



NO. 4 S.F.T.S. SASKATOON, MAY 26

WELCOME G/C GREENWAY

Last week No. 4 SFTS welcomed their new "Old Man", although if you take a look at him you'll find it hard to call him that. To Group Captain C.H. Greenway, the Reconnaissance joins with the station in saying, "Welcome, sir, glad to have you - hope you like it here."

Due to one thing and another this week's Reconnaissance is rather skimpy and space is tight so we'll leave it to next week's issue to give you more of a life history of our new Commanding Officer

OUR EXCUSE

Two weeks ago the multigraph machine, which labours at turning out the Reconnaissance every Thursday, gave a sigh, chucked up its hand and said, "To hell with it all". It broke down and so you got no Reconnaissance for that week. The next week the chappies at HQ were so busy doing two week's work on the new machine that the Editors thought it better to skip another week and let them get caught up on their work before loading anything else on them.

This week, with part of the staff on leave we are publishing only a skeleton of a paper. After that, short of death, blindness or some such blight, we will be back to normal with a full edition of the Reconnaissance.

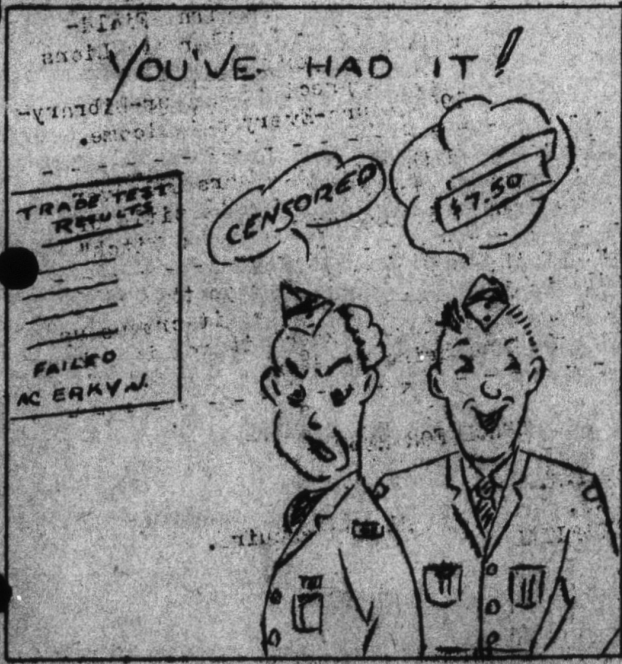
TRAINING WING DANCE

A new system has been inaugurated with respect to entertainment on the station, namely that insofar as dances are concerned within the next three weeks, Training Wing, Maintenance and Headquarters will each stage one dance in the Rec. Hall, with Training Wing looking after the dance this Thursday night. The admission is 25¢ per couple, which will also include lunch. For those who will be coming from the city, a bus is being chartered which will leave 23rd St and 2nd Ave. at 2030 hours. This will be free to those coming to the dance. A bus will also be on hand to take guests back to the city. It is anticipated that a very good time is in prospect with an M.C., spot dances, prizes and the station orchestra in attendance.

A farewell dance is being held at No. 7 I.T.S. in the Drill Hall at 2100 hours. Good music and lunch will be provided. The personnel of No. 4 SFTS are invited to attend.

WHAT TO DO

- Friday: Movie - Rec Hall - 2000 hours 25¢
 - "Best Foot Forward"
 - "Batty Baseball"
 - "Main Street Today"
- Saturday: Baseball - 4SFTS vs Dundurn.
 - Movie at Vanscoy - Free
 - "Woman of the Town" and Shorts.



Y NOTES



The Victory Variety Show staged by Station personnel two weeks ago was one of the best that this station has seen for some time.

The Station Entertainment Committee are to be congratulated on the able way in which the show was staged and the assistance which was lent by the courses who had members participating are extended the appreciation of the committee for their aid and the professional touch they gave the show.

Victory Theatre Tickets for the W.D.'s are available at this office.

Any personnel wishing to have dinner in the city as guests may obtain invitations for same by coming to the Y office and leaving their names.

We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to F/L Cullinane, who will be leaving us shortly.

WOMEN'S PAGE

NEWS ABOUT OUR W.D.s



With pen in hand and worried frown,
I pick up courage to put this down.

Summer has come, the grass rises - I wonder where the flowers is? or do they grow such things in Saskatchewan? which reminds me of a story -

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary

How does your garden grow?

With silver bells and cockleshells and
one gold daisy petunia."

But nuff said and down to business as this has to be written in a hurry as there is about two minutes to the deadline.

After the wedding the happy couple were photographed as they left the church, and the proofs were promised in a few days. The large envelope duly arrived and was opened with excitement. Inside were several studies of a baby lying on a rug and on each they read "Please state clearly which size you want and how many."

We've noticed and heard?? with great interest the addition of two more W.D's to our Station Band. Thanks girls for coming out. Only wish there were more conscientious girls and boys on the Station and less kicking - pardon us - chatter, shall we say, about the band.

We are all very sorry to hear S/O Wilson is leaving us. Miss Wilson is an old friend and airforce veteran, having started out at No. 4 as a Corporal, then was posted to No. 4 Recruiting Centre before leaving for Toronto on an Admin. course. Good luck on your new station from the W.D's of No. 4, Ma'am.

The 5th Victory Loan Parade two weeks ago is still a favourite topic of conversation and the snappy show by the girls who participated is a credit to the Station. Nice going, gals.

At the opening game of the Girl's Fastball at Cairns Field, it was noticed that again the group of loyal supporters were out to cheer their team to victory. One would think that after the hockey games they so faithfully attended, they had "had it", but they seem to be always there when their moral support is needed. Thanks, gang. Come on, kids, how about joining the faithful few and bringing out the boy friend and share your pleasures.

HE ASKED FOR IT.

Sarge - How about some good old fashioned love making?

Girl - All right, I'll call Granma down for you.

AIRWOMAN'S LAMENT

An airwoman stood at the pearly gates,
Her face was scarred and old,
She stood before the man of Fate,
For admission to the fold.
"And what have you done?" St Peter said,
"To gain admission here?"
"I've been a W.D.," she said
"For many and many a year"
The Pearly Gates swung open wide,
When Peter touched the bell,
"Come in," he said, "and choose your harp,
"You've had your share of Hell."

THE PLEA

Someone swiped McPicol's pants,
And are we ever burned,
We're all confined to barracks,
Till the trousers are returned,
McPicol raised an awful howl
About the missing undies,
We know that they won't be returned
Until a month of Sundays.

The cry that has been raised would put to rest
The crime to almost treason,
They can't be worth much money,
Could it be a sentimental reason?
But whoever has the missing drawers,
Have a heart and see
That simply by returning them,
We'll have no more C.B. (from the "Army" paper)

WHAT TO DO

Sunday - Movie - Rec Hall - 2000 hours
"Woman of the Town" & Sports
Monday - Movie - Rec Hall - 2000 hours - 25¢
"Heavenly Body"
"Shoeshine Boy"
"Little Red Riding Rabbit"
Girls Fastball - Cairns Field -
1930 hours - Ramblers vs Lions
Pats vs Flyers.
Music Appreciation Hour - Library -
1900 hours - Everyone welcome.

It is reported that proofreaders all over the country had trouble with the title of the Paramount picture "I Married a Witch"

Pearl of the Whitehall Rest says that a girle is like a Jap - because it creeps up on you when you least expect it and it takes a good Yank to bring it down.

SPACE FOR REPLY

G.I.S.
P.O.
HOSPITAL

Please enquire.



SPORTS

THREE WINS

The baseball season opened at Cairns Field on Saturday, May 6th. The league opened with No. 4 Flyers vs A.27 Recces (Army). The Flyers were the better conditioned club. Gail Sharpe, who formerly played for the Winnipeg Marrons and also well known in Southern Saskatchewan amateur star before his pro days started for the Army. He allowed three runs and four hits in the three frames he worked. Bradley for the Flyers twirled five innings and you have to hand it to the wiry little fellow Joe Tennant who then took over on the mound and allowed two hits. The Flyers big inning was the sixth, they cracked in 6 runs before the side was retired. Turner the first baseman turned in two more runs and the game ended with a score of 8-3.

Flyers lineup:

Tennant and Bradley	- pitchers
C.Vandale	- catcher
Turner and Strowger	- 1st base
Clouston	- 2nd base
Finn	- 3rd base
Wilder	- short stop
W.Vandale	- left field
Stone and McManus	- right field
Kitzes and Vandale	- centre field.

FASTBALL W.D's

Who said that No. 4 Fastball Team (WD's) would let the Station down? We may have been the last to play our opening game, but we came through with a win against the Lions Club. It was a very exciting and noisy game throughout. The Flyers outhit their opponents 13-7. We got away to a bad start when the Lions scored 4 runs on 1 hit. Dutton on the mound for the Flyers struck out 12 Lions, waling one. Simpson, catching, played a very nice game for the Flyers and made several fielding plays. Tate and Mainland were the leading batters for the night.

FASTBALL MEN

On Sunday, May 7th, the Inter-Active Service Fastball League got under way at Cairns Field with No. 4 vs Dundurn. The count was 14-12 for the Flyers. A very good brand of ball was played although several errors were made on both sides. Watson and Brown were hurling for the Flyers. Watson was nicked for a full quota of runs while Brown was a one man team striking out nine men in three frames and clouting a home run to boot.

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WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN AIR RAID

1. As soon as bombs start dropping, run like hell, it doesn't matter where as long as you run. If you are inside a building, run outside. If you are outside, run inside.
2. Take advantage of opportunities afforded when air raid sirens sound the attack warning - for example:
 - (a) If in a bakery - grab some pie or cake or something.
 - (b) If in a tavern - grab the bottle.
 - (c) If in a movie - grab blonde.
3. If you find an unexploded bomb, always pick it up and shake it, the firing pin may be stuck.
4. If this doesn't work, place it in the furnace (the Fire Department will come later and take care of things).
5. If an incendiary bomb is found burning in a building, throw some gasoline on it. You can't put it out anyhow, so you may as well have some fun.

(Cont'd next week)

COURSE 100 "C" FLIGHT

Hello, and here we are again. Faces like bass fiddles, circles under our eyes, hands shaky. Diagnosed as 2nd degree shock. Why? There we were all gassed up and loaded for bear for the finals, when in stalks F/L Pollock laden with the glad tidings - Finals are postponed several weeks. Two misgates later the first rumour started as follows - that the members of Co. 100 shall receive C.R., O.T.U., in Saskatoon on everything from Spwith Camels to Mosquitos and we expect our wings for Xmas Presents.

Not that the boys don't like S'toon, but I think its the mosquitoes in the lagoon. Our flight commander is back from leave and everything is going smooth except for the visiting flight. I hear our newly-weds are coming along fine and since there have been no cigars handed out lately we have no new arrivals. That takes care of the Marriages and Births Columns.

Mustaches are out for the season since our inspiration has cut his off. Due to the Hospital staff???????

TRIPS IN THAT

DID YOU KNOW THAT -

A Humble Mechanic.

You may bring your wife or friend to the shows on the station?
That a male mosquito does not bite?
Rats are being blamed for undermining the road leading to the highway?
By the time you have learned how to live, you are ready to die?
The NCO's had a Mess Dinner, Monday night, in honour of G/C Greenway?
The UATC boys are showing the old timers a few things about drill?
N/S Rader has been posted?
WO2 Fisher has replaced WO2 Smythe who has left our station?
Our station crooner, Bob Oliver, has undergone an appendectomy?
When you say "I can take it or leave it" - that you always take it?
There is a possibility that we will have a heater in the swimming pool this summer?

F/S Neil entertained a number of distinguished guests one evening recently in honour of F/S McKinnon. Wearing, for the occasion, airforce blue, topped with a dainty white sweatshirt (Rinso washed) and a sweetheart neckline. Tea was served at 11 bells by the "hostess" (whoa) with many novel dishes (the work of many long hours). The guest of honour was very delighted, but failed to make any speeches (thank goodness)

An airman was running the obstacle course not long ago. He puffed through till the last lap when he fell in getting over the last hurdle. F/O Wiseman noticed the man on the ground.

"What's the matter?"

"My leg, sir, I think I broke it on that last hurdle."

"Well, then, don't waste time, just lying there - do pushups."

A Pipe With Padre.

This corner this week comes from the office of the YMCA (Woman's Editor) who is pinch hitting for F/L Gowdy, with his permission. You know we think the library at No. 4 is the homiest one we have seen in a long time and is kept enough like home to make it feel that way, with a lot of credit due to our WD staff. Besides being able to relax and write home to Mom, wife or girl friend, they have really interesting books on the shelves, both fiction and non-fiction. For their titles, watch DRO's.

Hitler is rumoured to be preparing a sequel to MEIN KAMPF, under the title MEIN DECAMPF.

The Lords of the sky they call us,
They speak of our growing fame;
The front page of every paper,
Is adorned with some pilot's name.

Connected with deeds of valour,
Performed in every sky;
The usual Finkels or Dorniers,
Crashing to earth to die.

There's one chap who gets no medals,
You've never heard of his name;
He doesn't fly in the plain blue sky;
Nor pose for the news in the plane.

His job can't be called romantic,
So he's not in the public's eye;
But your heroes can't do without him,
And I'll tell you the reason why.

He inspects the Kites every morning,
He fills the tanks every night;
He keeps the motors running sweetly,
And he keeps the pressure right.

He's up at the break of dawn,
He's there when the twilight fades;
Pulling his weight to keep the crate
Ready to spread the raids.

So next time you see a picture,
Of a pilot and smiling crew;
Remember the guy that keeps it afloat,
Though he may be only an AC2.

And whenever you praise a pilot,
As the enemy falls a wreck,
Keep your mind on the guy you didn't see,
Yours truly, A Humble Mech.

Rehabilitation Grants.

The Government has increased the monthly grants payable to honorably discharged service personnel who wish to continue school, university or trade training or those awaiting returns from farms or small businesses, to \$60.00 single or \$80.00 married, plus allowances for children. Once again all personnel who are a few subjects short of either junior or senior matriculation standing are urged to get credit in these subjects while in the service so that after the war you may go on to the university and receive the above grant for as many months while there, as you spent in the service. Credit for subjects may be obtained by taking courses by correspondence - FREE. Start now and plan.

Since the Sports Page was written, all three Hardball and Fastball Teams have again put in an appearance on the ball diamond. The Hard Ball team won the Tournament at Purdue and defeated No. 112 VTS in a league game. The girls were unfortunate in dropping their game, but the men bested 12VTS in their fastball game on Thursday night.