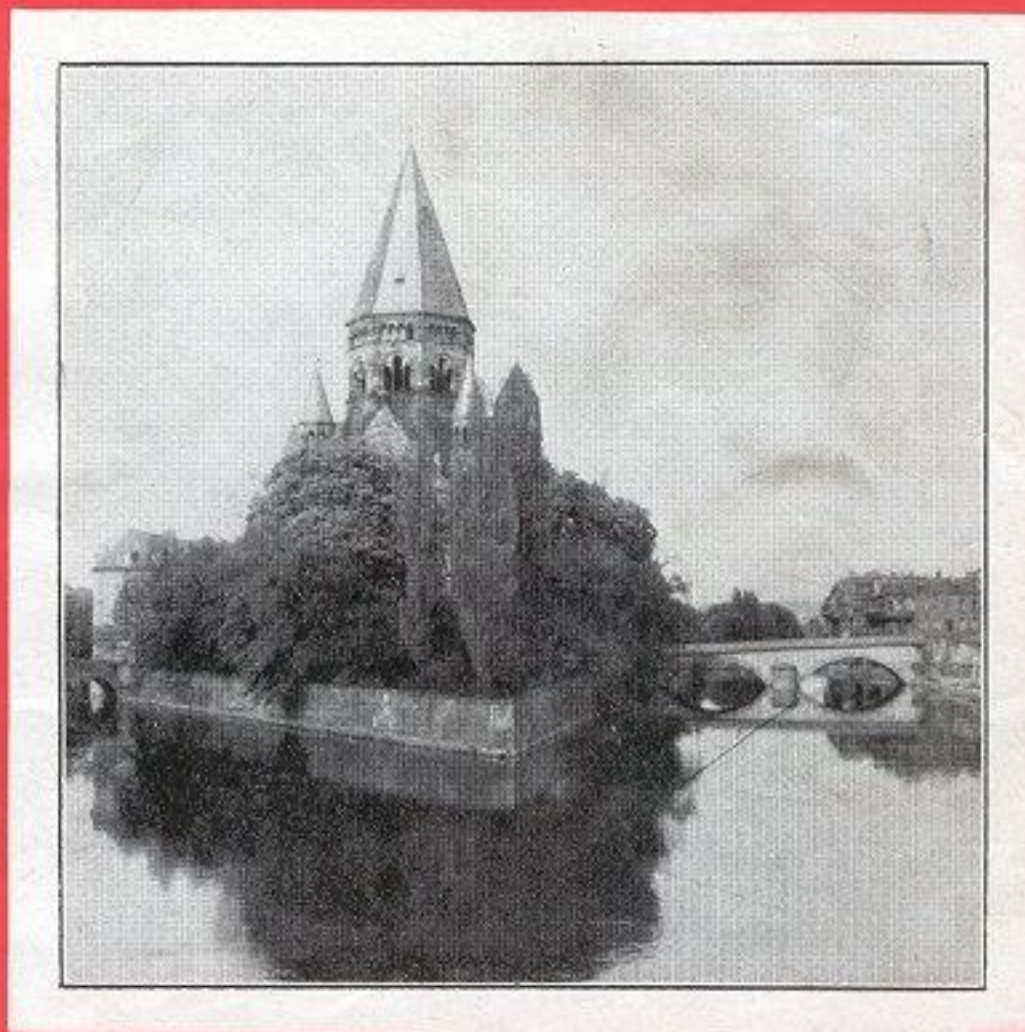


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## On The Cover

Flowing tranquilly through Northeastern France, the Moselle River offers many scenic opportunities for the cameraman. Here it sifts through Metz, 1 Air Div Headquarters, and serves to accentuate the ancient but beautiful architecture to be found in that area. Photo V. Shilliday.



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# NEW AOC



Air Vice Marshal H.B. Godwin, CBE, arrived at Canadian Air Division Headquarters, August 1, officially to assume command from A/V/M Hugh Campbell, who has been named Vice Air Deputy at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE).



## EDITORIAL



Serving here in France as they are, personnel of 1 (F) Wing know the contribution they are making, as members of the RCAF, to bolster Europe's defences. But do they fully realize another contribution the RCAF has made to these defences?

The 6th anniversary of NATO, which occurred recently, finds the RCAF handling one of Canada's most significant NATO contributions: the aircrew training program.

More than 3300 aircrew from nine other NATO countries have won wings with the RCAF in Canada since the scheme began in late 1950. So routine has the operation become that wings parades are no longer news in Canada.

The RCAF is training student flyers from the UK, Norway, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal, Italy and Turkey. Aircrew students from Greece are scheduled to be added to the list.

Upon arrival in Canada, NATO trainees are sent to RCAF Station London, Ont., where the RCAF provides familiarization lectures for indoctrination into Canadian service life. This pre-flight orientation course serves to reduce the shock of intensive aircrew training under conditions strange to the students from abroad.

After the initial three-week course NATO pilot trainees move on to one

of the RCAF's flying training schools, most of which are located on the broad expanses of the Canadian prairies. Future NATO navigators receive their training and wings at Winnipeg, Man.

On completion of their initial flying training on piston-engine Harvards, potential NATO pilots pass on to the advanced flying training phase. This advanced instruction is given on either T-33 Silver Star jets or on twin-engine Mitchells, depending on the type of operational flying for which the trainees are destined.

The NATO aircrew training programme is but one of the Canadian NATO contributions which are being handled by the RCAF. The sixth anniversary of NATO finds the RCAF's Air Division firmly established overseas, as part of the NATO air forces in Europe.

During 1954 Canada steadily replaced the Mark 2 Sabres, with which its Air Division was originally equip-

ped, with the more powerful Mark 5, powered by the Canadian designed and built Orenda jet engine. A still improved version of the Sabre, the Mark 6, is also in NATO service with the Air Division.

Significant too, was the move by Canada's No. 1 Fighter Wing, based at North Luffenham in the United Kingdom since its formation in 1951, to its new continental NATO base here at Marville, France. With the move completed Canada's four fighter wings assigned to NATO now are grouped in France and Germany.

In the operational field, participation in aerial exercises occupies a large portion of the flying time binding the RCAF close to the five sister nations forming the Allied Air Forces Central Europe - AAFCE.

Looking back over the past six years Canadians can well note with pride the rapid strides with which the RCAF has covered the distance to building up an Air Division of 12 jet fighter squadrons in Europe. Manned by well-trained pilots flying aircraft foremost among fighting formations in the world today, and supported on the ground by the RCAF's fine technicians, Canada's four Sabre wings are poised to do battle with any intruder that may threaten the peace in Europe.

# Did Caesar Sleep Here?

By F/L M. BRUNTON

A few centuries have passed since the Romans went bellum gero-ing (wagging war) all over the place and extended their frontiers by magnis itineribus (forced marches) and impetus exercituum (onset of armies) until all the lands around the Mediterranean enjoyed Pax Romana (Roman peace) and even UK was partly occupied. (The Canadian occupation at North Luffenham was probably the fifth in the history of the Britanni). How the Romans did all this is a long chapter in ancient history so to hell with it. What we are really interested in is that part of France where you are now actually planted. Did Caesar sleep here in Marville? Did his legions perhaps stop and light their fires on the local hillsides? Was this possibly the place where Caesar's best general, Labienus, tricked the enemy into thinking he was weaker than he actually was? The answer to all these questions is: Could be.

Like everybody else who has had anything to do with this avenue of invasion from eastern Europe, Caesar had a rough time but then he did not have it easy in any part of France. For about eight years all he did in the summer months and sometimes in the winter was put down rebellions of the Gauls, the most serious of which was led by a young man called Vercingetorix. He for one refused to play ball with the Romans and inspired many Gaulic tribes to follow him. In the end he got the fasces (the axe) when after six years as a prisoner he was executed after being lead through Rome as "prize exhibit" in Casear's triumph.

Where we are now situated was once the happy hunting grounds of the Belgae (the Belgians) which were a German people composed of many tribes and according to Julius Casear, known here after as JC, the bravest of the three main groups of people inhabiting Gaul. Their bravery and strength are attributed by JC to the fact that they lead tough lives, drank beer instead of wine, took few baths if any, (Roman Baths could be enervating) and indulged in good clean fun only. Marville seems to be situated where the lands of the Remi, who have left us the city of Rheims, (just to be sure we are talking the same language Rheims is pronounced Rans and you try to sound furious when saying it) joined the land of the Treveri who have left us the city of Treves ("Trier" to you, Buster) although the river Meuse which is to the west of us probably separated their preserves.

The Remi were never a problem to Caesar's HQ because they capitulated and co-operated right from the beginning thereby providing at least one place where homesick Roman soldiers on pass or with a few days leave could have a rest and talk to girls. The Treverii were different and were in favour of dickering with the Jerries (Germans) for help in smashing JC once and for all. Like other tribes of the Belgae they were justifiably proud of themselves for being the only group of people to repel fifty years before JC's time an invasion by the Teutoni and the Gimbri, a couple of hostile Jerry tribes from east of the Rhenum (Rhine) who also wanted Gaul.



The above photo is the first to be published in a new Talepipe feature: photographs contributed by YOU---personnel of 1 (F) Wing. With hundreds of airmen and airwomen travelling all over Western Europe, and recording on film the sights and scenes they encounter, it is felt that the printing in Talepipe of some of these gems will be of interest to the thousands who read this magazine.

The editor, who contributed the panoramic view presented here, says: "I would never have had such an opportunity for a picture like that in Canada." He added that he used a shutter setting and, of course, considered lighting and composition. He left before we could get further details about the excellent photograph.

However, we hope that readers will send us their favorite photos which may be deposited in the Talepipe box at Central Registry. Include your rank, name, section and a brief description, please, along with, if possible the shutter speed, et al. Two theater tickets for the best photo of the month.

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# YOUR STATION FUND

WHAT IT *is and*  
*does for you.*

By W/E W. E. Edser - CADO

To many personnel the operations and intricacies of the station fund are very much of a mystery, and unless one serves on the Station Fund Committee one does not generally have the opportunity to learn too much about it. The main thing to realize is that the station fund is comprised of your money and is derived from the profits of canteens, snack bars, commissaries, PXs, etc. The officers' and sergeants' messes are an exception and are responsible for their own revenues and expenditures. Monies in the station fund are used to improve existing NPF facilities, to provide entertainment, to support hobbies, ball teams, rifle clubs, to pay for your life guards at the swimming pool, to pay for the civilian staff of the various facilities, to provide funds for children's Christmas parties, funds for section parties, and to give financial support to many other activities. In general, the station fund is used to benefit all personnel who contribute.

On a station as large as a continental wing with its varied facilities such as PXs, commissaries, snack bars, etc. the revenue from the station fund is generally much larger than one would find on the average home station. The demands on the station fund overseas are however much greater. Because of our partially isolated position we require, generally speaking, facilities of a much more expanded nature than one would expect to find at home.

The administration of NPF funds and the expenditure of these funds is regulated by AFAOs, and additionally by Air Division Instructions. The actual approval for the expenditure of funds is made by the Station Fund

Committee of which the CADO is chairman. There are certain fixed against the station fund each month. These are in some instances common to all stations, but vary in some respects between stations, and on this wing include Benevolent Fund contributions, quarterly grant to sections for section parties, monthly grant for records to the radio station, airwomen's lounge and Corporals' Club, and the salaries for civilian staff required to operate the commissary, PX and snack bar. It also includes the payment of life guards, the payment of additional staff at the cinema, the payment of instructors in hobby shops and the payment of staff for the travel bureau. The latter is a new innovation with which most of you will become familiar in the near future.

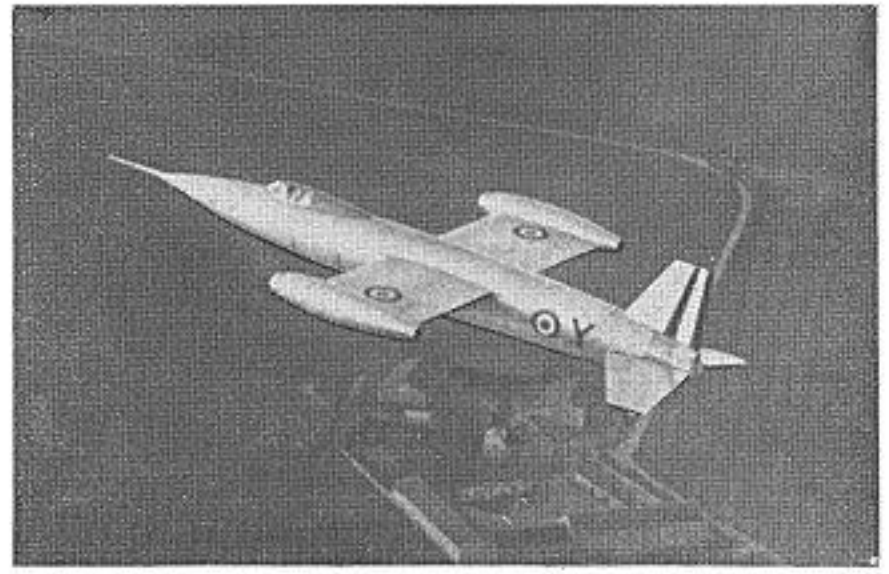
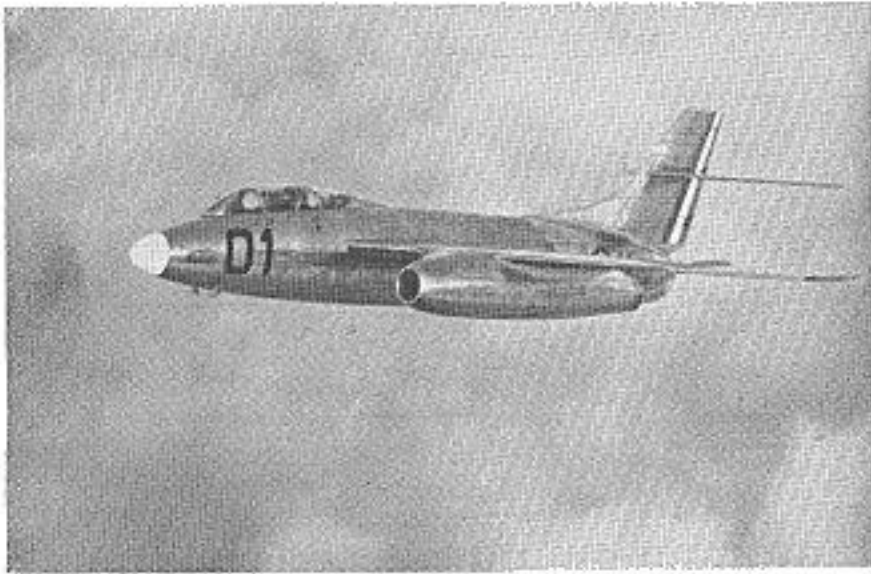
Our fixed expenditures obviously do not absorb all of our profits. There is however usually a requirement, particularly on a new station, to improve facilities. The snack bar on our station is a case in point. The Canadian public has provided us with a minimum of facilities and, if we wish to improve them, we must pay for it ourselves. Plans in this regard call for the installation of a completely modern, streamlined, stainless steel, cafeteria style installation. This will include grills, sandwich toaster, french fryer, roll warmer, waffle iron, silex coffee makers, refrigerated milk dispensers, refrigerated sandwich bar, soda fountain, refrigerated salad case, and many similar items which go to make an attractive and efficient installation. Subject of course to Station Fund approval, we expect to have this installation well in hand within two months. It will be to everyone's benefit and

will we can all be proud. Certainly there will be no better installation on the continent. We have already ordered chairs for the snack bar. These will be chrome and plastic and similar to those which some of you have seen at Etain. Later plans call for the remodeling and decorating of the snack bar dining area. The thing to remember when you are using these facilities is that it is our money that has bought them, and all of us should therefore take pride in taking care of this equipment.

We have now established and are building up our new Travel Bureau. We have hired a civilian to look after this activity and propose to have as much information as possible on places to go for holidays, hotel rates, bus tours, etc. We hope also that you will be able to make reservations and purchase tickets right at the travel bureau on the station. This is a convenience which we think everyone will appreciate whether he travels by rail, boat or by pnc. It will certainly help all of us in planning our holidays, and in getting the most out of our trips around the continent.

Building number 20 is being converted into a Corporals' Club, billiard room, and hobby shops. Although the reconstruction is not a charge against NPF, we will of necessity have to purchase equipment for the hobby shops, and will of course pay instructors who are qualified in the various hobbies. We have commenced work on the Airmen's Beer Garden to be located between the airmen's and corporals' clubs. This is being done out of non public funds and is again an

# Avions Français



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France's military and civil aircraft manufacturers are rapidly pushing into the forefront of modern aircraft design and performance after shrugging off the rubble of World War Two. Shown here are four designs recently photographed in this country but seldom seen, as yet. Performance data was not available but at top left is seen the speedy Vautour 4050, twin-jet interceptor. Beside it, equipped with wing-tip jet engines is the Trident 9000, streaking just above ground level. An example of jet passenger transport is at lower left, the two-engine 30 Nene while the streamlined autogyro-type aircraft at lower right is the Farfadet 1310.

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## α talepipe short feature

# LAC jonathon mulch

Jonathan Mulch. That was his name. Back home at Grand Coulee, Manitoba, they called him Hanny. After he joined the Air Force, the guys knew him by Nat, and he liked that. "Nat" was short and sounded kind of quiet like.

There was nothing docile about Jonathan. Nourished in the sunny, prairie grain fields, he was big and muscular. He was a handy man on the ball field and barrack room tussels had seen his strong right arm empty many a fire extinguisher.

But the guys noticed one thing in particular about Jonathan, he was quiet—so quiet. He spoke softly and often he was asked to repeat what he had just said.

Sometimes as he lay on his bed and stared out of his window over the concrete runways, the scene changed. Maybe it was the heat waves rising above the tarmac, but he could see a pasture—a quiet pasture. Silent cows, their heads probing through the grass, plodded towards a slough . . . which sifted softly northwards towards Cornelius' adjacent two sections of fertile land. Jonathan's father called the farm "Quiet Acres".

Shortly after Jonathan arrived at Marville a peculiar feeling engulfed him. At first he thought it was homesickness. But after the third day he knew what it was—noise. He awoke to hear a single aircraft engine violating what privacy was his. At breakfast the hum had increased to a heavy roar and Jonathan's appetite folded completely. He managed to pick his way through a few eggs,

about five pieces of bacon, the same of toast and a jug of milk. The Big Noise continued as the day wore on. He crawled into bed, his head buried under a pillow.

*By F/O V. L. Skilliday*

No longer did he get up an hour early, do 30 push-ups and run to the snack bar and back before breakfast. Now he got up at 6 a.m. feeling sleepy, dull. Jonathan had never heard so much noise. It disturbed him. He couldn't concentrate.

The morning of CO's parade, he walked out with glistening shoes and buttons, pressed pants—and a yellow polka dot dress shirt.

It was The Noise's fault Jonathan decided sadly. If only it could be put to some use. If noise was money there would be a lot of wealthy people at Marville.

But The Noise was not too much for Jonathan. Gradually he got used to the constant throbbing around him. Then he forgot about it altogether.

He resumed his old routine with each working day starting five hours after midnight.

Time passed fast and rotation finally came. Jonathan packed his bags and went back home to Grand Coulee, Manitoba.

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An oil lamp sputtered as Jonathan's mother pumped water into the kitchen sink so she could wash the cream separator funnel.

"Speakin' of hogs Hanny, the hog-callin' contest is on tomorra aft'noon at Brown's Corner. Why'n'cha go watch?"

"Thinkin' of goin in it Ma," said Jonathan softly.

"What's that Hanny?" His mother was incredulous.

"Thinkin' of goin in it."

And Jonathan entered the contest even though his mother laughed and said he'd sound like a cricket in a lion's den.

It was the best calling contest in a long time. Everybody said it was. Big men, fat men and even a woman got up and "bellered to beat all gone." What a noise. Then it was Jonathan's turn. He was last.

Jonathan stepped up to register but the judge couldn't hear him the first time so Jonathan had to repeat his name. Then he cupped his huge hands to his lips and let out "the loudest danged noises ever heard this side of hevvin."

All Jonathan's friends were surprised, even those who didn't know him. Of course he won the contest—and a certificate saying he was 1955's King of the Callers for all Cassandra Country.

His mother was amazed. She ran over to her son and embraced him. When they got back to Quiet Acres she asked: "Why Hanny, where ever did you learn to make a noise like that."

Jonathan grinned, kind of quiet like, and turned to look out the window . . . .

He could see the pasture. It looked quiet and peaceful—with the cows and the slough and all that.

## SOMETHING NEW

# Marville Travel Bureau Opens

If you were to walk into the Orderly Room of the Recreation Centre you would see a young man, surrounded with maps, train schedules, pamphlets, Atlas of Europe, studiously making out tours, trips and week-end excursions. This my friends, is your new 1 Wing Travel Bureau and a good one it appears to be. Let me tell you something first about the young man who will be handling your holiday and excursion problems from this station. His name - Francois Michel; age - 21 yrs; home - St Laurent, Meuse. Francois went to school in Verdun and later attended the University of Nancy, where he majored in English. After his graduation he spent one year teaching French in a Boys School at Pontefratt, Leeds, Yorkshire, England. He has travelled extensively in France, Belgium, Germany, England and Wales and speaks several languages. With qualifications such as these it has made everyone happy in this office to have such an efficient and ambitious young man handling an important phase of Recreation for this station. And now for some of the highlights he has to offer you in the way of tours:

### PLANNED TOURS:

- 1 Spain
- 2 Sweden, Norway
- 3 Italy
- 4 England
- 5 Switzerland
- 6 Mediterranean Cruises

There is also an excellent offer of a 14-day tour to Austria, Germany, Belgium, France, Holland, Italy and Monaco for a modest price of only \$155.00. This tour is by bus and for the price includes your fare, transportation, accomodation, meals, trips, taxi's, sightseeing etc.

### ITALIAN TOUR:

A bus tour of 9, 11, or 14 days to Italy for the sum of:

- 9 days—\$ 89.50
- 11 days— 114.50
- 14 days— 138.00

This tour takes you to such places as Assisi, Capri, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Naples, Padoa, Pisa, Rome, Siena and Venice. As in the other tours, your transportation, accomodation, meals, tours, taxi's, etc., are included in the

initial fare.

### SPANISH TOUR:

Thirteen day tour—\$163.00, departing Bale, Switzerland to Barcelona, Pyrenees, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Cadiz, Gibraltar, a full day at sea, Geneva and to Bale for the return to your home. In this tour Granada has also been included. Here is a quote from a tour folder which tells you what to expect in Spain:

"Natural beauty—art treasures and architectural jewels—castles and monasteries—sweeping rhythms of guitars and castanets—excellent but inexpensive wines and genuine gypsies. Spain has an era of one of the worlds greatest continents."

This article has just been a brief introduction to our new Travel Bureau but it is our intention to give you an article every month from our bureau and if you have any problems about anything pertaining to your coming vacation, please come in and see us anytime or phone us at Local 87 ask for Francois Michel or Cpl Marshall.

## YOU Tell 'em



Yes, you tell them your time-saving, money-saving ideas. Tell them, through this column, how to improve your section, this Wing or the RCAF itself. And if your suggestion is printed in Talepipe, after study by a panel of judges, your prize will be a crisp FIVE BUCKS, not to mention the prestige and personal satisfaction. So here's your chance. That headbone hassle may have far reaching effects.



RCAF



News

BRIEFS

First in a continuing series of air tests on guided missiles is being carried out at the RCAF's new air weapons range at Cold Lake, Alta.

The tests will enable Defence Research Board scientists, who are developing a missile for the Air Force, and RCAF technical officers from the Central Experimental and Proving Establishment Detachment at Cold Lake, to evaluate various phases of weapons development.



Eight RCAF Sabre jet ground technicians have returned to Canada after spending more than seven months in Turkey and Greece.

The team of NCO's has been instructing Turkish and Royal Hellenic Air Force instructors on the maintenance and ground handling of F86 Sabre fighters. This has been done by means of an aircraft systems trainer, one of which has been given to each air force. This training device provides an "inside look" at various parts of the Sabre, such as fuel and electronic systems, hydraulics and controls.

The technicians are Warrant Officer C. H. Stevens of Kelowna, B.C., Flight Sergeants C. W. Dunford of Portruve, Sask., J. L. Barrett and R. J. Large, both of Toronto, Sergeants A. R. Grondin of St. Andre, N.B., H.P. Fisher of Halifax, L. W. Elberkin of Apple River, N.S., and Corporal D. W. Farquhar of Winnipeg.

The overseas duty of the eight technicians resulted from Canada's gift of 164 Canadian-made Mark 2 Sabre jets to Turkey and Greece, under the Mutual Aid Programme.



North Star aircraft from the RCAF's No. 426 Squadron have resumed flights to Indo China in support of personnel changes of the Indo China Truce Commission.

The operation, scheduled to end early in October, will include five roundtrip flights airlifting passengers and freight both ways. Each aircraft will carry a crew of seven and 25 to 27 members of the truce team.

Flights will be routed from Montreal to Saigon in Indo China, through Gander, the Azores, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Iraq, Karachi and Calcutta. The same route will be followed on the return journey.

Aircraft from 426 Squadron carried the initial Canadian Members of the truce team to Indo China on a series of eight airlifts, which began last August.

A 45-year-old NCO at the RCAF's 30 Air Materiel Base at Langar, near Nottingham, will have an unusual memento of his overseas stay when he returns to Canada.

Flight Sergeant J. Donald Charlton of Peterborough, Ont., has collected more than 120 pipes during his two-year tour of overseas duty with the RCAF. The pipes have been purchased at 50 different cities during his two-year of overseas duty with the RCAF. The pipes have been purchased at 50 different cities in Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and as far away as Rabat, in French Morocco.

Most intriguing aspect of F/Sgt Charlton's hobby is that he hasn't smoked one of his many pipes, for he is a non-smoker.



Commanders of the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force met recently at the RCAF's 4th Fighter Wing, Baden-Soellingen, Germany, to review past activities including exercise "Carthe Blanche", and to plan for the future.

At a dinner marking the end of the two-day conference, Major General Robert M. Lee, USAF, Commander of the 4th ATAF, assessed "Carthe Blanche" as "a most successful and valuable exercise which showed the close and profitable cooperation among the NATO forces". He also extended thanks to units participating and complimented all ranks on their hard work and enthusiasm.



Air Force Headquarters announced new appointments, effective this month, for Group Captains B.D. Richer, DFC, 44, of Ottawa, and F.C. Carling-Kelly, AFC, 43, of Toronto.

G/C Richer, commanding officer of RCAF Station Gimli, Man., since September, 1952, has been named Group Commander of No. 1 Auxiliary Group Headquarters at Montreal, replacing G/C Carling-Kelly, who has been appointed Director of Ground Training at Air Force Headquarters.



Air Force Headquarters has today announced the retirement of two senior officers, Air Vice Marshal Frank G. Wait, CBE, CD, Air Member for Personnel at Air Force Headquarters and Air Commodore W. W. Brown, CD, Chief Staff Officer at Training Command headquarters, Trenton, Ont. Between them, the two officers have more than 60 years service in the RCAF.

Air Force Headquarters has announced the formation of three CF-100 all-weather fighter squadrons. They are 440 and 432 Squadrons, formed at RCAF Station Bagotville, P.Q. in late 1953 and 1954 respectively, and 433 Squadron, formed late last year at RCAF Station Cold Lake, Alta. The three squadrons come under the control of Air Defence Command.



Air Force Headquarters has announced the award of the Air Force Cross to Flying Officer Sydney E. Burrows, 25, of White Rock, B. C., a pilot stationed at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, outside Ottawa.

The Air Force Cross has been awarded F/O Burrows for "extreme courage and devotion to duty" during a jet flying accident in Germany last September.

The accident occurred as a four-plane formation of Sabre jets was returning to base at Baden Soellingen. About 20 miles from base a bird struck and shattered the perspex canopy of the aircraft Burrows was flying. Pieces of the shattered canopy were embedded in his face and left eye. Partially blinded, he maintained control of the aircraft and gave the international distress call. To give sufficient vision he tore off his helmet to clear his face and eyes but was then without radio communication.

The section leader, on determining the emergency, assigned one of the pilots in the formation to lead F/O Burrows to base. Although losing blood, suffering shock and pain, and almost completely blinded, he safely executed a wheelsdown landing on the aerodrome. He then taxied his aircraft clear of the runway to enable the remainder of the formation to land. He was lifted from his aircraft and taken to the station hospital for emergency treatment.



Air Commodore H.B. Long, OBE, 52, of Toronto, and St. Catharines, Ont., has been named Canadian representative on the Infrastructure Airfields Section in the NATO Secretariat at Paris, France. He succeeds Group Captain R.B. Whiting, MBE, 44, of Vancouver, who has been transferred to a post with the Air Member Technical Services at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

# CANUCKS - WAMPUM WIZARDS

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Two airmen recently returned from a leave tour which started in France and looped through Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. On their return they were settling up their accounts and the conversation ran something like this:

"Well, George," said the first, "you owe 50 guilders and 2100 French francs. Oh yes! and remember the 20 Deutchmarks you borrowed in Cologne? That makes—let's see—\$13.35 for the guilders, \$6 for the francs, and about \$5 for the marks. Total, \$24.35."

"Minus 350 Belgian francs and ten Swiss francs," said the other. "That makes \$7 for the Belgian, and \$2.50 for the Swiss for a total of \$9.50. How much did you say I owed you?"

"I make it \$24.35."

"OK. \$24.35 minus \$9.50 is about \$15. Here's a ten dollar travellers' cheque and five dollars in scrip."

Such conversations are fairly normal and can be heard practically any time throughout the RCAF Air Division. Sometimes, however, they are complicated by the fluctuations in value of the various currencies.

Consequently, all the airmen agree that the trick in travelling is

to know how much to change in a given country. If they change too much they may find themselves with surplus drachmas from Greece, lira from Italy, kroner from Norway, or pesetas from Spain, all of which have a lowered value in Central Europe. When they convert them into the local currency they generally find that they lose on the deal.

Canadian airmen overseas may not be quite in the international banker category, say officers at the Air Division headquarters. They're getting to know a lot, though, about international currency, a small part of the broad education they're getting while overseas.

With duty and leave taking them regularly across international borders, Canadian airmen in Europe have made foreign finance a part of their everyday lives.

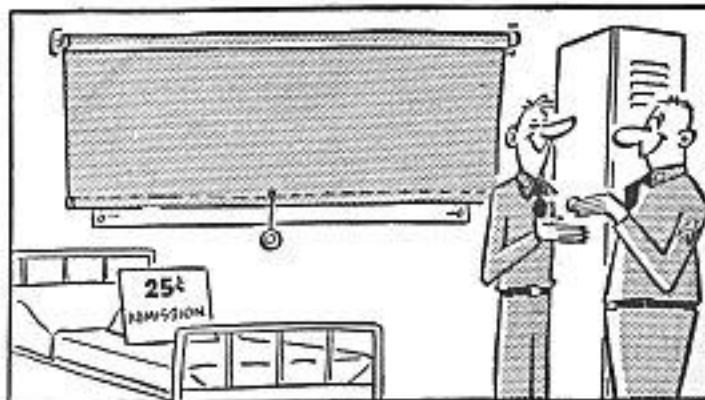
In the first place their pay accounts are kept in Canadian dollars. These are converted to American dollars for payment purposes and the individual is actually paid in U.S. Military Payment Certificates. With these the airman buys traveller's cheques which are readily converted into the currency of the nation in which he is serving or may be visiting.

Because of the peculiarities of British and U.S. occupations in Europe, the Canadian forces were given the privilege of tying in with their systems of using local equivalents of U.S. dollars and pounds sterling. The American equivalent is the Military Payment Certificate, commonly called scrip, while the British equivalent is the British Armed Forces Scrip, better known as BAFS.

These two systems were set up as a control to insure that U.S. dollars and pounds sterling were not exported illegally or did not fall improperly into local civilian hands. The scrip and BAFS are only used as a monetary medium on military installations.

The Pay Accounts Officer on the various RCAF bases is allowed to hold the currency of the country in which he is based, but is not permitted to keep the various other incidental currencies which are needed by the men for travel in other countries. However, the Accounts Officer can sell travellers cheques to the men for scrip. The onus is then placed on the individual to change his cheques into the currency of the country he is visiting for leave or duty.

## OPERATION BLONDE



# CANADA'S DEFENSE

- ★ *Sabre V. Best in Europe*
- ★ *All Canadian CF-105*

*Excerpt from a speech delivered to the House of Commons recently by Hon. Ralph Campney, Minister of National Defence*

For reasons which I think are obvious to most of us, in the light of world events, increasing emphasis is being placed on the development of our air arm. This year we expect to spend on the Royal Canadian Air Force nearly \$880 million, or approximately as much as the combined expenditures for the army, navy and defence research board.

But I should like to add and to underline particularly for the benefit of some of our critics that this increasing emphasis is not at the expense of the other services. If you compare last year's actual expenditures by services with those in the estimates now before us you will see that the amount provided for the navy is up \$8 million this year that the amount provided for the army is up \$39 million and that the amount for the defence research board is up \$6 million. Similarly, the amount for the air force is up \$61 million.

The R.C.A.F. now has a total of 41 squadrons and 2,968 aircraft of some 21 different types in service. During the past fiscal year the R.C.A.F. regular increased its strength by 684 officers and 3,181 other ranks and now stands at 49,500.

We have nine regular squadrons and ten auxiliary squadrons for interception duties here at home, and twelve squadrons of day fighters serving with the NATO integrated air forces in Europe.

The nine regular squadrons here at home will be completely equipped with all-weather long-range CF-100 jet aircraft by the end of this year. The remaining squadrons of our total of 41 provide logistic support, maritime reconnaissance for our east and west coasts and support for our mobile striking force. In addition,

we have an increasing number of helicopters as well as other aircraft for search and rescue duties and for service duties in connection with radar and early warning lines in northern Canada.

It was our intention until recently to equip our auxiliary squadrons with CF-100's, but I should now like to advise the house that, based on experience, the feasibility of doing this is being reassessed. Both in our own air force and in the air force of Great Britain it has been found that complex modern interceptors of the latest types are not wholly suitable for auxiliary squadron service.

There is no reflection in this on the personnel of auxiliary squadrons who have proven themselves to be both keen and capable. But it has become, in the light of experience, increasingly doubtful whether it is practicable and fair to expect that men who have full-time regular civilian employment can also put in the requisite number of hours of flying to become and remain adept at handling these fast heavy jets and their highly complicated equipment on a fully operational basis.

We are, consequently, giving intensive study to the future role of auxiliary flying units and the effect which any change in their formation would have on our home defence situation and what steps will necessarily have to be taken to meet that situation.

Our 12 squadrons in Europe are, as hon. members know, equipped with Sabre V jet aircraft with the Orenda X engine. A number of further improved Sabre VI's with the more powerful Orenda XIV engine have now been flown overseas and the re-equipping of our squadrons

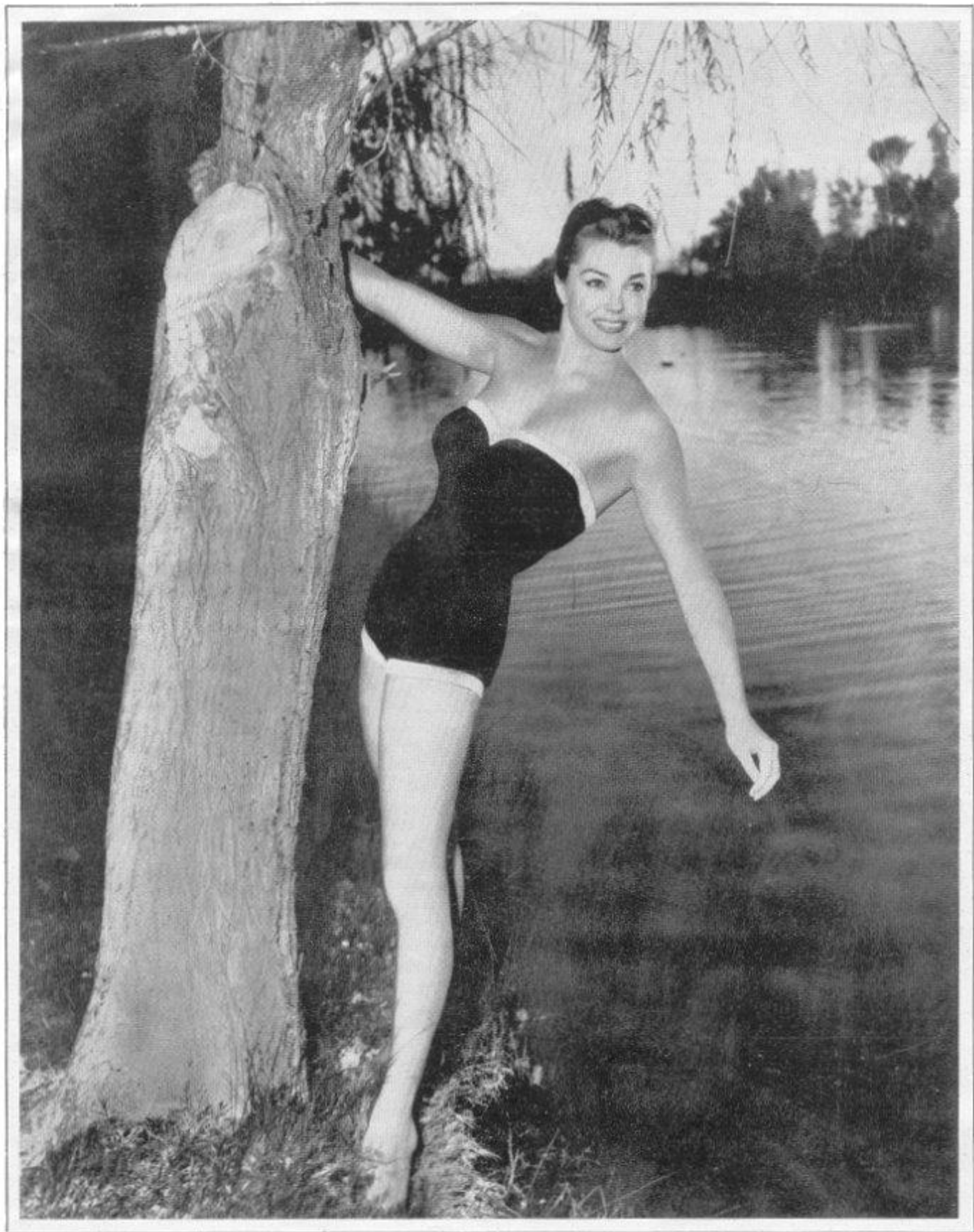
there is currently due to begin.

The Sabre aircraft program has proven an excellent program since the date of its inception. The Sabre proved to be a fine plane to begin with and it has developed improved performance with every change. In fact, the improvement to date has been such as to set back the date of obsolescence by several years. There is no better day interceptor in operational service in Europe today.

The CF-100 program was an all-Canadian project to meet Canadian needs and this long-range all-weather aircraft, with which our operational squadrons in Canada are being equipped rapidly, is proving to be a highly satisfactory operational fighter. It is well worthy of the further improvements which are planned for it, and will continue to be effective for some years yet.

The need to keep pace with the rapid advances which characterize modern combat aircraft has made it necessary in our natural progression to undertake the design and development of a new all-Canadian aircraft development project, the CF-105, which is to be a supersonic delta-wing interceptor for long-range, all weather duty.

**If the background Esther Williams so prettily decorates happened to be Dun Lake it is unlikely that a few water bacteria would prevent Marville airmen from visiting the place in droves.**



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*With Lac Bill Warshick*

## THE NEW:

New since our last UK edition: - but not exactly new is the Beverley Sisters close harmony rendition of "Mama". This vocal group are comparative newcomers to British Radio and TV. On their first TV appearance their acting wasn't what you would call polished but their singing was. Once you have this waxing you will agree that it definitely is one for that collectors album. We haven't been able to follow up their work recently, however this piece stands on its Laurels. Unfortunately we haven't been receiving our recording literature so we haven't got the commercial listing. However any hep clerk will know what you want when you ask for the Beverley Sisters "Mama".

Sticking right along with UK artists (because we used to watch tele) we now present Ruby Murray. This Irish Lass,—if you haven't heard her,—is a cross between Vera Lynn and Dinah Shore, and plays second fiddle to neither. The disc that put her in the spotlight is "Softly", and she renders this as no another vocalist can. Although she popularized this number in the fall she has followed through with many more. Only in her teens, and we believe only in her first year on the air, this colleen is destined for the bright lights. If you ever listen to the English version of Radio Luxemburg (and who hasn't while searching for an English speaking program) you will hear her discs frequently for she is the D.J.'s favorite. She also has her own program over that station. Miss Murray, we believe, will be the singer who replaces Vera Lynn as the outstanding British star.

"Dance With Me Henry" rose to the ranks of the hit parade within a few weeks. Although it has been

in the Top Ten for a month or so it hasn't as yet reached the exclusive spot of the first three, however we predict it will be No. 1 very shortly. "Her Nibbs" Georgia Gibbs has recorded the most played version. The composition itself is not a masterpiece, but it has those hit parade requisites: loud and catchy tune with simple lyrics. Miss Gibbs "Dance With Me Henry" is listed as Mercury M.B. 3223.



The first time that I heard "Unchanged Melody" as an instrumental offering I wasn't impressed in the least. The vocal rendition, however, I knew would hit the top. The versions with the chorus backing seem to go over best on this piece. In fact nearly all vocalist seem to do a better than average job on unchanged melody. I happened to be in England as it was rising to the top and it certainly caught there. Once again it was the victim of a flood of hits and its stay at the number 1 spot was short lived.

Frank Sinatra, the old pro, is by no means through, his rendition of Learning the Blues is already only one rung from the top of the ladder of hits. It is certainly his personality and presentation that gave Learning the Blues that magic touch.

That old Rockin' Rythm is back again, this time in the form of "Rock Around the Clock". Bill Haley and his comets are the artists responsible for its No. 1 spot on the state-side hit parade. Their version and only their version will be in the spot light. So at deadline the top

3 are "Rock Around the Clock", "Learning the Blues", and "Unchanged Melody".

## THE OLD:

For our first old selection we get nostalgic and go back to the days of the Allied Expeditionary Forces program, the forerunner of the present American Forces Network. When the enemy found that our transmitters had insufficient power to be received effectively by all allied forces in North West Europe the very kindly rebroadcast the program over Radio Hilversum, substituting the news with their own version of course, except when they occasionally forgot. One of the highlights was the afternoon disc jockey show, the name of this particular D.J. slips us for the moment, however his theme doesn't. "My Guy's Come Back" used to signify that the time had rolled around again. T.D. recorded two versions, the better and earlier being the one without the vocal. It started to make a comeback about 45-46. However the original Tommy Dorsey version is tops and is certainly a must for that well rounded collection.

A fortnight ago while driving towards Victoria Station a sign caught my eye. Playing at the Victoria Palace was the Crazy Gang which had surpassed its 10,000th performance. Stars of the show were none other Nervo and Knox and of course Bud Flanagan of the old Flanagan and Allen team. The team was split up several years ago when Mr. Allen died, but their song and dance routines bring back memories. It was their theme song that started you out on the right foot. "Underneath The Arches" was known to everyone that had ever been to a music hall. Not only was it a favorite with theatre goers but was a must during an evening spent on the blending of voices. In 1948 it reached the Hit Parade in a comeback and was at the top for a short while. Several of the current recording stars had their own livened-up versions but the old perennials, the old troopers, held their own. Even today when you hear "Underneath The Arches" you hear Flanagan and Allen, and when you hear Flanagan and Allen you hear "Underneath The Arches".

# SECTION NEWS

## SILVER FOX

### 441 Pilots

*F/o A. Bigg*

It has been some time since we had a few words of wisdom from the Fox's lair. Since our last article, 441 has moved from North Luffenham to Zweibrucken and then to Marville. After living in what they jokingly called a Flight room at Zweibrucken, it was heavenly to climb into the roomy interior of a Sabre cockpit. But everyone enjoyed themselves and brought away many happy experiences. We also left some memories such as the impromptu Minstrel show. At least the boys enjoyed themselves.

Early in the spring 441 moved to its new home at Mudville—excuse me, Marville. After a few hectic weeks of construction and discreet scrounging, the Squadron finally took shape. Even now, after five months, things are still taking "shape". The only answer you can get as to why the Ops desk isn't finished seems to be "don't rush things". Rush things! If it isn't completed soon, it will rot apart from old age. And then there is our wall map. I still think Copenhagen should have been at the center of it. Isn't it "Base of Operation"?

The inevitable has finally arrived. Air Div has fixed us with their beady eye and postings and replacements have been flying thick and fast. We regret the loss of F/L Dean Kelly, F/O Jim Raine, and F/O Harry Klein. Also F/O Norm Ronaasen who is on course in England. We wish all these chaps and their families success in their new jobs. And then there is our F.N.G.'s. F/L Miller, F/L Crane, F/O Westphal, F/O Steward and F/O Syms. Welcome aboard chaps. Just think, you could have gone to 410 Communications Flight.

We thought that the Squadron was being left out of these juicy trips that everyone else were getting but the Wheels finally took pity on us.

So it's off to Florrennes for 441 Squadron. I wonder why married chaps aren't taking their wives. Did you say Brussels every night, Neil?

441 is throwing what we hope will be an Annual Squadron picnic next week, but more about this next issue. We might be able to give another account of the "Admirals" navy on maneuvers. How about it, Fellows? Until next issue - Cheers, Chaps.

### 441 Armt. Systems

From the hustle and bustle of 441 armt systems section, we welcome the return of Talepipe.

With Sgt Mace on leave, and Cpl Ross and LAC Sagara just back from dear old "Kipper Land", (looking rather run down-?) the section has been quite busy.

We are sorry to hear of LAC Le-Barr's return to Canada on course. Our best wishes go with him. As a replacement for LAC K.O. Gentner, we welcome LAC L.R. Whyte, who has recently finished a course on M.G. 2 at Camp Borden.

Congratulations are due to LAC's Marshall and Sagara for passing the recent trade board.

Wonder why LAC McCarthy is hobbling around these days? He'll have to watch himself in those fields from now on.

Wonder if LAC Honsberger is going back to Amsterdam one of these days? "Au Revoir, à la Prochaine Fois".

Irish

### 441 Instrument

The boys of the Instrument section which to welcome Sgt. Jones from Wing Instrument who has taken charge of our section. We also appreciate the face lifting he gave our shop. At the same time we welcome LAC Lyons from Portage la Prairie.

Rumour has it that in the near future there will be two lost single fellows in their section. Is that right George and John?

The sad look has been lifted from Cpl. Mahaneys' face upon the arrival of the better half of the family.

It is nice to see that Cpl. Forget and "car" are staying right side up lately. Keep the good work up Rolly. We hope that Cpl. Milloy and family are enjoying their lovely tour of Europe. There will be lots of work for you when you get back, Dave!

We are all excited and looking forward to the coming exchange visit to Belgium, so until next issue, don't forget to keep your clocks wound.

### 441 Telecom

The telecom section was sorry to see Cpl Peter Laine leave for Canada, but wish him lots of luck.

We welcome our new Telecom Cpl, Alex Hopley, and hope he doesn't get stung too hard for storage on his furniture in Canada. See you next issue.

### 441 Maintenance

441 Maint fitters wish to welcome Sgt. Hantowish, lately of RCAF Winnipeg, to the Squadron. May your stay here be pleasant, Sarge.

We would also like to welcome all the newcomers to the Squadron since Luffenham. There has been so many changes it's almost impossible to keep track. Also a last word for the boys who are long gone to Canada.

Work is going as smooth as ever. The boys were expecting a big holiday after we gave few aircraft to 439 for Rabat. But some kind Squadron donated a few of theirs to us and spirits jumped immediately.

All are consoling themselves with the thought of the operation in Belgium. By the sounds of things it should be tops.

Quite a few of the boys have moved their wives over recently so a kind thought to them who are keeping the wolf from the door.

This is all the news there is for this month. So till next time, Cheerio.

## 410 Cougars

Sgt. B. Rutley

Your Reporter has just returned from a pleasant two weeks in the Netherlands and in walking into the Hangar I thought I had strayed into the wrong Squadron or maybe the wrong Station. I was almost a stranger there, as I saw so many new faces: Cpl Moran, LACs Veenstra, Desabout, so a "Welcome Fellows". Is due rosiers, Ross, Turnbull, Rosebush, Moody, and Lockhart. We also wish to say "Farewell" to Willie Toth who has departed to the Promised Land (Canada).

Several of our single lads are away on leave to the "Tight Little Island" so don't be surprised if you hear the sound of the Wedding March as another Cougar takes a mate. I don't know just what it is, whether it is the weather, the English girls or as Male Magazine says "Watch those Canadians. They're dynamite when it comes to romance!!"

While on leave myself, I found that you didn't have to be a gorgeous female to have somebody come to your rescue. In Delft, I dropped in at the local Bank early one morning to get some more Guilders which I seemed to have a habit of running short of—even bargains cost money! There were only two people in the Bank and neither could speak English. So I was trying by a jumble of sign language, a bit of French, a bit of German and English to explain what I wanted, but all I was accomplishing was to get everybody, including me, more confused. Just then a clear tenor voice with the lilt of the Leprechaun's pipe in it, said at my shoulder, "You don't seem to be able to speak anything very well do you?" and then proceeded to tell the teller in clear, precise Dutch that all I wanted was to buy some Guilders with Francs and all was smiles and in no time flat I had my Guilders. My rescuer was a Vet of the Irish Fuseliers who had found the Netherlands beer, women and customs to his liking and had stayed there after the war. Your Reporter fully agrees with these sentiments, and his wife will probably scalp him when she reads this!

## 410 Armament

Since our last contribution to Talepipe there have been many changes in personnel and the boys have done much travelling since they last saw Luffenham: first to 4 (F) Wing and then to Rabat where we set a good score which 439 Sqn. is presently trying to better. Of course they might succeed as they have our F/S to show them the ropes.

We would like to congratulate Sgt. Carswell on the arrival of a baby daughter

A lot of the boys are wondering where MacLean is now that his wife has arrived from Canada. And we would like to wish Joe Chassion the best in newly married life as well as LAC Fremont. We welcome many new members to the fold.

Congratulations for successfully passing the last trade board go to LACs Price, Edwards, Graham, Von-hagen, Landry, and Nicholson. Its nice to have Cpl. Lenihan back with us. Wing Armament's loss is our gain.

LAC (Donnicker) Yvonne has been wondering if anyone knows of an empty barrack block for rent so he can bring his family from Canada.



Miss Claire England, Canada's gift to the bathing suit industry.

## Wing Maint Engine Bay

The Engine Bay welcomes all the new Chiefs and Indians that have arrived in the last few weeks - best of luck fellows! Hope the strain wont be too much.

Rumour has it that Cpl Burns is having small troubles with a generator circuit in the Test House. Why don't you ask him about it, I wont. Yours Truly has heard from a very reliable source that our one and only LAC Karaganis has been multiplying baby carriages, strained foods, etc., by two. Sgt Lowry has just returned from Italy and Southern France and he suggests if you are planning on taking this trip it would be better if you lost your passport in Switzerland.

Also, since reading last month's issue of the Talepipe, the Engine Bay reports that effective immediately Orenda 10 and Nene engines will be issued only between 16:45 and 17:00 hours daily except Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It further reports that the Section will be closed for issues on Sundays and that Engine Requisition Forms must be submitted two months in advance.

Cpl Dickson.

Runway barrier trials are being conducted using a CF-100 Canuck at RCAF Station Uplands near Ottawa.

The barrier is an accident prevention device placed at the end of a runway, designed to bring jet aircraft to a stop should the aircraft lose its brakes on landing, overshoot the runway on a flame-out landing, or lose its power on take-off.

A Parliamentary Group of five senators and 19 members of Parliament visited Marville recently during a four day inspection of Canada's aerial contribution to NATO Air Division.

Having attended the NATO Parliamentary association conference in Paris and seen the Canadian infantry brigade group in Germany, the party was met by A/V/M Hugh Campbell.

## Operations and Intelligence

Sgt. G. Seeley

Since our last appearance in Talepipe there have been beaucoup changes involving both Chiefs and Indians. Not too long ago we bid farewell to S/L "Duke" Warren who, armed to the teeth with textbooks, headed for the homeland and Staff College. A farewell party was given in his honor, attended by a gathering of 106 close friends just to be sure he took off in the accepted fashion.

Due to the fact that every tribe needs a chief the head tepee was immediately occupied by W/C Knowles who, despite TD trips to hither and yon, has brought about several changes. It shouldn't be long now before we're really operational.

Accompanied by the tear-jerking strains of "When I get too old to Fly" (Jets that is) F/O Bryski assumed duties as Ops Officer. This only goes to prove that we all got to go sometime, Sir.

The remainder of our good group have been recruited from the homeland. Sgt Geo Seeley, St Marie Que; Lac's Irish Hawthorne, Senneterre QUE, Bob Cooke, Sydney NS, Don Mair, Edgar Ont, Duke Webber, Holberg BC. So as it stands to date were here and were laughing

We also have a strange right arm in the form of Intelligence section, nobly headed by F/L Fox assisted by Sgts Buzz Moran and Ray Tremblay. This good group are veterans of Luff. Now that Ray Tremblay has his new Opal, sports such as *cherchez-la-femme* are becoming more popular. That contented grin on Buzz Moran's face stems from the fact that his boat for the homeland leaves shortly. By this time he should be an authority on why travel is so broadening.

Probably by the time this edition hits the news stands Don Mair will be the proud possessor of a bread-snapper (Save your francs Don, everyone smokes cigars). Duke Webber thinks of things ever get too tough he can run for Duke of Luxembourg. The campaign speeches should be something to hear.

Well as our group wends its way onward and upward we leave our good readers with a farewell "Ca Va" till next time.

## Four Hangar "Wheelhouse"

By Cpl. Ted BARTON

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REF EO 05-5E/COX PD REQUEST YOUR UNIT FORWARD FOLLOWING TO F/L LT COX BELIEVED BEING HELD YOUR UNIT FOR WRITE-OFF OR SOMETHING.

Here's to an Officer we once had,  
Some say he's good, some bad,  
Who went away and left behind  
On his office door a cheap old sign.  
While this is no offence of course,  
Our OC from another source  
Is sensitive to cheap cigars  
And thousand dollar Vauxhall cars.  
So, in concluding this short rhyme—  
The hangar crew felt it was time  
That we remember our old "boss"  
And send to him - his little cross.  
ADDENDUM

Good Luck to you, in your new spot,  
And keep those pens and pencils hot!  
While we regret what we have lost -  
By knowing what the briefcase cost.

We would like it known that Cpl "Cal" Shermerhorn is the composer of this little Gem.

Our new "Aircraft Maintenance Officer" is one F/L W. Maguire - a man of quality whom we stole from 410 Squadron.

Having just returned from a vacation at a summer resort near Rabat Mr. Maguire spends most of his time lolling around enjoying the fact that he is no longer with 410 Squadron.

Our new WO, Mr. Sangster, has (as we told you in the last article) been changing things around the hangar. We were all waiting to see what would happen. We have now found that the things changed are not as terrible as thought, but are turning out to be good — for the workers and the section.

And, as a last word in passing, the writer would like to ask just one question: Did the **Cook** in the Mess Hall take a course in case-hardening of jet engine turbine wheels before he started cooking potatoes???

In the last edition of this magazine we tried to give you a brief outline of the types of people that we have employed in a small set of offices in the Maintenance Hangar called "The Wheelhouse". We have been told since that issue that the writer seemed to have the opinion that all of our "Wheelhouse executives" ranging from LAC to F/L are just about the most important types on the station. Well, speaking for Corporals and airmen, we in Maintenance find that on Wednesday afternoon (when most sections enjoy a sports afternoon) we are just about the most essential people in the airforce as far as our hangar is concerned. This, however, is not the case when "Guard of Honor", "Fire Picquet" or "Guard Duty" are called for.

Our only relaxation period lately was the farewell party we held for our very good friend F/L L.T. Cox, who, as you may remember, was transferred to ATC HQ. The party was a real success and a very good time was had by all. There were, of course, a few complaints about the short supply of beer. We presented Mr. Cox with a leather briefcase and were reprimanded for not loading it up with **good** cigars.

After our old friend had left we conducted an investigation to find out just what left with him. All that we found missing were a few old soggy cigarette butts and half a dozen beer bottles. Much to our surprise we discovered that the sign above Mr Cox's door was still in place. Feeling that this sign was of no further value to this unit a few of the boys decided to submit the following message to ATC HQ.

FROM: 1 (F) Wing Mudville  
TO: ATC HQ

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Many people wonder what the difference between an Airman and a W.D. is. Their uniforms are alike but in personality this is the difference: An Airman, when he says yes means maybe, and when he says maybe, he means no. When he says no he is no Airman.

When a W.D. says no she means maybe and when she says maybe she means yes. When she says yes, she is no W.D.

LAC W Munro.

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(August records not available at this time)  
Monthly Mean Temperature . . . . 65.8°F  
Highest Temperature . . . . . 86.5°F  
Lowest Temperature . . . . . 48.5°F  
Number of Days with  
Measurable Precipitation . . . . . 10  
Total Rainfall . . . . . 1.79"  
"Meteorologically Yours"  
Marville Weather Bureau

## Supply Section

The Supply Section is back again with its usual quota of tidbits for Marville Consumption. First of all as previously predicted, Dan Cupid's arrows have taken their toll in the Supply Section. LAW "Chris" Brake took the "fatal step" as it is sometimes referred to uniting in Holy Matrimony, with LAC Harvey McKay from the ME Section on 22nd July. Two weeks to the day following, LAW "Elsie" Brymer and Corporal "Sam" Miller of the Stock Control and LPO Groups in Supply respectively tied the knot in the Protestant chapel, (which incidentally seems to be doing a thriving business these days). Next on the list is LAW Gail Hann whose wedding is slated for September.

LAW Verna Griffiths has just returned from an interesting tour of Italy and the Riviera. It must be nice to go to all these fashionable places.

FS Nielson had a restful two weeks vacation from which he just returned. He entertained his brother who is a missionary in Nigeria affiliated with the Sudan Interior Missions and whom he hadn't seen for five years.

The Supply Section considers itself most fortunate that it was not included in the Letter to the editor in the last issue of "Talepipe". This is not to be misconstrued as an open invitation for negative criticism! However, constructive suggestions are always acceptable, and will be reviewed on their merits.

This is about all the news from the Supply Section for this month.

## Stn. Workshops

We welcome two new men to the Shop: FS Cross from 12 TSU and Cpl Bale from Aylmer.

The Section gave a farewell party for Sgt McLeod on Friday, August 12 which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mac is being transferred to 3 (F) Wing. Sorry to see you go. Best of luck from everybody in the Shop. Now we shall have to find a new washing machine mechanic!

Congratulations to LAC and Mrs Dawe who were presented with a baby girl on 29 July. Thanks for the cigars, Bert!

THE BUREAU OF CURRENT AFFAIRS IS AGAIN SPONSORING AN ESSAY CONTEST WITH THE SUBJECT, THIS TIME: "WHY I SERVE IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES." WIDESPREAD PARTICIPATION IS URGED AND WINNING ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE PRIZES OF \$100, \$50 AND \$25.

RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN CURRENT AFFAIRS PAMPHLETS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AND ON CURRENT AFFAIRS MAPS IN OCTOBER.

## Wing Infirmary

By LAW Ginger Bacon

Fall out the sick and the lame!

We are about to take a tour of our famed hospital at #1 (F) Wing. Entering our Pearly Gates you generally find Cpl. Burny Penner in his office which is the full front wing. He is attempting to do the impossible, handling sick parade and pre-natal clinics along with the genial assistance of N/S Freeman or Miss MacCallum. "Mutt & Jeff".

We have MO's offices scattered all over the hospital, and each doctor takes a turn running the other's office. Dr. "Top O the Mornin", MacDonald, Dr. "Bread-crumbs" Brown, Dr. "Yuk, Yuk" Eaton, and our sole lady doctor-to-be Miss Norma Sigfreid.

Bumping quite frequently into these people is Cpl. "test-tube" Moan who spends his time watching unearthly little bugs through his microscope, doing the Highland Fling to the merry pipe music played by our Scotch musician Davy Danskin. (He does make it to the hospital for coffee breaks on occasion).

Sgt Eddie Carpen takes his daily walk from the x-ray department to conserve with "the big three" Cassie Cassel, Don "Peanuts" MacLaren, and Jim "Termite" Crozier who have a job and a half trying to manoeuvre around their three big desks in a two by four orderly room.

Following on down the hall past the pharmacy where F/O Kathie Kliene rules the roost of the pills, we come upon S/L Coons, our master of ceremonies chatting with F/O Gilmore our walking Inventory holder. Following in his footsteps comes the shadow of our hospital Adjutant Sgt. "Sandy" Deschenes, carrying the books of doom and muttering to himself: "Will I ever find them? Fourteen rubber sheets, five bed pans, one rolling pin etc. etc. This continues for days.

Now the healing chambers come into view, attended in Ward "A" by Cpls. Phil Charron and "Mac" Mac-Nichol. In "B" ward, where our dependants and the wee new arrivals to this wing reside, everyone flourishes under the tender, loving care of N/S Brind-amour, or the two a new-comers to our staff of nurses, Miss Reid and Miss McClure never forgetting for a moment our "old faithful" Miss Martin. (The longest here of all our civvies).

Medical Assistants (all very keen types) can be found in every nook and corner. On the female side; LAW "Peri" Ethell, LAW "Haematoma" Motomura, LAW Smith (bride to be), LAW "Pogo" Prettie, LAW "Lil' Twitch" Mason, LAW "Digger" Quayle and LAW Mary Fleming. Of course we do find the ODD male assistant around, LAC "Wriggly" Verchere, LAC Greg Martel, and LAC Ed Smith.

Last but not least, our Supervisor of sponges and flats, Miss Kent and our "Big White Chief" F/L Seymore who is a constant example of efficiency at the hospital, and a pretty good head at a party. Absent at the moment but not forgotten, we hope N/S Sergeant is enjoying her recuperating vacation.

All kidding aside we very seriously bid a fond farewell to Dr. Fitzgerald, now at #4 (F) Wing, Dr. Coons our SMO who is leaving for Canada and Miss Martin, also leaving for Canada, we say so long to a terrific nurse. NATURALLY, These departures call for a shindig, and we are trusting that our hospital cooks Bruno Thibodeau and Jimmy Gauthier will give us the works for such an occasion.

There you have our hospital family, with many more coming to join the fold. Maybe after this article they won't let me write anything for the next issue of Talepipe, but in any case. See you on sick parade!!!

## Met Section

To start the ball rolling, we are sorry to report that the shortest member of our staff, LAC Freeman, is not weathering too well and is laid up with the mumps. Complications have set in and he is due to spend some more time in Wiesbaden Hospital.

Another absent chair in the office is left by S/L Kennedy who is on a week's leave. He has kept pretty silent as to where he intended to go, but rumours have it that he is visiting friends in Strasbourg. We can't help wondering if he met up with his two hitchhiking Canucks who are making a grand tour of Europe. He had the pleasure of making their acquaintance several weeks previously on a jaunt to Germany.

LAC Brown, more commonly known as "Ed the Head", returned fagged out from a trip to the "Isle de Guernsey." On the return voyage, the car decided to go on a sit-down strike in the form of a flat tire, much to Ed's disgust.

Speaking of cars, two members of the staff have had extremely bad luck with prangs lately. F/L Gigliotti escaped with nothing but a few broken ribs after rolling his volkswagen on a sharp curve. All this took place on his first day of leave, and he claims to have had the shortest leave on record. The other chap (not mentioning any names) seems to have an odd liking for cows, but just recently he switched to horses. We can't figure out who gets the worst of the deal — the car or animals in question.

As in every Met Office, the bulletin board is usually covered with various cartoons, concerning weather of course. One in particular should prove amusing and goes something like this:

Two forecasters are in conversation over a weather map while several women talk in the background. "It's really unbelievable," says one forecaster to the other. "She talks 130 words a minute, with gusts up to 175." Some unknown soul has added a bit of sarcasm to the joke by writing, "No connection with Marville female observers??"

## Telecom Maint.

Among those from this Section who have been able to tear themselves away from their work for a few days holiday, since the last edition, are: F/L McGill, F/O Snow, Cpl Parkinson, who is still in England and yelling for an extension, LAC Pilbrow, who moved his family from England and now resides in Florenville, and LAW Rye, who has now left us for the switchboard.

Those next in line for a rest are F/S Ricks, Sgt Turnbull (heading for England) and LAC Bigelow, who is heading for parts unknown (to us).

At last we have some people coming our way. The new arrivals to Wing Telecom are Cpl Ferguson, from Comox; LAC Barter, from Chatham; and LAC Miller, from Cold Lake.

After a few months T.D. in England Sgt Gus Stulberg and Cpl Reimer (GCA) have decided to return to 1 (F) Wing—but at the same time F/S Ricks has made arrangements to get on the gravy boat—going the other way on T.D., to London.

It seems LAC Robinson and Purdy have spent a couple of nice week-ends in Paris—sightseeing they say. If we only knew the truth.

LAC Peattie has managed to change places with LAC Peters so he could see for himself if all the rumours about Rabat are true.

We must congratulate LAC's MacDonald and Pilbrow on their group 3 and LAC McNeil (GCA) on his group 2. All I can say to those fellows who weren't so lucky on the last Trade Board is don't worry about the next one, because after seeing the T.A. roster F/S Ricks has drawn up—well don't worry. After all it won't do any good.

## 441 Armament

Starting off this Month, we have some introductions to make. Sgt. (Moose) Gregory did finally get out of the School. Along with him came jSgt. (I was in this outfit 16 years Son) Desrochier. Hope they both have a very enjoyable stay. The Armament Officer just returned from a stay at Rabat. All is "Quiet on the Front", so he says. Also we have some new personnel over from the new Country. LAC Johnson, LAC Vezina from Station Cold Lake, also LAC Gill from

Station Winnipeg, and LAC Gauthier from Station Trenton. From the Martimes comes LAC Mac Donald of Station Summerside, and that just about completes personnel news.

As for Section news, things are quiet for the time being, except perhaps the coming operation. Shortly after that Rabat, so we will have a busy fall. Cpl. White is holding down T.A., and by the reports, shorty is more than holding his own. Sgt. Desrochier is now at the S.W.O.'s Office. I wonder if he still polishes his shoes in the mornings. We were sorry to hear of Cpl. Newton's wife's illness, and hope she makes a fast recovery. Well I hear *foot steps* so I had better scam for this time. Hope to see you all next month.

## Wing Maint. Inst.

LAC W. Mauro

Once again a warm hello to all our readers from the Wing Maint Instrument Section.

Sgt. Sullivan was in hospital for a short time and at this writing is now recovering at his home. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Corporal Griffiths and Cpl. Gouette are looking after the section during his absence. Of course with the help of the LAC's the job has been lightened considerably.

The trade board results came out and passed all the expectations of our most cynical trade board critics. To those that passed we offer our congratulations and to those who failed better luck next time.

We extend a warm welcome to the newcomers to our section who are: LAC Fleury, LAC Rahn, LAC Gaston, LAC Robinson.

Those going back to CANADA are LAC Ritchie who is going to 2 AFS Portage la Prairie. Our old timer from 410 Squadron is leaving us. He will be missed by all and we wish him success at his new station.

Tom Palmer has been attached to 439 Squadron and is at present in Rabat.

Our section is still progressing and although we are completely operational as far as an Instrument Section goes new prospects are being thought of every day.

Once again this winds up about all our news items.

## Construction Engineering

Sgt. L. Weagant

Flying Officer Lepage, our CEO and a graduate of Laval University, Quebec City, was one of the first members of the RCAF to arrive at Marville, being on strength at Air Division HQ, but employed at 1 (F) Wing. He recently returned to work after having been in the United States Army Hospital at Verdun and on a few weeks sick leave.

Warrant Officer Maxfield is the Foreman of Works. He also was an early arrival and at one time acted as the Station Warrant Officer for the detachment. A large number of the airmen in the section were at one time associated with him or under his charge in Canada.

Assisting WO Maxfield is Sgt. "How ya doin" Threlfall. Sgt. Threlfall has something to look back upon with regards to the service. He has been in the Air Force for almost 27 years. A son and a daughter are also members of the RCAF. Both are now married and stationed at different radar stations in Canada.

The electricians are under Sgt. St Louis and recently arrived Sgt. Weagant.

The heating section, under Sgt. Bell, has recently taken over the high pressure boilers for the laundry and they are being operated by LAC Crate assisted by two civilians. The operation of the remaining heating plants is under contract to a civilian French firm. Cpl. Atkinson, although a stationary engineer, is the one who hooks up gas bottles, prepares caravans for occupancy and carries out general maintenance at the caravan site.

Cpl. Banica is a water and sanitary services operator. His job is to operate water filtration and sewage disposal plants. They, too, are under contract. This does not mean that "Al" is not employed. Caring for the pumps and apparatus at the fuel farms is keeping him occupied.

The carpenter shop under Sgt. Lane, assisted by Cpl. Howard and LAC Gallant is, it always seems, a very busy place. Staffed by civilians, some on a temporary basis, the saws are always humming and crying for more material. A considerable number of hours overtime has been necessary to

the paint shop. Here Cpl., George Bedard and his civilian painters daub at them until the proper shade is achieved, and then they are shipped away to the sections which might require them.

The construction labour crew under Cpls. Dunn and Gaudet seem to be in great demand. Some are aiding with the "remodeling" of the ground defense bunker and others employed at various duties within the station area.

The Clerk Engineer operates the orderly room aided by civilians. Cpl. Perrier carries out this work and he is more or less the one who guides CE expenditures along the right track and sees that there is money available in the allotted funds to buy the material ordered.

Cpls. Sanderson and McCallum are in charge of the plumbing shop. Although a new base, one might be surprised by the amount of repairs on existing installations which must be carried out by their men. The construction of lines and connections for both compressed air and water has been carried by this section to place in service certain items of equipment required by the RCAF.

Occasionally one might see an airman walking about the CE building with a drawing pencil in his hand, running his fingers through his hair, and muttering strange words. This is our draughtsman Cpl. West. The frequency of these actions has decreased since he received a helper to operate the printing machine.

Cpl. Lahay has replaced Sgt. Park as the supply technician in stores. His helper is a Monsieur Maurice Rosenfeld whose favorite expression seems to be, "I get crazy with this job". We can sympathize with him as sometimes the lineup of tradesmen is quite large and one and all wish to be served at the instant they step through the door, without regard for the proper record of materials.

There are also on strength of station Marville two power plant operators. Their particular field is the generation of electricity. At Present they are patiently hoping. Last, but not least, we say good-bye to LAC "Scotty" Talor. He was one of the "originals" on the advance party and got the paint shop into operation. He has gone to 2 (F) Wing, where we hear he will be the supervising painter.

## Wing Armament

Cpl. G. R. White

Due to a slight oversight on our part here at Wing Armament, there wasn't a column from us in the first edition of "Talepipe" at Marville. However, due to the fact that a Station paper without a column from the Armourers is like a rum without the coke, this will be the first of a long line of articles from our Wing and Squadron Armament sections.

We have been pretty busy here at Wing the past few months, what with getting moved in and setting up the many sub-sections required by an operational Wing.

With "Carte Blanche" behind us and 439 Sqdn. having departed for Rabat we can breathe freely once more and tackle the myriad problems that come up when one is on a Unit such as this. How many duties that are the lot of an Armourer?

(i) Maintenance and repair of all weapons, both, air and ground.

(ii) Maintenance of all ranges, such as the 25 yard range and the 1000 ft. firing in butts.

(iii) Storage and handling of all explosives.

(iv) Inspection of all armament equipment whether in a/c or in ground use.

These are just a few of the 1001 jobs required of an Armourer.

We are at present preparing for the coming September T.E.B. On the June board we had 12 out of 16 Armourers pass, which is a fair average in any trade. Congratulations to all who succeeded and a "Better luck next time" to all who didn't.

Among the recent arrivals here are Cpl. "Herb" Olsen, and Jac's "Phil" Shore, "Johnny" Ryan, "Bob" Mc Innis, "Ron" Holliston, "Will" Horricks, "Mark" Stenberg, and "Clint" Smith. May your sojourn here at Marville be a long and happy one.

Congratulations are also in order for Cpl. "Jimmy" Meagher who became the father of a 6lb 9 oz baby girl, 19 July. Here's hoping she marries an Armourer Jimmy.

Our NCO i/c Explosive Stores, Sgt. "Don" Hillier, left, August 13 for a stretch of TD at Rabat. Have a good trip Don.

## Your Station Fund

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improvement which you yourselves are financing. When barrack block 20 has been converted, the airmen will have both of the present clubs for themselves. We will then redecorate the entire airmen's club and removed the bar. Again, most of this of necessity must be paid for from NPF.

The radio station will be set up shortly in barrack block 15, and to set this up properly, we must spend a considerable amount of money on equipment. We will all however benefit from the expenditure, while at the same time we will be providing another outlet of interest for those whose hobby lies in the field of radio and broadcasting.

We have relocated the PX, and have built more counters, again at our own expense. The grocery store is now complete in itself, and I think we can say there is none better in our Division. We have two cash counters each with its own cash register to look after rush hours, and an additional scale is on order so that each counter will have a cash register and scale. As a point of interest, our cash registers are a charge against NPF and cost us approximately \$1500; "expensive items". In order to maintain adequate control over sales and to avoid errors, we have a further requirement to buy six small cash registers for the PX. These will cost at least \$350 each.

We also expect by the end of September to have purchased a delivery van for the door delivery of bread and milk to married quarters. We believe this will assist both housewife and husband in eliminating the day to day inconvenience of buying these items at the commissary, and believe it will be a particularly helpful service to those wives whose husbands are on TD at Rabat.

As an assist to the sub canteens we have ordered five refrigerators each having capacity of 300 "cokes". These will be issued to the canteens in each of the three squadrons, the fourth will be issued to maintenance and the fifth to the M.E. section.

Many of you may wonder why we must spend our own funds to improve our facilities. I think you will understand the need however, if you will

consider that the Canadian public provides us with very excellent basic facilities, and that we cannot in fairness expect them to provide all the frills, particularly when we are in a position of being able to improve our facilities through our own resources and initiative. To do this of course it is necessary to operate all outlets at a profit and mark up varies at present between 10% and 15% gross. The net is considerably less. You also will realize from what you have read that there are many, many demands on station fund and that, put to proper use, it can make the difference between the austere and the comfortable. Remember also that the station fund is your fund and the Station Fund Committee welcomes all ideas that will improve your facilities and institutes. All ideas which are offered will be examined and considered, and if reasonable and feasible, then we can together take further steps to improve our station through our station fund.



## Did Caesar Sleep Here?

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Anyhow, while JC was away one winter and his troops with their impedimenta (baggage) were in hiberna (winter quarters) the Belgae decided that the time was ripe for mayhem. The Treverii started calling the Jerries on the east of the Rhine "chicken" for staying out while the Eburones, the Nervii, the Atuatici and Menapii were all hot to trot against JC. These and some other about 250,000 troops, descended on a smaller tribes, contributing in total Roman outpost at a place about half way between Laon and Rheims (pronounced Rans furiously). There and in the neighbourhood they got their noses bloodied by JC and decided to return to their own lands to wait and see what JC was going to do. JC did not keep them waiting and proceeded to reduce them tribe by tribe. The Nervii put up the fiercest resistance but in the end suffered terrible casualties. All this was in 57 B.C. Caesar was certainly gaining a reputation.

The Treverii again in the winter of 54-53 B.C. conspired against JC and again tried to interest the Jerries. They succeeded in stirring up a great deal of unrest but once again JC beat them in a fight.

Most of all this action took place where we and our families are living now. Further to the south about 30 miles northwest of Dijon at a place called Alesia JC had to face in long seige the greatest of the Gaulic rebellions which was led by Vercingetorix, mentioned above. This was quite a show even by today's standards. After having the pants beat off his cavalry Vercingetorix withdrew to Alesia to which JC immediately laid seige. Around the strong-hold of Alesia he built seige-works of staggering size involving two trenches fifteen feet wide one of them filled with water diverted from neighbouring streams and a palisade twelve feet high with towers every 130 yards. Sharp stakes were fixed into the ground to make it unpleasant for the infantry. And around all this which completely circled Alesia JC caused to be constructed a similar circle of defences facing outwards and this was fourteen miles long. Needless to say, the Gauls put up a savage resistance and both Romans and Gauls lost many men. This was in 52 B.C. and at the end of it that particular Gaulic rebellion collapsed. When news of the end reached the Romans a twenty-day thanksgiving was held. (This probably was the origin of the expression "a Roman holiday".)

There were a few other minor rebellions involving our friends the Treverii around Florenville, before JC crossed the Rubicon and seized power in Rome, but Gaul was now for all practical purposes subdued; and the Roman soldiers could, like us, enjoy a few years peace and quiet on garrison duty with nothing to worry about except the Jerries east of the Rhine.

So, while on garrison duty here in the 20th century amidst the friendly and hospitable Belgae and Gauls, it is romantic to think that there were many here before us who were doing much the same as we. It is worthwhile remembering that Caesar's soldiers were always outnumbered but their discipline, training and assurance made them superior to the more numerous but disunited, quarrelling and disorganized Gauls.



Parody from a British tombstone.  
From Ground Defence lies John Bun  
He was killed when playing with a gun  
His name was not Bun but Wood  
Wood would not rhyme with gun  
But Bun would.

Col. "Danny" Marshall

— Reports on —

# SPORTS and RECREATION

## • Royals Top League



★ Air Div Champs ★

To date our Baseball season has been highly successful with a spirited, hard hitting team taking convincing wins both at home and on the road to 3 and 4 Wings. The team has won all home games and really slammed the ball against 2 Wing coming out with a 20-4 victory. A home stand against the high and mighty 3 Wing team saw our boys come from behind a five-run deficit to take the game 17-12. Hitting stars in that game were versatile Tony Dupuis with 3 for 5 hits including a homer, Manager Bob Barlow with a 2-run homer, a triple and single and really heads up ball by all other members of the team.

On a recent road trip to 4 Wing

our boys took the Eastern team by a 9-7 score with clutch pitching by Pistol Pete and Tony Dupuis. The team swung over to 3 Wing and the lads experienced the best game of the season. A 3-run homer by Bob Barlow in the first took a lot of starch out of the 3 Wing team and our Royals went on to win 7-5. Cass Cassoboom, Bugs Bugden, the Royals battery, played outstanding baseball. Centre fielder Murray Salter was spectacular in robbing the opposition as he made two fine shoe string catches, Doc Conture at third, Tony Dupuis at short and Jack Marshall, 2nd base, all played fine defensive ball as did Bob O'Neil in left field. It was, in fact, a team win.

During the team's last trip to 3 Wing, our team took the only defeat of their season by a 9-3 count. It was not unexpected as Cass Cassoboom, Doc Conture, Tony Dupuis Bugs Bugden were absent on duty and out with injuries were Long John Eger and Mac McCarty. To top it off hustling left fielder O'Neil made a running leap for a line drive in the 8th inning and took a 25 ft fall, landing on part of the perimeter barbwire fence which circles behind left at # 3 Wing. This ended the game for Marville as it left the team with only 8 active players and put O'Neil in the hospital overnight. This game ended the season's regular play with the Marville Royals winning the League.

## GIRLS SOFTBALL:

My first experience with the Girls Softball team occurred 3 days after my arrival at 1 (F) Wing from RCAF Stn Rockcliffe. The game was scheduled for 3 Aug 55 at Air Div HQ and the team departed from Marville at 1600 hours for Metz. During the trip down the weather looked unfavourable but it was hoped that Air Div would be enjoying better weather. On arrival the heavens literally emptied, making it impossible for the game to take place. One of the main contributing factors for this was, as many of you probably know, due to the type of ball diamond Air Div has to offer. Their diamond is not the usual dirt and grass but a completely grass diamond. It was decided by the coaches of both teams to call the game, as playing conditions would be too hazardous to both teams. After lengthy discussion it was decided to hold the game Aug 7, in Air Div and hope that the weather would be much better and conditions more conducive to a fair game for both teams.

On Sunday afternoon the Girls team arrived in time for the scheduled 2 o'clock game with a beautiful day in their favor. The girls played a close, tight game all the way and with the steady pitching of our "Jeanie" Lloyd, held the play for 6½ innings. Their batting power was steady and with the help of good fielding they held the Air Div types to a tie score in the top of the 7th with Air Div to bat. A good base hit by one of the Air Div girls put her on first, on the next pitch she got to second and a good solid hit by the batter brought the tie and game winning run home to break up the ball game with a final score of 13-12 in favor of Air Div. The girls were not unhappy however, this game proved to them that with a little more time in the league they could have had a winning team. It is always good to wind a series up on a good note and that is what the gals from #1 Wing did, next year we will punch right from the beginning and I know everyone will try to bring the trophy home to 1 (F) Wing.



**MEN'S FASTBALL LINEUP.** Front, left to right: LACs Coffil, O'Callaghan, Tittle; Sgt. Shore; LAC Mastellar. Back row: LACs Roberts, Harvey, F/O Weber, LAC Amor, Sgt. Waite, Cpl. Montgomery.

**LADIES SOFTBALL.** Front row, left to right: LAWs D. Mason, D. Thibeau, LAC A. Mac Donald, Cpl Walker, LAW H. Barteaux. Back row: LAWs S. Torgusen, Prettie; Cpl. J. Lloyd; LAWs F. Stanley, K. Johnston, J. Taylory and S. McMichael.

MENS FASTBALL LEAGUE  
STANDING:

| Wing | Played | Won | Lost | Points |
|------|--------|-----|------|--------|
| #2   | 8      | 8   | 0    | 16     |
| #4   | 7      | 4   | 3    | 8      |
| #1   | 6      | 3   | 3    | 6      |
| #3   | 7      | 3   | 4    | 6      |
| AD   | 8      | 1   | 7    | 2      |

At a meeting of the Wing Rec Officers, held at 3 (F) Wing, Aug 10, it was decided that umpires for all League games would have to have an umpires ticket or a protest could be placed before the protest board which is composed of the four Wing Rec Officers plus S/L Herbertson, Air Div HQ's.

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## BASEBALL:

## LEAGUE STANDINGS:

| Wing | Played | Won | Lost |
|------|--------|-----|------|
| #1   | 6      | 5   | 1    |
| #3   | 8      | 5   | 3    |
| #2   | 6      | 3   | 3    |

From the League standing it is apparent that FS Barlow's boys are really intent on bringing the trophy home to their own station. Let us all turn out and give them our support and root them to victory.

Before signing off the Sportscope review, the staff of the Rec Centre would like to tell everyone that soon your well equipped Rec Centre will be opening—it is hoped we can meet the deadline of 1 September. When we are open for business we hope that you will come around and avail yourselves of the many and varied sports and activities we have planned for your winter and fall season. We will have basketball, badminton, squash, rifle club, weight lifting, fencing, swimming and many of the fall outdoor sports available to you. So if you aren't doing anything, remember that we are here to serve you whenever you wish to come and see us. See you all next month in this same column.

## Variety Show

A few weeks ago on my arrival at 1 (F) Wing I heard constant talk of the Variety Show that all the airwomen and airmen had created, executed and performed a few nights previous to my arrival. Being interested in show business myself, I was most unhappy that I had missed their performance. However, my colleague in crime at the Rec Office, the Reverend "Doc" Baker assured me that I would get my chance sooner than I thought. The chance came in the form of a rehearsal held that Tuesday. I arrived at the theatre and immediately I was aware of the hustle and bustle that surrounds a rehearsal of a Stage Show. People were scurrying about, musicians warming up, stage crews and stage hands busily setting the stage for the first number and the producer, director, the Reverend himself sweating it out over the last minute changes that always occur in any program.

Although I did not see an actual performance I did see a lot of the talent and I would like to go on record here as saying that in all the shows I produced in Canada I have not seen so much talent at one station. "Ginger" Bacon, charming and talented with a beautiful voice and personality—"Ed" Smith with a tremendous baritone voice—Jim Cameron, a born natural for impersonations which he handled very well—the dancing lovelies, a cute routine and a very presentable trio of femmes for your station—skits that were very well done and extremely funny—some of the skits included the "Sermon" by Doc Baker, "Brother can you spare a Dime" by Terry Slater and his two cohorts; the efficient MC'ing of Doug Reid plus all the others who banded together to make a very good showing for their station. During the entire rehearsal I was continually amazed at the galaxy of talent that kept coming onto the stage. The musical end of the show was extremely fine—two guitar playing boys, piano, drums, bass, sax and clarinet were some of the many musical numbers in the show. All in all this station should be proud of its talent and give it the support it so badly needs.

And now for the itinerary of this little show—a tour was arranged for them and they left Aug 16 for 3 Wing, and Aug 17th, to 2 Wing. Plans are such that they intend to play to 4 Wing in the near future. When it was realized that I would be doing a write up on the show the entire cast expressed a wish that I would include in the article their thanks and appreciation to those who helped in any way, large or small to make this show a success.

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The Little Theatre Group would like to mention here that they are planning big things for the coming fall and winter season. Their plans include a straight play another Musical Show, but they also wish to tell all their readers that they are badly in need of any talent that would like to join their ranks. For the plans on the board at present it is quite apparent that more talent is going to be needed of every type and kind—so, if you have talent or the desire to participate in

ventures such as these please contact Cpl "Doc" Baker or Cpl "Terry" Slater at the Rec Office, or phone Local 87.

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of visiting Kaiserslautern, Germany, for the purpose of the Show Auditions held there every month by the Special Services for all units of Western Command. These auditions are held monthly to supply all units with a packaged show or individual acts for their various functions and scheduled live show nights. F/L Palmer, Rec Officer from this wing, was down there specifically to obtain a good show for this station, packed full of all the acts the Canadian serviceman likes to see.

Listed below are the various acts here Aug 29 and 30:

- 1 Valerie Trio — Parody singers and zany comedy.
- 2 Jerry Scott — Singer (female), Mistress of ceremonies and fellows she is worth seeing and hearing.
- 3 Discords — Musical Comedy.
- 4 Per and Paul — Acrobatic act that thrills.
- 5 Johnny Mack — Tap dancing a la Gene Kelly, eccentric comedy.
- 6 Adelio — Musical Comedy with a new twist and versatility.
- 7 Warren Bros — Record Act that takes you home to your record collecting days and real pantomimics.
- 8 Grasso — A bicycle act.
- 9 Nagis and Nimi Kalyan — Dancing beauties from the far East.



# Sabre Rifle Club

## • New Officers Elected

By LAC Bill Warshick

Since the October issue of the Talepipe there have been many personnel changes in the **Sabre Rifle and Pistol Association**. We look with regret at the repatriation of WO1 Thompson, FS Wilkinson, Sgt Cunningham, Cpl Buker, Cpl Borden, and Cpl Hatton, all of whom were not only above average shots but interested and active members of the club. WO1 Thompson was the club's finest small bore man and without doubt one of the top 100 in Canada. FS Wilkinson was an expert at the long ranges in full bore and had a possible at 900 yards fired at Bisley, he was equally competent in small bore shooting. Sgt Cunningham placed second in the first shoot for the Queen's Medal and had a mean eye with the target rifle at 25 yards. All three of the above mentioned men have represented the R.C.A.F. in the Britannia Shield Competitions.

The club now has the task of training members for another championship team. Our losses are partially compensated by the fact that we now have with us Sgt Relph and Sgt Moseley, both active members with their respective clubs in Canada. Cpl Villiers has received an extension to his tour. He is a very capable small bore man, a hold over from last year's "A" team. The Postal Corp were very cooperative in posting Pte Salter back to 1 (F) Wing "Salty" is also a member of last year's "A" team and his services will be most certainly welcomed.

The Air Division Rifle Competition Shield was won with flourishing colours by the 4 Wing Team. When the final shots were fired they had compiled a lead of 49 points. We cannot take away the credit they so rightly deserve. However they were the only team that had practice at long ranges. It is very difficult to find a suitable range on the continent so practice is limited to 25 yards or at best 100 yards. In the case of our own team there was no opportunity for practice whatsoever. To make matters worse only two of the five men selected by the committee to represent our Wing were able to attend the meet. The Shield had previously been won by 1 (F) Wing.

We take off our hats to S/L Greensword, the SODef, and to the ground defence staff of 4 Wing, through whose untiring efforts the shoot was run off like clock work. It takes a lot of work and organizing to hold a rifle meet. This was one of the finest that I have attended.

There was some disagreement as to the method of selection for the Queen's Medal shoot held in conjunction with the DCRA meet at Connaught ranges in Ottawa. The selection should be held in two or possibly three stages with aggregate scores to count. In this way a more true evaluation of the competitor is derived. Each Wing should have one representative irregardless of stand-

ing otherwise the Wing members who are more handicapped due to lack of range facilities have nothing to look forward to. The Queen's Medal is presented to the champion shot of the Air Force, and in Canada Units may send as many representatives as they can spare. Once again we point to the fact that the RAF send men from the near and far east to attend their annual competition for the Queen's Medal.

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### Out Of Uniform



Being out of uniform, although a cardinal military sin, can be forgiven with little effort when the transgressor looks like Hollywood's Mari Blanchard. No punitive action recommended for this charming rule-breaker.

#### TEAM PLACINGS

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| 1st 4 FWG "A" Team   | 809 points |
| 2nd 2 FWG "A" Team   | 760        |
| 3rd 4 FWG "B" Team   | 754        |
| 4th 3FWG "A" Team    | 752        |
| 5th Air Div "A" Team | 699        |
| 6th 3 FWG "B" Team   | 698        |
| 7th 2 FWG "B" Team   | 678        |
| 8th 1 FWG "A" Team   | 607        |
| 9th Air Div "B" Team | 596        |
| 10th 30 AMB "A" Team | 576        |

## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

|                          | GROUP | APP | SNAP | RAPID | FWM | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1st LAC Simonski, 2 FWG  | 25    | 40  | 38   | 41    | 35  | 179   |
| 2nd CPL Goddard, 4 FWG   | 25    | 39  | 40   | 39    | 35  | 178   |
| 3rd CPL Wrightson, 4 FWG | 25    | 39  | 39   | 33    | 33  | 169   |
| 4th LAC Snelgrove, 4 FWG | 20    | 39  | 37   | 34    | 34  | 164   |
| 5th LAC Brandon, 4 FWG   | 25    | 31  | 37   | 37    | 33  | 163   |
| 6th WO2 Martin, 2 FWG    | 25    | 38  | 34   | 34    | 31  | 162   |
| 7th F/O Watson, 3 FWG    | 20    | 39  | 25   | 41    | 34  | 159   |
| 8th CPL Smith, 3 FWG     | 20    | 37  | 35   | 37    | 27  | 156   |
| 9th SGT Minault, 4 FWG   | 20    | 36  | 32   | 34    | 32  | 154   |
| 10th W/C Gordon, Air Div | 20    | 34  | 33   | 34    | 33  | 154   |
| 11th LAC Warshick, 1 FWG | 25    | 35  | 31   | 31    | 31  | 153   |

## 1 (F) WING SCORES

|              |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| SGT Fletcher | 20 | 33 | 30 | 29 | 35 | 147 |
| SGT Phillips | 15 | 27 | 13 | 30 | 23 | 108 |
| LAC Verchere | 15 | 34 | 28 | 8  | 18 | 103 |
| LAC Warshick | 25 | 35 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 153 |
| LAC Biggin   | 20 | 33 | 9  | 12 | 22 | 96  |

## REPRESENTATIVES FOR QUEEN'S MEDAL

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1 CPL Wrightson | 4 FWG   |
| 2 LAC Snelgrove | 4 FWG   |
| 3 F/O Watson    | 3 FWG   |
| 4 WO2 Martin    | 2 FWG   |
| 4 LAC Brandon   | 4 FWG   |
| 6 LAC McKellar  | 2 FWG   |
| 7 W/C Gordon    | Air Div |
| 8 CPL Brenton   | 4 FWG   |
| 9 LAC Warshick  | 1 FWG   |
| 10 LAC SIMONSKI | 2 FWG   |

## INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

|               | Rutland | Leicester & Rutland | N.S.R.L. | Possibles | Average |
|---------------|---------|---------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Targets Fired | 12      | 14                  | 7        |           |         |

## "A" TEAM

|                |       |       |          |   |       |
|----------------|-------|-------|----------|---|-------|
| WO1 Thompson   | 98.00 | 98.92 | 98.71    | 8 | 98.54 |
| FS Wilkinson   | 98.17 | 98.14 | 96.88    | 6 | 97.88 |
| SGT Cunningham | 97.42 | 97.77 | 97.86    | 3 | 97.66 |
| CPL Villiers * | 97.25 | 97.63 | 96.50(6) | 3 | 97.27 |
| PTE Salter *   | 95.58 | 96.45 | 95.17(6) | 2 | 96.25 |

\* (Includes Matches Fired While on "B" Team)

## "B" TEAM

|              |            |            |  |   |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|--|---|------------|
| LAC Warshick | 97.93      | 96.50      |  | 2 | 97.16      |
| F/L Palmer   | 96.08      | 96.00(12)  |  | — | 96.04      |
| CPL Borden   | 95.58      | 96.50      |  | 1 | 96.07      |
| SGT Simpson  | 97.17(inc) | 97.17(inc) |  | 1 | Incomplete |

The Sabre Rifle Club's "A" Team has won their division of the Leicestershire and Rutland League for the 4th consecutive year. The final targets fired represented the highest scores posted during the season, lowest score to count was one 98, there were two 99 S and a possible. This is certainly an accomplishment for the club and the team members deserve a lot of credit.

The team was not so fortunate in the National Short Range League as they placed 3rd. Although the team suffered three defeats they did compile the second highest aggregate.

"B" team submitted poor targets in the final round of the Leicester and Rutland League to place 3rd. Once again their aggregate was high however they had to contend with three draws which slipped them into

the 3rd place spot. Final result have not been received from the Rutland League. At the end of the 6th round "A" Team was one point behind the leaders in their division and "B" Team were in first place by one point. Final results in this league will be published in the next issue.

WO1 Thompson tied for 1st place in the individual scoring of the Leicestershire and Rutland League, Division 2. Major Thompson fired five possibles out of 14 targets to average a healthy 98.92 to tie Col. Thrall of the "A" Division Wardens Rifle Club.

With the assistance of the accounts section calculating machines we have worked out the individual averages. The figures as shown in the chart represent averages fired in each league also the average for the year taken on match targets only.

"B" Team did not fire in the National Short Range League. Averages are for at least 26 targets except where otherwise indicated.

A meeting of the club was held on Thursday, the 18th of August in the recreation centre. It was decided to streamline the committees by electing a new slate of Officers. The small-bore shooting program now comes directly under the heading of recreation and as such F/L Palmer is supervisor.

There will be a postal match throughout the winter with the other Wings conducted by 1 (F) Wing. At the conclusion of the season a shoulder-to-shoulder meet will be held in the local range to determine the divisional championships. These competitions will use the C7 rifle and the rifles held by the unit will be fitted with parker-hale 5C sights which are also used for full-bore.

For the coming season the club will affiliate with the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, which conducts both small and full-bore firing for members and ex-members of H.M. Forces, the Canadian Civilian Association of Marksmen, which handles the Small-Bore Match Rifle and all Pistol Firing in Canada, and the National Small-Bore Rifle Association which controls all the .22 firing in England.

There will be monthly prize shoots, the purpose of first shoot is to determine classifications. Generally speaking there will be three classifications to start with. The ladies, which will be open to all serving airwomen and possibly dependents, the expert class, restricted to members of the team, and an open class open to all others. For the first month or two a Greenshot (first year of firing) prize will also be offered.

## OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| F/L Palmer   | - Supervisor and Match Committee.                   |
| F/O Stacey   | - Chairman and Officer Membership.                  |
| LAC Warshick | - Secretary-Treasurer, Match Committee and Captain. |
| Sgt Moseley  | - Match Committee and Membership.                   |
| Cpl McNeil   | - Entertainment and Membership                      |
| LAC Grant    | - Quarter-Master and Membership.                    |