

ROOKE CLAXTON VISITS

1 F/W STAYS TILL '54 SAYS MR. CLAXTON

Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, paying his second visit to North Luffenham on December 9th, made two statements of major importance to the personnel of this Wing :

1. The Wing will not move to the Continent before the summer of 1954.

2. Arrangements are being made with the British Government to permit cheaper travel for Canadian servicemen.

Scheduled to visit the station on the 8th, Mr. Claxton was accompanied by Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, Chief of the Air Staff, who had visited 1 Fighter Wing on two previous occasions, Air Commodore Martin Costello, Air Member Canadian Joint Staff, Major Phil Laplante, Assistant Defence Secretary (Army), Paul Marshall, Executive Assistant and M. Wershof, Dept. of External Affairs Liaison Division, when he arrived the day following after being delayed in London because of thick fog.

The Defence Minister inspected the Guard of Honour and a wing ceremonial parade held in No. 2 hangar. He later saw a line-up of Sabres and examined a jet of 439 Squadron which he had last seen at Uplands, Ont. when he sent it off on Leap Frog One across the Atlantic last May.

Mr. Claxton addressed the parade during which he commended the whole Wing on its showing in England and outlined the plan for "air travel rates.

"You have done very well here," he said. "Sometimes you may feel Canada seems a long way off but I can assure you you are not forgotten. And the very good work done by the Wing is a matter of which you and all Canada can be proud."

He then produced newspaper clippings from Canadian papers to prove that North Luffenham was in the news, particularly about the prowess during the defence exercises last October.

The Minister then referred to his meeting with Lord Alexander who told him "of the very high performance the Wing has been putting up in England." He said Britain's Minister of Defence expressed gratefulness in having the Wing here to help in the defence of the United Kingdom as part of the North Atlantic Treaty alliance.

"I can assure you that you are very much in our minds," Mr. Claxton went on. "We realize there are various things to be done, and some will take a little time. But I am happy to tell you for the first time arrangements are being made regarding travel under which warrants will be issued to any part of the country for \$3.85. And this will enable fairly extensive travel at a very low cost. We will pay the British Government compensation for the rest."

It is believed similar arrangements may be made for travel on the Continent, but the cabinet minister did not specify except to say it would be at low cost.

CONFIRMS CO'S US AWARD

Mr. Claxton congratulated G/C Hale on his award of the American DFC for distinguished service in Korea earlier this year. Mention of the decoration was a confirmation of the award by the US Government.

The visitors toured the airmen's mess hall, NAAFI, the hospital and chapels before adjourning for luncheon at the Officers' Mess where they



G/C E. B. Hale, CO, welcomes the Minister of National Defence the Rt. Hon. Brooke Claxton, and the Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, to 1 Fighter Wing.

met all officers. In his luncheon speech Mr. Claxton stated that 1 Fighter Wing "will stay here as long as we want," but in any case would not move to the Continent before the summer of 1954. He quoted Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, as saying "keep that wonderful Wing of yours at North Luffenham for ever." With world affairs as they are, Mr. Claxton remarked, the business of defence would have to be kept up for a long time, and it would involve big contributions by the RCAF.

There was a short address by Air Marshal Curtis in which he referred to the progress made in Canada in the development of the CF-100. It is living up to the highest expectation, the CAS said.

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EDITORIAL

It seems that every Christmas in one form or another there are constant reminders of the fact that DRINKING and DRIVING don't mix.

We at North Luffenham are no exception to the rule . . . With our Xmas parties starting this week none of us can afford to forget the two D's of disaster. Our 1,000 representative Canadians at this base drive an estimated two to three hundred vehicles every day.

Driving conditions and the type of roads in this country are completely foreign to those we practice back home; keep this in mind when you are about to start in on that big section do of the year.

Killing a child at any time of the year is something that no normal person forgets, but crippling a kid at this time is almost unforgiveable in any circumstance.

Remember your duty as an ambassador of Canada and particularly your duty as a human; let's make our Xmas at 1 Fighter Wing a happy one. And remember . . . If you must drive don't drink and if you drink don't drive.

A most Merry Xmas to you all.
DRH

THE QUITTER

BY ROBERT W. SERVICE

When you're lost in the wild and
you're sick as a child,
And Death looks you bang in the eye;
And you're sore as a boil, it's according to Hoyle
To cock your revolver and die.

But the code of a man says fight all
you can,
And self-dissolution is barred;
In hunger and woe, oh, it's easy to blow—
It's the hell served for breakfast
that's hard.

You're sick of the game? Well now,
that's a shame,
You're young and you're brave and
you're bright.
You've had a raw deal, I know, but
don't squeal,
Buck up, do your damndest and
fight!

It's the plugging away that will win
you the day,
So don't be a piker, old pard;
Just draw on your grit; it's so easy
to quit—
It's the keeping your chin up that's
hard.

KOREANS TO ENTER CANADIAN ARMY

OTTAWA.—Defence Minister Claxton said on Monday that the Canadian Government will support any action that will enhance abilities of South Koreans to defend their country. He indicated Canada is willing to take South Korean soldiers into units of the Canadian 25th Brigade as part of UN move to enhance those abilities.

He was replying in parliament to Saskatchewan CCF member Percy Wright who mentioned reports by Bill Boss, Canadian Press correspondent in Korea that some 300 South Koreans would serve with Canadian units.

2,800 AIRWOMEN NOW ELIGIBLE FOR OVERSEAS POSTINGS

OTTAWA.—Some of the RCAF's 2,800 airwomen may be posted to North Atlantic Treaty Organisation fighter wings overseas within the next few months.

Officials said the airwomen will be sent overseas on a voluntary basis. On receiving a European posting they may accept or reject it.

The length of stay overseas, dates of leaving, and numbers to be sent have not as yet been determined but needless to say large numbers of telecomm operators and clerks will be keeping their fingers crossed hopefully.

CANADA AND THE ATOM

BY LESLIE ROBERTS

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The First "Sources"

It was Professor W. V. Mayneord of London's Royal Cancer Hospital, who first called attention to the natural qualities of cobalt, while on loan to Canada's National Research Council in 1946. The professor wrote an erudite paper about the potentialities of the mineral as a repository for radio-activity when exposed to bombardment in a reactor. Some time later, the Mayneord paper was read by Doctor Harold Johns, a cancer-researchist at the University of Saskatchewan. Doctor Johns asked the Research Council to provide him with a "source" (a unit of radioactivated cobalt). Doctor Cypriani of Chalk River, said "Let's make three," and in 1950, sufficient Cobalt-59 (the natural mineral) was tucked into the pile to make a trio of "bombs." While the cobalt units underwent 18 months of bombardment by uranium neutrons, government researchers and Doctor Johns were experimenting with types of shield in which to place their "sources." Late in 1951, the first treatments were given to cancer sufferers in London, Ontario, and in Saskatoon. A third source was the way for one of New York's major hospitals. Today, Chalk River is producing as many Cobalt-60 sources as its single reactor, already overloaded with research work for Canada and its allies, can turn out. Completion of a second, and larger pile, will make greater production possible. The remarkable fact about heavy-water Cobalt-60 is that it possesses 20 times the strength of the similar product turned out by the graphite pile at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Canada : Child of Fortune

In one sense, Canada is the darling of fortune of the dawning atomic age. In the area of pure science the choice of the northern partner to experiment with heavy-water, while her seniors plunged on graphite, has given her the free world's most effective reactor and pointed the way to the future to her allies. Similarly, discovery of the huge uranium lode at Beaverlodge is another result of great good fortune. If Eldorado's geiger-equipped prospectors had not passed this way, the one really great source of uranium so far found on the North American land mass might have remained uncovered for decades, even centuries. What this means to the western world is important beyond description. The United States has discovered a number of slender streaks of radioactive

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First we must apologize for the absence of Cougar Capers from the last issue of *Talepipe*. Investigation has shown that this was due, as usual, to "Pilot Error" and suitable disciplinary action has been taken.

Since our last column 410 has brought forth another "FIRST." The first Sabre aerobatic team in the RCAF. Leading our death defying daredevils is F/L "Nick" Nichols with F/O's "Garth" Cinnamon and "Al" Robb on his wings and F/O "Speed" (Smoke on my tail) Bentham flying the box. They made their debut during Lord Alexander's visit on 15 November and will display their aerobatic skills at Gros Tenquin on 14 December '52.

F/L "Win" Prince managed to escape to Canada last week. He is now wearing his "long red woollies" in Chatham, NB. F/L "Moe" Morrison has also heard the word. He is posted to 442 Vancouver Auxilliary Squadron to fly Mustangs or whatever they fly out there. "Old Firecan" says that he plans to take a Sabre with him... these "prop jobs" aren't for "Moe." A new replacement F/O "Ron" Poole, has recently arrived from Canada and Ron and his wife have joined the happy group over in

410 ELECTRICAL SECTION

BY LIVE WIRE

The past few weeks have been rather hectic in this section what with arrivals and departures. We bid fond farewell to Sgt (mind my bike) Cooke and speed him on his way to Blair, Ontario. The arm of friendship is extended to our two new arrivals Cpl A. J. Koshul and LAC J. A. Bouchard who we hope will turn into as good salve technicians as their predecessors. Cpl. (Hot Lips) Brenton having sold a motor-cycle to the latter we sincerely hope that he will take all his corners on two wheels and obviate the necessity of sending to Canada for another replacement. Watch these English roads "J.A."

Flash... A message received from Cookie our Canadian representatives, states that 1951 Austins can be had in Toronto for as little as 700 dollars. Loud chortles of glee from Cpl (missed the train) Jackson.

This section is slowly sinking into the mud down here in Mud Alley so if no further news is heard from this end of the line you can guess what has happened to your reporter.

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"Donikerville." F/O "Tommy" Thompson, the mayor of Doniker-ville is now taking the instrument course at West Raynham.

F/O "Lou" Savereaux passed out the cigars last week. The Savereaux's have added another girl to the 410 family.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



BY "AXEL"

The squadron Xmas party takes precedence this issue. Thanks to the organizability of F/O "Willie" Williamson we celebrate the Yuletide on the 17th of December in the Airmen's recreation centre, NAAFI building.

Big game hunter Murray Neilson has applied for membership in the RSPCA... It all started when he came across a rabbit suffering from lead poisoning.

Gar Brine is well known for his smooth aerobatics. In keeping with his fine record he did a lovely slow roll in his new Hillman while on a duck??? hunting trip in the Wash area. Result: Four of the boys are now walking around with their cheeks resting on their shoulders.

John E. Gaudry expecting contract offers from CBC Television after his recent 30 second viewing on the North Luffenham Christmas Program.

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Now that the day of repat is gradually getting closer more plans than Carter has pills are heard being discussed in the section between Cpl Jackson and Sgt Scott. Especially so now that rumour has it they will be returning by boat. Whichever shipping line is chosen had better lay in extra stocks otherwise it will be a dry boat before they are more than two days out.

Cpl Koshul has departed to meet his wife at Southampton so we would like to take the opportunity of welcoming her to this country. May your stay here be a happy one Mrs. Koshul.

Well having exhausted our limited brain power I guess we'll have to sign off for the time being. More news (?) next issue.

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BY F/O AL SEITZ

The other day we discovered with considerable surprise a new name in our squadron. No one is to sure who this man belongs to at the moment but since he was found among a group of 439 Officers perhaps we are forced to claim this Flying Officer Hickenlooper. Some high class VIP's were probably somewhat disconcerted at the introduction. The aforementioned Officer has by now probably had a one-sided interview with other interested parties. Don't lose faith Miltie, we still love you.

Subversive activities have been unearthed around North Luffenham. On weekends an insidious thing called "The Saturday Afternoon Club" is wont to convene and is contagious to the extent that it generally doesn't adjourn till late Sunday. The main purpose of this questionable organization seems to be to seduce innocent young pilots away from the straight and narrow path of clean living and into a life of degradation and drink. Even non-flying gnomes are sometimes included. The Club's most dangerous and influential members are two hardened old rakes, Jack 'The Leer' Turner and another infamous character named 'Sleeper Marion.'

On any Saturday afternoon a group of individuals can be found in the Officers' Mess Bar surrounded by mountains of beer cases. In the midst of this mess invariably one finds the two aforementioned protagonists inciting others to follow in their footsteps. Their disciples are many, the most devoted of whom is the Squirrel, alias Wullieeeee. The Officer named Hickenlooper is also frequently found in this gathering.

Not only does this mob gather on weekends but even on other odd evenings expeditions to Leicester are organized. At times, though the cognomen of "Sleeper" becomes too appropriate and the excursion bogs down through lack of energy on the part of one member. It is on these occasions that the real danger of this organization becomes obvious even to the most optimistic of observers. The bar closing hours having been advanced for very good reason this group defeats this move by simply deserting the premises.

An individual called "The Menace" appears to have a particularly aggra-

439 MAINTENANCE

BY CPL GRAVELINE

Another Squadron Stag has come and gone. It was a smashing do. Booze and food were in abundance and many sincere if slightly friendships were renewed and made. The inevitable drinking contest or Schooner Race was won by the Officers, much to the surprise of many airmen. Perhaps they get more practise. This party was put on by the NCO's and airmen combined so guess who pays for the next one. Let's not leave it too long, gentlemen.

The morale of two of our NCO's has improved considerably, with the arrival in England of Mrs. Alefounder and Mrs. Bunstone. Welcome to Little Canada, ladies. Sgt Bunstone also rates congratulations on his recent promotion. Cpl Chuck Empey also had his name on that much anticipated list.

This is all, fellows, but we'll make a real effort to give you some interesting reading in the next issue.

NOTICE TO FAST DRIVERS

A live man pays 25c. for a shave ; it costs \$5.00 in a morgue ! A woollen overcoat costs \$40.00 ; a wooden one costs \$400.00 ; a taxi to a show costs \$1.00, round trip ; a one way ride to the cemetery costs \$10.00. It's easier to stay alive, the costs aren't so high.

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vating effect on the club members and the inducement to drink is even greater. Fortunately this club has not yet followed the example of a certain squadron on the Wing in the demonstration of Pagan Fire Dances and ominous footprints on ceilings. But who knows, for a peculiarly cultic impression is gotten of this Club by the casual bystander and before long this may develop into something called Alcoholic Oblivious of 1 (F) Wing.

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With the Silver Fox

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Bob Simmons and Steve Atherton have moved from the cog position and have been enjoying a spot as min wheels for the past two weeks.

Jack Turner proved to be the big shooter (double meaning noun) of our recent Duck hunting trip. Spoils : One little black duck that he claimed fell into a canal after he shot it (nobody else saw him do it) and was unable to retrieve, a bad cold, a stiff back and numerous sundry items unprintable in this column.

Ken Branch can chalk up one kill the only thing was it's for the wrong side Ken.

One million pardons to George Lay. We printed him as "Bob" last week when apparently that is only his second name.

You should hear what Bill Crago calls me these days . . . Ah the power of the press.

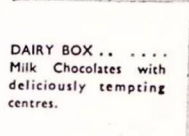
Buck Bowes and Sgt Henry Arthur (at least we've found out Gil's first name) slated for special police work . . . Dick Tracy and Sam Spade have nothing on these two.

In closing let me remind you Big Brother is watching closer than ever.

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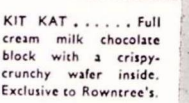
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410 TELECOM

Once again Telecom comes to the fore with the question of the week. "Aren't there any replacements in Canada to fill the vacancies in our section, or are we quite capable of filling the bill?" The general conversation around the section these days seems to deal with the postings back to Canada for Sgt Coutts to 403 (R) in Calgary, Cpl Montpetit to 435 (T) Squadron in Edmonton and Cpl Long to ATC in Rockcliffe. All are wondering if the currency will hold out long enough between paydays to buy tobacco and brew or will they have to roll their own. What about the certain LAC who wanted an extra half day on his journey to Haggis Land and New Year Leave? That knot is really getting tighter all the time with all these numerous trips,

so single men beware. See what a T.D. trip on Leapfrog does.

A signals party is being held on the 13th of the month and I guess we will have to wait till next issue to give forth the frolickings of same. What certain corporal is wondering if his blind date has horned rimmed glasses. Could it be she might be from Leicester. Xmas season is rolling around and the mighty herd are contemplating a short trip to Stamford to consume the surplus quantity of cold tea the married types are providing. This small gesture is to cement strained relations and to prevent the boys from spreading the truth about his ability at making coffee. So in closing the boys of telecom wish one and all a Merry Xmas, especially the boys in telecom.

NEW GLEAM IN HEADQUARTER'S EYE

BY LAC F. T. CLARKE

A gleam has come into the otherwise dull, dead eyes of the Orderly Room clerks. You can almost see the shade of the old tent-maker standing at the elbow of Cpl Wally Muzychka murmuring, "Fill me with the old familiar juice." The advent of the festive season is responsible for all this, and plans are underway for a splash to end all splashes. That indomitable planner of festivities Major Thompson is in charge of the arrangements, and already the airmen's recreation hall has been requisitioned, the food and drink ordered, and in the words of the Major, everything but dancing girls has been provided. As the Headquarters parties are strictly stag we couldn't make provision for a contingent from the Windmill to come to our station. We think the wives of our personnel will be pleased to note this. Nearly all the sections of Headquarters have been invited to come in with the Orderly Room, and we expect our guests to come from the Accounts Section, Signals Section, Fire Hall and Guard House, Education Office, Post Office, SWO's Office, Entertainment and Welfare Office, and the personnel from the Airmen's and Sergeants' messes. During the revels music will be played by a name band, and our personnel will be able to feast and drink in the style of the ancient Romans, except for the absence of the a/m importation from the Windmill. The date has been set for 1530 hours to 1730 hours on the 23 December, '52, and the price is only seven bob a head.

Cpl Gerry Gagne has been keeping a little piggy bank for his pennies lately, to pay for cigars that he will be buying in the near future. It is like pulling teeth to get anything out of Gerry, but the Orderly Room is looking forward to the cigars. In the same vein, Sgt Shakey Pearson proudly announced that the new addition to his family has grown six new teeth which are quite prominent, and can already say a few words at only nine months old.

Many of the personnel of the Orderly Room have been outstanding in various fields of sport and entertainment and now a new star has risen in the television firmament. We refer, of course, to that bright light of the Orderly Room, LAC "Hambone" Vachon. His smiling face and ready wit will be seen over the Canadian TV Stations during the Xmas holidays. Hambone has been getting himself into condition for his TV debut by going on the wagon for two whole months. His time is up now, so look out Brighton.



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Say ah !!! . . . N/S Frances Cavanaugh gives treatment to Cpl D. L. Hudson.

Our intrepid piper, Cpl Stan McBendle is off to France shortly to show them how it is done. We wonder how the poor unsuspecting villagers of Gros Tenquin will receive the strange and barbaric sounds created by Stan and his comrades.

All Clerks' lives are governed by buzzers, and one morning this week the clerks were thrown into a panic by what seemed a holocaust of sound. Buzzers buzzed, signs clicked into place demanding different personnel at once, and for a while it seemed the whole Headquarters was going mad. The mystery was finally resolved by removing a misplaced elbow from the buttons. It is this type of thing which makes clerks lose their hair prematurely.

The Headquarters building went into mourning yesterday, when LAC Constant's coffee went up to fourpence a cup, and paper cups to boot. Boycott was murmured among the personnel but Constan's excellent coffee prevented it.

Headquarters new speed demon, LAC Bill Moir, has been coursing the roads on a new motorcycle lately, but latest word has it that he has put the fastest thing of the country lanes on the open market and any reasonable offers will be gladly accepted. Did the cold north wind get too much for you Bill ?

We have some new additions to our staff in Headquarters now with the coming of F/O E. G. Steeves, F/O P. W. Crosswell, and Mr. Harry Moden. F/O Steeves has taken F/O McInnes place as Assistant C Ad O, and comes to us from 11 TSU in Mon-

SUPPLY NOTES

BY LAC HARRY FROMAN AND YOUNG ED.

Us two fellas can only write letters, but nevertheless we have been asked to take over from our former reporter—LAC Frank Kenley.

We would like to thank him for the very fine job he has done, and hope that he'll resume writing for us in the near future.

As to what has been going on in our section besides the arrival of E42's—there has been nothing of great interest, save all the talk about our XMAS PARTY on the 23rd, which according to Taffy Williams and Bob Hemstock should be quite the party (Hic ! !). They are the instigators. Rumour has it someone here about asked to reduce the quantity of liquor for the party—maybe he read the invitation circular ! ! ! Our friend from stock control LAC Delbert (Tommy) Thompson, (Clarence's Cousin) has been off to Ely Hospital for a short rest, where he has been treated for an infected

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treat F/O Crosswell is the Movements officer and came up to us from the RAF Movement Unit at Southampton. Harry Moden has taken over the Duplicating Pool and hails from North Luffenham.

Rumours are rife about LAC Hache, the Brighton Kid. It looks like a very important event may be taking place in the near future. The same may be said for Cpl "Lower Lip" Maclean of Central Registry, the gallant swain of London. Things seem to be taking a serious turn with the fair one. Also, the good Cpl Wally Muzychka came back this week from a leave in London with a gleam in his eye, and humming the old tune, "I Dream of Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair." Is it really brown, Wally ?

Before signing off for this edition we wish to extend our best wishes for Xmas to all personnel on the Station, and hope they have a successful New Year.

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right hand—he says he may be able to resume playing basketball in the near future, but his manager, a certain F/S, says there will be no more games in the Leicester Area ! ! ! We would like to welcome Sgt Johnny Groulx formerly supply with 410 Sqdn. over to our fold, watch the Whip-cracking now ! ! ! We hope your stay will be a happy one Sarge. In welcoming Sgt Groulx we bid farewell to Sgt Otto Sulek who has joined 410 Sqdn.—We'll miss you Otto.

Well that's about all for now, here's hoping the New Year brings lots of news for us—so we can give you a more interesting column, and finally we would like to wish all supply personnel a wonderful Xmas and all the best in '53.

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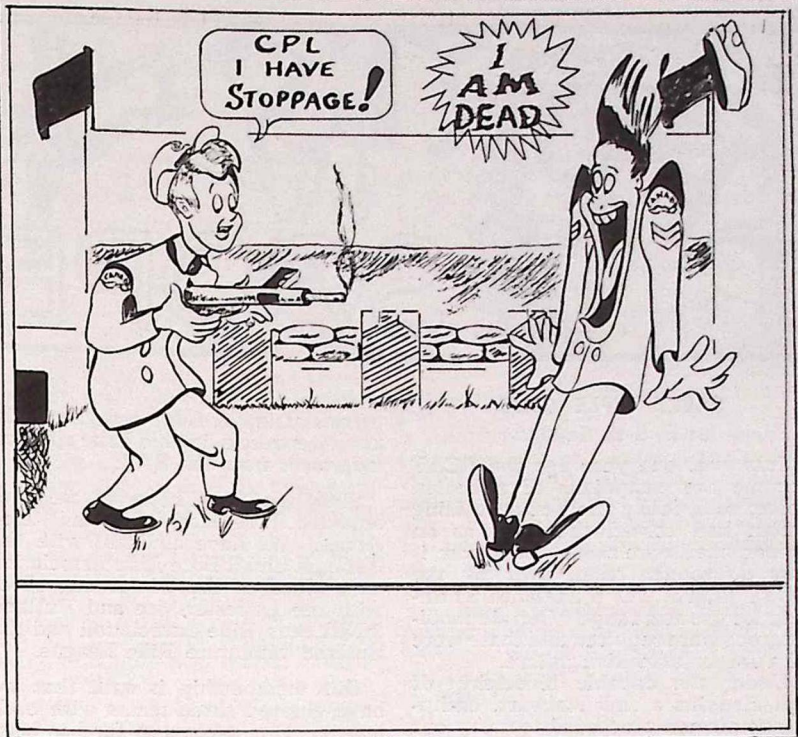
ACCOUNTS CHATTER

BY SGT. T. H. RIDLEY

Well another Christmas is rolling around to be followed as usual by the advent of a New Year. For many of us this will be our second Yuletide season in the United Kingdom and we are looking forward to celebrating in our own Canadian way flavoured to some extent with the influence of the English way of doing things. For those who are spending your first Christmas over here you will find that the English way is based on time honoured customs which, although they differ in some ways from ours, are endowed with that proper portion of Christmas spirit and good will towards men that we have become so accustomed. Those fortunate enough to get up to Scotland for their New Year's leave have a real treat in store for them. The pouring out of the old year and the flowing in of the new year in the traditional Scottish way is something long to be remembered.

This is a good place for the Accounts staff to wish everyone of their associates on the unit a very Merry Christmas and every success in the coming year. On our part we pledge to continually improve our services to you in the new year. Our job is, as you know, one of service in the financial and accounting field not only to the Department of National Defence but to the individual as well. As the spirit of co-operation improves so the morale of the personnel will go up.

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The official departmental rate of exchange for the month of December, 1952, has been set at \$2.74. This drop is a welcome sight now that the festive season is on when expenses are high.

It seems that our teletype machines are almost human. They too can make mistakes. The Cpl Dunn who arrived to replace Cpl Sanderson turned out to be Cpl "Bud" Dann. My apologies "Bud" on behalf of the Teletype section. "Sandy" finally got away on the 9th of December after many, many delays.

Cpl Dann is off on a few days leave to meet his spouse who was scheduled to arrive in London by T.C.A. on Friday the 5th. We haven't seen either of them since presumably because of the recent London Fogs.

Personnel interested in obtaining Coronation Crown Piece and Sets of Coins are advised that orders may be placed at this local bank. Sets of Coins cost 8/- and Coronation Crown Pieces 5/6 each.

Your pay staff will be busy in the next few weeks making up your new pay records and finishing off the year's work, etc., so give them a break fellows and don't bother them with unnecessary inquiries. They will, I know, help in any way possible but a little consideration on your part may reduce the amount of midnight oil being burnt. The old adage "Is this trip (to pay accounts) necessary" might be a good motto for personnel to adopt particularly during this very busy period. Thanks fellows for your co-operation.

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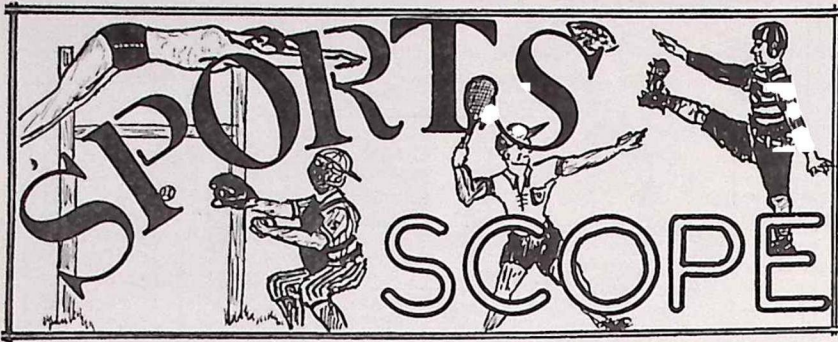
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SABRE RIFLE CLUB
BY F/S H. SEWELL

Just over one year ago the RCAF became the custodians of a beaten down, cold, leaky shell of a building which had served the RAF as an indoor small bore range. However, it was no sooner taken over by the RCAF than it was condemned as unsafe for use as a range. Certain modifications were required and these were of a rather extensive nature.

Under the capable leadership of Cpl Hodgins a few stalwart, enthusiastic airmen proceeded to carry out these changes until today we have a range and club house which is not only serviceable but friendly and warm as well.

On the 5th of February, 1952, the first regular meeting of the Sabre Rifle Club was called to order. S/L Bain became president, Cpl Hodgins chairman and F/S Wilkinson secretary. The club was duly named and some kind of order arose out of chaos.

The club was invited out to Blackstone's of Stamford during the spring and it was then that we discovered how bad our existing rifles were. Up

to this point and for several weeks after we were using old issue rifles on loan to us from the RAF.

Since that time, however, we have obtained first-class rifles and telescopes. We have affiliated with the National Small Bore Rifle Association and joined in the winter cup shoot with the Leicestershire and Rutland Small Bore Rifle Association and the Rutland Miniature Rifle League.

Our membership is such that we have entered three teams with each league. Our success so far has been good but due to postings, etc., there are times when it becomes difficult to shoot the required number of targets each fortnight. During these periods new members are drafted into teams and if any old members are slipping in their scoring or a new member becomes better than an old one a change in team members takes places.

However, any evening or weekend spent at the club by any member of the club is put to good use. Practice is essential and a careful register is maintained of the scores made so that

THE FROGMEN

REPORT FROM LAC R. G. ROBERTS

Since the last issue we have had our best experience. We went down to the Physical Education College at Loughborough. We had a very good workout under the able eyes of a former British Olympic entrant. His first words were, quote, we will start you off with five hundred yards. After the majority of us had done one hundred and a few had done one hundred and fifty laps he gave us some leg exercises. We then did a few laps on our backs, then with kick boards and finally he brought out the foot flippers and what an improvement.

We are going again this Friday and every Friday. Anyone interested should come out on Thursday nights to Notts. where we do a bit of training. Beginners are welcome as we have instruction.

BESIEGED FARMERS

WINNIPEG—(CP) — Leo Scholberg, who operates a farm at St. Boniface, told police he has found three steers and one deer shot dead on his property since the hunting season started. "It's getting so I'm afraid to go out on my own farm," he said.

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everyone is continually in the picture of what each man can do.

During the new year it is planned to have outings to other ranges and in turn have other teams come here to our range. These occasions are very social and a fine time is usually had by all.

If you are interested in becoming a proficient rifle shot why not turn out and see what we can do to help you attain that goal? You, as members of the armed forces, are welcome to come to the indoor range at any time. It is your range so why not use it and enjoy it?

Our team standings to date are as follows:—

Team	S	W	T	L	Standing in Leicestershire & Rutland SBRA
Sabre A	4	4	0	0	First place
Sabre B	4	1	1	2	Fifth place
Sabre C	4	3	0	1	Third place

Team	S	W	T	L	Standing in Rutland Miniature Rifle League
Sabre A	3	2	0	1	Third place
Sabre B	2	2	0	0	Second place
Sabre C	3	1	0	2	Fifth place

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THE M.E. LANGUAGE —OR— LANGUAGE BARRIER

BY LAC J. R. O'CONNOR

Every trade develops a language jargon of its own and those trades embraced by Mobile Equipment are no exception. Whenever the boys get together in the drivers' room some form of a bull-session gets under way and the more talented of the species are heard to utter certain words or phrases which to the untrained ear are very vague or completely incomprehensible in regard to their meaning.

One of these instances is to speak of an indefinable "THEY." "THEY" are the root of all the ME man's troubles and overtime work. "THEY" may be just about anybody in the Air Force, according to the particular beef. Another favourite is a "GAZOTSKI," most anything can be a "GAZOTSKI" and one can ascertain quite accurately how long a man has been ME by the amount of certainty with which he interprets its meaning of the moment. However an "OLD GAZOTSKI" is usually the term reserved for a lavatory, this being the only exception to the rule. A "GAZOTSKI" may be spoken of with tenderness or contempt as the occasion demands. A perennial favourite is a "BANANA" usually preceded by any of a number of adjectives such as old, big or little. Each adjective imparts a distinctive meaning to "BANANA." An "OLD BANANA" is a recurring trouble, a "LITTLE BANANA" may be either a junior tradesman or an annoying character as the situation warrants. A "BIG BANANA" is one who tries

to impress his importance on others and likes to hold the floor while telling the rest of the world how good he is. To be termed just plain "BANANA" may be taken as marking you "as one of the boys." Under certain circumstances, however, an infant child of a member of the ME Section may be endearingly referred to by his or her father as "THE LITTLE BANANA." Another time-worn favourite is a "JIBONEY"; again we have a word with a number of meanings. Primarily "JIBONEY" refers to a person's character, and to be classed as a "JIBONEY" usually means to be one who does the wrong thing at precisely the wrong time, however it may also mean one who puts on a "big front" in order not to appear ignorant of the particular subject under discussion at the moment.

Other "ME words" though clear in their meaning to anyone in the ME but found by other people to be misleading or vague are such as "GEAR-BASHER" or "GEAR-BUSTER"; either terms means an ME driver and does not necessarily reflect on his ability to handle a gear-box. "JET-JUICE-JOCKEY" is the name given to the driver of a refuelling-tender carrying Jet fuel. "TYPE-WRITER" is not the name given to an instrument used to type letters but rather is the term applied to an engine with excessive "ping" as caused by using low grade gasoline. A "PISH-POSH" is the somewhat poetic name given to a windshield-wiper, due to the noise it makes when in operation.

Amongst the phrases peculiar to ME "Pour the coal to 'er" this simply means to go heavy on the accelerator; to "barrel it" means to move along at an excessive speed—not a recommended procedure. Should you hear an ME type say that he "had to knock her down" do not think that he has been cruel to some female of the species, he simply means that he had to gear his vehicle down. If you hear one of the ME bods going around spouting such a phrase as "Thank you General Jackson!" or some name usually associated with Hollywood or politics, he is merely saying "Thank you," but with a distorted form of political politeness.

So taking a cue from him, seeing as you have had the patience to bear with us this long we say "Thank you Roy Rodgers!"

MISLEADING MASK

OXFORD, ENGLAND—(CP) — Police rushed to a local bank after a citizen reported he had seen a "masked bandit" on the premises. They found a worker sandpapering the floor, wearing a handkerchief tied over his face to keep the dust out.

STATION WORKSHOPS

BY CPL. AL HODGINS

Our little man LAC Potts was married at North Luffenham and a reception was held at F/S Wilkinson's. The couple then took off on a short honeymoon in London. Mrs. Potts comes from Ontario and we find that she likes England and caravan life. The boys from Workshops wish the best of luck to you both.

Cpl Deion, our machinist, was found limping around the shop and when we inquired the reason he couldn't tell us. It was then thought that maybe future parade had something to do with it. After many trips to the MO Cpl Deion found that a hair from a brush or broom had penetrated his foot and had worked around making his foot extremely sore. He was able to remove this hair in one piece and proudly showed it off in the shop. You never know do you.

A new arc-welder has been unpacked in Workshops and most of the boys can hardly wait until it is connected up so they can get their hand in again.

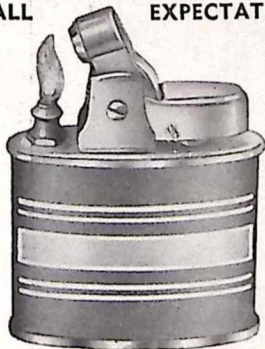
That's all for now.

Brooke Claxton Visits

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After departure from North Luffenham, the party visited Langar for a short time and returned to London. Mr. Claxton will attend the 10th meeting of the NATO Council of Ministers in Paris before returning to Canada. On December 13th he attended the official opening ceremony of 2 Fighter Wing at Gros-Tenquin in France.

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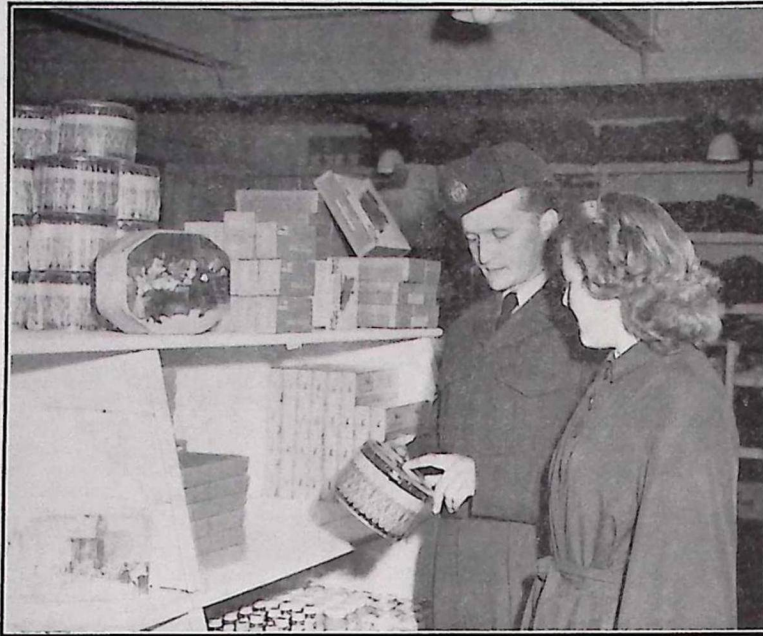
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Cpl Bill Wiltzen and wife catch up on last minute Christmas shopping at the Station Comm.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

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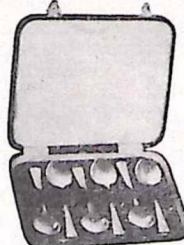
Canadian Affairs

15. Under Section 51 of the British North America Act it was enacted that after the completion of the Census of 1871 and of eight subsequent decennial censuses there would be a re-adjustment of the representation in the House of Commons. Consequently this year a re-adjustment or re-distribution is a result of the 1951 Census. The number of representatives in the House of Commons before this 1952 re-distribution has been :
- 221 ;
 - 235 ;
 - 245 ;
 - 262 ;
 - 282.
16. The Director - General of the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations in New York is a Canadian. He is :
- R. B. Rothwell ;
 - H. L. Keenleyside ;
 - W. A. Mackintosh ;
 - Brock Chisholm ;
 - A. Davidson Dunton.
17. The Northwest Territories are divided into three districts. Two of them are the District of Franklin and the District of Keewatin. What is the third ?
18. Big ocean-going ships cannot sail all the way from Lake Superior to the Atlantic because :
- Canada will not let the vessels go through ;
 - It is too long a distance ;
 - There are a number of shallow channels along the route ;
 - The toll charges are too high.

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Canada and the Atom

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minerals, notably in the carnotite ores of Colorado, but there are few ore bodies in the Union which could be mined for uranium profitably, and future reserves are difficult to assess. What has been the west's Number One source of supply, the Belgian Congo's Haut Katanga, appears to have reached, or passed, its peak. Important uranium production will soon be developed as a by-product of the South African gold mines. But these sources are off-continent, and in time of trouble might become inaccessible to the nations of the free world. Canada's deep-seated source is right here on the North American land mass, however. This is perhaps the most important single fact in the western world's defence effort, and the key to our ability to resist aggression.

OXENHOPE, ENGLAND—(CP)—Betty, a black sow, vanished for eight days and farmers searching for the animal never thought of looking in a haystack. She had nibbled into the stack and came out the other side eight days later.

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'BOTANEL'



BY SGT. H. HART

Now to my mind, the way you handle your Christmas Party, depends upon whether you give your party before or after Christmas. You should never, under any circumstances, give it on Christmas Eve or on Christmas night. These are the two nights of the year when most families want to be together—it's really an old family custom. Better to fix your party for between Christmas and New Years, and I am sure that everything will work out swell, with ALL the invited guests turning up.

Of course, at such a party you will most surely have a buffet, which should, this time, be as lah-de-dah as possible with no peasant pottery or coloured tablecloths. Nothing but the best is good enough for THIS party. Turn on all the lights on the Christmas tree and decorate with lots of candles, bells, holly and CAREFULLY PLACED MISTLETOE. It is rather nice to have very soft lights, or even candlelights for illumination at this party. If you are putting on a Formal, have your music dreamy—no be-hop please, just soft lights and sweet music . . .

Now let's tackle that Buffet. A typical menu for a swish party such as this would be—

Plates of cold Ham and Turkey.
Potato Balls with Parsley.
Sandwich Loaf.
Christmas Cookies, Cake, Etc.,
Mincepies.
Cream puffs.

A Sandwich loaf is exciting to make and exciting to eat. To start off you need a sharp long knife, a loaf of unsliced sandwich bread, and about a ¼ cup of butter that you have worked on with a spoon until it's light and fluffy.

Cut ALL the crusts off the bread, as thinly as possible. Now cut the remaining bread into five lengthwise slices of about the same width. Start with the Bottom slice and spread the top of it with butter. Be sure to bring the butter out to each edge. The next three slices you butter on both sides. The fifth slice is the top slice, and you butter only the underside of it.

There's the framework of your sandwich loaf and what you do now

is strictly up to you and your budget. You need four sandwich fillings. Here's one way of building up your sandwich loaf—

Between the first and second slices of bread put some very thinly cut chicken or turkey and spread with mayonaise. Between the second and third slices put ½ cup of finely chopped lettuce and ¼ cup of finely chopped olives mixed with mayonaise. Between the third and fourth slices put ¼ cup of finely chopped bacon and two chopped hard boiled eggs mixed with mayonaise. Between the fourth and fifth slices put 1 package of softened cream cheese dotted with slivers of some good jelly or jam. You can, if desired cover the whole of this loaf with a coating of cream cheese, when it will have the appearance of an iced cake. You can then decorate the top of the loaf with a Christmas motif, or with salted almond, or citron, or sliced olives, pimentoes, or sliced green peppers.

Be sure to use a sharpened carving knife so that it will slice easily. This is definitely not the kind of sandwich you pick up with your fingers, so for haven's sake get out the forks.

One last point—

Use good judgment on your combinations of fillings. The chopped turkey, the chopped green peppers, the chopped olives and the chopped eggs would go together just fine; Tuna fish, pickles, liver, sausage and peanut butter, — ugh!

I have made and served this Sandwich Loaf many times at Mess Parties in the past, and it has proved itself to be the most popular dish "on the board." I hope you like it.

I'll have more Christmassy chatter for you next issue so until then. Cheerio, you lucky people.

AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE FOR RCAF

An Air-to-Air guided missile for RCAF fighters has passed through the early phases of development and is progressing satisfactorily. Canada is benefitting from work by her Allies but is aiming at an anti-bomber missile far faster than the speed of sound — roughly 750 m.p.h. — and which will be in some ways unique.

Important developments have been going on in other fields with DRB involved to a greater or lesser degree—the CF-100 jet fighter and Orenda engine, Arctic clothing, much more powerful and effective radar, defensive work on gas and germ warfare that puts Canada in the frontline in this category, various types of human medical and operational research arising from the problems of war.

SPARKS FROM WING ELECTRICAL SECTION

BY LAC HATTON

A month had slipped by since you last heard from us so will try to bring you up to date.

On November 7th we all went to the Wing Maintenance Party which was held in the Airmen's Recreation Center and a good time was had by all.

A week later we went to F/S Brown's home and spent a very enjoyable evening, which was finished off with good old Canadian hamburgers. LAC Beacock's reputation as the section's most handsome, and most intelligent man, was at stake after the party as he had a slight accident, on the way home which gave him a few facial scratches and a black eye. Take it easy BEE we can't afford to lose our intelligent help.

Cpl Dick Reid is leaving us as he is on his way to Canada. He has been having trouble though as he has been bumped a number of times. We all wish him the best of luck when he finally gets to 6 R.D.

That's about all for this time but more next time.

Current Affairs Quiz

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19. Total length of the Great Lakes — St. Lawrence power and sea-way system is about one-eighth of the distance around the world at the latitude of Cornwall, Ontario. The total length of the system is approximately :

- (a) 1225 miles;
- (b) 1725 miles;
- (c) 2225 miles;
- (d) 2725 miles;
- (e) 3225 miles.

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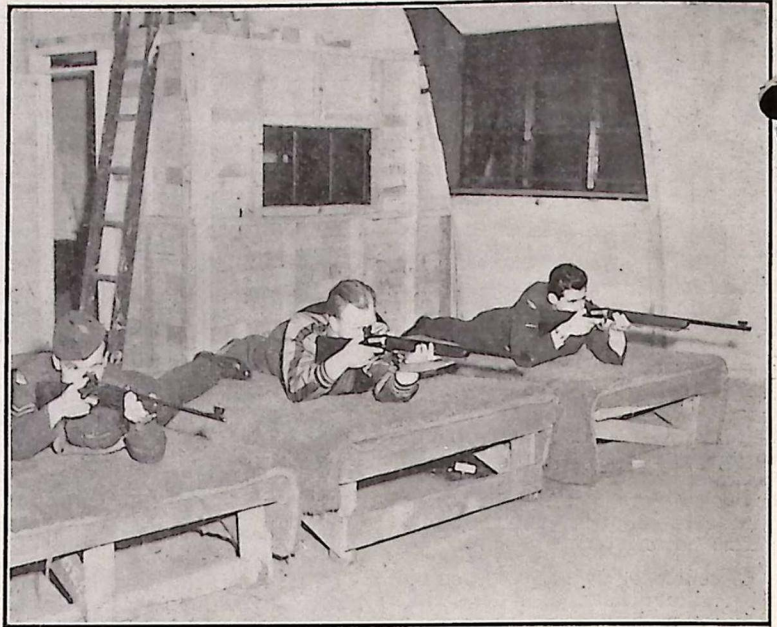
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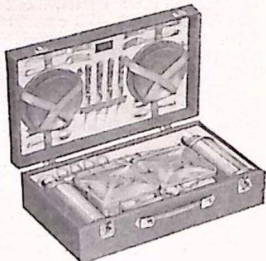
20. The altitude of Lake Superior is :
 (a) 400 feet ;
 (b) 500 feet ;
 (c) 600 feet ;
 (d) 700 feet ;
 (e) 800 feet.
21. There are three large labour organizations in Canada. One is the Trades and Labour Congress (TLC). Another is the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour (CCCL).
 What is the third ?
22. Canadian history shows two native sons as Governors General. Vaudreuil was one ; name the other.
23. The number of RCAF squadrons at North Luffenham, England, as of July 1, 1952, was :
 (a) 7 ;
 (b) 5 ;
 (c) 3 ;
 (d) 1.
24. One of the following persons is Canadian High Commissioner in the U.K. Which one ?
 (a) Norman Robertson ;
 (b) Escott Reid ;
 (c) Hon. N. W. F. A. Turgeon ;
 (d) Major-General Georges P. Vanier ;
 (e) Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes.
25. The area of Canada is larger by more than 230,000 square miles than the combined areas of the United States and Alaska.
 True or false ?
26. In order to pay for the goods we import, Canadians must sell to the rest of the world :
 (a) One-third,
 (b) One-half,
 (c) One-tenth,
 of our total production.
27. Canada has followed the example of the United Kingdom by establishing diplomatic relations with Red China.
 True or false ?
28. In the five years since discovery of the Leduc field, the oil industry of Western Canada has forged ahead rapidly. Thanks to this growth Canada now supplies :
 (a) One-third,
 (b) One-half,
 (c) One-quarter,
 (d) One-fifth,
 of her own needs.



Left to right : Cpl Guy Despatie, Cpl R. A. Olsen and LAC Beauchamps helping to collect honours for the Sabre Rifle Club.

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15. (d) 262.
 16. (b) H. L. Keenleyside.
 17. District of Mackenzie.
 18. (c) There are a number of shallow channels along the route.
 19. (c) 2,225 miles.
 20. (c) 600 feet.
 21. The Canadian Congress of Labour (CCL).
 22. Vincent Massey.
 23. (c) 3.
 24. (a) Norman Robertson.
 25. True.
 26. (a) One-third
 27. False.
 28. (a) One-third.

To be continued