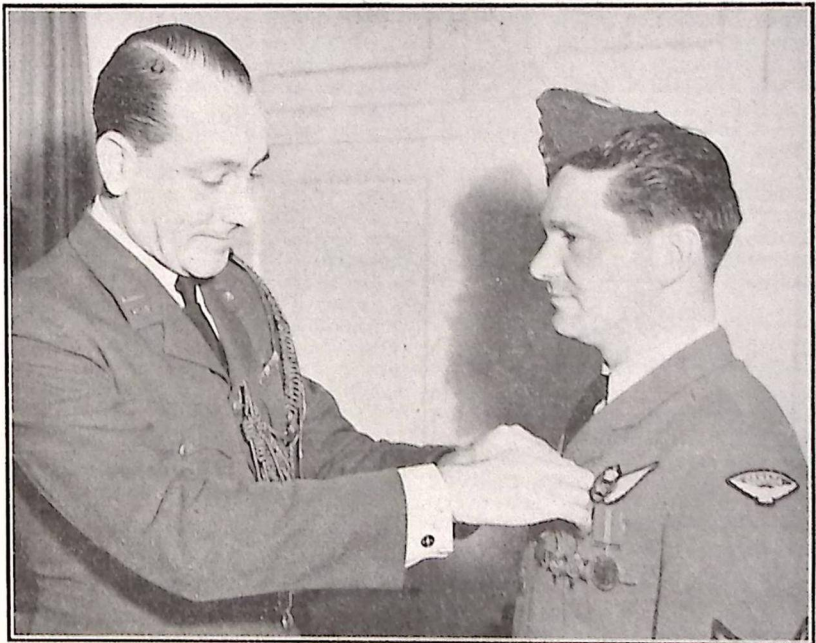
The bomber began a slow spiral from which the captain was able to recover just as it was settling on Lake IJssel. One of the crew of six was drowned in the landing, however the other five, after being in the water three hours, reached the shore at five o'clock in the morning.

Join Underground

The crew made their way towards a small village at the entrance to which they held up a civilian car. The driver proved to be friendly and took them to a neighbouring farm where the farmer hid them while the Germans searched every other farm in the district except the one they were in.

The five men stayed together for several weeks until the Dutch Underground split them up for different jobs. Cpl Springate remained in the Friesland area for the next seven months and worked as a radio operator for the Dutch forces.

The direction finding equipment of the Boche forced Cpl Springate and



Cpl Springate, Comm. Tech., was recently awarded the Bronze Cross of the Netherlands for his work with the Netherlands Resistance during the War. Here the Cross is presented to him by the Netherlands Military Attache at an investiture held in London.

Photo by Cpl. R. B. Roddy

his partner, known to him only as "Tonio," to move every other day in the dead night. Often the farmhouses that they had used the previous day were burnt down by the Germans.

Liberated

Late in April of 1945 "Al" Springate after seven months in an occupied country joined up with the 1st Canadian Division and returned to England.

In 1947 he returned again to Holland and the province of Friesland where he renewed acquaintances with the people he had met in 1944.

Citation

This is a copy of his citation signed by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands:

"Distinguished himself in face of the enemy by courageous conduct as a wireless-operator in the crew of a British bomber, which in October, 1944, because of the enemy's fire, had to descend on the 'Ijsselmeer' (Lake IJssel).

"After having gained the Frisian coast he hid and afterwards joined with a number of agents, operating in the province of Friesland for a Netherlands secret Intelligence service, which had its seat in London.

"Under difficult circumstances, quite voluntarily and in an expert way he operated the transmitting and receiving sets for these agents until

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Editorial

7th Series Canada Savings Bonds

Once again you are privileged to participate in the CANADA SAVINGS BOND Campaign. This information is brought to you in advance of the actual campaign getting under-way so that each and every person can decide what value of bond they will take.

A letter from the Chief of the Air Force, Air Marshal Curtis, has been received in which he requests that all personnel be canvassed in a 100 per cent. effort to improve the percentage of subscribers to strength over the Sixth Series Bond which was only 46 per cent.

There are various factors which personnel should consider when deciding what value of bond should be taken :

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(2) For personnel who moved dependents to the U.K. at their own expense the Bonds offer an excellent opportunity to save the necessary ready cash to finance the return trip to Canada.

(3) Once the initial blow is over the monthly deductions from the pay account becomes quite routine and is

NATO—AND WHAT IT MEANS TO US

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization—NATO for short—is something that many people discuss but few can fully comprehend. We are here in Europe because of Canada's faith in NATO as an instrument for preserving the peace. Let's take a look at this "instrument," to see what it really is and how it affects our country and our families at home.

NATO was founded three years ago, by a group of seven founder nations, in an attempt to bind together the defences of the West against possible aggression from the East. Canada came in on the ground floor, and has never wavered since in her support of NATO and its aims. Today, NATO binds together fourteen nations—400,000,000 people with a dozen different languages—in a common front against oppression and attack.

The seven founder nations alone are spending \$50,000,000,000 annually on arms. The flag of their armies in Europe is a brave device of silver and gold, with the motto : "Vigilance is the price of Liberty." Neither flag nor motto have yet been officially adopted.

Canadian families are spending an average of more than \$100 each (on a per capita basis) to help defend this scattered group of nations. And this comes on top of a home-defence bill costing each family around \$350.

Prime Minister St. Laurent is credited with first suggesting some form of defensive alliance to supplement the work of the United Nations. In September, 1947, he pointed out

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never missed. The value of regular savings cannot be over emphasized and when looked at with a long view, say over 25 years at even \$100.00 a year plus interest, saving amount to a tidy sum for retirement.

(4) During the war compulsory savings was introduced to combat inflation and although Canada Savings Bonds are not compulsory, a successful campaign will have a high anti-inflationary influence which at this time is highly desirable.

In keeping with the tradition of RCAF North Luffenham where everything is the best—even the squadrons say they are—let us make it an all-out effort. Each section will be asked to provide a wide-awake canvasser but let's make his job easy and show the Canadian stations the way in this campaign. You can also serve on the home front by purchasing Canada Savings Bonds.

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BOUQUETS

Your editor's thanks go to F/O Gordie McDonald and LAC Don Greig for their help in the construction of our newspaper booth for "At Home" day.

Also to LAC Frank Clarke who was our salesman for the event.

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that the security council was not showing itself equal to the promotion of international confidence. "Nations in their search for peace," he said, "will not accept indefinitely an unaltered council which was set up to ensure their security, and which many feel has become frozen in futility. They may seek greater safety in an association of democratic states willing to accept more international responsibilities in return for a greater measure of national security."

The idea took root and blossomed nine months later in the so-called "Vandenberg resolution," which affirmed US determination to "exercise the right of individual or collective self-defence" under the UN Charter. Further talks led to the signing on April 4th, 1949, of the North Atlantic Treaty by Canada, Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the U.S.A.

Canada's share in all that has happened since, to quote the Hon. Brooke Claxton, "has been realistic rather than impossibly ambitious." By a year from now, our nation will have contributed more than \$650,000,000 in 'mutual aid' for NATO. This includes the cost of training 1400 NATO pilots and observers at Canadian bases, in addition to our own program for 1900 Canadian aircrews; and the supply to the RAF of some 400 Sabre-jet airframes now being built at Montreal.

Aside from her jet fighter squadrons in Britain, Canada has an infantry brigade in Germany under General Ridgeway's command. We are sharing in the cost of providing airfields, signals and communications for all the NATO armies in Europe and 24 fighting ships of the Royal Canadian Navy have been earmarked for NATO use in the Atlantic.

Peace in the Western hemisphere will not be achieved by weight of arms alone, but the possession of adequate armed strength is a safe-guard against intimidation. And in the provision of this vital safe-guard to a weakened and worried Europe, Canada is, as always, doing her share.



BY F/O AL SEITZ

By this time our four representatives to "Leapfrog II" have had their stay in Canada and are settled in their various posts across the North Atlantic. Another traveller is Frank Fowler who is on an Intelligence course in London. We wonder just what aspect of intelligence F/O Fowler is becoming most familiar with, no doubt a strategic map of the most agreeable pubs in London will be available on his return.

One of the aforementioned four, Ray Bedard, had the outdated idea, before he left, that two could live as cheaply as one, or something equally optimistic. As a result we may see Ray return minus his freedom. Another one of our more courageous souls, Laurie Hamilton, went so far as send for his future better half and the ceremony takes places on Saturday, September 27th. Whilst on the subject of wives and such we note the arrival of Pappy's ball and chain. We shall probably see considerably of F/O Pappas around the bridge tables in the Mess. Needless to say the squadron wish both Hammy and Ray the very best luck in their new venture.

Turning to another form of sport we would like to remind all and sundry of the final results of the Softball Tournament, with the defeat of the 441 airmen the 439 officers became undisputed Softball Champions of

No. 1 Fighter Wing. Where were the vaunted athletes of 410 who won the Track and Field Day?

A consolation to 410 is that they had the privilege of being hosts to 439 on 20 September, while the remainder of the station gamboled with and flexed their muscles for the local natives on Battle of Britain Day; 439 aspired to greater things and remained on duty—in 410 dispersal. Thanks, fellows, we'll do the same for you sometime.

LAC MACNEIL reports from
SUPPLY

Things are pretty lonesome around the Tool Crib these days now that our Supply Officer is acting in the capacity of Public Relations Officer for the next three months. Also Cpl Mayer is enjoying two weeks well deserved leave with his wife and daughter. They tell me that "Old Sol" actually showed his face while you were at Blackpool, eh, George? How lucky can you get? What's this I hear about that Ford car you bought that takes two people to drive. However a man can't think of everything can he George?

We would like to extend a vote of thanks to our Squadron Officers for the "Bang on" party they staged last week. We'll try and do as well, maybe better, when our turn comes around. Nothing like good, healthy competition for bigger and better squadron do's.

I guess that's it for now, see you in the next issue.

CPL SIMPSON reports from
ARMAMENT

In the Systems section we have three lads who have applied for aircrew, AC Harry Claassen, AC Pete

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BY GOSH
MAINTENANCE

This week our maintenance was moved over to No. 1 hanger due to circumstances beyond our control. Four of us were left in No. 2 to help out in readying our Open House display. From all appearances it was quite a day. F/S Parker used his inventive genius? and came up with a way to turn the engine automatically on an engine stand.

We are taking up a collection to buy various things for the benefit of our squadron; for Bill Buker, an alarm clock.

For Cpl George Wells, a portable tow chain that can be carried in the trunk of a car.

For F/S Parker, the loan of George's chain when he needs it for his Rolls.

For Cpl Larry Horner, a side-car. One also for Sgt Christy, and maybe Ken Surman could use one too.

These items are all for the squadron's benefit.

The squadron came a close second in the softball league and put up a good fight all the way through. We tried our best but we just couldn't pull out of a slump. We nominate LAC Scotty Parks as the home run champ of the league.

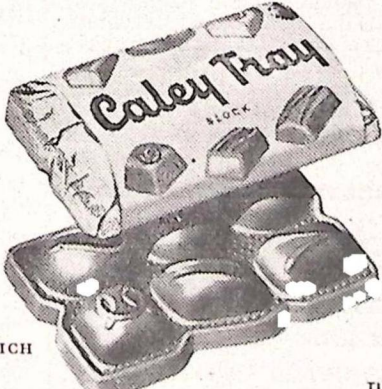
Last week the pioneer squadron came out with an excellent column. It was superbly written and topical. It's too bad we are not issued with a dictionary. I might have enjoyed it more. It said, to wit, we are the best squadron in the RCAF. Well don't stop there, there is a few other air forces is the world. You might as well go all out.

SERVICING

We have been flying pretty steady the last month with the pilots getting in practice for the shows at various RAF stations. From all appearances

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BY F/O FLAP

Sgt Sludge has been posted and Cpl Silt has gone AWOL, so as the section head, it looks like I finally have to do some of the work myself.

Things are pretty quiet out here on the farm. The only item of interest lately is the war between Donikers and Dorkeys. For the info of any concerned, Donikers are married men (who come to work with little brown bags for taking home the loot from the commissary) and Donkeys are living-in types. Naturally a living-inmarried type is known as a Doniker-Donkey.

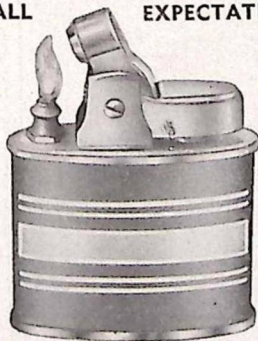
The Doniker Parade on Tuesday last was a great success—the march past was in front of the commissary and the garbage man took the salute on top of the garbage pail and later all Donikers paraded to exchange their paper bags.

That's about all the gen from 410—so in closing I might mention—"We don't have to keep reminding ourselves that we are the best Squadron." Taxicabs take note!

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HEADQUARTERS WELCOMES STORK

BY LAC F. T. CLARKE

During the past month the Station Orderly Room had an unexpected honour paid to it. As far as we can ascertain, ours is the only Orderly Room which has been so favoured. We were visited by the stork! Yes, strange as it may seem, our hard-working Headquarters produced a blessed event. Millie, the Headquarters cat gave birth to twins in the stationery cabinet. We are pleased to say both mother and children are doing well.

When interviewed for the "Talepipe," Millie said that she was very proud of her new progeny, and thanks the Orderly Room staff for their many gifts of milk. When asked why she had disdained the services of our new Maternity Ward in the Station Hospital, she replied "Hospitals are all very well for them that wants 'em, but give me a nice full 'in basket.'"

It seems Millie's voice is sorely missed Friday nights by the "North Luffenham Catnip Chorale Society." We condone with Millie, but have this comfort to offer. It won't be long till she will be able to rejoin her friends in the Society, and what joy will it bring to a mother's heart to hear the fresh young voices of her own offspring blending with those other well known back yard songsters. If there are any true music lovers on the Station who would like to help out the Chorale Society by baby sitting for Millie, would they please hand their names into WO2 Thompson in the Orderly Room, who will be glad to pass them on to Millie. Congratulations to you Millie, and may your children bring you joy through the years to come.

We have to thank LAC "Chuck" Stather for a party last Friday, he was so happy about getting the dreadful day over that we think he went a little delirious, and invited the Headquarters' staff down to Barrowden for the evening at his expense. We all had a fine time drinking Chuck's beer, and comparing notes on the exams.

Major Thompson favoured us with several songs which he has acquired in his long service career, and then went on to challenge the locals to

ATOMIC BOMBS

Seeing the radio activity demonstration in the hangar last Saturday week reminded me of the story credited to an American General lecturing officer cadets.

"It would take around twenty atomic bombs to wipe out New York City," he told them.

"How about London?" a cadet queried.

"About forty or fifty."

"And Moscow?"

"Twenty-two!"

—VAN

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Supply Tech. Wins Programme Selling Prize

Our latest addition, FS J. E. Robinson, has already been whisked off to Metz on T.D., along with Cpls Sulek and Crawford. So far, no reports have come back from the "Three Musketeers," but they are believed to be engaged in a comprehensive survey of the local amenities; naturally, this will take some time.

Before he left, Cpl Crawford presented your columnist with another "new word" for his Daffy Dictionary. The word—*forwardance*. The inventor—Harry Price. Lexicographers, please copy.

Back from a brief but no doubt bucolic leave comes LAC E. P. Hakansson, the amiable "Hak" of Stock Control (Steno Services). Glad to have you back, Hak. Still on vacation are LACs Stuart Allan and J. A. Pelletier. The former is believed to be in Spain; the latter in Italy. These Supply scouts certainly cover a lot of territory.

Department of correction: 1 Pete Whatling is an SAC. 2 The sun seldom shines at Southend.

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Sgt's Mess Thank McCrindes

ginger beer. What is it, Bart, 13 weeks since you have "seen the light." Too bad others wouldn't take your advice.

Question of the day. What is the status on the bar that was supposed to be in operation last Christmas? With only 91 days until Christmas, looks as though we will be doing business at the same old stand.

Things really must be tough on us married folks in this country. Heard rumours of certain wives purloining the food from the living-in types. Could this be true?

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darts. Aided and abetted by Cpl Shakey Pearson, and LAC Harry Meens, they walked off with the honours of the dart board.

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**LUFFENHAM WELCOMES
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BY OBSERVER

A short while ago the RCAF were saying goodbye (not without a sigh of relief), to a party of then happy RAF who, it was said were going to the land of the Maple Leaf! But they have been seen again around the hangars—53 NCO's and men who certainly are glad to be back at Luffenham, although extremely sorry that they did not get to Canada.

During their previous stay at this station, they made a great many friends amongst their opposite numbers; and are now glad to renew those friendships. It is hoped that the RAF detachment will be at the camp long enough to make these ties of friendship stronger. With the inclusion of some of the RAF into the station soccer team they are to take a share in the Station Sports activities.

On this visit the integration of the RAF into the RCAF is to be complete for the period of time required to train a number of RAF pilots to handle Sabres. RAF personnel will work under the crew NCO exactly as if they were members of the RCAF. This integration will also include cookhouse fatigues and other duties, and without a doubt the watchful eye of F/L Lewis.

Congratulations to Corporal D. G. Short of the Fire Section on his award of the British Empire Medal.
DOGLEGS—

Who is the corporal who has exceeded himself in the difficult task of eating? Even Canadians who are veterans of this particular art consider he has achieved something worthy of merit: "After a full din-

ner (with soup) he managed to consume no less than four portions of peach pie."—Bon Vivant.

To the corporal who when here before walked about in a uniform notable for its age and generally shabby condition. However, since his return he has blossomed out with a smart new uniform. Rumour states, ah well! that's another story.—Conte que Conte.

A warning to the airman who, apparently in need of company of the opposite sex, borrowed a much emblemed Canadian wind-breaker to add to his sex appeal at the Stamford dance.—Cherchez la femme.

We hear that the Wing Intelligence Officer has recently given a most interesting lecture to aircrew on certain pieces of paper that arrive weekly. Hope he gets his 10 per cent.—Jen ne'en pas la chandelle.

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"Al" Springgate receives Dutch Cross
Friesland was liberated in April, 1945."

Congratulations to you Corporal "Al" Springgate from us at "Talepipe" and from your fellow personnel of 1 Fighter Wing.

SQUEALS AND BASHES

BY LAC DRUMHEAD MCIRELAND

First off we as members of the "Station Band" gratefully acknowledge all the whistles and cat-calls which were awarded us last Friday and Saturday. But please fellows no' too fast on the dates, eh? We have other commitments you know.

As members of the band we can really state that with a uniform such as ours we'll really have to uphold the keen reputation of the RCAF or else be asked by higher-ups to take it off and turn it in and we wouldn't fancy that.

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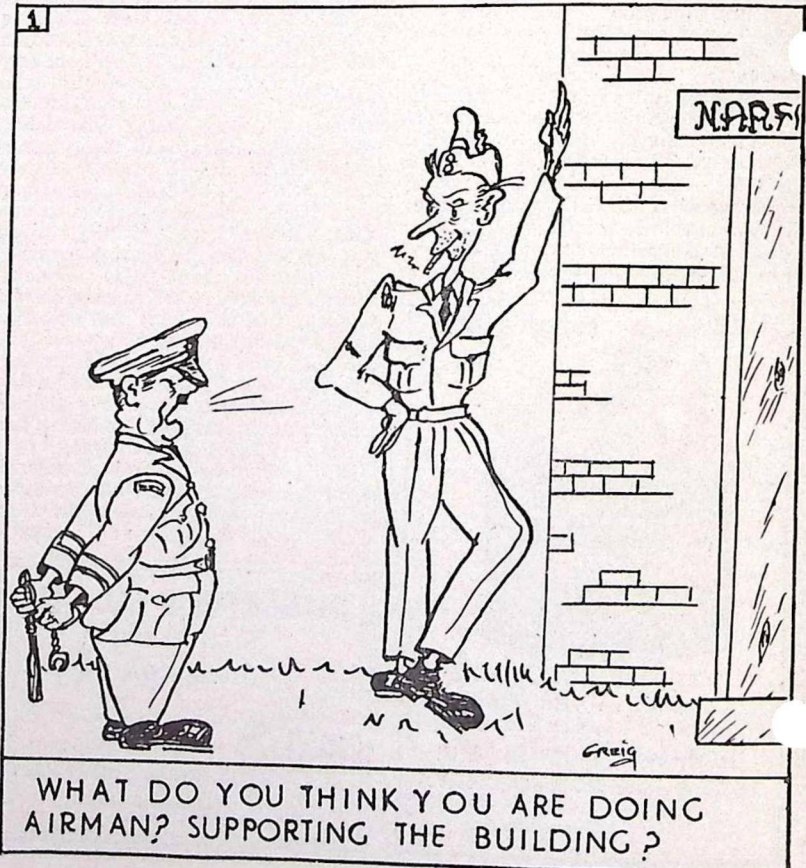
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With the Silver Fox

they gave our English Counterparts quite a show. A ceiling restriction put a damper on some of the pilots.

From the airmen on the flight line there isn't much new. LAC Grant Folker is thinking of taking the pledge and Don Maitland is trying to talk him out of it. Ray Bailey is recovering from his battle with the washroom floor. Cpl Horyluck is looking for the dirty so and so who lifted his glasses.

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BY AGED ONE

Halt! Stop the Press! This is really exciting news. Our own little maneth "Sabu" Currell is engaged to be married. to Betty Toach of Leicester according to the announcement in the local newspapers. Already the staff are making plans for the celebrations when the big event takes place and by the sounds of things I should imagine that it will be a celebration that the young lovers won't forget in a hurry.

Our Senior Accountant Officer, S/L Brown, by all appearances seems to have enjoyed a well earned leave in Bonnie Scotland. We are wondering if he by any chance saw LAC Pepin and LAC "Newfie" Bowland who were in Edinburgh on leave. It is understood that they were touring Edinburgh, but whether it was places of historic interest or places of interest to themselves we are not sure.

It seems that Cpl "Speed" Lambert spent a very enjoyable evening at the Station Dance on the 20th. Whether it was a cool blonde that made the evening so enjoyable or the cool liquid in his glass that made the evening such a success, I cannot say. Re-

membering my youth I possibly could give an explanation but I think that "Speed" should explain.

It seems that Sgt Tommy Ridley is going in for new things in a great way lately. First it was a new son and heir and now it is a new Hillman. It has been suggested that the Hillman is to replace the old fashioned baby buggy and also to get a load off his feet after walking the floors in the wee small hours of the mornings. They say that the "Irish Lullaby" is a favourite tune around the Ridley residence now.

We are wondering why LAC "Phil" Robinson is studying Spanish in Leicester on Thursday evenings. I would suggest Phil that you study Gaelic instead for after seeing you in kilts on Saturday I would think that it was more in keeping.

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WITH THE SILVER FOX

I have been told that much of the credit for the "shack" goes to LAC George Pineau our amateur carpenter. Some of our boys are leaving for Metz sometime in the near future. They are brushing up on their French and the franc system. You can expect

the rest of us over to spend Christmas. Why should you fellows have all the fun. We now call them the vino kids. The champagne will flow like water.

REMEMBER IT'S THE BEST OUTFIT!

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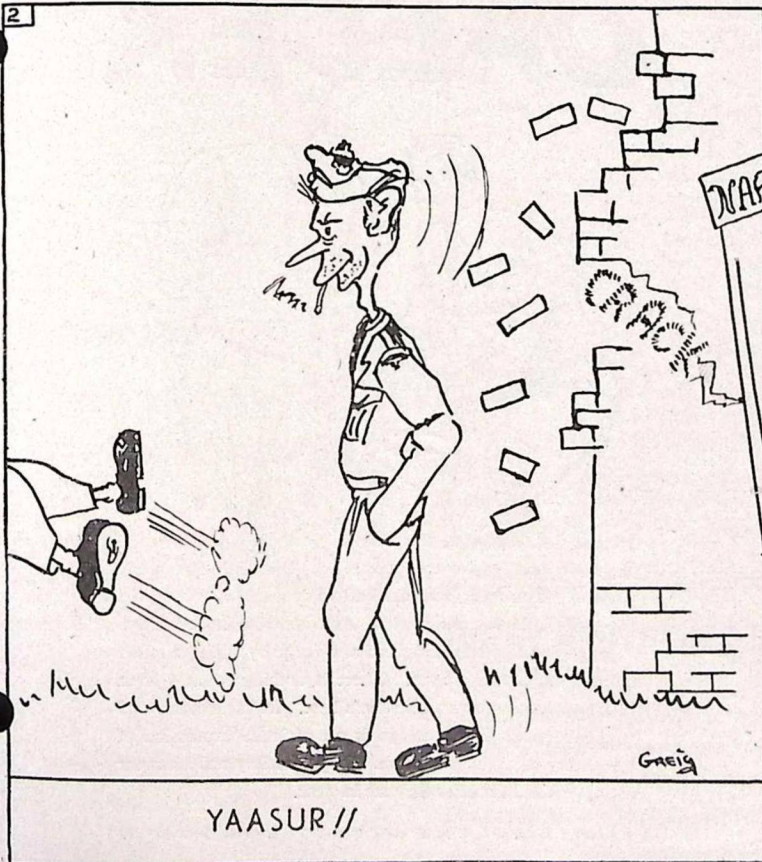
TIGER TALK

Drudge and AC Doug Hohn. A lot of us were wondering why AC Frank Morton didn't apply also. It might be that he's afraid of great heights, however, he won't say too much now.

We have been busy straightening our section out recently. Between short circuits and the shortage of lumber it's been quite a project.

LAC Jim McMinn has taken two weeks leave to visit the land of his forefathers at Glasgow. Bet he has a red nose when he comes back. Cpl Doug Parkinson has an "Infernal Machine" in the section for testing guns, rockets and bombs. It's a neat arrangement, anyone interested should drop in for a demonstration. He has also a new method of arming the guns on Sabre A/C. Cpl Russ Ball (RAF) has joined our section till January along with Cpl Tug Wilson. They have a little difficulty understanding Canadian lingo, however, our sign language is pretty good.

Harry Claassen is going on leave to the Continent with a young lady. Better watch she doesn't get her clutches on you Harry. We don't want another married man in the fold. So long till next time, don't drop any drop tanks.



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BY SGT F. GOLDING

Well, the baseball season wound up for us in Birmingham on Sunday the 14th of September, when we lost to the Bristol Street Motors in the Midland county finals 7-2. I will not say we were beaten by a better team. It was merely one of those days when we couldn't do a thing right. After beating the Birmingham Saints the Sunday before 18-0 we thought we were on the road to victory but just came up with a bad game against the Bristol Club. In the game against the Saints the boys played the best game of the season. LAC Grant Folker had a no-hitter until the last of the 8th inning when he was touched for a single. The game ended with Grant having a 1 hit ball game striking out 15 batters. The boys behind Grant gave him air-tight support committing 1 error. LAC "Parkie" Park was the man that was really swinging for the fences with 2 home runs and a triple to his credit.

On Thursday the 18th of September we took 2 teams to Leicester to play an exhibition game in conjunction with "Battle of Britain" week. Fun was had by all and the team, coached by yours truly and captained by "Des" Foley, beat Ernie Churchill's team 8-3. Cpl "Doc" Baker umpired behind the plate with Sgt "Sad Sam" Coutts on 1st base and Sgt Al MacKenzie on 3rd base.

We played 23 games winning 20 and were beaten three times. We scored 386 runs and had 66 scored against us. Seven players were selected for the Midland All Stars Team. There will be plenty of new faces on the team next year. LAC Les Barton, Cpl Lou Maracle, LAC P. Cartmell and LAC R. R. Park are due for "repat." LAC R. Girard is graduating to "civvy street" and our ace pitcher LAC Grant Folker is going to 2 FW. Of course, we will have Cpl (I'm getting too old for this game) Al Knapik and Cpl Des (I'm getting married next year and my wife will not let me play baseball) Foley who may be hold outs next year but I feel sure that when

spring rolls around they will be in there for another season. Hope by that time LAC Bud Mercier's arm will be better and he will be hot to go for another season.

Surprise of the week—the look on Ernie Churchill's face when Cpl Shakey Pearson tossed a 2 hitter against his power house hitters in Leicester. That's it for this season, we will see you all next year.

TINWELL ENGAGED IN CRICKET

The event of the year was overlooked by the last issue of the "Talepipe." This was none other than smashing cricket match between the Tinwell Cricket Team and our boys. Our team consisted of boys who have seen the light and have discarded baseball for a game that requires far more skill and toughness. The Star of the match was none other than "Boundary Root" Leveille. Not far behind for the honour was "Digger" Meyer. He along with "It's there" Leadham, tossed the googlies that made the locals take notice. Sammy Coutts and Moe Montpetit looked natural playing Silly Mid Off. "Poon" MacKenzie was at home playing Slip. Boomer was outstanding playing Square. Thanks to the Tinwell Cricket Team for their grand hospitality.

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BY CPL L. A. STEEVES

ELECTRICAL SECTION

Another "Battle of Britain" Day has passed, and we can all look back on a successful show. The Electrical Display drew large crowds of visitors, both young and old, who evidently enjoyed the variety of exhibits prepared for their interest. Congratulations to LAC Jim Hatton, who built the direction board—a very useful aid to visitors uncertain which way to turn.

Cpl Dick Reid's water still was very popular, especially with the men, who showed a keen interest in its principle of operation.

Another highlight was a model Sabre aircraft, equipped with flashing navigation lights, machine-gun sound effects and other novel gadgets, all operated by remote control.

Turning from shop news to the slightly ridiculous, here's a new game to brighten up those dull evenings in the barrack room. Try your hand at composing "Little Willie" poems.

For example :

*Little Willie, feeling frisky,
Drank a quart of father's whisky ;
Poppa, wilder than a rabbit,
Cried, "Now don't make this a
habit !"*

O.K. Take it from there.

COMM. TECH. CHATTER

With the conclusion of "At Home" Day, the Wireless Section is gradually getting back to normal. Gone are the bright ideas and weird looking equipment to fascinate an unsuspecting public, all stashed away until next year's "do."

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To light an electric light bulb sitting in a box of sand with nothing near the screw base isn't as difficult as it might seem. First, a hole is cut in the glass part of the bulb. Then the bulb is placed on the sand with a flashlight bulb protruding up into the hole ; connected to this flashlight bulb are two dry cell batteries hidden in the sand. The result of all this jiggery-pokery is a large bulb apparently illuminated by nothing more than "radioactive sand." Simple, isn't it ?

F/S Wort and LAC Lovejoy, who cooked up this little hoax on the public, went one step further by holding a demonstration to prove that the sand really *was* radioactive. Wearing a crash helmet, anti-kerosene suit, dark glasses and rubber gloves, LAC Lovejoy tackled this fearsome substance in true Chalk River fashion. The geiger counter clicked, the neon bulb flashed . . . the proof was complete. (P.S.—Sceptics may whisper that the counter was pulsed by an IFF set, but we still believe in fairies . . . and radioactive sand).

SAFETY EQUIPMENT NEWS

Several of our golf enthusiasts are beginning to do some serious worrying about their handicaps. Is there a golf pro on the station who can help them to break the hundreds ? All hints will be gratefully received. "Tubba" Turner has a system all his own for low scoring—but we doubt if it's in the book. System : use two balls and halve final score.

Cpl Al Steeves is leaving for a three-weeks tour of Rutland and neighbouring counties—demonstrating the correct procedure when removing pilots from pranged aircraft. Enjoy yourself, Al, don't pass out any "duff gen."

Ben Tardiff has taken off for a holiday in Paris and Rome. This trip should be good for at least two stories.

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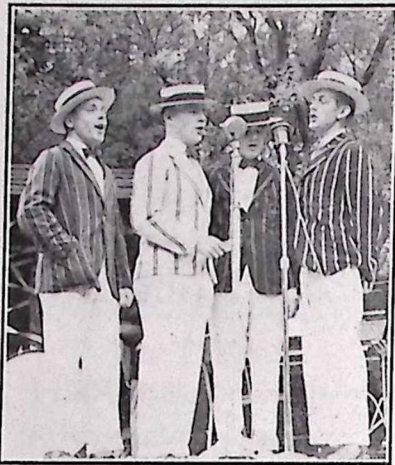
AC1 (Romeo) Hache was missed for some time until he was found busy fascinating the local belles, and had to be dragged back. LAC Wally Muzychka and LAC Vachon took on the assembly in a beer drinking contest. We noticed "Chuck" blanche, but he bore it with a grin. All in all it was a grand "do," and the sandwiches sure went good with the beer. The Orderly Rom joins with your reporter in thanking LAC Stather for a wonderful evening, and we all heartily wish him the best of luck on results day.

We wish to silence once and for all these Philistines. Mack reports that the Green Hornet took he and family all the way down to Somerset on leave last week, and never murmured once. We think the new apple green paint job that was done on the Hornet probably had something to do with its fine performance. Anyway, we wish to hear no more rude comments from the side lines when it is seen streaking down the English lanes, complete with paint job.

We are very happy to report that Cpl Shakey Pearson has bought himself a new car. It's a slick new Hillman in robin's egg blue, and is he proud ! There's hardly no living with him in the Orderly Room nowadays. Shakey has been riding to work on a bicycle till now, and he lives over in Barrowden, so the car is a real asset to him. No more panting up the hills for Shakey now, but rather, a heigh ho, over the road we go.

We welcome back to the fold our lost sheep, Cpl Bendle this week. Stan is a leading light in the Station

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Left to Right. Cpl Dove, LAC Fortin, LAC Adams and F/O Ronaason make up the Barber Shop Quartet at the Canadian Carnival. Photo by R. N. Hill

1,000 ATTEND CANADIAN CARNIVAL

Close to 1,000 people in Rutland and the surrounding counties attended the Canadian Carnival, a monster garden party sponsored and staged by airmen of No. 1 Fighter Wing, North Luffenham, at Ketton on the 13th September, 1952.

The Carnival, held on the estate of J. Reeves, Heathhouse, was in aid of the North Luffenham Parish Church restoration programme. All proceeds from the sale of admission tickets and games went to the Church Council fund.

Highlight of the entertainment program was an exhibition of Canadian square dancing by airmen and their wives dressed in gaily coloured Western costumes. Skippy and Dell Alayne and Bill Connolley in silk shirts and "ten gallon" hats provided the music. Cpl Ken Gibson called-off.

In attendance was the Kettering Girls' Pipe Band and the RCAF Pipe and Drum Band.

Many of the visitors to the festival had their first taste of hot dogs and hamburgers—Canadian style—and came back for more. They played games like darts and ring toss and the lucky carried away beautiful gifts auctioned for a few shillings.

A complete electrical lighting system was installed especially for the occasion by F/Sgt Merton Brown and a crew of technicians.

Canon Lawrence P. Field of the North Luffenham Church in a statement, expressed his appreciation to the Commanding Officer and men of the RCAF for their benefit scheme, and will shortly be presented with a cheque for the amount obtained through the carnival.

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Squeals and Bashes

But now in this my first column I'd like to give credit where credit is due. To begin with, the man behind the schemes F/O H. Chalmers, without whose great endeavour, part of the success of the band would be very much lacking. Secondly, LAC R. Daigneau (Robbie McSnare) who in the absence of Sgt Wilkinson took over as lead drummer on Air Force Day. Flowers to you Robbie and again, thanks.

At the present time the band is awaiting the signal which tells them to start practising for the Coronation. But first it looks as though we're heading for France for the opening of 2 Wing. We might even run into some old faces over there. That's just the start of things to come, and then, who knows? Before the article drops dead I'd like to inform interested airmen on the station that we're planning on starting a new class for pipers and drummers, so if you are interested contact any member of the band and he'll give you all the "gen." That is, of course, if he's awake, eh Hoppy?

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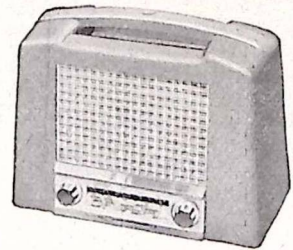
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Pipe Band, and after the wonderful performance they gave on "Battle of Britain" Day, we realise that they weren't just having a buckshee holiday all this time. In spite of all, Stan managed to get away long enough to go on a spot of leave down to Great Yarmouth. We wonder what the people down there thought when they heard the strains of Lord Lovat's Lament burdening the early morning air. However, Stan came back with no visible marks on him, so we suppose he escaped all right. Stan says he saw quite a few stage shows while there, and had the opportunity to see the great Two-ton Tessie O'Shea. He was very impressed. We think it was a good idea Mrs. Bendle went along on the trip.

LAC Harry Meens has gone all "outdoorsy" on us. He says that the only healthful place for a man to sleep these days is out in the open air. He especially recommends certain ditches in the neighbourhood. We give this health hint of Harry's to our readers in the hope that he may find a kindred spirit on the Station

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HOUSEKEEPING ON PARADE

BY CPL H. H. HART

This week I want to offer you a few hints, facts and pointers about a very important part of our diet. In fact I would go so far as to say that at least half of our daily intake of food is made up of it.

My subject for this week is then, **VEGETABLES.**

How can you preserve both the vitamin content, and the colour of green vegetables when they are cooked? Why does cabbage have a stronger odour when you cook it covered? What is pot liquor, and why is it important? You will be able to answer these questions and many more if you read and follow the advice I offer, and your family's health plus your own reputation as a cook will be sure to benefit.

Cooking vegetables may be as dramatic as making the finest of angel food cake; it is just as rare an accomplishment, and much more practical. From a health standpoint, it is infinitely more important to your family, that you be a good vegetable cook, since vegetables (properly cooked) supply a large proportion of the vitamins and minerals needed for health. Well-cooked vegetables will be eaten and enjoyed where poorly cooked ones will be left on the plate, doing no one any good.

I suppose you have all seen the adverts in the National Press recently, relating to Chlorophyll. They're putting it in toothpaste now and it may also be purchased in tablet form as a deterrent to breath odours, etc. Now to get back to my subject, the green colour of all vegetable leaves and stems is given by this substance Chlorophyll, but it is affected by acids, and certain minerals in the presence of heat. If acids or these minerals are present in the water in which green foods are cooked, the green will gradually change to an unattractive greenish brown. If an alkali is present (Soda—Grandmother's idea, but how wrong!) the green gradually becomes more intense.

Both of these changes are undesirable, because to my mind, the natural colour of green vegetables is the most appetizing colour they can have. To keep this **NATURAL** colour, green vegetables should be cooked **QUICKLY**, and for as short a time as possible. They should be cooked **UNCOVERED** so that the volatile part of the acids present in the vegetables themselves can pass off with the steam, instead of remaining in contact with the Chlorophyll. Vegetables cooked until just barely tender, have a better flavour, better appearance and most important of all, they retain more food value than when cooked longer.

The practice of adding a small amount of soda to the cooking water, is **NOT** recommended. Why?—because even a slight excess will make the vegetable slippery and unpleasant to eat as well as destroying a considerable proportion of the vitamin content. I think it also makes the colour unnatural and unattractive.

This procedure applies to all green vegetables including, spinach, green beans, peas, asparagus, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and all leafy or stem vegetables that have a green colour.

It is good to know that when vegetables are cooked so that they appear and taste best, they also contain the greatest amount of food value that cannot be seen or tasted.

POT LIQUOR

It is always advisable to cook vegetables in a minimum amount of water. Any surplus, after the vegetables are cooked, should never be poured down the sink, for this is what is known as Pot Liquor. It not only contains valuable food elements, but has a delicious flavour. You may add it to

tomato juice, or any kind of soup or gravy, to improve the flavour and increase the food value. Potato water is excellent for making meat gravy or to dilute evaporated milk in making white sauces for other creamed vegetables.

Here, in conclusion, is a good tip on boiling potatoes.

Cover thinly peeled potatoes with **boiling** salted water (1 teaspoon salt to 1 quart of water)). Cover and cook at moderate rate until tender when pierced with a fork—from 20 to 30 minutes, the time depending on size. **DRAIN AND SAVE THE LIQUID.** Return potatoes to the heat for a minute to drain and evaporate excess moisture, shaking pot gently to prevent scorching. This will give the spuds a mealy appearance on the outside. Now transfer them to a well heated covered dish, in which they will keep hot until served. Two or three tablespoons of hot fat and brown residue left in the roasting pan, may be poured over the spuds just after they are drained and just before they are shaken to give an appetizing brown-flecked surface and rich colour.

That's all for now.

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who would like to romp about the field in the wee small hours.

We hasten to make mention of a very important member of the Headquarters staff who till now has been sadly neglected in this column. We extend our sincere apologies to Cpl Goddyn, our Canteen Manager. Don has been making the best coffee in

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Mr. L. B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, buys his copy of "Talepipe" at the recent "At Home" Day.

RECORD CROWD ATTEND 1 FIGHTER WING "AT HOME"

Battle of Britain day at No. 1 Fighter Wing saw an estimated 20,000 people attend the RCAF's first "At Home" in this country, September 20.

Attendance figures at RAF units holding open house throughout Britain indicated a record for North Luffenham. Air Ministry officials predicted earlier the RCAF, showing Canadian-built Sabre jets and operating in the UK for the first time in over 6 years, would draw close to that number of visitors.

Although the program was arranged to commence at 2 p.m. and finish at 5.30, civilian and service police were still directing "At Home" guests in cars and on foot through the gates and other entry points at a late hour. More than 1,000 autos and a similar number of bicycles and motorcycles carrying two and three passengers passed through the main barrier.

Five thousand souvenir programs, expected to cover requirements, sold out early. Several hundred went the previous few days at local shops and business offices.

Canada's External Affairs Minister, L. B. Pearson, making an unofficial flying visit, was among the first to arrive.

Mr. Pearson inspected a guard of honour and viewed a series of static displays before luncheon. Among those accompanying him on the trip

from London were His Excellency Norman A. Robertson, Canadian High Commissioner in the UK, Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley, R.N., Major-Genl. J. D. B. Smith, CBE, DSO, CD, senior Canadian NATO liaison Officer in Gt Britain, R.A. McMullen, agent general for Alberta and Graham Spry agent general for Saskatchewan.

Main attraction on the ground during the afternoon was the RCAF Pipe and Drum Band making its first full-dress public appearance.

The 25-piece band, wearing eye-catching Air Force tartan, made especially for the RCAF by Thos. Gordon and Sons of Glasgow, marched to vast crowds wherever it went. Composed of 11 drummers and 14 pipers, the band was formed here 6 months ago under pipe instructor J. MacDonald of Ketton, Rutland and drum major Sgt W. J. Wilkinson, a Toronto airman.

Bands from Leicester and Grantham and a team of Highland dancers from Corby also took a lot of applause.

Static displays of armament, electrical, radar and ground handling equipment in addition to the F-86 Sabre and turbo jet engine, were seen at close range for the first time by the majority of visitors. They fired countless questions at airmen who had spent many hours of the preceding weeks in preparation for the event.

An air show which exhibited some of the latest in modern jet and propeller-driven aircraft was highlighted

by the solo performance of F/O "Gar" Brine of 441 (Silver Fox) Squadron in his F-86 Sabre.

The 2-hour flying display was staged jointly by pilots of the RAF and RCAF. A flypast of 410 (Cougar) Squadron Sabre jets was led by S/L W. T. H. Gill of Toronto, Ontario.

Film enthusiasts, meanwhile, flocked to a series of movies on Canada. Though shown continuously throughout the afternoon, they proved too popular. Hundreds of fans were turned away from the small screening room disappointed.

A model aircraft display too attracted large crowds. Competitors showed keen imagination in design—even to the construction of model jets.

Fifty valuable prizes ranging from men's suits and pressure cookers to candy boxes were given away at the conclusion of the program.

Committee members responsible for the RCAF's "At Home" were headed by W/C T. H. Spear, Chief Administration Officer of No. 1 Fighter Wing.

When the last "coke" and cup of tea had gone, police and RAC Officials began the wearisome task of guiding the hundreds of vehicles through exits and finding bus accommodation for stranded passengers.

Next day, Sunday, the airmen of Fighter Wing commemorated Battle of Britain Day with special memorial services at North Luffenham and Edithweston parish churches, and for Roman Catholic personnel, at the station RC chapel.

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England in the Headquarters Canteen, and his never failing cheerfulness in the face of so much is a source of inspiration to us.

When he is not lurking in his Canteen making delicious odours to tempt the thrupenny bits of the Headquarters staff, he can be found on the North Luffenham Golf Course.

Warrant Officer Thompson was elected vice-president of the Parent Teachers' Association of Edithweston School last week. He reports that many new plans for the betterment of conditions for the school children are being discussed, and will be put into effect shortly.

Cpl "Cousin Weak Eyes" Maclean of the Central Registry, has been having a lot of trouble in Nottingham lately. It seems that every time he goes to the city of beautiful dolls, he loses his glasses. There seems to be a conspiracy on to keep him from seeing what he is doing. Maybe it's for the best, eh, Mack.