



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

NO. 4 S.F.T.S. APRIL 28.

## COMMAND FINAL

### BADMINTON AND BOXING

It will be a big weekend in the sports world for No. 4 SFTS and No. 7 ITS when Saturday rolls around. Command finals for Boxing and Badminton will be played in Saskatoon.

In last week's Reconnaissance it was announced the Badminton finals would be played in our Drill Hall. Different arrangements were made later and now the finals will be played at No. 7. The Boxing tournament for the four areas will be held in the Arena Rink downtown on Friday and Saturday nights.

For details of the No. 4 teams see Sports Page.

#### GADEENERS LAY PLANS

The gentleman with the green thumbs are highly susceptible to warm sunlight and balmy breezes. It has started to produce results already as plans are being laid for the new Victory garden this year.

Last year three acres were plowed and fertilized in the fall against this year's activities. And if you don't think this little sideline is worth your consideration hold onto your hats when we tell you that last year the Victory garden produced 2850 dozen radishes, 1300 lbs. lettuce, 1100 lbs. cabbages, 359 lbs. tomatoes and 1800 lbs. beans to mention a few of the products. For those who think in terms of lucre--the proceeds totalled over \$900, cutting extra messing costs to Officers, N.C.O.'s and airmen.

In charge of the Victory Garden are: S/L Thomson, F/L Pinkerton, S/O Campbell, S/C Wilson and Cpl. Parkinson.

#### BOWLING ALLEY ON STATION

Soon, if all goes well, we will be able to pop into the Drill Hall for a night of bowling. The Station Entertainment Committee has voted monies enough for the purchase of two alleys and at such time as they arrive they will be installed in the Drill Hall. It is thought that a nominal charge for a game will be made.

The idea of setting up a hotdog stand along with the alleys was discussed also but no definite action was taken.

PUT VICTORY FIRST - BUY MORE BONDS!

#### REPORT ON BOND RACE

Here's the gen on the 6th Victory Loan as of the night The Reconnaissance went to press.

No. 1 Squadron is leading the race to free its assigned occupied country with 57% of their quota subscribed. This means they have bought \$8000 worth of Victory Bonds.

Maintenance Squadron is second with 26% subscribed. This means that they have bought \$4900 worth of Bonds.

Headquarters Squadron is third with \$4550 bought which is 23% of their quota.

GIS has sold 11% of its quota amounting to \$1600.

No. 2 Squadron has had a bit of engine trouble and is put-putting along with 2.2% of its power--meaning that they have purchased \$350.00 worth of bonds. We put the cents in there to sort of bolster the future up as it were.

S/O Scoggins said Wednesday night that the above figures would change considerably the next day as many application forms would be completed in the prescribed manner. They do not count purchases until the forms have been filled out by typewriter which takes some time and is one of the reasons for the small totals.

This leaves the Station \$60,000 to go.

Just a note from the P.O. between soap programs as we once more have a radio. But here are some of the remarks overheard: By a certain "Blondie" girl - "Aren't men hard to find, I never had so much trouble in all my life". This applies to re-directing letters, only, of course.

"Is our little army private married?" No, he's not and remember girls, this is Leap Year.

Can anyone tell the P.O. staff what S.W.A.K. means on the backs of so many letters?

Its surprising how faithful sisters are at writing to their brothers--almost once a day.

#### THE DISHONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BOCT

There has, of course, been much fighting for this highly derogatory order this week. But after much careful thought we have at last reached our decision. It appears that Aerodrome Control have found a new and novel location for the Glide Path Indicator, and it is sincerely hoped that we don't bend too

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## EDITOR LEAVES

The comparatively new saying that "get a good man and he's posted" proved true in the case of "The Reconnaissance". Your Editor, Sgt. Ralph Jordan, has been posted to Repair Depot in Winnipeg.

His keen interest in "The Reconnaissance" and the energy he expended in getting it out, his ability to call somebody on the phone and say - "Look here, Joe, the deadline for copy is Tuesday and you get it here or I'll haunt you" and his newspaper experience will leave a hole in the Editorial staff we don't expect will be filled for some time.

We wish him luck in the new posting and hope there's a newspaper there badly in need of a good newspaperman.

## MOSQUITOES - DISPOSAL OF

Anybody who happens to be eyeing Lake Placid (between No. 4 and the highway) with a calculating eye wondering just how many million mosquitoes can be hatched per every square inch might just as well chuck it. At any rate his calculations will be wrong. Wednesday morning we saw two chaps in waders armed with a cylinder and hose. They were either filling fire extinguishers or they were spraying mosquito killing oil on the water. Our bet is that they wouldn't be filling extinguishers because water that put fire out we think that stuff would burn. At ease, men.

## STOP PRESS NEWS

Exclusive to this paper, Copyrighted and through the courtesy of the "Grapevine".  
SABOTAGE-SKULLDUGGERY-CONSPIRACY IS AFOOT ON THE STATION. RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THAT ALL MACHINERY IS SET UP TO SEND NO. 2 SQUADRON OVER THE TOP IN THE VICTORY LOAN DRIVE BY MONDAY. APPARENTLY THE SQUADRON ORGANIZATION ARRANGED IT SO THAT THE STATION WAS DEFOOLED BY THE STATION INDICATOR AND IT WAS THEIR INTENTION THAT ALL SHOULD BE MISLED. DON'T LET THAT FOOL YOU. THEY HAVE APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 IN THE BAG AND ANOTHER \$5000 PROSPECTIVE - WHICH WILL PUT THEM WELL OVER THE TOP. SUCH SKULLDUGGERY CAN'T BE PASSED UP BY THE OTHER SECTIONS SO LET'S GET OUT AND BEAT THEM AT THEIR OWN GAME YOU OTHER SECTIONS AND EXERT THAT LITTLE EXTRA EFFORT NECESSARY TO BEAT THEM TO THE GUN.

THE SOONER YOU LIBERATE YOUR COUNTRY THE SOONER THAT COUNTRY (AS WELL AS THE BONES) WILL BE FIGHTING FOR YOU. LET'S OUTDO THE SCHEMING, CONIVING NO. 2 SQUADRON.

# A pipe with Padre

He that will not reason is a bigot, he that cannot reason is a fool, and he that dares not reason is a slave.

Ever if you are on the right track you will be run over if you sit there.

One may do a great deal of good in the world if one doesn't care who gets the credit for it.

Respect for people is the first essential to successful living with them.

Small minds are too sensitive to small hurts. Great minds see things whole and feel no pain.

There is a profound and indissoluble connection between what a man believes and what he is.

For things are impossible in themselves. It is a matter of perseverance rather than of ability that generally causes failure.

# Educational Chats



New remustering to Aircrew forms are now available at the Education Office, G.I.S. Eight airmen remustered to aircrew here during March, and one in April. Classes are held in Room 4 G.I.S., Tuesday and Thursday each week at 1800 hours to 2000 hours for personnel remustering who wish to improve or brush up on their education and thus improve their chances of being selected for a preferred place in aircrew when posted to a selection centre.

Spanish Classes are being continued on Wednesdays at 1700 hours in G.I.S. Here is an opportunity to learn a very useful language.

This week W.D's will have classes organized for them in such subjects as hairdressing and cosmetics, shorthand, typing, dressmaking and possibly some others. Be sure to register for one at least. It is planned to have specialists in each subject conduct these classes, which are to be as practical as possible. See S/O McIntyre about them.

# Y Notes



Last week we located approximately 150 men who accepted free dance invitations in town. But even this number was insufficient as the invitations came in thick and fast. So, if you want to go to a free dance in town, keep in touch with us.

Also, if any airman wishes to visit a Saskatoon home for Sunday dinner will be please let us know his name and section, preferably by Thursday evening.

Those interested in leatherwork as a recreational hobby are invited to a meeting of the Hobby Club on Thursday, 27th April at 1900 hours in the M.D. Canteen.

The film show for Vanscoy on Saturday and No. 4 on Sunday will be "Destination Tokyo" and Selected Shorts.

# WOMEN'S PAGE



## NEWS ABOUT OUR W.D.'S.

Here we are - back again. This is our 7th issue of the Reconnaissance and so far we have had very little as far as contributions are concerned. So come on girls, turn in anything you can mean for the paper to the Y.M.C.A. officer for printing in the Rec. We should all take an interest in this as having a whole page is quite an honour (so we've heard).

### FASHION NOTES

Modelling last Saturday in the Command Badminton Tournament, two senior W.D.'s showed the newest in popular wearing apparel "long shorts and little blue numbers". It seems this is really the style but turn out next Saturday to see the "little blue numbers perform".

Congratulations to Sgt. Lois Davis and Sgt. G. Nicoll for winning their badminton game on Saturday, continued Good Luck, also from us all.

"You know what?" grunted our barrack neighbor, edging toward our cigarettes. "What?" said we, slipping the flayers out of sight. "He", she said, looking hurt as she lit one of her own, "can win the Victoria Cross." "G'wan", we murmured in our reflexed way and settled down to listen to explanation. It seems that ever since the 3rd of September way back in '39, when Britain got tired of Adolf's antics and invited him to take off his coat, women have been eligible to receive this coveted award. To date not a single W.D. or any member of the other Women's Services have been recommended for this distinction. The Victoria Cross is the Empire's highest gallantry award and is given only for services in active operations against the enemy. The logical reason why W.D.'s are not recommended for the Cross ribbon.

The girls were talking things over at the office early one morning when one of them said, "Gee, Dot, I really am tired." "What's the matter", says Dot. "Well, I'll tell you," says Irene, "I've been out with a forty-eight hour pass!!!"

There's many a weird thing that comes our way but some of the most gruesome are little news items such as this one, "Who is the Corporal who says, 'It's time all girls were in now. It's getting late.'" (She wants the front area of Hut 16 all to herself. To this "world rocking" question, the commissaire can only say "Ya got me on that one".

THE SIXTH VICTORY DRIVE STILL OFFERS THE BEST BARGAINS IN FUTURE HAPPINESS.

"They come and go," is a saying often used but now we are losing four at once. They are girls from the Photographic Section. Ann's Terry, Brown, Milne and Pratt. They are leaving for Rockcliffe to being their course so the best of luck to all from your many new friends at No. 4.

Have not been listening to the "Cereal Serials" and others lately and have sort of lost track of things. Could you tell me if Little Orphan Annie has joined the RCAF? And is she stationed at No. 4 S.F.T.S? Seems funny, but several letters have come out here addressed to "Little Orphan Annie, Saskatoon."

### FRIENDSHIP

Gold cannot buy it,  
Poverty cannot take it,  
Thirst may not cheapen it,  
Sorrow must deepen it,  
Joy cannot lose it,  
Lies cannot abuse it,  
It cannot choke it,  
Folly provoke it,  
Age can but strengthen it,  
Time only lengthen it,  
Death cannot sever it,  
Friendship forever,  
Heaven the true face of it,  
God is the grace of it.

The Sgt's Mess has decided to buy a tea wagon. It seems that the Orderly Sgt. has been "Joed" lately to carry in the refreshments to the rest while the W.D. Duty "Joe" very ably assists.

### THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF CARDINALS

To join this widely known and rightly notable(?) outfit, (shall we say for the lack of anything better to call it), all qualifications should be turned in to the leader, Sgt. L. Davis, Control Tower. These should also be accompanied by at least three references.

### LOST AND FOUND

One Course - Number 98. Anyone finding same please return to S.N.C. (F/S Neil), Headquarters Building. Last seen, he thought they were in the fields with the rakes.

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many aircraft having it in this position. The position enables airmen to land with their tails quite high in the air (the loss of aforementioned tail being of apparently little consequence) but much as we are firm advocates and supporters of anything new, we firmly hope that No. 4 will stick to the good old way in this respect.

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# SPORTS

Badminton semi-finals for the No. 3 Area took place in the Drill Hall last Saturday with the following winners:

Mens Doubles:

F/O Henderson, F/O Parent, 5 B.G.S.

Mixed-Doubles:

Cpl. Smith, LAC Kermode, 23 EFTS.

Ladies Doubles:

Sgts. L. Davis, G. Nicoll, 43FTS.

Command finals play this Saturday at No. 7 I.T.S. We reported in our last issue of the Reconnaissance; they would be at No. 4. Due to various reasons, this has been changed, so we'll be seeing you at No. 7 next Saturday with the games starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

## BOXING

The semi-final boxing card for eliminations for No. 2 Training Command held at No. 23 EFTS, Davidson, on Monday evening was a "low" all the way through, although our welter, 144 lb. LAC Blackie Black and middleweight, 165 lb. Mero Heroux did not come through with victories I feel that their prestige is far from lost from failing to do so. They were game fighters but due to lack of condition and time to train, lost close decisions to each of their opponents. The boxing card was very interesting and the final bout of the evening was a wrestling match between LAC Mcrock of Chicago, Ill., are time pro of the U.S., who is undergoing his EFTS training at Davidson and Vern Pettigroux of Regina, Dominion Champion. This fracas ended in a draw.

Something will have to be done to put No. 4 EFTS on the map in this respect, so come on all you leather pushers, get in there and punch for your station.

F/O D. Hull is to be commended upon his successful efforts in putting on such a fine show and the personnel from this station who took part in the bouts wish to tender their appreciation for the cordiality shown them whilst at No. 23 EFTS.

## TENNIS - FORGOTTEN SPORT

Tennis players are standing around the courts these days and droning as they watch many fine days go by without any apparent improvement in the shape of things.

Said one charming and vivacious young thing, "Oh, why don't they do something - it's just lovely weather for tennis?" Who has the heart to stand by and watch such eager enthusiasts grow into bitter cynics because of inaction?

## FASTBALL (Softball)

After watching a very good practice of the WD's fastball team, we can assure all of our ardent fans, they have a very worthwhile looking team. Our peppery little catcher, Connie Simpson, is making a good start, also on third we have Norah Campbell and Cpl. Grantsch (old standby from the IT Section). LAC "Dusty" Dutton we hope will be able to come out with the team too. Others who you will see at practices are Clark, Edwards, Nicoll and so on. The first game will be held May 10th at Cairn's Field, so come on you people and give the support we know you can do.

Practices are held, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday so come on girls, as we still need more prospects for a good No. 4 WD Fastball Team.

## TURNING - TURNING - ATTACK.

(B Flight - Co. 100)

B Flight have been mixing it over the camera with possibly little more than the usual proportion of pathos and bathos. Everyone appeared to find it good fun even if the final results were rather chastening to some. As usual the enlooker, or rather the in-lister had the best of the game and anyone enjoying the facilities of the yellow band could hear cross talk rivalling the best that the CDC puts out. Quote often this was at cross-purposes too. Those of us who were more directly concerned with the job of coaxing the kites along suffered some distractions, one, at least, couldn't hear much due to the blowing of the undercart horn most irregularly.

One gent, who appears to be the essence of patience, was heard to complain that he'd had enough and was pancaking. Of course this action might be advisable after six straight non-appearances over said camera.

The odds car hardly have seemed equal. Rodger was halfway out of his aircraft before he realized it was an R/T acknowledgment and not an order. His companion couldn't have had as much fun since he left his wheels down on his first cross-country.

C Flight have been taking a licking at floor hockey these last few games but if the goals scored have been unequal they should feel somewhat appeased at receiving their fair share of battle wounds. And now stand back you chaps and guess who is wearing that silly grin and his best rompers around about now. (No prizes or apologies given).

## WHERE'S MY CONTRIBUTION?

This week, due to shortage of paper, many welcome contributions have, of necessity, been omitted. Those contributions are good and we're glad to have them. It is our hope their absence in this issue will not discourage or offend the contributor.

WHAT BOARD WILL PAY FOR A HOLIDAY TRIP AFTER THE WAR.

SUPPORT THE ATTACK - BUY BONDS NOW.