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NO. 4. W.D.'S. DROP AREA BASKETBALL GAME. DAVIDSON GIRLS WIN 13 TO 12 ON MON. NIGHT.

Monday night's basketball show featured one of the most thrilling girl's basketball games seen in this City for quite a few years. Although the girls were not, as you might say, The Best, they certainly tried hard to put on a good show and hold up the high standard of ball usually played on this station.

Our team, led by Sgt. Nicholl and LAW Slee, played hard to win, but just between the writer and the gate-post, were outlucked. The Play was very even throughout and the final score found Davidson won the game to the tune of 15 - 12. That score is certainly nothing to be ashamed of, and I think we have a group of girls on our team that the station should be proud of. Nice Going Girls!!!

The team - Slee, Boyce, Hill, Yetchel, Nicholl, Anderson, Carleton, Davis, Shaw, Read.

The winning team from Davidson was led in the scoring race by Gunter and Hayton, with 5 and 4 points. Davidson most assuredly fails in it's effort to raise Basketball players, but for the spirit to get in there and fight, they take a back seat to no one. We enjoyed very much having the game played in our gym, and we hope to have you back soon again to try our hand at the old game of softball.

The team - Hayton, Grill, Sawyer, Rhodes, Gunter, Pratt, Turner, Boterway, Winter, Gutendurg.

"CRIPPLES" INVADE NO. 7 I.T.S.

A bang-up performance put on by No. 4's talent is expected at No. 7 I.T.S. on April 23. The body of entertainers is known as "The Cripples from No. 4 & Co."

Added attractions to this show are a few of the RAF boys, one of which is quite talented in the novel line of shadowgraphs, and promises to be a hit at the show. He has done over 200 performances since his arrival in Canada last winter.

The entertainment committee would like to see a number of No. 4 people at the show at No. 7. Among other attractions will be a notorious No. 4 F/S. appearing on stage without trousers planning his anatomy.

80,000 BUCK CRAP GAME

Winston, Frank and Joe knew they shouldn't be shooting crap in their barrack block - but the stakes were high. Adolph had the dice and was shootin' de woiks -- could the boys fade him? That was the question. They counted Adolph's stack and now they turn to No. 4 SFTS -- could we land them \$80,000 till the big Pay Day? They'd pay us back at a good rate of interest, it'd be a damned good investment and they'd pay us just about the time we wished we hadn't blown the whole works on the last '48.

Yes, No. 4's quota in the 6th Victory Loan beginning April 25 is \$80,000. It was \$75,000 last time and there was no trouble topping it. Got out the old crayon, lads, and see how much you can invest this time.

Canvassers will begin approaching personnel this coming Monday. Be ready for them. Have it all figured out just how much you can sign up for.

For a \$100 bond about \$16 is deducted from your pay every month.

If you've built up a bank account that is more than enough to meet emergencies, that is more than you'll need for your next leave -- cut it down by making cash purchases of bonds.

Watch DRO's and next week's "Reconnaissance" for more gen on the \$80,000 BUCK CRAP GAME.

DANCE EVERY TWO WEEKS

A Station Dance will be held Thursday, April 20 and every two weeks thereafter until the summer season starts. There will be spot dances, prizes and a few skits to tie in with the orchestra and make for an interesting evening. Dancing from 2100 till 0030.

COURSE 94 GRADUATES MAJORITY GO OVERSEAS

Over 30 of the graduates of Course 94 who graduated here last Thursday were posted to No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.

Of those who got their wings, 24 went away with commissions and 27 as sergeants.

The remainder of the postings were - to General Reconnaissance School - 10; to Flying Instructor's school - 7 and as staff pilots

- 2.

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IT'S A DEAL AT FIFTY!

Have you ever made a deal with a chap on something you didn't care very much whether you got or not? He's holding out for sixty and you put on your hat and say "It's a deal at fifty." You usually get it and you get the better of the deal.

The opposite is true if you want something very much. He's got you where the--- well he's got you anyway. He's the guy in the driver's seat.

After the war a lot of us will be looking for jobs. True, the Government is going to give us every opportunity to get what we want at the price we want it. But there comes a time when old Mr. Government pats you on the head and says, "Now my son, I've done everything I can to help - you're on your own." You will be a pretty lonely little human being when that happens.

That is the time those old, half-forgotten Victory Bonds will come in handy. You'll have one, two, four or five hundred dollars salted away. With this behind you you'll be able to walk into a prospective employer's office on even terms with him. Then, fortified by your bankroll, knowing that you can afford to hold out you'll be able to put on your hat and say - "It's a deal at sixty."

We're not trying to shove anything down your throat or sell you something you don't want -- but if you think there's some sense in what we've said here -- **BUY BONDS!**

NIGHT FLYING

by M.A. LoPargneux - Maintenance Wing.

Out in the twilight so peaceful and calm,
Lost in reflection we trudge along,
Watching warm glow of runway's light,
A guide for each plane that comes into sight.

Suddenly the drone of an aircraft is heard,
And out of the darkness looms overhead
A mysterious shadow gliding through the night,
Oh gallant airman, prepare, prepare for the fight.

Mid moon and stars, red and green flashes
gleam
From our aircraft flying circuit and beam,
On through the night. All the fading moon
Sees the last great bird roar and zoom.

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A Pipe with Padre

by F/L D. Gowdy

There is an old European proverb which cautions against throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

In the heat of the struggle there is with us the constant danger of throwing out the real values with the purging processes of war. For instance, we are waging war to overcome the false idea that the only pure and noble blood in the world is Aryan, on which Germany claims the monopoly.

Yet war accentuates racial discrimination. Cartoons in the papers have depicted the Germans as an uncultured Goth, and the Japanese as a gorilla veneered with the thin cloak of civilization. When we picture any race like this we too are exposing erroneous ideas as bad as the enemy.

The Creator never regards any people as mere animals, and we have no right to.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

SPANISH CLASSES held each Wednesday, 1700 hours in G.L.S. under S/L McCullough. All personnel interested in learning the language are invited.

REHABILITATION - FARMERS AND COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

The Government by the Veteran's Land Act 1942 will loan farmers a maximum of \$4800 on land buildings and \$1200 on equipment which they wish to purchase to begin farming for themselves. You choose the land you wish (up to \$4800) and deposit 10% in case of the value of the land with the Gov't. You agree to pay 2/3 of the cost of land and buildings in monthly or yearly instalments over a period not exceeding 25 years at 3 1/2%, the yearly instalments not to exceed \$195 (or \$16 per month) and to include both principal and (Contd P6)



NOTES



Don't forget the Symphony Concert to be held in the Drill Hall on Monday, April 17th, at 2000 hours. Dean Collingwood of the University will wield the baton and there will be about fifty pieces in the orchestra. Everyone interested is invited to attend. The music played will be of a type that will have an appeal for everyone.

Due to the Symphony Concert on Monday, there will be no Music Appreciation Hour but this group will meet as usual on the next Monday.

Next Week's Doings

April 14 **Movie** - Whistling in Brooklyn.

The Task Force-The Bear's tale
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Peer Cabre

WOMEN'S PAGE



NEWS ABOUT OUR W.D.'S

People who wail about the de-feminizing effect of wearing uniforms must have seen (as we did), also admired, very much, a considerable number of our own girls in the "Easter Parade" last week-end. However, it won't be very long before we will be stepping out in Khaki too. We consider it something special to have both blue and khaki uniforms, and never have much to grumble about, when summer comes.

Over a lengthy discussion in the W.D. canteen one evening recently (the subject "Leap Year") we found a lot of amusing things to argue about. Women who have been restrained by etiquette will now be able to use Leap Year as an excuse for wrapping some poor unsuspecting victim up in Cell and taking him home to Mamma for the nuptials. Out of the goodness of our hearts, we have drawn up a few suggestions to help the male avoid any snares or booby traps which he may encounter at this time of year:

- (1) Stay out of moonlight with women. Moon light may become them, but it gets you.
- (2) Go easy on the alcoholic beverages. A slip of the lip may start a partnership.
- (3) Don't be flattered by the type who tells you, you are noble, generous, etc. A woman in love is a poor judge of character.
- (4) Typewrite your letters and sign with a name de plume. Better still, telephone.
- (5) Grow a beard.
- (6) Don't visit a single woman without taking along a party of six as chaperons, and witnesses.
- (7) Work hard, get plenty of sleep, see your dentist twice a year, and before you know it, it will be 1945 and you'll still be single.

The W.D.'s Basketball team, we would like to say, put up a very good fight with the team from Davidson, and the game was well worth seeing. Too bad we lost girls, however, the odd rumour has been heard that some of us are qualified to make No. 4's next rugby team. How about that gals????

We would like to thank F/S Stan Pipe for again volunteering to coach our softball team this year. The first meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Monday night, but for those who couldn't attend, turn in your name to the P.T. Office and get on the team. New outfits are being ordered (with permission) so you see gals we would like to see a good turnout for the practices.

We welcome back Cpl. Horraine Kynoch to Headquarters where her presence has been sorely missed. Hope you're feeling better.

MODEL W.D.

Almost outstanding figure, she
Is famous both on land and sea
And, to this, it seems only fair
To add, she's famous in the air;
Her beauty's more than just a pose
It helps keep Airmen on their toes,
Here's to that "keep your chin-up girl,"
Our Nation's toast: the "Pin-Up Girl";

One of "Us Gals" and we doubt if the party in question even knows it, has been lately the subject of conversation in connection with a very small matter. However, here's a hint, Badminton is a very interesting game, but few of the men have been able to concentrate on the "birds" since the Link Trainer Section has supplied competition in the form of a "Woo blonde"????????

That little wee bit of feminine goods (shall we say) who has been seen so enthusiastically cheering at all the basketball games of late belongs to Equipment. Where did you get all the energy "Tiny" and who's attention were you trying to get on the No. 7 team?

NIGHT FLYING (Contd. from Page 2)

Strange, how, in darkness one stops to mull,
And wonders when battles end, peace ensues,
Surely this year brings a victorious end,
Will send us all smiling on the homeward bond.

THE AIRMEN'S PRAYER

Our father who art in Ottawa,
Power be thy name,
Give us this day our daily rations
And forgive us this day our A.W.L's.
As we forgive those who lay
Charges against us.
And lead us not into C.B.,
And lead us not into Detention,
For this is the AIR FORCE
The AIR MARSHAL'S POWER
The GROUP CAPTAIN'S DIGNITY
Forever and ever and you can have it,
Amen.

JUST A DEFINITION

A Corporal is a Private whose work has re-compensated her. A Private is a Corporal with two stripes against her.

SPORTS

NO. 7 I.T.S. WINS AREA BASKETBALL TITLE - DOWN DAFOE 28-27 AND DAFOE 64-42

On Monday night in the semi-final game for the Area Championship, between No. 7 and Davidson, the boys from the I.T.S. won in the closing second of the game 28-27. With one second to go, Mottishaw was fouled by Kermode of Davidson in the act of shooting, giving Mottishaw two free throws. At this time in the game the score read 27-26 for Davidson. Although the whistle had gone to the game, Mottishaw still had to throw the free throws, which he incidentally sank to win the game for the I.T.S. by one point. Good work Mottishaw.

This was a very tough game to lose and they don't come any better to win. From a spectator's point of view it was a real game and the best team won. The scoring for the I.T.S. was led by Mottishaw with 9, and Bishop with 7. The rest of the team - Ingles, Walker, Peterson, Murray, McCarthy, McFaddon, Dowal and Scott.

The Davidson team offensive was led by Norman and Dermode with 8 each and Donaldson with 7. Two closer matched teams couldn't be found and the play was clean and fair throughout. Davidson team - McDonald, Lennin, Gibson, Knights, Fosket & Johnstone.

FINAL GAME

By winning Monday's game against Davidson, the I.T.S. boys won the play off berth against Dafoc for the Command Championship Semi-Final.

This game was played in our own Sports hangar on Tuesday night and was witnessed by a goodly crowd of basketball lovers. If only the crowd would come to see our own teams play like that the men would probably have won a lot more games than they did. But congratulations anyway folks, the visiting teams sure enjoyed the spectators.

Although this game didn't provide the "Ball" that Monday's game did, it still will stick in our minds as a very fine exhibition of sport and of how the game should really be played. From the start of the first quarter there was just no holding this bunch of hoopers from the other side of the tracks. The score would indicate good team work on the side of the ITS boys and that's what wins ball games. Inglis was best for the winners with 16 points closely followed by Mottishaw with 15. McCarthy (who has just been posted to the ITS from No. 4) went wild in the last half and scored 10 points before the Dafoc team knew he was on the floor. Good work McCarthy!!

Don't let us make you believe that Dafoc wasn't working all the way, because they were. A very fast team led by Morrison and Mulvihill with 11 points each went down

under in the last half, fighting all the way. The club just didn't have the plish it takes to beat first class opposition, but the right spirit was shown throughout the game, and a good time was had by the players and the spectators.

Let us convey our congratulations to the ITS boys, and we wish you the best of luck in Winnipeg. Even though No. 4 couldn't have the winning team we are still depending on you to bring the cup at least close enough so we can get a look at it.

The line-ups: No. 7 ITS: Mottishaw, Inglis, Bishop, Scott, Walker, McFaddon, Peterson, McCarthy, Kowal.

Dafoc: Morrison, Satterfield, Johnson, Robbins, Zasquez, Scott, Dorland, Cox, Mulvihill.

BADMINTON

The Area championships will be held in the drill hall on Saturday, April 22 for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. We must have the entries in at once to the drill hall for the matches, so please let us know as soon as possible just who is going to represent us in this tournament.

BOXING

Although the boxing date hasn't been definitely decided yet, we would like to have all the men on the station who are interested in boxing to report to the P.T. & D. office as soon as possible to start training for the first card in the Area fights. We need both Novice and Senior fighters, so if you think you're in the mood to knock someone's head off, drop in to the office and we'll see what we can do in the line of "stooges". Lets have a real good bunch of "HE" men out for the fights, and maybe grab off one or two of the Command Championship crowns.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

The station swimming and diving team is now working out at the "Y" during the week preparing for the Command Swimming meet. We already have on the team several "name" men in the aquatic sport but the need for more men and women is quite apparent. So lets have all you folks who are interested in the pool, come over to the drill hall so we can arrange a good work out in the near future to line up teams and entries for the big meet to take place within the next three weeks. We have a very able swimming and diving coach so even if you're no world beater, come out, at least it will be a lot of fun and good clean sport.

NEWS FROM HERE 'N THERE

NEWS SHOTS FROM G.I.S.

The busiest place on the camp says F/S ???, one of the newly added recruits to the jail. The most work done in G.I.S. seems to be in getting out of it.

Lately the staff has been swelled by the addition of a neat appearing, handsome chap by the name of F/O Cooper, whose job it is to take over some navigation lectures for a period of about three months. F/L Gillespie left on Good Friday for Suffield, Alta., to take a course -- and this definitely left a hole in our building for another smiling and congenial body, as the Air Force calls one.

COURSE 96-F SPEAKS -

A visitor to the flight these days would be amazed at the bustling activity therein. The smell of fresh paint, the brilliance of freshly scrubbed woodwork and the freshness of the students is indescribable (at least, within the columns of The Reconnaissance). As for the latter ask Mary, the timekeeper.

She has a rough battle controlling these ready and willing "gable-like" gents of No. 1 Hangar. She gets to know a lot about us but apart from her being a "slave-driver" we understand she is studying tactics or some such thing these days.

Freddy flight was well represented at the first game of the final hockey series as well as the last one. The majority of the students were awed with the feats being performed on before their eyes. But where have our instructors been keeping all these ravishing beauties the last four months?

Ah, yes, Hockey. We'd like to congratulate our "Archie" Wilder for a bang-up performance. Good show, Archie - even though you limped around for three days after the last game.

For our question of the week we'd like to ask -- in what downtown hotel and on what floor is Freddie flight to be found on any 48? (Ed's note: pretty bad when the lads don't know themselves!) By the way, who is Joe, the C.W.A.C?

So we close our communique of the week. If you are a girl that wants a whirl come and see the sights with Freddy Flight. We aim to please. ---by O.Waycorn.

COURSE 102-H

This, the first news of course 102 is written with the proverbial sword of Damocles suspended precariously over our respective heads. It has already fallen four times and it has been noticed that some of the students have been flying with their fins crossed and constantly breathing fervent

prayers and constantly casing apprehensive looks towards their poker-faced instructors. Messrs. Crow, Robinson and Bembrew are now loudly extolling the virtues and advantages of the Bombaimers course. Several others are striving to convince themselves that there may be something in the B.A. course after all. "Just in case" they explain.

Corporal Oliver seems to be having lots of fun with the flight time board and is therefore receiving special consideration whenever there are any possibilities of "Joe Jobs" being awarded. LAC Smith, after receiving much valuable taxiing instruction took a sudden and violent dislike to an innocent crane last week and appeased his hate by tearing off its wing tip. Consequently a certain young lady in Saskatoon will be awfully disappointed for the next 14 days. She receives our congratulations for her timely reprieve. LAC's Jones and Rick, it seems, are attempting, by virtue of long and faithful patronage, to become shareholders in the delightful joys offered by the W.D. canteen. This moots, they tell me, with the approval of its various members.

The bumpy weather is causing spasms of airsickness amongst the members of the flight and it would appear that LAC Mackie dropped a sizeable brick when, during one of those unfortunate bouts he asked his instructor if he had a bag. With some surprise the instructor remarked that he had not, and furthermore was married!

This should satisfy any who are interested until next week, when unless the nemesis whose breath we feel hot upon our necks has succeeded in overtaking us, another article will appear. --- by LAC C.W.R. Simmons.

COURSE 100-B

One would have thought that out of the motley crew that is "B" Flight at least one embryo author would be found. Not so, their talents at telling the tale are apparently confined to the moonlight variety. However, the intelligentsia(?) buckled to the grim task of writing this epic of light news with "It's nothing to us!"

Unfortunately much of the colour has been literally washed out of "B" Flight leaving us sad at heart, indeed "Woody" is in very poor voice now that the "Wolf" is gone. Neither are we the only ones affected. The Rumble Fund will be feeling the pinch too, or alternatively previous non-offenders will be plumbing the depths of their pockets when parading for their next 48's.

The "72" passed with the usual vicious speed -- Swee'Pea was heard to complain about wasting six hours in sleeping, but we all (with one notable exception) toed the mark on Monday with eyelids propped open, all set to go, which is just what we have to do now. T.T.F.N! -- by LAC R.Scott.

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M.T. EXHAUST

The biggest moan to the M.T. Section is No. 2 Hangar's "Our gas tender's gone again" Now that the nice weather is here the boys are getting the Ambulance ready for the week and weary to fall on the parades out on the runways.

Parts are scarce these days, and our vehicles are tied up, so remember the bus runs every half hour, it saves a big moan.

Amazing Facts Dept. - When approached for news "Johnnie" rather shamefacedly turned her head, blushed, and whispered that she didn't know any scandal - tsk, tsk!

STATION HOSPITAL

Nothing from the Hospital this week except to tell you about the certain W.D. who didn't like the idea of going to work one day this past week because of a job she would have to do, and so she went on sick parade - she was admitted, Oh, those nasty M.O's - IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

ACCOUNTS REVIEW

If pay parade is late starting Thursday April 13th you will have to bear with us because this item, for publication in the station paper was written during working hours -- and we mean working!

The remarks passed by certain members of a certain training course did not bother us in the least, as absorbing that type of punishment is all in a day's routine. Considerable effort was put forth in obtaining the pittance for purchasing the shaving cream, etc. Too day boys that we couldn't have worked a wee bit harder for your bene-

fit! Perhaps next time the pittance will include enough money for a little extra shaving(?) cream.

"Y" NOTES - Contd. from Page 2.

- April 15 - Vanscoy - Movie - Action in the North Atlantic & Three Cheers for the Girls.
- April 16 - Movie - Action in the North Atlantic & Three Cheers for the Girls.
- April 17 - Drill Hall - Symphony Concert 2000 hours. Everybody welcome.
- April 19 - Movie - Lady Let's Dance, Hit Parade of the Gay 90's, Desert Playground.

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and interest.

Loans as mortgages on land and equipment may be arranged for the purpose of improving farms already owned by servicemen.

Arrangements similar to the above may be made by commercial fisherman to provide buildings, botas, engines and gear.

The only provision made by the government is that the serviceman have or bet by apprenticeship satisfactory practical experience in farming or commercial fishing and that he should show a sincere desire to make this his life work.

Depicted below by our Staff Artist is Sgt. Allen, worthy boniface of the Gate Hotel, in the act of losing fifteen pounds while endeavouring to persuade a guest that it would be much better to remain until his bill was settled.

