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Course 103 Sets Enviably Record

MANY ALLIED NATIONS REPRESENTED IN OUTSTANDING CLASS OF GRADUATES

The presentation of Wings to our second course saw us get the weather breaks again—not a cloud in the sky. Wing Commander N. S. Anderson, Commanding Officer, in speaking to the parade and the assembled civilian guests, called attention to the outstanding nature of this course—five men had obtained an average of over 80% each in their studies. He introduced F/L I. G. Keltie, D.F.C., recently returned from operations overseas, whom the C.O. had asked to present the wings.

F/L Anderson, the Station Adjutant, explained that there had been only a fraction of percentage between the first five graduates, and that F/L G. W. Turner, D.F.M., of Torquay, Devon, would receive his wings first as the honor student. F/O M. R. McCullagh, D.F.M., of Edmonton, Alberta, Sgt. K. E. Jarvis, of Sydney, N.S.W., Sgt. G. E. Mott of Bourke, N.S.W., and Sgt. H. S. King of Warburton, Vic., were asked to come forward to receive their wings with F/L Turner. Those of us accustomed to Wings Parades found this a novel experience, and Course 103 certainly deserves commendation for such an example. F/L Turner received also the identification bracelet presented by the Commanding Officer and staff of No. 13 S.F.T.S.

F/L Keltie presented the wings to graduates who came forward in their alphabetical order but several noteworthy exceptions were made. Sgt. Neville Dunn of Sydney, NSW, had his wings presented by S/O 'Cec' Salome, the Assistant Adjutant. Sgt. H. F. Folkens of Foremost, Alberta, had his pinned on by his mother, Mrs. B. B. Folkens. Sgt. M. J. Griffin, of Victoria, B.C., had his wings presented by his sister Aileen, of Victoria. Sgt. A. L. Nelson's chest came out to meet his father's hand as he was pinned on by his father, Mr. I. C. Nelson of Cardston, Alberta.

Mrs. Shupe of Weyburn presented wings to her son, Sgt. R. B. Shupe, and Sgt. O. M. Simmons of Yellow Grass, Sask., also had his mother present to pin his on.

Again, as with our first graduating course, the honor and prestige of New Zealand was upheld by a lone man, Sgt. R. L. Voysey, of Te Aroha.

(We'd like to pass along some of our pride in the appearance and sound of the Station Band. The fellows and the couple of girls do help materially to put these Wings parades over with a boom and a bugle call.)

After the parade disbanded, the guests were shown through No. 2 Hangar, where a Harvard had parts removed to show its insides, another Harvard was bombed up and fitted with a gun, and an Anson was also on display. Many visitors got quite a thrill from inspecting these aircraft at close hand.

The final touch was added to a successful afternoon in the YMCA Lounge, when S/O Maycock, Corporal Gillis and their gallant group of willing hands laid out a pleasing spread. Some of the girls evidently prefer the

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13 SFTS BEST HARVARD UNIT IN DOMINION

The following is an extract from a letter sent to S/L Clibborn after the visit of the civilian engineers from High River, Alberta, and speaks for itself on the subject of efficiency on our station.

"I would like on behalf of myself and other personnel from this school who attended Harvard Maintenance Course at your Unit to express our sincere thanks for the many favours shown us by yourself, S/L Ward, Senior N.C.O.'s, and airmen. They endeavoured to give us the fullest information on any troubles or faults and although they had their own work to do, put themselves to no length of trouble to show us all they possibly could. Having been on previous courses I can say that at no time have I ever attended a course at which the instructional staff have shown such willingness to put over their subject and interests in those attending the course, and been such generally good fellows. Your Unit and yourself are to be congratulated on having such an efficient and conscientious staff.

It was very easy to see why the C.A.E.O. at No. 4 T.C. told me No. 13 S.F.T.S. was the best Harvard Unit in Canada."

EX-OPS OFFICER O.C. HAMLIN

F/L Wozniak, who has just completed a tour of operations overseas, hails from Saskatoon, where his wife and daughter reside. He received his wings and commission at No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Manitoba, and went directly overseas. He there became a fighter pilot, and it can be assumed that he had many a "shaky do" while flying Spitfires over England and France, but we can never persuade him to talk about them.

After spending almost three years overseas, F/L Wozniak was granted one month's leave in Canada. But, due to his wide experience both with R.A.F. and R.C.A.F., he was absorbed into the Air Training Plan and was

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OUR COMMANDING OFFICER



W/C N. S. ANDERSON

Although No. 13 S.F.T.S. is not reputedly in the cyclone belt there has been some doubt recently, and old hands are restudying their meteorology in search of a satisfactory explanation of the tornado which hit this station a few weeks back.

To alleviate the dazed expression, still to be observed on the faces of various airmen, airwomen and officers, we would point out gently that geographically we haven't moved, no harsh gale has whistled across our circuit, all that has happened is that we have increased the motion within our shell—Where we did one circuit, we now do three, so to speak.

The where and why-fore, dear sufferers, is the advent of Wing Commander Norman Stanley Anderson to the position of C.O. of this station.

Born in Winnipeg on the 3rd of July 1915, the new C.O. has that youth which requires a high standard of efficiency, and also that vigor which is so necessary to obtain the desired results.

Entering the permanent R.C.A.F. in 1937, W/C Anderson was fresh from the University of Western Ontario with an Arts Degree in one hand and an enlistment form in the other. Progressing in his Air-force career he was stationed at Trenton, Ottawa, Halifax, St. John and Moncton, New Brunswick. At Moncton he became C.F.I. and eventually went overseas to the E.C.F.S. in England. After graduating in 1943 with special distinction from this school he returned to Canada and was 1/c flying training at 4 T.C. Hqds until posted as C.O. to this station. In his seven years in the Air-force W/C Anderson has qualified, apart from

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AIR VICE MARSHAL HOWSAM UNVEILS MEMORIAL WINDOW AT IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS No. 13 S.F.T.S.

Baron Robert Silvercus, the Belgian Ambassador to Canada, paid an official visit to No. 13 S.F.T.S. Tuesday, to meet the Belgian personnel in training here. He was accompanied by Squadron Leader du Monceau D.F.C. and bar, of the Belgian wing of the Royal Air Force. S/L du Monceau is at present serving at Belgian Liaison Officer to the R.C.A.F. in Canada.

The Ambassador and S/L du Monceau had lunch in the Officers' Mess with the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Anderson, and a group of Belgian officers at present here. Also in the lunch party was an old friend of the Baron's, LAC Albert Edouard de Ligne, as the Air Force knows him, or Prince Albert de Ligne, as the Belgian people know him.

All the Belgian personnel on the unit were addressed in the afternoon by the Ambassador, who spoke to them in French, telling them of conditions in Belgium at present and what is developing there as the Allied Armies move forward through the country. S/L du Monceau then answered questions relating to service matters as well as queries about relatives who have not been heard of for some time.

Gen Club Members Hear F.O. Beveridge, D.F.C.

The Gen Club held its first meeting on Monday, September 18th, 1944, and a very enthusiastic group was present.

S/L Molyneux gave an inaugural speech on behalf of the C.O., who, unfortunately could not be present.

After the speech a quiz programme was held between A and B Flights. A keen competitive spirit was aroused and several arguments were developed. (No blows were exchanged.)

F/O Beveridge, D.F.C. gave a very interesting talk on Pathfinder operations and it is hoped that he will be recalled at some later date to give a talk on Heavy Bomber Operations.

The meeting closed with a general discussion.

It is thought that with the interest shown in the initial meeting the Gen Club should prove to be of beneficial value to the training of students and instructors of this Unit.

"Render therefore to all their dues. Tribute to whom tribute is due: custom to whom custom: fear to whom fear: honor to whom honor."

Thus was set the theme for the unveiling and dedicatory service for the Memorial Window in honour of RAF personnel of No. 35 S.F.T.S., held in St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sunday morning, October 8th.

The service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Saskatoon, Right Reverend W. T. Hallam, M.A., D.D., was attended by a large group of Senior Officers of the Army and Air Force, including Air Vice Marshal G. C. Howsam, M.C., Air Officer Commanding No. 4 Training Command, Brigadier G. A. H. Trudeau, District Officer Commanding, M.D. 12, Lt. Col. R. B. Mills, Commanding the B.L.L., Wing Commander N. S. Anderson, Commanding Officer, No. 13 S.F.T.S., Wing Commander Rossie-Brown, Chief Chaplain (O.D.) for the Royal Air Force in Canada, Wing Commander J. G. Sparling, Command Chaplain (P), No. 4 Training Command, S/L K. S. Molyneux, in charge of a parade of No. 13 S.F.T.S. personnel F/L T. R. Lancaster, Padre to No. 35 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., for nearly all his life, F/L J. F. Nute, Protestant Padre to No. 13 S.F.T.S., F/L Chris Wilson from No. 36 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., Penhold, who played for the service, F/O Wilkinson, who designed the window, and Mayor J. Deans, Corporal R. W. Thomas, brother of LAC E. J. Thomas whose name appears on the Mural Tablet, was also in attendance.

Canon Robert Willis, rector of St. Paul's, led the congregation in the service, and Wing Commander Rossie Brown and F/L Lancaster read the lessons. Following a beautiful anthem by the choir, Wing Commander Sparling read the names on the Mural Tablet, trumpeters from No. 13 S.F.T.S. sounded the "Last Post" and Air Vice Marshal Howsam slowly unveiled the window. The morning sun streaming through it brought out the breath-taking colorings and made us feel that the figure of Christ cast its own illumination over all. Trumpeters then sounded "Reveille", and the Lord Bishop of Saskatoon, Rt. Rev. Hallam, dedicated the beautiful window in memorable words.

In his sermon the Lord Bishop explained that this window would long prove a solidifying tie between the people of North Battleford and the United Kingdom. He reminded us that when the RAF first came here the people of St. Paul's were among those who gave them a royal welcome to Canada and took them into their homes and hearts. On their return to the Old Land, then, it was fitting, he said, that No. 35 S.F.T.S. should wish to leave with St. Paul's this lasting memorial of mutual affection and proud memory to their fallen comrades.

Apart from its memorial significance, Bishop Hallam went on, the window typifies to the people who worship in the sanctuary on inspiration and comfort. "Christ the King and

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- Attention All Personnel -

The 7th Victory Loan gets under way officially October 23rd. But let's get our Quota completed by the 20th.

Needless to say, there is no easier or more painless way of saving. The Accounts Section takes care of your payments and your savings are not earning the money in the bank, as they do when you have them in Victory Bonds.

It should be very easy for us all to lend a little Cash by purchasing a

Bond when our Brothers, Cousins and Buddies are sacrificing their arms, legs and even their lives, besides also making a splendid showing in every Victory Loan.

The "Show" is not over yet and the opportunity we have of lending the Country some of our money on "Gilt-Edged" security with good interest is a lot better than having it taken from us preemptorily.

"SO LET'S GO FOLKS AND MAKE NO. 13 THE FIRST OVER THE TOP!"

(Note)—Will the personnel "Living-Off" the Station please make their family bond purchases from the Station Selling Teams.

Divisional Captains will be appointed; and the Loan will be opened at once in the Link Trainer Building, with F/L Meyers, R. D., as the Committee Chairman for the Campaign.



R. C. A. F.

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R.C.A.F. PERSONNEL COUNSELLING PROGRAM

First service to inaugurate a scheme of vocational counselling for the post-war civilian occupation of its personnel is the Royal Canadian Air Force. On June 1, 1944, its program of personnel counselling went into operation in a number of stations across Canada.

The scheme is to offer assessment, information and assistance to men and women in the R.C.A.F. to enable them to train themselves, while still in the force, for the post-war career or which they are best fitted by personal aptitude, experience and background, interest and inclination, and training acquired in the service, plus training received for that career in spare time.

The man's or woman's best civilian opportunities are discovered, and he or she is then turned over to the education officer for assistance in obtaining such additional education or training as the career demands.

This is strictly a service program to be conducted before demobilization in order to make return to civilian life more successful. It is not, strictly speaking, rehabilitation, although the rehabilitation program's provisions are taken into account when career planning is in progress. It prepares men and women for rehabilitation while they are still in service.

The technique of this plan of personnel counselling is based on the experience gained through the R.C.A.F. Program of personnel selection whereby recruits are carefully selected for their air force jobs. It was early recognized that interviews, letters of recommendation and educational standards were not decisive indicators of ability. One of the basic requirements for air crew and ground crew is the ability to learn, and two special basic tests were devised to show intellectual and mechanical abilities with special emphasis on learning capacity. Educational deficiencies were made up after enlistment. Service records of the men and women thus selected have shown a close correlation between their success on their job and their scores on the basic tests.

This technique is also employed in career counselling. The first approach is an assessment of the man's or woman's skills, knowledge and personal assets with special reference to his or her air force training and air force trade. This is done by the personnel counsellor.

Personnel counsellors have been, and are being, trained at Rockcliffe Station by the training division of the R.C.A.F. They are chosen from any branch of the service and are commissioned officers of both sexes. They are picked for their civilian experience, preferably in business and industry, for their good service record, their personal qualities and their interest in this type of work. By June 1, 1944, 123 were ready, and the first group has already been posted for overseas duty.

A personnel counsellor will be posted to every station where there are at least 400 permanent personnel. Smaller stations will share the service

of a visiting counsellor. It is planned to reach every member of the air force wherever he or she may be, and counsellors will be sent to India, the Middle East, and Iceland. They will also be stationed at the home bases of operational groups such as bomber and coastal patrol commands. Every effort will be made to get counsellors into the remoter stations and bases, for it is felt that men who are far out of touch with the home situation may perhaps have greater anxiety for their future.

Where there is a large number of Women's Division personnel at a station, a woman counsellor will be stationed there, and a woman will be attached to each command. Women officers will circulate among stations where there is a small number of W.D.'s

Personnel counsellors are trained in scientific methods for assessing abilities and aptitudes and in counselling methods for analysing information concerning interests, intentions and background. They are provided with information concerning occupations and trades and the legislation applying to employment, as well as Canada's rehabilitation opportunities. Continuing advice and information are supplied to them by the directorate of personnel selection and manning in Ottawa. The tools of their trade include charts for every type of air force training, by which they can measure a man's capabilities; charts which describe vocational opportunities for each given assortment of capabilities; and booklets describing the training and education needed for each type of job chosen, as well as its opportunities in regard to pay and benefits, working conditions, chances for promotion and competition.

LOVE IN A TRIFLING

Mothers are great in the eyes of their sons because they are knit in our minds with all the littlenesses of life, the unspeakably dear trifles and odds of existence.

The other day I found in my desk a little strip of tape on which my name was marked a dozen times in drawing ink, in my mother's familiar script. My mind ran back to the time when that little band of humble linen as a kind of passport into manhood. It was when I went away from home and she could no longer mark my garments with my name, for the confusion of capacious laundries. I was to cut off the autographed sections of this tape and sew them on such new vestments as came my way: what boy would be faithful to so feminine a truse!

But now the little tape, soiled by a dozen years of wandering, lies in my desk drawer as a symbol of that endless forethought and loving kindness.

Christopher Morley—

S/L—(pointing to cigarette stub on the floor): "Rutledge is that yours?"
Sgt.—"Not at all, sir—you saw it first."

Protestant Padre Enjoys Station Life

One of the great attainments in life is contentment, and to be doing the kind of a job you want to do goes a long way in that direction. This is the first station to which I have been posted as the Station Chaplain (P) having been associated previously with other chaplains at No. 3 M. Depot and No. 4 I.T.S. I can say that in time of war this is the kind of a job I want to do and I think this is a mighty fine place in which to do it. Of course doing a job at a certain place is like eating a meal at a table, it is good or bad according to the company present.

I do appreciate the opportunity to meet men of various nationalities and from various walks of life. It is a great opportunity to learn from them their manner of life and ideology and we may all mutually profit from the exchange of ideas.

This padre's job is concerned primarily with our relationship to God. My office is open to you at anytime, that you may come here to discuss any troublesome problem or just talk, for problems, whether directly spiritual ones or not, may have made to do with our relationship to God.

There is a Christian Fellowship Group meeting on Tuesday evening at which time vital christian subjects are discussed. All are welcome to these meetings. The Sunday service at 11:00 hours in the Recreation Hall affords everyone an opportunity to join in the public worship of God.

W.D.'s

Do you devote as much time daily to post-war plans as to the care of your hair? Do you ever consider what the political and economic set up will be after you are through with stockings, lisle, grey? Or do you just dream blissfully of getting out of uniform, into matrimony, and living happily ever after?

Labour problems, political administration and international affairs may seem remote and uninteresting just now, but remember, whether you are a career girl, happy housewife, or social butterfly, these matters have a direct bearing on your life. It is your income, or your husband's, which will rise or fall due to economic instability. It is your community which will prosper or decay according to political and social administration, and it will be your children who die should international affairs again reach their present state of chaos.

And what can you do about it? It is your M.L.A. who dictates how schools, hospitals, etc., will be run in your electorate. It is your M.P. who will frame the labour, financial and international legislation of the country. And it is your vote which will put him in the position to do these things! Start thinking now of the kind of world you want to live in on civvie street, of the kind of men you want to appoint to produce such a world. Start thinking, ladies, it's up to you!

A W.D.

Enjoyable "Y" Dance

Although off to a slow start, due to the preponderance of girls, dancers enjoyed a very pleasant evening under the able direction of Gerry Rawlings. The novelty numbers went over in a big way, especially with the winners of the cigarettes. Edna Morrison and Pat Breault took the honours in the Waltz Competition, later giving an excellent exhibition of waltzing. As the way to a crowd's heart is through the stomach, the refreshments assured that all went home happy, not hungry, and anticipating another such evening soon.

F/S: "Why don't you wheel that wheel barrow right side up?"
Sam Paul: "Because every time I do, some one fills it with cement."

STATION FUND

Appearing below is a simplified Financial Statement of Station Fund Account for month of September. The cash position of Station Fund at the present time is not strong. Any further explanation as to Canteen Profits, etc, can be obtained by examining the detailed statement listed in the Airmen's Mess.

Don't remain in doubt, ask your questions of the people who can answer them best. Consult your Account Section. Don't listen to idle gossip about how your money is being spent, find out for yourself.

Bank & Money on Hand—Sept. 30th, 1944	\$ 377.75
Accounts Receivable (Accounts owing to Station Fund)	2687.74
Stock in Canteens and Central Warehouse	7130.31
Insurance (Prepaid)	177.49
R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund Loan	126.00
Property	\$5351.94
Depreciation Reserve	722.27
	4629.67
	\$15107.96
Accounts Payable (Bills owed by Stn. Fund Purchases for Sept.)	\$ 6583.95
Balance owing on Pool Tables	380.00
Balance in Extra Messing Account	112.30
Capital Fund	8031.21
	\$15107.96

CORN BOIL

Owing to the inclement weather last Wednesday, the staff of the Station Hospital and guests were forced to hold their long planned corn-boil indoors.

With the generous co-operation of both N/S McLaughlin and F/L Wilson, permission was given to hold the "Shin-dig" in the dining room of the Station Sick Quarters. With much motion and little commotion the doors of the main ward were shut-off—corn was made to boil, and table set for approximately thirty.

However, news travels fast and furiously and several of our ex-inmates, "old friends," dropped in to pass the time of day and tie on the feed bag. Australia, France and the Netherlands were well represented at the banquet. Tea was poured by AW Bernard—the "upper crusts" did the dishes.

Following the banquet, the staff of S.S.Q. and guests adjourned to the W.D. canteen where an impromptu ball had been arranged. Furniture was shifted by the "Pride of Australia."

The great attraction of the evening was an apache dance by F/O Simard and LAC Gordon.

More evenings of this type are scheduled for the coming winter evenings. We are looking forward to roasting, toasting and cooking up any kind of fun and amusement that may come our way. Join the Happy Gang! Let's get together—Aye!!!

Air Scoop

If you enjoy sweet music, soft darkness and an easy chair, come to the Musical Appreciation Hour held in the "Y" every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

It is not understood how F/S Blesner, who was on inventory down in Stores, could be posted. Can anyone clarify the situation? Best of luck, George, since you must delete yourself.

The party to end all parties was given by the "Five Musketeers"—mentioning no names—as a farewell to Sgt. Gray of Course 101, who graduated on September 8.

Under the G-64, and so it goes, as our "Y" Supervisor, Art Etter, and assistants show the boys out at Hamilton that they, too, may win a free package of cigarettes if their luck in Bingo is good.

After Wings Parade on October 6 the "Y" was open to all relations and friends of the Graduating Course for tea.

If you have hidden talent bring it out for an airing before F/O Shea or Sgt. McKay, who are right in there pitching to organize a bigger and better Stage Show than 13 S.F.T.S. has ever seen before.

Congratulations, WO2 Hutchinson, on the birth of your son. Is he a fitter or a rigger?

MAINTENANCE

"Transport—Yes, truck in 15 minutes"—thus begins a day in the M.T. Section. It is located on the southwest corner of Peel and St. Catherines Sts. In charge is congenial F/S Sperling, "Al," as he is known. He hails from No. 3 M.D., Edmonton, and grew up on the sandy plains of Southern Sask. We bid fond farewell to F/S "Wilby" Hall, who has left our happy circle for new fields—Assiniboia—and we wish him every success.

We wish to say "bon voyage" to three of our drivers—Cpl. Cox, LAC Rajotte and LAC Wilson.

Congratulations are in order for Cpl. Doug Robertson of the I.R.S., who recently made the big splash into the sea of matrimony with LAW Pat Barnes of the M.T. Section, Claresholme. Hope you never have to use oil on troubled waters!

A Wiener Roast wouldn't be complete unless the M.T. Section was properly represented, which it usually is, much to everyone's relief. It gets awfully cold walking home from Battle River about 0100 hours.

Our ball playing Crawford can handle a truck with as equal ease as a ball with a few expletives thrown in for good measure. Keep it up, Ann!

Then, of course, the section wouldn't be complete without someone to say, "Sorry, all vehicles are out at present!"

Who is that W.D. who answers the phone? you ask with query. That's Benny, or Cpl. Bengry for the more formal ones. Just ask her—she'll get anything from S/L Gagnon's baby's carriage to the Tail Assembly of a Harvard for you.

In the more serious vein, though, we have on this station about 25 sections but only four stakes and if sometime you don't get what you want at the drop of the hat, just be a bit patient. You're all short of personnel and we are slightly, too. So let's just keep that in mind—what say, Doc?

WEDDING BELLS

YOUNG—BRISEBOIS

A pretty wedding took place Oct. 14th in the Roman Catholic Church in North Battleford, when Sue Brisebois, Postal Clerk, and Murray Young, RAAF U/T Pilot, were united in marriage by Rev. Father LaRose.

The bride was attractive in a wool crepe suit of old rose with British tan accessories and carried a bouquet of roses and carnations. She was given in marriage by Mr. William Moore.

The young couple was attended by LAW Vienneau as maid of honor, LAC Reeves and LAC Stapleton. Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore of 1252 William Street, North Battleford, after which Mr. and Mrs. Young left for points East on their honeymoon.

No. 13 S.F.T.S. joins in wishing them happiness for the future.

- SPORT OF ALL SORTS -

AIRFORCE TRIUMPHS AT CALGARY

Competing with Army, Navy and U.S. Army Air Force, the R.C.A.F. romped home with a total of 83 points in the Inter-Service Track and Field Meet held at Mewata Stadium in Calgary last week.

A considerable factor in the outcome was the effort put forth by the No. 13 S.F.T.S. entrants. In a meet where times and distances were outstanding, the home town group made a dandy showing. The team from No. 13 S.F.T.S. consisted of F/O Buzz Lamont, F/O Bob Bowker, WO2 Segal, LAC's Sanuelson, Heathcote, Baker, Taurnac, Hamilton, Dunn and Dickson, F/O Simard, LAC's Warren and McLeod, and Cpl. Ann Turner.

LAC Heathcote placed third in the 220 yard event, and F/O Buzz Lamont and LAC Taurnac placed fourth in the 440 yard grind and the one mile respectively. F/O Lamont was a great help in running the relay with the Air Force team.

Corporal Ann Turner, one of our P.T. corporals, took first honors in the women's high jump, and LAW K. Warren jumped into third place in the standing broad stretch.

No. 2 Wireless School seemed to be up ahead in records in the meet. Cpl. Steele from No. 2 took both the broad jump and the 100 yards with a distance of 20 feet eight inches and a time of 10 seconds flat. Cpl. Haley from the same station cleared five feet 11 inches in the pole vaulting event.

Many participants were former British Empire and Provincial champions, and competition was, as a result, ra-

ther stiff. The number of spectators present was discouragingly small, leading us to wonder seriously about the spectator angle of such meets. But No. 13's team put up a grand fight, and were no small factor in the decisive Air Force win.

BOWLING

By the time this paper has gone to press, the station five-pin bowling league should be under way, with teams from each section participating on Monday nights from 7 to 11 o'clock downtown at the bowling alleys.

There should be some good competition, judging from the talk of the maple spillers—of their big 300 scores or better—so by the next issue the team standing and names of teams will be divulged.

W.D. BASKETBALL

We are trying our best to get together a W.D. Basketball Team. Some of the girls are just learning the game, but under the capable guidance of Cpl. Ann Turner, a team should soon be whipped into shape. Talking about shape, basketball is an excellent game for trimming down the figure, so how about it, girls?

Practices are on Wednesday nights in the Drill Hall at 1830 hours.

OF MICE AND WOMEN

A little mouse ran up her leg
And made her shriek with terror
Which scared the little mouse so much
He couldn't enjoy his error

- MEN'S SOFTBALL ACTIVITIES -

No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, vs.
No. 13 S.F.T.S.

On September 2nd and 3rd, No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, paid our station a visit to do wars with our softball ten. After the clouds of battle had cleared away, No. 13 S.F.T.S. was the victor, two games to one.

Saturday's game was 9 to 2; the first game on Sunday was 3 to 9, but our team finished strong to take the final game on Sunday 9 to 0.

Very outstanding in the series were P/O LeRue, LAC Seymour, F/Sgt. Duncan and F/O Taylor for No. 13, and LAC Metz for No. 4. Sgt. Stillman played an outstanding game under severe handicap of an injured leg.

No. 13 S.F.T.S., vs. No. 4 S.F.T.S.,
Saskatoon

September 9th and 10th saw the No. 13 S.F.T.S. stalwarts depart for a series against No. 4 S.F.T.S. at Saskatoon. On Saturday the N.B. ten were victorious 12 to 1, and the Sunday game was an 11 to 11 score. Sadly missed in this series were F/O Hyndman (on leave) and LAC Farrell (posted overseas). That red-head from S.E.A. was an able replacement though. F/O Taylor, F/Sgt. Parnell and Bud Mahaffey played star roles as did P/O LeRue with his steady hurling.

If anyone hasn't heard of "Battleford Nine," please ask some of the players and they will tell you of a new drink that was discovered. Also ask WO2 (Master Mechanic) Borrie about the Carb. Heat on the Anson.

If you ever want to go to Saskatoon,

get P/O LeRue or F/Sgt. Parnell to do your navigating, and you are liable to end up in Winnipeg.

No. 13 S.F.T.S. vs. No. 2 B. & G.S.,
Mossbank

Ten o'clock the 12th of September saw four Ansons take off for Mossbank. Twelve players, F/O McLuckie, plus "Curly" Meyers, the Manager, made the trip. The boys didn't play up to expectation and were badly beaten the first game 13 to 1. They came back with vengeance the second game and were leading 7 to 3 at the end of the second inning, before Mossbank banged out five home runs and put the game on ice, and won by the score of 20 to 10. Keith Taylor and "Two-Two" Hassam played hard to win, as did Bob Parnell, but Mossbank was by far the better team, at least on that series. The boys still feel that if the same team that had been together all year, plus Ralph LeRue being right, Mossbank would have known that they had been in a battle.

Good luck, Mossbank, and here's hoping you were victorious over High River in the finals!

Golf

The Station Golf Committee is very pleased with the progress made so far in the Golf Tournament. It is regrettable that F/L Round, the president of the committee, was called away on Temporary Duty. Not only was he a very capable organizer, but he was also a distinct threat in the first division, and at the time of his departure he had reached the quarter finals. F/O H. B. Smith very kindly consented to act as president of the committee during F/L Round's absence.

The results so far are:

First Division

F/L Middleton and F/L Meyers have reached the finals in this division.

This match promises to be a close one as the two contestants are playing a very high standard of golf at present. The result of this contest is being awaited with considerable interest.

The odds quoted on the two contestants are even.

Second Division

By the week-end of September 23 and 24, the quarter finals of this division will have been reached, providing the weather man has been kind.

As of this date, WO2 Segal is the only player in this division who has reached the quarter finals.

The other players seem to be quite evenly matched. The committee hesitates to make any prediction as to who will be the eventual winner.

Third Division

Three contestants of this division have reached the quarter finals. The remaining quarter finalists will be decided this coming week-end. We will have the results for you in the next issue of the Prop Wash.

This division has brought to light quite a lot of potential golf talent.

These matches have been very enthusiastically and closely played, some not being finished until the 18th hole has been reached.

The committee wishes to thank the contestants for their energetic co-operation in playing their matches according to schedule.

It is indeed unfortunate that some of the players had to be scratched because of their inability to play, due to unforeseen circumstances.

It is hoped that the tournament will be finished and the winners will be decided by the end of the month.

BOXERS

At the urgent request of the organizers of the Sports Meet at MacLeod, Alberta, on September 4th, Sergeant Paul Deschamps and LAC Dave Aronovitch were flown to MacLeod to take part in the Boxing Show which formed a very important feature of the day's events. It was rather unfortunate for these two boxers that they should have had to be in the air for almost five hours just prior to entering the ring, but their subsequent performances amply demonstrated that they are high in the elite of Service boxers.

Every contestant featured on the boxing card is a leading exponent of the noble art, and the spectators were treated to a fistful display of the first order.

LAC Dave Aronovitch met Private James of the R.C.A.S.C. in three two-minute rounds, and despite Pte. James' obvious skill, Dave outboxed and outfought him to gain a clear-cut points decision. Aronovitch, in this contest, gave a classic display of skillful countering, particularly with wickedly heavy left hooks to the body and head, and on several occasions had his opponent in a very worried condition. The decision in Aronovitch's favour proved highly popular with the spectators.

Sgt. Paul Deschamps met LAC Vince Murray of No. 7 S.F.T.S. in three three-minute rounds, and found that he had an opponent worthy of his skill. Both men were very evenly matched in height and reach as well as weight, but Sgt. Deschamps quickly made it quite evident that his experience was greater than Murray's and his mastery of the art proportionately greater. Boxing very coolly, and making good use of a strong, fast left hand, Sgt. Deschamps frequently made openings for his paralysing right hook to the head and right uppercut to the body, and he, too, especially in the third round, had his opponent more than a little worried. A points victory for Sgt. Deschamps was the only possible decision.

After the show, the boxes and handlers were entertained at the Sergeants' Mess before going on to the Grand Dance in the Station Drill Hall, and it is saying no less than the truth that the Sports Meet at MacLeod was an unqualified success.

TENNIS

Even though Saskatchewan is considered to be a very dry province of Canada, rain has slowed up the progress of the Tennis Tournament considerably. Due to that, and to the fact that our athletes are so versatile that they keep leaving us to put on track exhibitions in other cities, all the finals have not yet been played off.

As in most other sports, we have Australian Champions in the lime-light again. Neville Dunn and Ross Wright are playing off for the Men's Singles Title. Both these boys played a lot of tennis before they came here from "Down Under," and were trained by internationally famous instructors. Wright beat S/L Card, and Dunn beat Cpl. Forhan and S/L Clibbon to reach the finals.

LAW Crawford, our vivacious M.T. Driver from Vulcan, is the W.D. Star. She put out LAW's Holden, McPhee and Lebel to win the Ladies' Singles, and she and Nev. Dunn took the Mixed Doubles from LAW Holden and F/O McLuckie, with a score of 7-5, 7-5. F/O Simard and Cpl. Turner were the runners-up in the Ladies' Doubles to Crawford and Holden, but were beaten in the finals 6-2, 6-3.

In the Men's Doubles, those two unconquerables, LAC's Dunn and Wright, had their hardest game against S/L Muir and F/O Harris. The title was conceded to the Australians by default.

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IMPERSONATORS, SINGERS, DANCERS
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Submit Entries before October 19th

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COURSE 103 WINGS PARADE

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dark—we noticed that they had all the curtains drawn—but they DID have candles lit, and their effect was quite unusual for the Y.

COLORFUL BANQUET

No. 13 S.F.T.S., second course to graduate held forth in splendid style at the Airmen's Mess Wednesday, October 4th, to thank the station for their training here. Lots of hard work transformed that popular place into an attractive banquet hall, with the rafters and windows wearing unaccustomed colors—and bearing up well under it—and the one end set for the banquet, and the other end set for the preliminaries.

LAC M. J. Griffin from Victoria headed the arrangements committee and acted as Chairman for the banquet. Following the excellently served turkey and trimmings—served up with a despatch and a dash that would make the head waiter at the "Bees" green with envy—the Commanding Officer, the Chief Instructor, Squadron Commander, Flight Commanders and various others of lesser degree congratulated the course on their showing and wished them success in their future training. The honor student of the course—LAC K. E. Jarvis of Sydney, N.S.W., responded nobly to the commendations and proposed a toast to the Instructors, F/L G. W. Turner, D.F.M., of Liverpool, England, received a tremendous ovation from his classmates when he was called on to address the gathering, and F/O M. R. McCullagh, D.F.C., of Edmonton also drew a big hand when he faced the big crowd in response to the chairman's request.

The bouquet for 'most popular man present' evidently must go to F/O Teney, or else we must concede that "D" Flight's rooting section is the best organized on the station. The fellows were so anxious to hear him they could hardly wait for his spot on the program. Such is the fruit of popularity unbridled.

KINSMEN STATION DANCE

Wednesday evening the Kinsmen Club of North Battleford sponsored a highly successful dance in the Drill Hall, with a well-filled Drill Hall dancing to live and swing from Jim Barbour's able aggregation.

Course 103's graduation banquet provided festive background for many, and the Dance capped for Aussies, Canadians, Britishers and the lone New Zealander a night to be remembered in their life—"Their Wings."

An intermission time that always demands M.C., F/O Denny Shea, presided at and announced the presentation of the Tennis Tournament Prizes by Wing Commander N. S. Anderson. Seven contestants who wound up on top of the Tennis Tournament heap received scarves and sweatshirts put up by the YMCA War Services.

LAC R. W. Wright of Adelaide, Australia, survived to the finals in the men's singles, and the men's doubles: LAC Neville Dunn of Sydney, N.S.W., reached the finals of the men's singles, the men's doubles, and the mixed doubles: LAC Crawford—that Voice on the end of the M.T. phone—was still going strong in the finals of the Ladies singles, the Ladies doubles and the mixed doubles: our popular LAW Mary Hoften wound up in the ladies singles, the ladies doubles and the mixed doubles: Sgt. Ann Turner found herself in the finals of the ladies doubles: F/O Simard also shared the finals of the ladies doubles, and F/O Al McLuckie got mixed up in the mixed doubles finals.

The Kinsmen colors adorned the bandstand, the canteen arrangements were handled by Sgt. Lefontaine and the canteen gang, and F/O V. A. "Suds" Sutherland made a pretty good job of overseeing the whole business and "balancing" between the Kinsmen and the station. A good "do" all around. And we are going to have more.

Commanding Officer

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instruction, admin. etc., in Army Co-op, Link Trainer and Coastal Artillery Co-op.

Son of Mrs. M. L. Anderson and the late Dr. Alton Anderson of Exeter, Ontario, W/C Anderson married Dorothy Jean Price, R.N., a T.C.A. nurse, at St. John, New Brunswick on October 18th, 1939. They have two sons—David Malcolm, four years, and Richard Clive, two months. He is also a very good friend of G/C Searle, our former C.O., both entering the R.C.A.F. in 1937 and both enjoying careers roughly parallel to one another.

Discard your Met. Books Lads and Lassies—This is the Gen. you've been looking for.

Ex-Ops Officer

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posted to the Armanent Flight of this Station, where at present he is passing on his knowledge of combat flying to our potential "Fighter Pilots". (Sir, you have our sympathy.)

Known to all the Hamlin boys as "one swell guy", he is keeping the Armanent section strictly on a paying basis. Good luck to you Sir, and we hope you will enjoy your stay at No. 13.

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Saviour of the world" is amply illustrated, he explained. The figure of Christ over the world, crowned in glory, with the Orb signifying Kingship of the earth in His left hand, the fingers of the right hand uplifted in blessing, and beneath the feet the globe with an outline of the hemispheres, will serve many worshippers of St. Paul's as a subject for meditation and thanksgiving. The RAF crests, alternating around the border with various ecclesiastical monograms will bring memories back of the happy days with kinsfolk from across the seas.

Incorporated in the window, at its base, is the inscription: "To the glory of God and in proud memory of the members of Number 35 Service Flying Training School killed in Active Service here. Erected by their comrades of the Royal Air Force, 1944."

The Mural Tablet below is the work of members of the Royal Air Force themselves. It is of oak and the names of those who gave their lives appear in gold leaf lettering.

(We can strongly recommend that if you have not seen this work of inspiring beauty, then make an effort to see it some morning, when the sun is behind it. It will be well worth your while.)

RIFLE RANGE

Work was started this month on the new rifle range situated in No. 7 hangar. Accommodation, of a peculiar sort, has been made for eight persons at the firing point. This consists of double-decker beds, enabling members to bring their blankets down and pump shells at the elusive targets from a relatively comfortable position.

LAC's Mitchell and Davies of the "Inimitable 113" are in the full position to give complete details regarding the comfort of these beds (shooters for the use of).

Deflection plates have been placed along both walls for the safety of the members and especially the aircraft in the hangar.

Also, as an additional attraction for the more timid W.D.'s, the spring wires supporting the mattresses have been armour-plated. Roll along, girls, and shoot in comfort!

Overseas

On Thursday, September 7th, a farewell party was held for the Maintenance boys posted overseas, starting in the Airmen's Canteen from 2000 hours to 2200 hours. The Commanding Officer was represented by the S.Ad.O., S/L Brown, who gave the opening speech, bidding the boys "Bon Voyage" and farewell. S/L Clibbon, the boys' O.C., spoke also, bidding them farewell and wishing them luck, and was very outstanding in his wit. S/L Ward, O.C. Repair, and F/O Fraser, O.C. Servicing, also wished the boys the best of luck, and asked them to keep up the good work done at No. 13 S.F.T.S., "over there."

A dance was held in Uncle Tom's Cabin the same evening, which was generously donated, free of charge, by Mr. Coburn, proprietor. The station orchestra was in attendance, and we've never heard them in better form, with LAC Phillips, who was on draft, singing several songs during the course of the evening. There was a huge crowd, with most of the Maintenance Personnel attending to give the boys a real send-off. Everyone was in a very happy frame of mind, especially those on draft, for that is just what a Maintenance Man dreams of (we mean the posting). It is surprising, though, how they could be so happy when they were leaving so many broken feminine hearts behind!

We are going to miss these boys, as most of them have been with us for two or three years, both in St. Hubert and North Battleford. Lots of luck, boys!

M.P.O.

We would like to welcome three new members—LAW Hatley, Cpl. George Gordon and Cpl. Tanton. They are part of our busy "M.P.O." but despite the new and imposing name, it is still home to us.

You hear a rhapsody? That's Ernie Knowles and Mary McKenzie singing carols, and very nicely, too. No wonder this is a popular spot—mell and music in one building!

Our Ina Riddough is a very happy girl. Is the reason just that she enjoyed her harvest leave? We hope LAW Clausen is enjoying her leave now.

"Chicky" Giffney, whose smile brightened the day of all you "F to Ners," is now keeping house for her Kiwi husband in Vancouver. Good luck, Sally, we miss you very much.

Each day we hear pleas from those who have been neglected by their Pen Pals—Bruce Chiene's melodious "Where's me m'yle? I do declare you've hidden it!" and a certain P.T.L. Sergeant's, "Please write me a letter!"

We Postal Packet Mamas wish we could oblige you all each day, but we have our own worries as well as you, and we also must break off now and study our map of Australia! Goodbye!

DINNER AND DANCE

A Graduation banquet was held in the Officers' Mess for members of Course 101 and their guests on September 6th. The banquet was followed by a successful dance in the Drill Hall which was open to all the Station. A lovely time was had by all, especially the boys on Course 101 themselves. Music was supplied by Robbie Robinson, who kept the dance going until the wee small hours. The evening was an apropos farewell for the first course to graduate from No. 13 S.F.T.S., North Battleford, Sask.

A gentleman in a telephone booth saw a girl's name "Mabel", and a telephone number after it, marked on the wall.

He called Mabel and a voice said: "Hereafter, save your nickels and buy bonds."

Gallery

To deprive humanity of the pleasure to be gained from a work of Art is criminal, and, in doing such, two members of No. 13 S.F.T.S. lay themselves open to the extreme penalty of The Most Highly Derogative Order of the Irremovable Paint, whose patron, F/O Brush, quotes the specific clause, stating: "Art, as a rule, is uplifting, penetrating and glorious, but"—he concludes sorrowfully, "some Arts are not."

We unhesitatingly agree, knowing F/O Brush was referring to the unsympathetic Arts, devoid of chivalry, grotesque with laughter, lolling helplessly in the gutter, and clutching to their bosoms the camera which contained the work of Art. (Work—descriptive only. Not to be confused with WORK—to work.)

Also we would inquire of S/L's Clibbon and Ward—the two Arts—whether their camera was loaded with color film. If not, it was gross negligence, as colorful statements were later tossed to and fro in the mess, and a 12 by 10 enlargement would have been substantial evidence, and also an exciting addition to the exhibition of oils now on show in the Y.M.C.A. lounge.

In the meanwhile a W.D. officer is negating all guesses (there are fifty-odd pastel shades, boys!) and showing extreme caution when riding on the back of Flight Officer Simard's bicycle these days!

AUSSIES SCORE AGAIN

Once more the R.A.A.F. make a hit! This time, in the form of a soloist at an organ recital which was held in St. Paul's Church of England on September 4th.

LAC Cross—or "Crossy"—Course 101—did the Aussies proud with his rendition of "My Task" and "O Lord, Correct Me."

You didn't know he could sing? You should have heard him in the choir. He'll be missed—but there's other work to do "Over there." GOOD LUCK, Johnny!

CORN BOIL

The Airmen's Mess staff had a corn boil at Meota Beach on Friday, September 15, and had as their guests, personnel from the Admin. Building, the M.T. Section and a few from Equipment. During the evening songs were sung by all, accompanied by LAW Amero and LAC Belanger on the guitar. Also in attendance were the W.D. officers, and their guests.

The chief cook of the party was F/S Bedard, who was assisted by other members of the Airmen's Mess staff.

One question is still worrying the party. Cpl. MacDonald was with them on the journey to Meota, and also on the way back, but what happened to this bushman between these two trips?

During the proceedings, the party was visited by other members of No. 13 who were at Meota on 48's. The general opinion was that a good time was had by all.

NOTICE

S/O Maycock and F/S Bedard wish to make it known in reply to many requests, that if any other section wishes to put on a dance of the same style as the Airmen's Mess dances, they are at liberty to use the Airmen's Mess, provided that they inform S/O Maycock two days previous to the date required.

F/L Prack (At scene of Snack Bar)

"Come on men, get cracking."

Alleged Worker: "Oh, Rome wasn't built in a day."

F/L Prack: "I know, but I wasn't in charge of that job."

The Band

He's back! Our world traveller, George Seymour, has returned from an exhausting season on the softball circuit. It is rumored that his activities were not confined to the diamond.

The boys made a very good showing at the Decoration Day Parade in Battleford. Haid, Dundas, Silverhart and Taylor rendered the Last Post beautifully (they not only started together but ended simultaneously, which probably accounts for the spreading of our Sergeant's fame as a band leader!)

We are still looking for a Bass Drummer. Can it be that the men of today cannot support a drum that size? If such a volunteer does step forward we will gladly give pig latin lessons free.

How times have changed! Now that the boys are engaged they can no longer indulge in their famous parties. Now they sit home writing letters in the evenings, or shining up those recently acquired Haloes!

The permanent bandsmen have asked us to publicly thank the volunteers for their services, and for their ability to turn out, hale and hearty, for all rehearsals and parades. Take a bow, volunteers.

Last call for a Bass Drummer! Sarpee yarpou arpon Parparrade!

Section Heads Hear F.O. Gelber

A very interesting outline on "Discussion Groups" was given by F/O Gelber (A.F.H.Q.) to a meeting of the section heads and others interested on 20th September in the Intelligence Room, G.I.S.

For the purpose of organizing Discussion Groups on this unit, it was suggested by F/O Gelber that the station be divided into thirty or more groups which will meet once a week in service time under a group leader.

The topics discussed will vary a great deal. But it is felt that in a rapidly changing world, national and international problems relating to reconstruction and rehabilitation will receive paramount consideration.

Since most of the practical knowledge that any one of us may possess has been acquired through conversation or discussion with other people, it becomes increasingly important and clear that if we are to intelligently participate in the making of a better world more definite information and understanding of the problems at hand are urgently necessary.

NEW R.C. PADRE

F/L E. Rheume is now full-time R.C. Padre on the station. His office is in the Y.M.C.A. Lounge. Mass is said in his office at 0700 hrs. every morning, and Sunday service is in the Recreation Hall at 0930 hrs. The Padre is at your disposal and willing to help you as much as he can. You are welcome to see him.

AIRMEN'S MESS DANCE

The Airmen's Mess Staff put on another of their Tuesday night dances on September 26, giving a very good account of themselves in a floor show. The dance was accompanied by another corn boil, which proved to be an excellent lunch. The guests for this gathering were members of Maintenance Wing. Ring up another Tuesday evening success for F/S Bedard and Co.!

Gibson—You, my best friend, with my wife? Really you know old man, that isn't cricket!

Mooney—Of course not, but it's more fun.

Sgt.—Why do you make that gurgling noise?

LAW—I'm trying to swallow that line your throwing.