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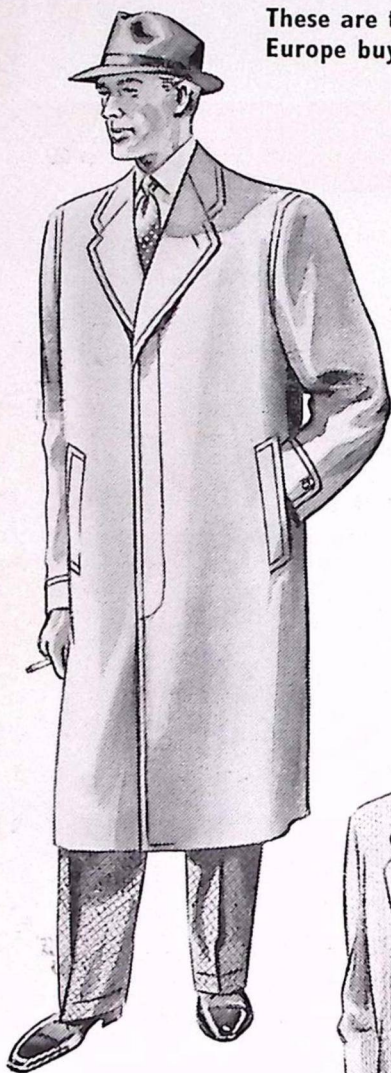


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EDITORIAL

It seems that every edition of Talepipe carries a farewell to one of our committee. This month we very regretfully say goodbye to our Editor-in-Chief, F/O Harry Chalmers. Harry was the man, who, in the beginning, was given the job of organising our station publication, with two weeks to do it in. Since that time, he has guided us through many changes, and worked constantly for the improvement of Talepipe. F/O Chalmers returns to Canada to take up educational duties at Training Command. Our best wishes go with him in his new job from the Talepipe Committee, and from all personnel on the station to whose troubles he was always willing to listen.

Now that the Battle of Britain At Home Day and its attendant confusion and hard work is over, we can review the reason for this yearly remembrance. Since the beginning of history, this old world has been in some pretty tight spots, and one of the most precarious of these was 1940, when the Luftwaffe was struggling for control of the English skies. Except for the

valor, and unparalleled bravery of the RAF and Commonwealth pilots, our free world would have disappeared, and the darkness of the Middle Ages would have come again. The words of the poem, "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn," is very applicable to those men of the Air Force who died during the Battle of Britain.

The struggle to keep intact our Christian civilisation, which has shaped the course of the Western World, is still going on. We who serve under NATO follow in the footsteps of those who died during World War II. It is our responsibility and duty to guard our way of life against forces in the world which hope to destroy it completely. We now carry the torch thrown to us by those we remember on Battle of Britain Day. We cannot afford to break faith with them.

OUR COVER PHOTO

The Armament Display in No. 2 Hangar came in for some particular attention from the younger generation on Battle of Britain Day. Three young hopefuls of the future size up a .5 Browning machine gun.

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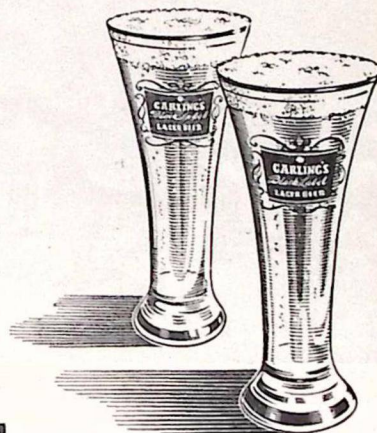
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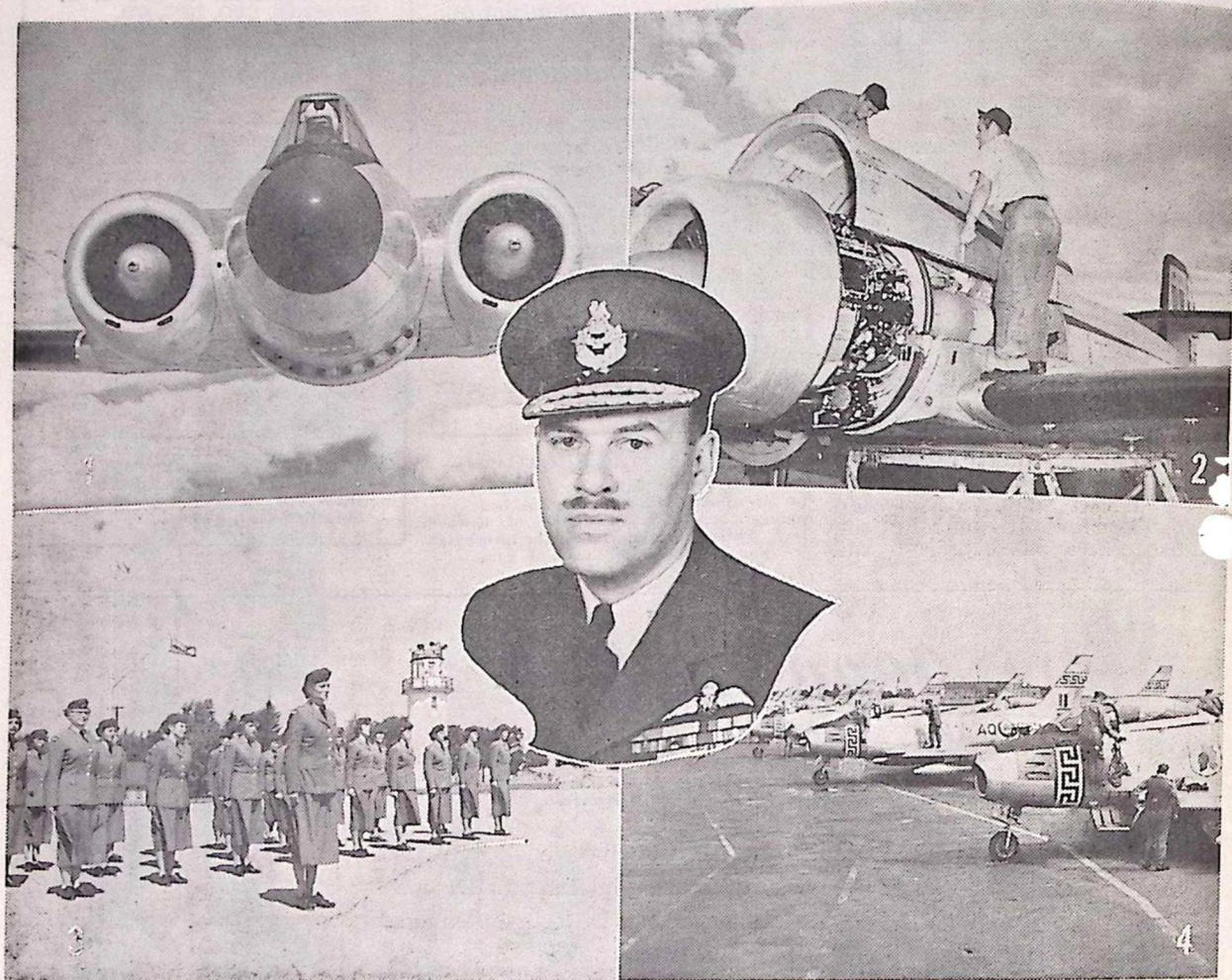


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BATTLE OF BRITAIN "AT HOME" DAY



NATIONAL DEFENCE PHOTO

Battle of Britain At Home gives the citizens of Great Britain an opportunity to look over the RCAF station and see what Canada's Air Force is doing. This year's Battle of Britain Day finds the RCAF embarking on a latter phase in its current expanding programme, which is aimed at producing a modern fighting air force with some of the world's finest aircraft and with the most modern equip-

ment. With squadrons serving the cause of world freedom and peace in England, France and Germany as well as the homeland, the RCAF is playing a decisive role in Canada's growing strength and authority. Upper left shows a dead-on view of the CF-100, the RCAF's all-weather long-range jet fighter. Upper right, RCAF aero engine technicians replace an engine cowling on a CF-100. Lower

left: Airwomen are playing an increasingly important part in the RCAF. A flight of airwomen are seen at attention on the parade square at RCAF Station Clinton, Ont. Lower right: Some of the pilots of No. 4 Fighter Wing are seen climbing into the cockpit of their F-86 Sabre jet fighters before taking off for Baden-Soellingen, Germany. Inset is Air Marshal C. Roy Slemon, Chief of the Air Staff.

1 (F) WING PLAYS HOST

Once again 1 Fighter Wing was host to the British Public for our Battle of Britain "At Home" Day. The success of last year's show was surpassed by the air and ground displays organised for this year's "At Home" day. Battle of Britain "At Home" corresponds to Air Force Day in Canada. The show on Saturday, 19th September, was one of the most exciting and best planned ever.

The air displays were put on by pilots of all three squadrons, and were, to say the least, breath-taking. F/L Dean Kelly's slow-motion aerobatics had the spectators biting their finger-nails. The aerobatic teams from each squadron put the Sabre through its paces in stunts which seemed impossible. A flight of 16 RAF Meteors performed a fly-past over the station with incredible precision. The formation seemed painted against the sky, all sixteen aircraft moving as a complete whole. F/O Griff Boord, of the Royal Australian Air Force, put on an aerobatic display in a Meteor 8 which really showed what this fine aircraft can do.

On the ground there were displays of all the aircraft used by the RAF, and a F86 Sabre jet. Various sections on the station made displays of their equipment. Telecommunications showed wireless and radar equipment which is used with the Sabre. The Electrical Section displayed testing equipment for electronic inverters, and the electric starting system of Sabre 2. All the instruments and armament systems used on the Sabre made a very popular showing. The Safety Equipment Section showed all their latest protective clothing, and life saving apparatus, and showed the spectators how parachutes are packed.

The Ground Combat School put on a tactical fire-power and air-field defence demonstration, including shock troops, vehicles, aircraft, mortars, anti-aircraft guns, high-explosives and rockets. This exercise illustrated the methods used to render an aerodrome safe against any form of enemy attack. Not the least of the many attractions of Battle of Britain At Home Day, was the arrival of movie star, Gary Cooper. Many were the feminine hearts fluttering at the sight of this favourite actor. Gary inspected all the displays, and drew the lucky ticket on the pro-



The arrival of Gary Cooper to attend the opening of Battle of Britain Day. Gary looks a little worried; perhaps he is trying to locate the parents of this lost little miss.

Photo: Cpl Wiltzen.

gramme draw. In the evening he attended the dances held in the messes.

The success of our Battle of Britain show was amply illustrated by the numbers of people who accepted our invitation. There were 35,000 people clocked through the main gate on Saturday afternoon. The interest shown by the British Public in what the RCAF is doing in Europe under NATO, is ample return for the amount of work done on our "At Home" day.

THE EDITOR REGRETS — —

Owing to the Volume of Material submitted for this Edition, it was impossible to print all the Articles. However, they will be included in our next Edition.

Prosperous Region

The Fiji Islands, British Colony in the Pacific, produce coconuts, sugar tobacco and gold.

Shark Industry

Columbia in South America has a factory capable of converting 1,000 sharks a day into meat and oil.

TECHNICAL NEWS OF INTEREST

By Cpl Tollerton

On the 25th of August, Dowty Hydraulic Companies Travelling Display Coach paid a visit to North Luffenham. The coach arrived on the Tuesday evening and parked overnight.

The following morning it was opened, for those who were interested, in front of No. 2 hangar. Unfortunately due to a slip-up few people knew about the visit (the Donnickers' wives slipped up on that one).

The coach was driven by Mr. F. Mince, who has travelled hundreds of miles visiting factories and airfields throughout Great Britain. Chief Dispenser of technical information was Mr. D. G. Barrett, who never once failed to answer a query or hesitate over information relating to his multifarious components.

On display was a nose-wheel and one main u/c leg and wheel of Hawkers Sea Hawk. This was sectionalised showing the operational sequence of the liquid spring oleo leg.

The latest styles in electrical push button switches and indicators filled another panel in this

glittering display. One of the interesting features was a micro switch which once it made or broke contact had provision made for a one half inch override. This feature is very handy for u/c doors and legs which are inaccurate, due to location and operation, in their travel.

The next section dealt with the most vital but little thought of seals. The seals on view were made from synthetic and natural rubber. Dowty claim they can make seals in any desired shape or size to cater for climatic conditions, ranging from temperatures of 60°C to 100°C. The types of rings fall into three classes, Static, Dynamic and Wiper. Static rings are for fluid or gas tight joints between cylindrical components, usually "O" seals. Dynamic rings are again for fluid or gas tight joints, but between tubular sliding members, usually "U" seals. Wiper rings, on the other hand, are used to prevent entry of foreign matter, either internally or externally, such as dirt or grit.

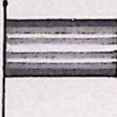
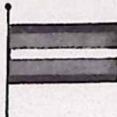
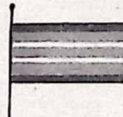
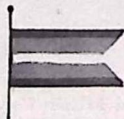
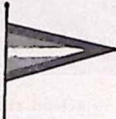

The next section dealt with hydraulic pumps either hand or

engine operated. An excellent example of craftsmanship was the two stage, variable delivery, high pressure pump. Though weighing only 13½ lbs., delivers hydraulic fluid at 3,000 r.p.m. at the rate of gallons/min. at 4,000 lb/sq. in.

Most interesting for the fitters was the fine example of burners, both Simplex and Duplex design. The newest style of spill-flow burners was on view in sectionalized form. It is this system which is incorporated in the Nene engine powering the T.33 (a rough explanation of this system may be had from the education centre).

The last, but not least, was the metering group for the "Ghost" engine. This engineering masterpiece is Dowty's concept of a Main Fuel Regulator, engine driven fuel pump, fuel control valve and stop-cock assembly all moulded into one unit. The unit itself weighs only 20 lbs. and is made to fit anywhere on a gas turbine. It is very clean in design with a limited number of external connections.

After making a tour of the coach one realised the vast amount of technical detail which goes into the making of even the smallest component.

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THIS "CHOSEN" LAND

BY F/L BILL BLISS

Four years ago, a little Oriental country, that on the map looks like Asia's appendix, sprang into headline news. Overnight the newspapers of the world were reserving their front pages for Korean affairs. Now that the war has ended, let us review this ancient land and its people, and take stock of what we have learned from the years of war. Canadian personnel of all three services fought for Western ideals of freedom in Korea, alongside men from many other nations.



All RCAF personnel were attached to the American Air Force. My own squadron was the 334th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, which was the first USAF squadron to be formed in World War II. It was originally made up of Americans who had been in the RCAF. Its crest, the Fighting Pigeon, was designed, and given to the squadron by Walt Disney. Some of the most famous pilots of the Korean War were from this squadron. Major Jabara, who visited North Luffenham last year, and who got 14 Migs, was operations officer. Captain Fernandez, another fighting pigeon, got 15 Migs to his credit. S/L Levesque, of the RCAF, was the first Canadian to shoot down a Mig, and F/L Ernie Glover, now of 4 (F) Wing, got three Migs and two probables for which he received the only Canadian DFC in the Korean War. Our present COpsO W/C J. D. Lindsay attached to another fighter wing bagged two Migs and three probables, for which he attained the American DFC.

Fighting in the Air Forces in Korea were representatives of South Africa, Australia, England and America. For war standards the quarters were surprisingly good, and the food American, which means steak twice a week at least, and lots of Southern Fried Chicken. All the food was brought over from the States, or grown by Americans in Japan.

Each flight had a "Boysan," which means house boy, who looked after seven men. Ours was called Jung Jung Sup (pronounced Chung Chung Sup), and came from Inchon. He was about 17 years old, and spoke fairly good English. He went to night school to improve his English, and was saving money to further his education. At eighteen, Jung Jung Sup will be drafted into the army, where his pay will be about thirty cents a month. The flight brought

him a bicycle from Japan over which he went wild, spending a great deal of his time polishing it, playing with its light, and unfortunately for our peace and quiet, ringing its bell.

The country itself is very mountainous, with many valleys in which the people live and farm. Roads and railroads are extremely poor, and transport is either by shank's pony, or very old, very rickety cars and buses. A common sight along the Korean roads is an ancient bus with a capacity of thirty, packed with about sixty people, hanging on by their teeth mostly. When a breakdown occurs,



which happens about every five miles, everybody gets off the bus, and squats in a ring around it, while the driver does a repair job with a piece of hay-wire.

Seoul, the capital city, was at one time a well planned, lovely city, but it is now almost completely destroyed, one of the few large buildings still standing being the Government House, which hasn't one window left. There is electricity for only two or three hours each night for the civilian population.

Seoul changed hands three times during the war, and re-building is just now getting under way.

The majority of the Korean people live in extreme poverty. They live in mud and straw shacks with a thatched roof, or in caves in the hills. Like all Orientals, the family sticks together. Frequently you come upon a village of these little mud huts which houses one complete family. The Korean always seems to be going somewhere, and invariably is carrying something. Everything is carried on the back, including the kitchen stove, and bath-tub. A Korean can carry weights on his back from 200 to 300 pounds. A Korean lady carries everything on the top of her head. It is extremely amusing to see many women carrying their rubber sandals on their head and walking in their bare feet. The children are strapped to their mother's back similar to that of the Canadian Indian. The Occidental can never understand the complete detachment of the Oriental, and this is true for the Korean. Nothing fazes him. A continuous movement and confusion of troops, guns and heavy equipment and large formations of aircraft overhead make no impression on his daily life and he seems to be completely oblivious to it all.

In the summer time due to the heat the Korean will be found sleeping outside on the sidewalks, streets and fields. However you will never find him near a river bed due to the flash floods which occur during the monsoons. Three days before leaving Korea I witnessed one of these rain storms. On getting up and going to breakfast no sign of rain was evident. By dinner time or five hours later it had rained twelve inches and bridges had been washed away, rice fields had turned to miniature lakes, and the entire airfield was covered in three inches of water.

The staple food is rice, and their methods of irrigation for its growth are not to be matched anywhere in the world. Water is at a premium in Korea and its conservation by the Korean farmer is astounding. They can hold rain-water in one field while they plant rice, and then move it to another field when they wish to plant there. At harvest time the man of the household builds himself a little platform in the middle of the field, where he sits in the shade, and keeps off the crows, and watches his wife and children do the harvesting. On his platform he smokes and sleeps, and generally supervises the harvest. The Korean farmer's got something there ! ! Wheat is grown in very small quantities, and is very precious. It also is harvested and threshed by the women. To thresh the grain, they flail it with a piece of rope attached to a pole and then sift it, just as they have done for the past 4,000 years.

A favourite dish of the Korean is called Kim Cheese. Its basis is fermented cabbage, with rice and meats added. It tastes good, but smells worse than garlic. If you eat it you must resign yourself to a solitary life.

Korean women, like all women, are slaves to fashion. The latest fad is round eyes. Occidental women are referred to as Round Eyes. A well known Korean surgeon has perfected an operation to take the slant out of the Korean girls' eyes for twenty-five dollars an eye. What a shock for the poor girls if they went to Canada and found the women all trying to enhance the idea of slant eyes. Korean girls are also excellent dancers. There is no step you can do that they can't catch on to, and do better than you can.

When a Korean dies, his burial place is decided by the amount of land he owned in life. If he owned many fields he is buried near the top of the hill. If he owned but one he is buried at the bottom, but overlooking his own field. A cairn is built over each grave, and all the hillsides are covered with them. White is the mourning colour in Korea. A bereaved person will wear all white clothing, keeping it spotlessly clean, though how he does it with the amount of mud in the country, is a mystery.

Due to the war there are thousands of orphans in Korea wandering all over the country. They live

in woods and caves, many of them near the front lines. Their average ages are from 10 to 15, and they manage to survive by stealing. Much good work has been done by the missionaries in the land. One RC priest administers five orphan homes. Some of the American units adopt an orphanage and supply it with clothing, food and treats. Western influence in Korea has been of great value in showing the people a better way of life.

The Korean soldier is a man not to be fooled with. He is an excellent fighting man, and at the end of the war, two-thirds of the front line was held by Koreans.

Now that the war in Korea is over, we have learned that war, no matter how remote from us, is still our vital concern. We know that widely varying people can work together to achieve a common end, and we are re-affirmed in our intention to make sure that no strong power will take advantage of a smaller neighbour.

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Every day more and more people, young, old and middle aged are coming to realize that Archery is not just an old fashioned, romantic pastime, but an exciting and fascinating modern sport. As with every sport there is a wrong and right way to go about Archery. In the following write-up we will endeavour to point out some of the more common faults.

First and foremost there is your choice of equipment.

BOWS—Choice and Type

There are two main types of bows, the Flat Bow and the Long Bow.

The Flat Bow

The Flat Bow (so called because built flat in sections) is of a modified American Indian type and somewhat shorter than the Long Bow, but draws the same length of arrow. This gives it a faster cast (or greater throwing power). For the Archer who prefers the shorter bow, this is excellent.

The Long Bow

The Long Bow is the traditional English Bow, generally stirrup shaped in section and fitted with horn tips. The choice between them is purely a personal one.

BOWS—Choice of Wood

Bows are made from a variety of different woods, but principally Lemonwood (or degame), Yew, Hickory or Orange. For practical practice use it is advised to select one of the lesser expensive woods. Expert advice should be secured here.

BOWS—Choice of Length

Bow length is normally determined by the Arrow length used by the particular Archer. The following Arrow and Bow length can be used as a guide.

Length of Arrow	Long Bow Length	Flat Bow Length
20"	4'	4'
21"	4' 6"	4' 6"
24"	5'	5'
25"	5' 6"	5' 2" or 3
26"	5' 6"	5' 2" or 3
27"	6'	5' 8" or 9
28"	6'	5' 8" or 9

BOW—Choice of Pulling Weight

The weight of the Bow refers to the amount of pull required on the string to extend the bow fully to the length of the arrow. This pull is measured in pounds. Beginners tend to choose a bow too heavy. Here is a normal table for your guidance.



The old sport of Archery is rapidly gaining popularity on the Station, under the guidance of F/L Palmer, the Station Sports Officer. Here LAW Grace Kolesar prepares to send a shaft winging its way toward the "bull."

Photo: Cpl Roberts.

Pulling Weight

Men	35 to 40 lb.
Women	24 to 42 lb.
Youths	18 to 24 lb.
Children	9 to 15 lb.

ARROWS—Choice of Wood

As with bows it is advisable to start with cheaper makes and types.

Arrow Lengths

The arrow length is the distance between the chin and the outside of the bow, when the bow is fully drawn with the string touching the tip of the nose.

Arm Guards and Shooting Tabs

Arm Guards or Finger Tabs or Gloves are most essential. The

The Marking of Bows

All bows are stamped as follows:
 (1) Pulling weight in pounds. (2) Length of Bow. (3) Length of Arrows in inches for the particular bow.

Arm Guard prevents the bowstring from hitting the forearm when loose. The use of shooting tabs will be dealt with later under "how to hold the bow and arrow."

How to String and Unstring a Bow

Grasp the Bow flat side towards you, by the handle with the right hand. Place the lower bow tip against the instep of the right foot. Place the heel of the left hand against the upper limb, finger and thumb engaging the loop. Pull strongly with the right hand and push with the left at the same time guiding the loop into the neck with the fingers. To unstring the bow follow the same procedure but flick the loop out of the nock with the forefinger.

Bowstrings

Bowstrings are made in two ways (1) looped at both ends and (2) looped at one end, and a timber hitch at the other.

How to Hold the Bow and Arrow

First fasten the Arm Guard on the left forearm inside and adjust your finger tab or glove. This protects your fingers and gives a cleaner loose.

Hold the Bow horizontally in the left hand, string toward you and the upper limb to your right.

Lay the arrow at right angles on top of the Bow as you now hold it (cock feather upwards and engage the string in the arrow nock).

The cock feather (odd color) is at right angles to the nock, so that the minimum touch of the feathers to the bow on loosing is encountered.

The arrow rests between the first and second fingers of the drawing hand and is grasped very lightly. Three or four fingers grasp the bowstring, not the thumb and forefinger (pinch) position.

This is a very common error of the beginner.

How to Draw and Aim

(1) Preparing to Shoot. Stand comfortably, feet slightly apart, at right angles to the target, regard the target over your left shoulder. Hold the bow as explained in the above paragraph, arrow pointing to the ground.

(2) Drawing and Aiming. Raise the bow to the required height with the left arm, at the same time drawing the arrow against the chin. The string should then be touching the nose. Drawing the string hard against the chin ensures that the arrow is drawn the same distance each time. Keep the right elbow fairly high and avoid touching the arrow nock with the thumb. Aim can be taken with one or both eyes. Concentrate your

eye on the gold (centre of the target). If you have drawn properly, you will see the arrow without having to look directly at it. Try to make it a habit to line the arrow up with the target at the correct elevation. "Elevation" and "Line" will soon come with practice. Start shooting at about fifteen yards and move back as accuracy improves.

How to Loose an Arrow

The loose is of great importance in good shooting. The string is held as loose as possible. At the moment of loosing, relax your drawing fingers and release the string. Hold the shooting position without moving, until the arrow has reached the target.

Method of Scoring

The standard target used for tournaments is four feet in diameter. Scoring values are as follows.

White (outer band)	1
Black "	3
Blue "	5
Red "	7
Gold (centre)	9

In Great Britain where the York Round and the Hereford Round are very popular, the number of arrows shot by each archer is usually six. Up to four Archers use a target, each shooting his six arrows in succession. This is known as an "end." All six arrows in the gold is known as a "perfect end."

Standard Rounds

Standard Rounds in Archery are as follows:

York Round : 72 arrows at 100 yards; 48 arrows at 80 yards; 24 arrows at 60 yards.

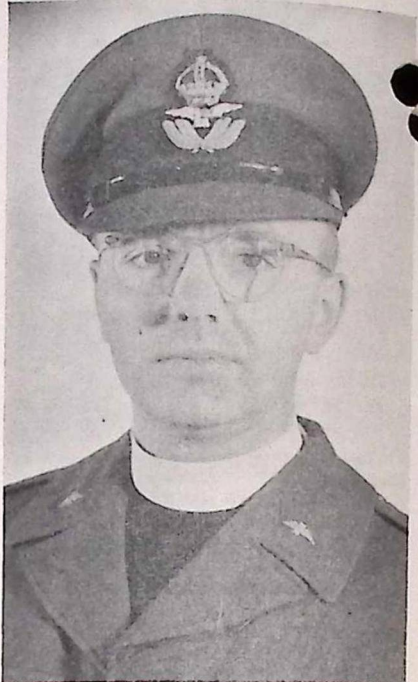
Western Round : 48 arrows at 60 yards; 48 arrows at 50 yards.

Hereford Round : 72 arrows at 80 yards; 48 arrows at 60 yards; 24 arrows at 50 yards.

National Round : 48 arrows at 60 yards; 24 arrows at 50 yards.

Columbia Round : 24 arrows at 50 yards; 24 arrows at 40 yards; 24 arrows at 30 yards.

Junior Columbia Round : 24 arrows at 40 yards, 24 arrows at 30 yards; 24 arrows at 20 yards.



This month we welcome S/L F. A. Hallé, who comes to us from Air Material Command to take over the duties of Chaplain (RC) from S/L J. P. Davignon, who is returning shortly to Canada

Photo: Cpl Roberts

Historic Land

Mexico's population is composed of descendants of the Aboriginal Indians and the Spanish Colonizers.

Flood Losses

The North Sea floods in Holland early in 1953 drowned more than 50,000 cows, pigs, horses and sheep.

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CANUCKS AT BRAEMAR

RAF Pipe Band Plays Before Queen at Highland Gathering



The Station Pipe Band attend the Royal Braemar Highland Games at the request of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh. Here the Pipe Band march past the Royal Enclosure heralding the arrival of the Royal Party.

Photo: Cpl Wilson.

CEUDH MILLE FAILLE

(One Hundred Thousand Welcomes).

Thursday, 3rd September, 1953, was a great day for the Pipe Band of No. 1 (F) Wing HQ., RCAF, for on this day the Band had the honour of performing before Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II., the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, at the famous Royal Highland Gathering in the beautiful Highland Glen at Braemar.

This was the climax of many months of hard work and untiring effort by all the members of the band, and the memory of this day will long live in the memory of all those taking part.

The trip to Braemar commenced at 0700 hrs. on Tuesday, 1st September, when men and instruments were loaded into the RCAF bus which was to take them to Scotland and back. Finally, we reached the village of Ballater, where some of the fortunate members of the band were going to live for the next 48 hours. A number of the boys were accommodated in this delightful little village, and were made most welcome by the local "belles." The remainder of the party stayed just outside the village at the Darroch Learg Hotel—which was as expensive as the name implies.

The great day dawned crisp, clear and fine, but with a high wind blowing. Arriving at Braemar around 0900 hrs., we found many bands had already arrived, some of

these travelling all through the night from Aberdeen, Glasgow and even further afield, to take part in this Royal Gathering of the Clans.

Pipe Major MacKenzie was soon finding out what the programme was for the bands. After a short rehearsal to warm up the pipes, one and all took off to explore this famous village of Braemar. The Band was due to take part in the Massed Bands parade at 12 noon. Promptly at the time stated the parade moved off by individual bands to march through Braemar Village, and down into the arena at the bottom of the Glen. The band of the Glasgow City Police led the parade, the RCAF band being approximately in the centre of the ten bands taking part. On either side of the road through the village the people cheered the bands as they came past, and Jack "Macy" Oliver was given a rousing roar of applause as he tossed the Mace in the air, and not only to the surprise of the crowd, but himself, he caught it before it bounced !!

After this successful march through Braemar, into the Arena we went, watched by some 25,000 people. During the march around the arena, movie cameramen representing British Newsreels and Canadian TV, took photographs of the band. Many were the compliments heard regarding the smart appearance, bearing, and deportment of the men of the RCAF Pipe Band. These tributes, however small they may be, coming from so many, make the work and efforts

of the individuals in the band really worth while. F/L Al Marshall from CJS, represented Canadian News Service, and managed to get some excellent photographs and material on this Gathering for release to Canadian newspapers.

The great moment of the day was set for 3 p.m., when the Queen and Royal Party were due to arrive. About an hour before the police began to tighten up their security measures, and it was, I think, a surprise to most people to see just how security conscious these police in England are. The massed pipe bands supplied a Guard of Honour down the drive leading to the Glen, and the Queen arrived with the Duke of Edinburgh in a dark red and black Daimler limousine, flying the Royal Pennant from the front of the car. The Royal Party alighted and moved into the Royal Box, which had been beautifully decorated beforehand with Scotch Heather. After the playing of the National Anthem, the massed pipe bands marched into the arena eight abreast, playing the piece of music "Braemar Gathering," which had been specially written for the occasion.

After the massed bands had marched off, the Royal Party continued to watch the games taking place, and stayed for an hour and a half. It was apparent from the way the Duke of Edinburgh looked at the RCAF Band during the march past he recognised No. 1 (F) Wing, and it was clear he drew the Queen's attention to the Band.

The games came to a conclusion at 5 p.m., the Queen, together with the Royal Party, departing at 4.30 p.m. The Band returned to Ballater, where they gave a short performance on the village green, which was watched by the village Provost. Afterwards the Provost of Ballater entertained the boys of the band at the Station Hotel.

The next day we departed from Ballater in the morning, and travelled to Edinburgh via Aberdeen. F/O Chalmers had been good enough to book a number of seats for the Edinburgh Tattoo, and most of the band took advantage of this opportunity to see one of the oldest and best Military Tattoos that this country has to offer.

Saturday saw our departure from the Capital of Scotland, and after a fourteen and half hour journey, we finally returned to North Luffenham, a tired but very satisfied group of bandsmen.

Your "Drumming" Reporter,
"PETE" DRAKE.

OUR STATION ENTERTAINMENT

By FS E. YATERNICK



The Battle of Britain Airman's Ball was attended by famous screen star Gary Cooper, who gave away the door prize to the lucky winner.

Photo: Cpl Cairns

The Bingo season commenced in early September and should prove popular judging from the weekly crowds in attendance for the first three weeks. A whole new line of prizes are offered and here are just a few of the more popular winners: LAC Walton of 441 Sqn—a silver tea service complete with tray; made-to-measure suits by Alexandre Tailors to LAC Hill, LAC A. P. Smith and LAC Gratton, all of 439 Sqn, and FS McCarvill of Supply; a radio to Cpl Beach of 410 Sqn; and a host of other prizes from cameras to jewellery sets, travel clocks, shaving sets, to a week-end in London, expenses paid, to Mrs. Flavin. The up and coming game is the new and popular special game at 5 shillings a card. The prize to shoot at to date is about £100 in cash, and bigger prizes to come. This is being run on a "snowball" principle but every so often, without advertising, special cash prizes of £50—£75 may be thrown in off this so you'll just have to be there to get a chance at one of these large cash prizes. As a consolation prize, we give a £15 cash prize which in itself is well worth the 5s. risk. To date two lucky winners of the £15 consolation prizes are FS McCarvill of



LAC Hill with Bingo Prize

Photo by Cpl Hill

Supply again, and LACs Stuart and Grimard of the ME Section who split the cost.

We're trying to build the Bingo to the point where every person at the station will want to play Bingo and win themselves some of the prizes we have to offer. So remember, every Wednesday at the Airmen's Recreation Centre, everyone welcome.

Our first Stage Show at the Station Cinema was run off on Thursday, 17 September, and though everyone was not there, those who did go certainly went to a fine show in general. Some of the nicest acts you want to see anywhere were there. The comedy team of Wally and Burch, the magic and ventriloquism of Frank Holmes, not to mention the stage debut of our LAW Lott of the Wing Orderly Room, certainly had the audience rolling in the aisles. The cartoons and caricature depicted by Sparti amazed everyone present. This was only a sample of what the shows will be like, and I'm sure you couldn't find better entertainment anywhere. So just keep in mind the next show on Thursday, 1 October, two performances at 1815 and 2045 hours. There may be a shortage of tickets next time, so get your seats early. Tickets are on sale as advertised on the posters.

The Battle of Britain "At Home" day held on the station was rounded off with one of the best dances to date held on the station for the airmen. Our guest star attraction of the evening was none other than Gary Cooper of film fame. He did us the honour of drawing the ticket for the door prize of a radio won by Miss Springate of Leicester. It was a struggle to keep him from being mobbed, but I'm sure those who could get close for an autograph, will agree, he is a grand guy. I'd like to give special mention to Cpls Land and Grey for their special efforts in the decoration of the Airmen's Mess for this occasion. They certainly did a grand job of it and deserve the appreciation of all the airmen of the station.

Old Disasters

The Great Plague in London 1665 killed 68,000 and the Great Fire in 1666 destroyed 13,200 houses.

Rugged Times

Nineteen women were hanged at Salem, Mass., in 1692 in an outburst of feeling against witchcraft.

LOOPERS SEEK OPPOSITION



Inter-Section Softball Champions, Sergeant's Mess Team. Front row, left to right—WO2 S. W. Thompson, Sgt D. P. Vaughan, Sgt W. J. McTaggart, Sgt D. Cessford (Manager), Sgt L. B. Muldin, Sgt G. S. Ford, Sgt H. G. MacLean. Standing—Sgt D. R. Grice, Sgt L. R. Bergeron, F/S J. T. Veitch, Sgt A. E. MacKenzie, Sgt F. A. Golding (Coach), Sgt E. J. Hogan, Sgt W. E. Miller, Sgt M. P. Bingham.

Photo: Cpl Cairns

Congratulations are now in order for the Sergeants' Mess Softball Team, better known as "LOOPERS," who have just been acknowledged as 1953 League Champions—1 (F) Wing HQ. During the league schedule "Loopers" played a total of 21 games and promptly PA'd 17 of them, despite the valiant efforts of their worthy but less experienced foes, who endeavoured in every way possible, to overpower the older but more agile Sergeants' Mess team. Once again it is only too apparent that experience counts for more than brawn when it comes to winning softball games — eh fellows? However, take heart vanquished, you too may be able to match the "Loopers'" record this year in another ten to fifteen years of minor league seasoning.

Now advantage will be taken of this opportunity to introduce to you the "LOOPERMEN" — They are presented as follows :

Sgt Shakey Pearson : A son of Ottawa, weight 130 lbs., age 32 years. Southpaw, plays pitcher and shortstop positions.

WO Sky Thompson : Hails from Napanee, Ontario, weighs 200 lbs., 39 years of age, pitcher.

Sgt Ed. Hogan : Hangs out in the Windy City (Windsor) Ontario, 29

years of age, covers 2nd base, weighs 160 lbs.

Sgt Goldie Golding : A citizen of Seaforth, Ontario, weighs 200 lbs., 30 years of age, plays 1st base.

Sgt Al MacKenzie : The pride of St. Catharines, Ontario, weighs 170 lbs., 28 years of age, a 1st base artist.

Sgt Lou Bergeron : A Nova Scotia fisherman doing well with the "Loopermen," plays Left Field, weighs 190 lbs., aged 33 years.

Sgt Doug Vaughan : Our all-star centre fielder, dwelt in Halifax, N.S. until the town was destroyed, aged 29 years, weighs 164 lbs.

Sgt Windy Miller : Coming from Hamilton, a man of steel, 30 years old, weighs 200 lbs. unstripped, controls the hot corner (3rd base).

Sgt Mac MacLean : Raised in Toronto "The Good," aged 32 years, patrols the Right Field, weighs 98 lbs.

FS Jack Veitch : Rides the range at Fallis, Alberta, aged 33 years, weighs 210 lbs., a Right Field threat.

Sgt Trigger McTaggart : A graduate of the Cpl's Club, North Luffenham, at home in Swiftcurrent, Saskatchewan, aged 30 years,

weighs 96½ lbs., a hard working catcher.

Sgt Bob Grice : A left fielder of high renown, calls Asquith, Saskatchewan, his home town, aged 36 years, weighs 175 lbs.

Sgt Ches Harrigan : The Pendleton, Ontario, flash, has just returned home but during season was our outstanding catcher. Aged 31 years, weight 250 lbs. Chief hobby before game time—sleeping.

Sgt Meatball Muloin : A Winnipegger who also catches a good game, age 26 years, weighs 135 lbs.

Sgt Ed Charles : Plays short and comes from Sidney, B.C. Got most of his experience from catching apples. Aged 31 years, weighs 170 lbs.

Sgt Cess Cessford : Hails from Winnipeg and Vancouver. Manager and Coach, aged 34 years, weighs 85 lbs. (has recently lost weight due to extreme worry caused by operating under duress).

Sgt Bonnie Boniface : Sub-Pitcher, learned his ball with Stelco Steel, Brooklyn, N.Y. Aged 35 years. Has gone back to Canada.

Sgt Jock Ford : Chief Waterboy —No fixed address, aged 32 years.

Sgt Bing Bingham : Master Bat-boy—lives in Saskatoon, Sask., when not touring abroad, aged 31 years.

At this time "Loopers" wish to extend a challenge to play an all star station team, during which the "Old Boys" will quell any doubts which may exist as to the ability of your new "CHAMPS." Personnel interested and possessing enough nerve to accept this invitation, are to contact the Station Sports Officer at Local 22 immediately.

"LOOPERS" also wish to announce that a "LOOPER NITE" will be held in the Sergeants' Mess in the near future which will be in the form of an open house. Dancing, bingo, refreshments, etc., will be available and a small admittance fee will be charged, the proceeds being utilized for the purchase of windbreakers for the CHAMPS. It is hoped to have the Commanding Officer present and the trophy will be presented during the course of the evening.

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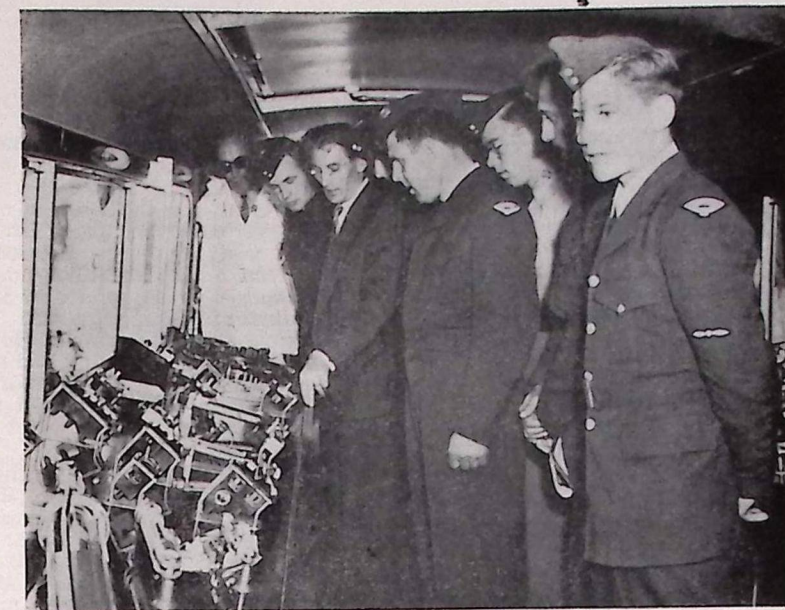


Pilots of No. 4 Fighter Wing prepare to take off at the conclusion of the departure ceremonies held at Uplands, Ont., for Leapfrog IV.
National Defence photo

TALE PICS



G/C J. D. Somerville greets movie star Gary Cooper on his arrival at 1 (F) Wing's Battle of Britain 'At Home' Day. Interview on Page 19.
Photo: Cpl Wiltzen

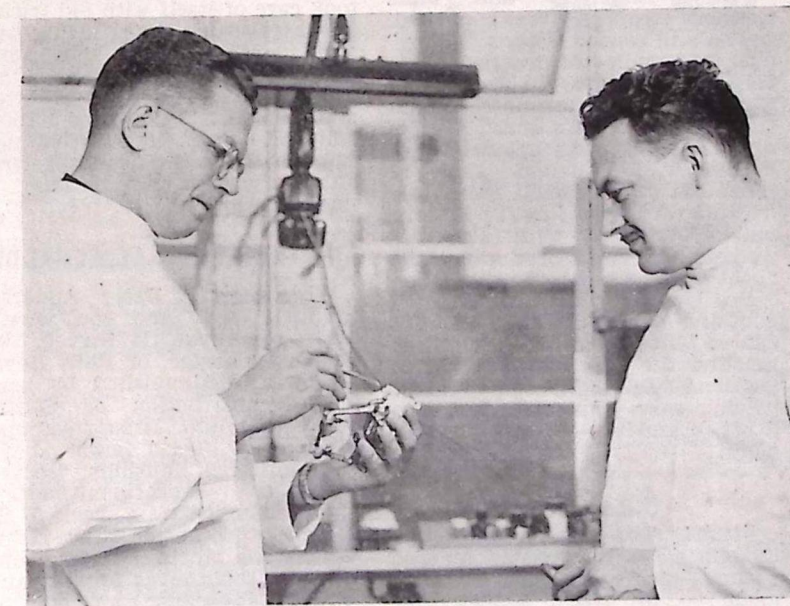


Trade Advancement Course Eleven "genning" up for Trade Board. Left to right—Mr. F. Mince, LAC Boettcher, Mr. D. G. Barrett, LAC Fournier, LAC Arsenaault, AC1 Shannon, AC1 Avery and LAC Beirnes.



LAC Walton, winner of Silver Tea Service. Story on Page 12

Photo by Cpl Hill



The New Dental Lab located in the Station Hospital was recently completed and opened. Here the Senior Dental Officer, Major MacDougal, of Lenoxville P.Q., discusses the future pride and joy of some toothless wonder with Lab Technician Sgt "Al" Vout, of Toronto.
Photo: Cpl Roberts.

WOMEN'S PAGE

ALL ABOUT LEAVE

Our barracks has been a continual scurry of people going to and from leave this month. Everyone was thrilled with the "new" places visited and returned refreshed.

Vernice and Edna travelled the furthest—to Rome and Venice. While on the train, Edna became warm and removed her jacket and found that all the people were ogling her nylon blouse—I guess they just don't wear them over there! Needless to say she didn't waste any time getting into her jacket again! On the way back they stopped in Paris and found, much to their distress that they couldn't cash their sterling traveler's cheques. For a while it was touch and go as to whether they could scrape enough together to get back to England but they finally managed—even though they did get back to camp a few days early!

Scotland is the popular place with the airwomen. After visiting Dublin, Killarney and Belfast, Marcia, Doris and Norma Colwell travelled to Glasgow, Edinburgh and Braemar. They were able to return to camp with our own Pipe Band from the Braemar games.

Betty Anderson and Jane Donnee (from 4 Wing) pushed, pulled and coaxed Betty's "jalopy" over 2,000 miles of Scottish territory. On the way to the Isle of Skye they were fortunate enough to meet Scotland's most eligible and best-dressed bachelor—Donald T. MacDonald. Only 53 years old and wearing green and white tweed plus fours! He was quite fascinated with our airwomen and considered them the "peat of the heather"!

Bea Uens was also thrilled with Scotland on her trip with Warrant Officer Mitton and his wife. They reached the northernmost tip of Scotland—John O'Groats and on leaving were impressed with the Scottish goodbye—"Haste ye back again!"

Fashions

Flash! The fashion world has introduced a new sensation for women—pipe smoking! It's the mode—all sizes, shapes and colours. So if you still plan on buying that new fall outfit, don't forget the finishing touch—a pipe in a matching or contrasting shade. And for smoking around the house,

we would suggest a patterned type to match your drapes!

While the designers are busily finding ways to increase our worries, we of Barrack Block 55 are causing a little disturbance of our own. For example, when Grace Kolesar went to one of the local tailors for a pair of tailor-made slacks they were astounded at the measurements she requested—26in. knee and 14in. cuff! However, after weeks of sewing and re-sewing they came up with the product and just what she wanted. So . . . you may see more drapes in England, who knows?

Who is the best dressed woman in BB 55 on Tuesday nights? Her creations range from all to practically nothing at all but never is she without her tartan tam. Last week was the climax when she merely slipped off her skirt and donned a pair of shorts . . . the rest we leave to your imagination!

AIRWOMEN MET FUTURE RIVALS

On Tuesday, 15 September, the airwomen played hostess to the newly-arrived Langar airwomen at a strictly female gathering in the Airwomen's Lounge. The guests were greeted at the door by a guard of honour, consisting of raised beer glasses and from there the party took care of itself with old friends talking over old times, a sing-song and plenty of food and liquid refreshments. The party ended early with a promise of inter-station sports leagues of basketball this winter and softball next summer. Then the friendship ends but the parties can continue. It was fun!!!

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Whee-e-e-e! Betty Anderson bought a car! And wow, what a car! Mind you, it isn't a 1953 Packard, Pontiac, or Rolls Royce, nor is it distinguished by aero-frame construction or Control Tower visibility. It isn't equipped with spring flexed power shafts, four cornered housings, "rocket" engine or a sensational battery. Then again, it isn't a specie of the "goggle and duster era" either. Believe me, thrill seekers would fall over themselves for a chance to ride in it because every mile you drive, in traffic or on the open road, you are kept in utter suspense.

Although "Susie" as it has been fondly christened, has a bold, sweeping, "eager to go" look about

her, she sometimes becomes quite temperamental. In fact, so temperamental that the other night Dot, Grace and I had to use force to dislodge her from the parking lot while inside her delicate frame Betty coaxed and pleaded with her to "get mobile."

However, once on the road, there's not a worry in the world unless, of course, you happen to stall on a hilly corner. That's where the co-pilot grips the emergency brake, the radio-operator directs traffic, the navigator plots the course, while "Pilot" Anderson pushes the Gizmo, pulls out the doin's piece and shifts gears.

Sometimes Susie's gears are touchy—like the other night when her reverse turned into first!

Susie likes to be different, too. When her petrol meter reads empty she fools you by being quite full. In this way some unsuspecting person, like myself, may offer to "fill 'er up."

The most fascinating accessory she has is the wind-shield wiper. We know from experience that a radio to-day has a proper and permanent place in motoring but this appliance has it all over a radio. It has the ability to keep restless occupants absorbed and the driver far from asleep with its fifty thousand odd varieties of sound!

They say that the first hundred miles in a car's life can make it or break it. This mechanical phenomenon has recently toured 2,000 miles in Scotland and, brother, it's still going!

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Food For The Children

In most homes, it is neither convenient or practical for the children to eat meals entirely different from those that are prepared for the grown-ups.

I believe that junior should be taught to like and to eat, all the foods that are good for him. This does not mean that he will eat everything his parents eat, and in just the same form; for actually a child's meals should be tailored to fit him, just as his clothes are. What it does mean is that food prejudices should NOT be allowed to develop in the growing child, if he is to grow up healthy, well nourished and happy.

One of the most important influences on the child's attitude towards food, is his parent's attitude. If father dislikes a vegetable, and says so, you can bet your bottom dollar that junior is likely to copy his dad's dislike and refusal of the vegetable. If mother dislikes some particular food and never serves it at home, the child will not become acquainted with it, and may never learn to like it.

Parents who conquer their own food dislikes, lest they influence the children, are benefitting not only the youngsters but themselves in the long run; since it is difficult to eat a well-balanced diet if one has a number of food prejudices, to say nothing of the social embarrassments they cause to both guest and hostess.

Seasoning

The adult taste cannot be depended upon to judge the proper seasoning for children. As a rule most children dislike any food that is not bland. A small amount of salt is all that will be required to make most vegetables palatable. Pepper and other so called spices are not required by a perfectly healthy palate, and should never be given to a small child except in the smallest amounts, and then only on very special occasions.

It is common knowledge that from eight to nine years on, the growing child will need almost as

much food as an adult, and during adolescence the boy's caloric requirement often exceeds his father's, unless, of course, the father is very active. If junior has been trained from babyhood to accept and enjoy a variety of foods, including the all important vegetables, both raw (in salads) and cooked, he will present no special feeding problems during the school years or afterward.

Breakfast is a most important meal for a child, and he should never be allowed to hurry off without it in the morning (like Pop!) Breakfast—you know—must be depended upon to supply one-quarter of the day's vitamins, minerals and calories. If it is omitted, the dietary lack must be made up at the other meals, or nutrition will suffer.

It is an old saying, and a very true one, "What's in the fire is bound to come out," and as we watch our children grow and fill out, we realise how true these words really are.

YES—WE HAVE SOME BANANAS

Banana Fritters. Dip some banana fingers into thick batter. Fry in deep fat until crisp and golden. Serve very hot, sprinkled with fine sugar.

Banana Gateau

Split a sponge sandwich in half and spread with a mixture of chopped nuts and chopped bananas. Put the two halves together and spread chopped bananas and cream over the top. Finally sprinkle with chopped roasted almonds.

Banana and Date Fingers

Spread a greased oblong baking tin with pastry. Cover with a mixture of chopped bananas, chopped dates and lemon juice. Put another piece of pastry on top. Damp the edges, and press well together. Prick the top evenly with a fork. Paint with a mixture of milk and sugar, and bake in a hot oven for about 20 minutes. When cold, cut into fingers.

Banana and Meringue Pie

Fill a baked pastry flan case with banana custard, top with meringue

made by beating a spoonful of castor sugar, into a stiffly beaten white of egg. Cook in a very slow oven for about 10 minutes.

Banana and Rice Pudding

Boil three tablespoons of good rice with a pinch of salt, and one and a half pints of milk. Put a layer of sliced banana at the bottom of a fireproof dish. Pour in the rice and bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes.

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SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday, 2nd September, our first station sports afternoon was held. The attendance was extremely good, except that personnel in sports kit were strictly in the minority. Perhaps those who read the DRO entries were outnumbered by those who didn't.

A number of personnel took part in the following sports: Softball, Volleyball, Touch Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Squash, Fencing, Boxing, Body Building, Weights, Archery, Rifle Shooting and Golf.

In spite of the odd few old aged or infirm individuals and a few scroungers, this sports afternoon can be relaxing and beneficial to all personnel taking part.

GOLF

By CPL WILZTEN

For the information of newcomers to the station who may be or want to become golfers, station fund has purchased a blanket membership at Burghley Park Golf Course in Stamford for all airmen and airwomen at this unit. There is no restriction as to the number of persons who may play on any day or on the number of times any person may play.

Sgt Hughes and Cpls Tapp and Wiltzen entered the competition for the Victory Cup at Luffenham Heath last Sunday. From Hughes and Wiltzen no comment but Cpl Tapp was in very good form, being even par at the end of 12 holes. However, a demoralizing seven at the 13th hole started the downhill slide and he finished 4 strokes behind the winner.

Cpl Anderson of the SWO's office has applied for membership in Luffenham Heath Golf Club. Why don't we have more interest in the grand old game of golf among the airwomen?

SWIMMING

For those interested in swimming it is hoped to continue

throughout the winter months our weekly Thursday night swimming run to the Northampton pool. New arrivals on the station who are keen on swimming or learning to swim, are reminded that the 'bus leaves the guardroom at 16.15 hours. We should also like to impress that besides those who can swim, we should also like to see more non-swimmers to take advantage of the instruction available. Also, more advanced swimming and diving instruction is available for the asking. With correct instruction it becomes comparatively easy to learn to swim and LAC Jimmy King, much to his surprise and after much splashing and spluttering, has already got his feet off the bottom after only two lessons. The WDs are also very conspicuous by their absence and we should like to see some of them around in the future.

It is still hoped to enter our local speed merchant LAC Pete Drudge as our representative in the RAF Britannia shield competition in November. We had hoped to enter others but the opposition can't be underestimated as the RAF has in its ranks as national servicemen several potential Olympic swimmers and only last week in the National Championships an RAF national serviceman won the Butterfly event. SGT MASON

BODY BUILDING

With the advent of the winter months, and the lack of adequate outdoor sports facilities on the station, the accent will be on indoor sporting activities. Of these our body building class under the guidance of Cpl Hamelin is becoming increasingly popular. Body building is an excellent means of keeping in shape and is not to be confused with weight lifting.

The aim is to perform a systematic group of exercises, performing each exercise a certain number of times with resistance in the shape of weights. In the space of a week or two one discovers that the un-

healthy rolls of useless unsightly fat around the body are disappearing and their place being taken by hard healthy muscle. Here again it must be emphasised that the aim is not the big hulky muscular mass that most laymen associate with weight-lifting, but a fit hard muscular body which one can put to good use on the sports field and in the everyday walk of life. In the near future we are hoping to acquire more equipment and Cpl Hamelin will welcome and advise any newcomers. The organised sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings in Block 57, Room 2. SGT MASON

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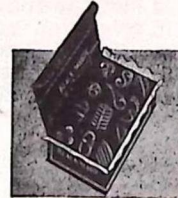
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SABRE WILL REPLACE HORSE, SAYS GARY COOPER

After seeing the air display during the Battle of Britain "At Home," Gary Cooper affirmed that the Sabre Jet replaces the horse for excitement. When asked about his landing on one wheel, Cooper quipped, "I walked to the other side of the aircraft, and tipped the balance. His comment on the air display was, "A wonderful show." "A real thrill to see the jets in action."

Mr. Cooper came to see our show after reading about it in the London papers. He came to London for the premiere of his new picture, "Return to Paradise," which, he said, received a wonderful reception. He was last in Europe in 1938, and has made this trip an extended holiday, touring the Continent by car, with his wife and son.

Gary insisted on seeing everything there was to see on the station, and one of his biggest thrills was to have a real Canadian hamburger with onions. When asked what his future picture plans were he said, "When somebody offers me a job, I take it." It looks like he won't want for work in the near future, for he has had offers to make a picture in Mexico, and has been asked to do two pictures in England. "I have no particular preference for roles to play, so long as I'm not miscast," said the Academy Award winner.

Last year Gary was in Canada for some hunting. "The best trout

FARNBOROUGH 1953

Another great air show, sponsored by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, has come and gone at the headquarters of that famous society at Farnborough.

This, the greatest air show on earth, as usual drew hundreds of thousands of people from all corners of the globe.

Closed for the first four days to the general public, numerous British plane manufacturers showed off their latest in piston, turbo-prop and jet driven planes to potential buyers from private airlines, government agencies and top military experts. With the exception of Russia and her satellites, interested parties from all over the world were able to concentrate on the plane best suited for their respective needs and a plane for every purpose was displayed.

During the last three days the gates were swung open to the general public. Thousands packed the side of the runway to watch highly skilled pilots put their ultra-modern aircraft through their paces.

Neville Duke, who since the show has won the closed circuit world speed record, screamed down the runway at low altitude at something like 725 m.p.h.; his red

Hawker Hunter a crimson flash as it disappeared in a vertical climb.

Every few minutes, for three hours, planes took off and landed. Each different in appearance and performance.

From the tiny Percival Provost two-seat trainer to the latest in high speed level bombers such as the Vickers Valiant and the very new Handley Page Victor, with only some ten flying hours, they came and went.

One of the most impressive sights of the day was the ultra-modern full delta Avro Vulcans. Two of these beautiful machines, each with its two tiny prototypes, gave some idea of the tremendous changes in aircraft of the future.

This show is like a glimpse into the future. Here are designs so new and radical that even the writers of fantastic comics have not dreamed of them.

New engine designs were on display bearing such famous names as the Rolls Royce Avon, Derwent and Nene.

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For dollar hungry Britain, this show has proved to be one of the biggest single dollar earners in the country.

The great buying public, both civilian and military, still look to England for the latest in aeronautical designs and, as the show again proved this year, England is still head and shoulders out in front in this field.

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fishing in the world is in B.C.," he said. He hopes to return to B.C. this fall for some more of the same.

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MAIL CALL

By SGT CESSFORD

On September 1st, 1953, the Canadian Postal Corps took over the operation of the Station Post Office. While the NATO agreement provides for the participating countries to operate their own forces post offices nearly twelve months has been required for authority to be granted for the establishment of Canadian post offices and the sale of Canadian stamps in the U.K.

Canadian stamps are required on all mails posted at a Canadian Field Post Office addressed to Canada, U.S.A., or to Canadian Army Post Office addresses anywhere. The rates are the same as those in effect in Canada, or at C.F.P.O.'s on the Continent.

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in order to take advantage of the visiting forces customs concessions. Despatches are made direct

in sealed bags from Montreal to the Canadian Army Post Office in the U.K. without handling by civil Post Office. There is a daily air-mail service between Canada and the CAPO in London, and between the CFPO's on the Continent and CAPO in London.

Mails posted at the station post office (CFPO 101) bearing Canadian postage are forwarded in sealed bags to Canada, or CFPO's on the Continent without being processed by the civil Post Offices.

It is realized that this has brought about a higher rate of postage mainly on Forces Letters, but the use of 2½d. on these forms was irregular. These Forces Letters were supplied by the Post Office for use of members of the Forces subject to certain regulations, the first being that they be mailed at a Service Post Office. Until a Service Post Office was officially established at No. 1 Fighter Wing this regulation was not enforced. Now any of these forms mailed in civil post boxes will be sent by surface mail.

One of the benefits gained by the change is that now parcels up to 10 pounds in weight can be mailed

to Canada without requiring a trip to Edithweston Post Office as in the past.

If you have any legitimate beef about the service, bring the cover of the envelope, paper or parcel concerned to the Post Office and the boys will be pleased to make enquiries for you. However, they can't consider writing your letters or extending credit for football pool postal orders. After all!

The cost of the Canadian stamps in sterling is determined from the conversion table supplied by Treasury, a copy of which appears in the lobby of the Post Office.

As rates or schedules change, notice of same will appear in this column from time to time.

NOTE OF INTEREST

Wandering around the station one cannot help but notice the smart appearance of the Airmen's Mess Hall lawns and flower beds. Those of us, who have been on the station over a year, can really appreciate the difference in the appearance of these grounds.

The credit goes to Mr. C. C. Burbidge, who in his slack moments has steadily toiled away at his back-breaking hobby. He went about his task quietly, and gradually the plots took shape. Next came the floral pattern, and to set it all off, he added bird baths and a bird house built by his own hands.

On Air Force Day people were overheard complimenting the smart appearance of the grounds. A tribute to which we would all like to add "Well done, Mr. Burbidge."



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Letter to the Editor

A most descriptive article concerning Accounts Sections appeared in your August issue of *Talepipe*. However, no mention has been made of the reasons making it necessary to immunize Clerk Accountants to the pleadings and whimperings of our dear beloved customers. Following are a few examples... The most common type to appear is the "tear jerker." The day following pay parade he is at the counter, large tears streaming from his eyes and emitting piteous wails. It appears that he has been the victim of fate, losing his pay to some of the sharper players on the station. In addition to this his laundry is still to be paid for, Mother's birthday is tomorrow, and Grandma only just kicked the bucket. On top of all this woe it is necessary to jaunt off to London to pick up a watch at the jewellers. Naturally the Staff is deeply grieved and hurt for this poor unfortunate and he is hurriedly ushered into the PAO's office. At this time a brief appeal is offered for his welfare and to the beautiful strains of "You're breaking my heart," he is gently led into the outer hallway and courteously requested to "drop dead."

Another mystery to Clerks Accountant is the sudden cases of laryngitis which almost invariably appear on pay parade. At most times the average airman is a typical example of boisterous Canadian youth and even more so when his bloodsteam has been diluted by

such well-known beverages as "gin and orange," Carlings, etc., etc. At these times anything short of an atomic explosion would be inaudible to the human ear as the strains of "Your cheatin' heart" waft gently o'er the camp. However, when asked to merely state his name and number on pay parade, this formerly energy packed type reverts to a mumbling self conscious lad, who rasps his information out thusly: "Phruumph Zelqxbdoing J. B." This then, will account for staff being trained to ignore strange noises and gestures. We would welcome the opportunity to have each and every one of you work with us and go slowly nuts together.

To the writer of Accounts ? ? ? ?
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BOOK REVIEW

BY MISS M. A. BALL

The Lotus and the Wind by John Masters.

On the seventeenth day of December, 1879, Anne Hildreth had crossed the Indus. India lay behind her, Central Asia ahead. So begins John Masters' third and most exciting novel of India.

The central figure of "The Lotus and the Wind" is Robin Savage, a strange, contradictory character, part soldier, part mystic—a decisive man of action when the situation demands it, on other occasions an introspective dreamer. He was a strange man for Anne to fall in love with and to marry in the face of her parents' objections and of rumour of Robin's cowardice. Anne did not believe that Robin was a coward, and neither did

Major Hayling—for it was through the major that Robin got one of the most dangerous and important secret service appointments in the history of British India.

Accompanied only by his Gurkha orderly, and starting with the flimsiest of clues; Robin began a journey that took him on the trail of the Russian Muralev and his wife from the sweltering deserts of Afghanistan to the breathless heights of the Pamirs.

Rich in colour and excitement, "The Lotus and the Wind" has qualities which more than equal those of its two predecessors, "Night runners of Bengal" and "The Deceivers."

U-Boat 977

by Heinz Schaeffer

The engrossing war experiences of the German U-Boat commander who by remaining submerged for sixty-one days, got his ship to Argentina after the surrender and created the world-wide rumour that he had taken Hitler there.

Bandoola

by J. H. Williams.

Readers of "Elephant Bill" will remember the magnificent tusker Bandoola, who led the way up the precipitous cliff out of Burma, and

who died such a mysterious death. Colonel Williams has chosen his name for the title of this book, not because it is exclusively about him, but because Bandoola was the most interesting and challenging animal he ever encountered.

The life stories of Bandoola and of his rider Po Toke do, in fact, run all through these further adventures of "Elephant Bill" in the jungles and teak-forests of Burma, but here you will also learn more of the ways of tigers, dogs, elephants and oozies; more of Willie, the old jungle salt, who insisted on playing cricket on the most unsuitable wicket; of the rebellion of the Burmans; of the jungle gnats or spirits; and how the author met his future wife through their common love of dogs. But Bandoola and Po Toke are never far away.

All these dramas and adventures of beast and man are told with that quiet modesty which contributed so much to the popularity of "Elephant Bill." It is difficult to imagine anyone who liked that book not enjoying "Bandoola" as much—or more.

BOXING

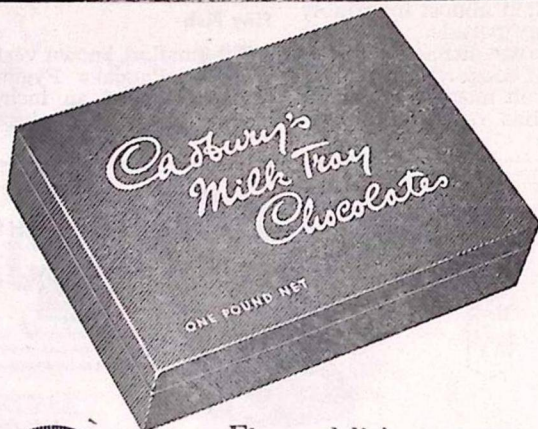
With the approach of the service's boxing season, those of us interested in the fistic art are hoping RCAF North Luffenham will be able to make a more noticeable impression, both on paper, and on the dials of our friends the RAF during the coming winter months.

Most RAF units of any size based in this country enter a team in the annual *strictly novices* Lord Wakefield competition, and even though we haven't entered a team since our arrival here a big effort is going to be made this year to try and put RCAF on the sporting map.

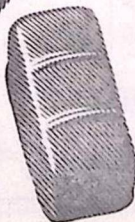
Training is due to commence on Monday, August 31, and from then on every Monday and Wednesday evening at 1830 hours in room 2, Block 57. It is intended to spend the first few weeks getting in condition and generally toughening up, after which we shall get down to the more serious business of instruction in ringcraft, etc.

Having boxed and officiated in this competition I know the standard required, and feel sure there is sufficient potential boxing talent on this station to take us a long way in this competition. So come on fellers let's have a go instead of sitting around and moaning about the climate.

SGT MASON



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Poets' Page

THE LAD IN WHITE

By LAC Moody

'Tis five o'clock in morning, and everything is still;
A lad in yonder Barrack Block, is woken by a shrill.
The old alarm is ringing, it's time to rise and shine,
To be ahead of other chaps, waiting in the line.
He turns to still the monster, that robs him of his sleep,
Rises from his comfy bed, the cold floor hits his feet;
Reaches for his shaving kit, heads out for the tap,
Cursing at the raging thing, that robbed him of his nap.
Turns the tap full on and thinks, that still life is sweet,
But lo, the water it is cold, what happened to the heat?
The shaving soap it won't lather, temper starts to rise,
The blade is dull and pulls like — well, the sunny skies.
He starts to dress, and grins, his spirits getting higher.
For soon he will be standing, by the good old kitchen fire;
He's smiling now, and wends his way, cross to the old Mess Hall,
Breakfast to get ready, and orders as they call.
His stoves are lit, the water's on, now things are going nice,
Just eggs to get, pancakes to make, and bacon left to slice;
The Dads he feeds are still in bed, 'tween sheets so clean and white,
But still he has the dinner, and the hungry ones in sight.
The orders they start coming in, the scrambled and the fried,
But the little lad in white, he takes them in his stride.
He takes no credit for his work, which is as it should be,
But at the same time, I am sure, you're glad that you're not he.
Breakfast over, time for tea, and one less meal to feed,
He's thinking of the dinner, and all the food he'll need;
No rations came in yesterday, the fridges are all bare,
To look at him in such a state, you'd think he'd not a care.
A bit of beef, a little ham, should suit the purpose fine;
Your only worry now, to have the meal on time.
Then the Sarge, he lets a yell, forty more if please.
We'll use that old spaghetti, and some leftover cheese.
One lad won't have spaghetti, the other not the beef,

You start to wonder after all, if cooking is but grief;
Another chap, no care for soup, nor the roasted ham;
He sure could go for pork chops, or T-bone if he can.
The dinner it is over, just cleaning to be done,
The Messing Officer might be round, and work is never done.
We have late meals to do, says Sarge, some guys on the fly;
Oh, well, you are a cook, and you sometimes wonder why.
At last your shift is over, you wend your way back home;
Though others think the job is soft, you're tired to the bone;
You think your work is over, you're entitled to the rest;
You say the job you've done is well, you've tried your very best.
Others think perhaps not so, they say the meat was tough,
And then another bloke will say, I didn't have enough.
They'll always kick, they'll always moan, not just satisfied,
But leave it to the lad in white, he'll take it in his stride.
He'll still rise in the morning, when you are still abed,
Dreaming of the night before, still with weary head;
And still he'll try to please you, that is his desire,
So help him on his weary way, make his spirits higher.
If things go wrong, they sometimes do, pat him on the back,
Don't always blame him for the things that sometimes you may lack;
He'll not ask much, smile and say, I'll help you win the fight
A happier lad you'll never see, the little lad in white.

THE SUPPLY TECHNICIANS NIGHTMARE

By NIL STOCK

Now I lay me down to sleep,
As through my mind the vouchers creep.
If I should die and my soul go free,
Turn me in on an E-93.
I toss like mad in my little bed,
With E-42's buzzing through my head.
All night long suffering torment vile,
Trying to think which copy to file.
Then I shrieked and tore my hair,
Giving way to wild despair.
I gave up the ghost and ceased to strive,
And started aloft with an E-35.
They raised an IRV in copies eight,
To help me through the Pearly Gate.
"Lord," cried St. Peter, "What an awful fix,"
They should have raised an E-26.
The procedure too is wrong as well
So I guess you'll be confined to H
That's my story sad but true,
I was transferred below on an E-52.



"BATTLE OF BRITAIN" COMMEMORATION—1953

By F/L A. T. Littlewood

The time has come again when we take cognizance of a great event of modern history, an event that transpired at one of the most critical points in the conduct of World War II, with far-reaching consequence for the United Kingdom in particular, and for the larger area of the whole Democratic world, in general.

All said and done during this period of official commemoration will be directed towards a twofold purpose, that of forcibly reminding people of a glorious and miraculous episode of past days, and that of creating inspiration that comes into being by way of revelation.

The spirit of the oft quoted Churchillian epigram will spring to life again.

Failure to rightly appraise History's great lessons always proves a costly business, and indiscriminate disregard of the knowledge gained in the hard school of experience would be folly, indeed.

As Canadians, let us remember the part played by the RCAF and a large number of its members, and the number was large, a part that was tersely and inclusively summed up in the frequent announcement of the war years, "The RAF was over Germany again, last night."

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NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

CORPORALS' CLUB

After considerable argument, discussion and some hard work, we have now acquired what we think is a very nice corporals' club.

When North Luffenham was first taken over by the R.C.A.F., we made use of the N.A.A.F.I. corporals' bar. Due to the fact that we did not receive any revenue from this club, our social activities were very few. However, we did have a few dart matches, both at home and away, which were enjoyed by all who took part.

After a lot of argument at our first meetings, we decided to try and acquire our present site, which required considerable work before it was suitable to all concerned.

IN THE SPRING OF 1952 WE MOVED IN AT LAST.

One very windy and not too warm Saturday morning, we moved in the furniture. This feat was accomplished by a very few of us who were willing to give up our Saturday morning sleep in.

Since then we have improved and added to our club considerably. The present bar was built, a TV. set and record player were installed among other things, all the actual work being carried out by members of the club.

At this point a great deal of the credit should go to the then Cpl D. G. Hudson, who was our first Pmc, at the present location. Also to Cpls Ursich and Lane, who built the present bar.

Due to the very good effort of Cpls Belyea, Sass, Risley and, the then Cpl Harley, we are the proud possessors of the station dart trophy. For which these fellows received a beer tankard each.

Due to the fact that we now have revenue from our bar, we can accept invitation to other Cpls' dances, and in return invite them to our dances, which up to now have been very good.

In closing, we would like to extend a very hearty welcome to all new members, who will be joining us on October 1st.

NEWS FROM DONNICKERVILLE

BY MARY MCKENZIE

No new Canadians to report this month, but the old ones sure get around. WO1 and Mrs. Poulos are just back from a Continental trip with FS and Mrs. P. Malowsky. They enjoyed France, Spain, Austria, Italy, Germany, Belgium and

Holland, and especially the Bikini's in Cannes—or *vice versa*.

Sgt and Mrs. Balesdent spent some leave with relatives in Paris.

WO2 Cooper toured Continental bases (on T.D. yet).

LAC and Liz Barrs claim the fishing is good around Kendall. Were they really that big, Len?

Cpl and Mrs. Horner and Cpl and Mrs. Wiltzen went to the land of the Kilt and also the Rye Whiskey—played a lot of golf.

LAC and Mrs. R. W. Hinson visited her home town near Amsterdam—nice to be home again, eh!

The idle rich cruising in a yacht for a week were. Cpl and Mrs. Mason and Cpl and Mrs. A. E. Nauss. Rent is cheap and driving is easy, they report.

Cpl and Mrs. H. Dyrda really got loaded — with Sgt and Mrs. E. J. Hogan and six children, the caravan behind and off to Dover and Brighton. The second leg was made, with five people and a caravan less, to Glasgow and Edinburgh, so didn't have to be towed up any hills.

Cpl C. V. Coursey is on a week's leave, being chief cook and bottle washer, while his wife is unfortunately confined to bed.

Several residents made the trip to Farnborough Air Show and were duly impressed by Britain's "new look" in jets.

Overheard on the Boardwalk — "That fence won't keep the kids in, it isn't ten feet high."

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ACCOUNTS CHATTER BY LAC PHIL ROBINSON RE-IMBURSEMENT GEN

A new member of the Section—LAC David Cobb, who came to from CJS London a few weeks ago—he is now busy acquiring accounting knowledge in the Equipment Office. The leave season is by no means over; Sgt Ken Macdonald and Cpl Gordon Lambert are again in the Channel Islands, a fact that arouses our curiosity over that report. AW1 Vernice Strobel has been on an extensive Continental tour, visiting Paris, Rome, Venice and other interesting centres.

Unfortunately AW1 Joan Stewart is ailing again; she went off under her own power to a hospital some distance from the Station. We hope Joan will soon be fully recovered. Back from a short stay in the Station Hospital, LAC Sid Frechette is once again blasting a path through the piles of Moving Expense Claims that confront him.

F/L Wally Fink and F/O Gerald Hawkins have exchanged jobs. This explains the unusual places you have found them in lately.

To those of you whom it concerns, DROs have indicated preliminary instructions on claiming reimbursement of expenses incurred in moving dependents across from Canada. Many of you will be wondering when those attractive-looking cheques will arrive. There is, however, a vast amount of work to be got through in connection with these claims, so that some delays will be unavoidable. Each claim has to be sent to Ottawa for approval and the reimbursing cheque must come from there. When your cheque arrives you will be notified in DROs that you may pick it up. This procedure will save unproductive calls at the Section.

No time has been lost in applying for the recently-introduced Special Allowance (\$10.00 in UK) and it is to be found in many pay records already. Coming so soon after the other increase for personnel in receipt of marriage allowance, this latest addition has caused many sighs among the single men, myself included.

That old subject which we watch carefully each month, the rate of exchange, has dipped in our favour once more. During September we have been getting our entitlements at \$2.78 Canadian to the £ Sterling.

A final word of advice, given by your SAO: Check your Clothing Credit Card in Equipment Accounts before buying expensive clothing.



COUGAR CAPERS

This month our Squadron welcomed two new members, F/O John Spenard and F/O "Gerry" Marshall. John, our new Adjutant, was commissioned from the ranks last May, and comes to us straight from the Officers' Training School in London. "Gerry" comes to us from the OTU in Chatham.

F/O "Speed" Benthams spent five days this month at the Lucas Co. in Burnley, Lancs., taking lectures on the Orenda engine, and F/O "Ron" Potter is now in Zweibrucken taking the Jet Instrument Course. F/O "Bill" Bain is back with the squadron again after successfully completing the PAI course at Leonfield.

We congratulate F/L and Mrs. "Nich" Nichols on the birth of a son last month. He arrived just too late to be mentioned in the last Talepipe.

Our Squadron scientists, Haran, Bob and McEwan have been busy the last few weeks designing bigger and better bombs down in our dispersal area. Ordinary Thunder Flashes aren't impressive enough anymore. They are now experimenting with a combination of T.F.s, Parafin and AVTAG—so if Sun Valley suddenly blows up one of these days, you will know the reason.

THREE GREENS AND OFF.

410 TELECOM

Here we are once again at 410 Telecom section, where seven very busy Airmen are trying to find the fault of one of the radio sets. As we look around the room we see FS Veitch, who, by the way, is expecting to be going back to Canada very shortly, along with Cpl Beaton. I guess you all know by now that Cpl Beaton is now a father. "Yep," a 5½lb. baby girl. Lucky fellow!

Then, then as we look around again, we see—Cpl Stasuik, alias "The Wheel." That name was derived by LAC "Red" Armstrong who is a new arrival to 410 Sqn from Wing Radio. We welcome you "Red." We also have another new member of 410 Radio. A short, bell-bottom trousered fellow by name of LAC Dowd. A very enjoyable person to have around. Always right in there doing his work and never a "peep" out of him. "Oh ya"!

While on the subject of quiet fellows, there is LAC Haley, who has been with the squadron for quite some time, and will be for quite some time to come, we hope. Looking into the far corner, we find, as usual, LAC MacDiarmid, perched upon his loyal stool. Lately, if you wished, you could see MacDiarmid out on the parade square doing his daily round. How does it feel, "C.C. Kid."

Well, that takes in all the members of the radio section, the hard-working section, that is. So until we meet again, this is the Radio Section signing off for now.

"ROGER AND OUT."



TIGER TALK

By F/O Norm MacKeracher

Just a few minutes off from polishing aircraft in readiness for Air Force Day, to bring everybody up to date with 439 Officers. Yours truly was on leave at the time of the last issue, so 439 was noticeably absent.

F/L Bill Bliss is back from Korea. A Brush Cut, no moustache and about six inches off the waistline had a few people asking about our new pilot. Fifteen days in Tokyo makes for a lot of story telling, too. All very interesting, Bill, and welcome home.

One hears a lot about postings these days. No less than six were notified in the past week of the when and whereabouts of their next home. Rumours are flying of a possible four more in the near future to the Sabre Ferry Flight.

F/O Smiley tops the list with a week's notice of the assistant Adjutant's job with 4 Wing, only to have it changed to Metz a few days later. But he's still with us, so one never knows where he will end up.

Four pilots are returning to Canada in November. F/O Pappas back home to Toronto, F/O's Reichman and Wilkinson to Montreal and yours truly to Chatham N.B., if one can call that Canada.

F/O Hannah has just returned from a month's instrument course on T33's at Zweibrucken, where one of our former pilots, the former editor of Tale Pipe, F/O Seitz, is now an instructor.

A big welcome to our latest new pilot, F/O Doug Fraser, age 23, from Springhill, N.S. Let's hope you can join us in a bit of flying besides practice fly-pasts, Doug.

We just received a card from F/O's Sills and Fitzgerald from Brussels. They still have a couple of weeks left of their tour of the Scandinavian countries, and as far as we know, haven't been thrown out of any place yet. Have a good time, fellows; who knows but what you will find your names on a posting list on your return.

Last but not least the christening of the Gregory's new baby. Much the same as christening a new ship, but the Champagne was for drinking instead of breaking over the bow. Congratulations again, Dorothy and Aussie.

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WING ARMAMENT

By Cpl Adcock and LAC Heakes

If anybody is wondering why Wing Armament Section is draped in black veils, here is the sad and sorry tale. FS Ellis, who has been with us ever since we invaded this quiet and peaceful little county, has left us for good old United Provinces of Canada. We are all extremely sorry to see him go, and all wish him the best of luck at his Armament Systems course at No. 1 R & CS, Clinton.

A recent project has been the re-building of the Firing in Butts. That's a place where the Wing Armourers build a Butt of Timber, and what seems like umpteen thousand sand-bags, and when it is finished the Squadron Armourers stand back at a 1,000 feet with a Sabre, and with fiendish delight commence to demolish the works, because at first their aim left much to be desired, due to what may have been excessive liquor consumption. But since press-gang methods were used on the Squadron Armourers in helping with the repairs, the standard of harmonization of late has improved highly.

In common with most sections and especially at this time of year, we are turning our hands to many other queer trades, the most recent

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The Allied Armed Forces Information Centre, 127 Avenue des Champs-Elysees, Paris 8me, telephone: BALzac 5400 (Paris Military) Ex 162 or 163, has been operating since March, 1953, serving armed forces personnel visiting Paris on leave or pass. Personnel from military installations all over Europe have availed themselves of the facilities offered.

Many personnel visiting the Personnel Services Information Centre have been unaware of its existence prior to arriving in Paris. Indications are that knowledge of the existence of this office would have permitted them greater ease in securing accommodations and better opportunity to see and know Paris. These facilities are available to Military dependents as well as employees of the Department of National Defence.

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of which, is assisting our neighbours in the Photo Section with the production of picture Book Matches, presented to visiting VIPs. This novel idea is somewhat of a surprise to the receivers, and comments are favourable.

Reservations for hotel room, theatre tickets, sports activities, sight-seeing tours, railroad tickets and many other services can be secured through this office. Two special representatives of the French National Railways are available to attend to railway reservations and offer travel information and assistance. Personnel are urged to visit this office soon after their arrival in Paris in order to take advantage of certain reductions that have been arranged for the benefit of service personnel and for suggestions as to current happenings of interest in the city. Hotel accommodation in Paris is at a premium at all times; therefore, it is suggested that persons contemplating trips to Paris should make arrangements well in advance in order to be assured of reservations at the desired time.

Recently an airman of the RCAF has joined the staff of the Centre especially to assist personnel of the Canadian Military Forces visiting Paris. Canadian personnel and their dependents are assured a warm welcome upon arrival at the Personnel Services Information Centre.

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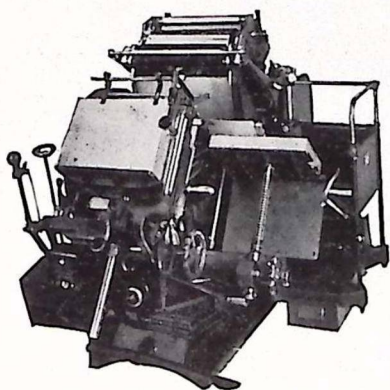
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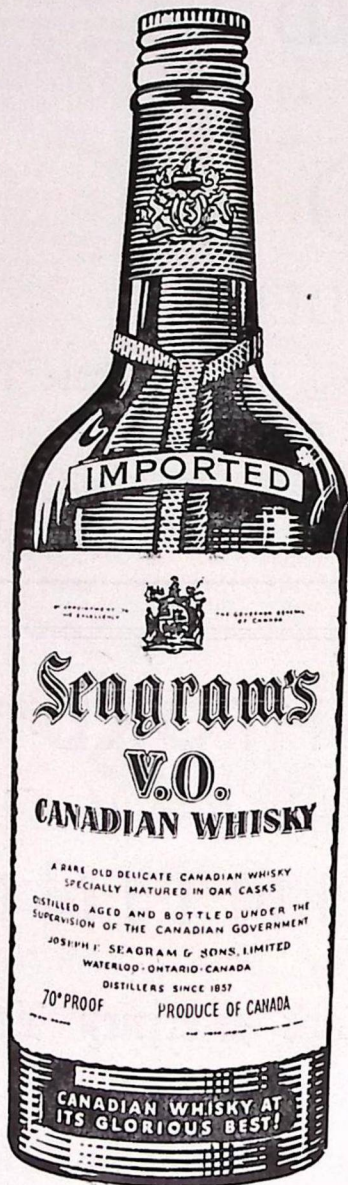
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