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## At the Sports Meet



Top Row (left to right)—Rope climbing: W.D. Running High Jump W.D. 75 yard dash finish; the tug-of-war in action; G/C A. H. Ashton, G/C Turner, Col. Mitchell, and W/C T. R. Michelson;.

Second Row—LAC Tommy Agnew finishing the 3-mile race; athletes of Sqdn. 65 on the march; F/O A. C. Turner checking schedule with S/L J. B. McAra; W/C T. R. Michelson and Hon. R. F. McWilliams pose with the ladies; Smiling AW Toplis, winner of the W.D. running high jump; W/C Michelson.

Third Row—Hon. R. F. McWilliams in a candid shot chatting with the ladies in the bleachers; No. 2 Training Command Band; WO1 J. R. Gray and CJRC's Arthur Morrison at the microphone.

Fourth Row—LAC Kidd clearing the rod in the pole vault; AW2 Clampitt top scorer in W.D. events; Hon. R. F. McWilliams officially opening the program; G/C Ashton presenting an award to one of the winners; Chief Scorer F/Sgt. M. Bricker gets returns from Cpl. A. E. Dowie

Bottom Row—Cheer-leader "Junior" Adams of Sqdn. 65 proudly displaying the many ribbons won by his squadron's athletes; the gentlemen of the press; Prize Steward F/O H. G. Currie in cheerful mood with assistant LAC Bolander; a beautiful heave in the shot put.



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### WRITERS WELCOME

If you have any talents or experience that would help "W.A.G. MAG", then your assistance would be appreciated. Then, too, you'll get a kick out of knowing that you are actually a part of this school,—helping to make it a livelier place in which to live. Join the staff of your station magazine!

### Your Conduct Sheet

The average Airman or Airwoman does not realize how a bad Conduct Sheet may affect his or her chance of securing employment in civil life after cessation of hostilities. They also do not appear to realize that entries on the Conduct Sheet have a great bearing on their careers whilst serving as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force. There are, unfortunately, a certain number of Airmen and Airwomen who consider it is rather a joke to attain a bad name in the Service, through the medium of their Conduct Sheet.

The joke if it is such, may bounce, however, and have unpleasant repercussions after the war. An Airman's or Airwoman's Certificate of Discharge shows the assessment of his or her conduct, which takes into account his or her complete record of service, and may have considerable influence on an employer's decision to employ them. It is a good point to remember, and the remedy is very simple.

Keep your Conduct Sheet clean and avoid post-war nemesis.

Hold on to your War Savings Certificates

### Our S.E.O.

If you want to hear some interesting tales about life during the last war, when the going was really tough, ask Squadron Leader Game to tell you about his experiences at Neuve Chappelle, Festubert, Richenberg, Givenchy, Loos, Arras, Passchendaele and other

hot spots.



S/L A. E. Game

Yes, he can tell you of the time when there were no field kitchens to prepare the messing and the men were forced to take their rations raw and cook them on braziers (tin buckets with bayonetholes punched around them).

Although the short, quiet-man-

nered senior equipment officer doesn't say much, he has seen a lot of interesting places and has done many exciting things.

Squadron Leader A. E. Game was born in London, England, a few years and a little bit ago.

After three years of hard foot slogging in the army, during the last war, S/L Game transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. In 1929 he joined the R.C.A.F. as an equipment officer, stationed then at Winnipeg Air Station.

Soon came the depression era and in 1932 S/L Game was elected to stay in reserve according to the Dominion Government Economic Programme.

But with the beginning of World War 2, he joined the "Special Reserve" in January of 1940.

Since his early days in the R.C.A.F., the squadron leader has been teamed with Wing-Commander Michelson. In 1930 he was stationed at Camp Borden, so was the C.O. When he reported to the R.C.A.F. Station at Vancouver, Wing Commander Michelson was also there.

Reporting to No. 5 Bombing and Gunnery School at Dafoe in 1941, it wasn't long before the C.O. joined him there, too. Arriving at No. 3 in July, 1942, it was only a matter of weeks when Wing Commander Michelson (Continued on Page 15)

# Annual Sports Day Makes Headlines

More than 2,500 spectators filled the bleachers at Sargent Park on August 4th to witness the second annual sports day program with more than 200 athletes competing.

Despite the dark skies and threatening rain all events were held according to schedule and the entire afternoon was so successful that both the Winnipeg Free Press and Tribune headlined the event in the sport pages.

The programm was officially declared open by Hon. R. F. McWilliams, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, who welcomed the airmen of Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and Canada.

A colorful parade of the athletes, led by Flt. Lt. C. H. Hearn, marched past the reviewing stand where Mr. McWilliams, Group Captain A. J. Ashton and Wing Commander Michelson took the salute.

The parade was headed by the band of No. 2 Training Command, followed by the W.D.'s. Squadrons 61, 63, 65, 67 69, 71, 73 and the M.T.I. men completed the review.

Squadron 65 was judged the best squadron in the march-past with Squadron 69 in second place and the M.T.I. boys in third.

Top individual star was LAC Tommy Agenew of Squadron 65, who had 13 points with two firsts and one second. LAC Williamson of Squadron 63 was second highest scorer with two firsts and one third to give him an aggregate of 11 points. LAC O'Neill of Squadron 69 and Cpl. Berry of Anna Gibson School tied with 8 points each for third place.

The entire sports staff, Flying Officer A. C. Turner and all the sports day officials are to be congratulated for the general excellence of the entire program. It was all timed well and enjoyed by all.

To quote Herb Manning in his Tribune column "One Man's Opinion": "The Wireless School conducts amateur sport in professional fashion."

"Wing Commander Michelson doesn't happen to be directing an athletic academy, but when he and his staff go to work on a sports production they do a thorough job and the results invariably are calculated to make the casual onlooker think they're better than green hands in a strange art."

# An Air Force Mystery

(By special request of many of the oldtimers of our school, we reprint one of the most popular articles to appear in the former station magazine, "Winnipeg Wag".-Ed.)

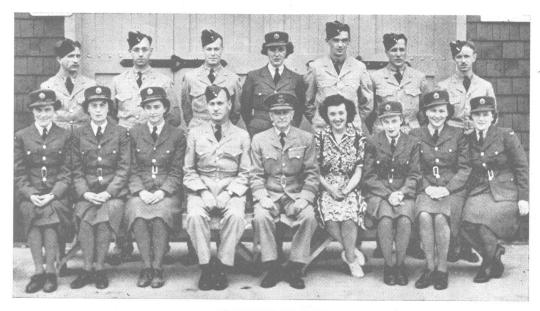
This branch of the Air Force is a thing apart and is manned by a strange tribe who speak a language all their own. It has developed a new technique for the purpose of confusing other branches of the service and making them think that they are smarter than they really are. This technique consists of saying everything backwards such as "Boots Ankle Leather", when they mean just a bloody pair of shoes, and "Coats Great Winter Warm" when you and I know they just mean an overcoat.

They also have a game which is not generally understood by other branches which is called "Hide and Seek", or "Button, Button, whose got the Button?" This game consists of hiding all new equipment which is received from Equipment Depot in a secret hiding place, so that nobody wil know that it is actually on hand. This game has been so successfully perfected that nobody in the Equipment Section actually knows what is on hand, on the principle that "Never let your right

hand know what your left hand is doing." Occasionally an outsider accidentally stumbles on this equipment and tells the Equipment Section that they have it. Even then it is hard to prove your case, because often there is no voucher to show for it. If an equipment assistant is ever caught actually issuing clothing to a trainee, he is severely reprimanded for the first offence, but a second offence means a Court Martial. Minor offenders are simply remustered to G.D.

With reference to equipment nomenclature, it is worded in such a way that the common man will not understand it. This is, of course, deliberate, so that the average airman on entering stores will immediately assume a dazed look and remain in a complete trance or blackout until he finds himself outside the door, exactly in the same condition as he arrived. In fact, he will be lucky if he still has everything he started with, on account of the shortage in some items. It is rumored that there is a special branch of signals under consideration in which airmen will take a course in decoding equipment nomenclature.

An Equipment Officer must be very highly (Continued on Page 16)



**EQUIPMENT SECTION** 

Seated (left to right): AW2 M. S. M. Mitchell, AW2 H. Mitchell, AW2 C. T. Hagen, F/Sgt. D. A. McKay, S/L A. E. Game, Senior Equipment Officer; Miss E. Weir, stenographer, AW2 M. E. Haugh, AW2 M. E. Rome, AW2 H. E. Neale.

Standing (left to right): Cpl. J. J. Garcia, LAC E. W. Rogers, Sgt. J. D. McLean, AW2 J. B. Gilbert, Cpl. D. Duxbury, LAC T. Koslock, Cpl. F. N. Keene.

Absent: Flying Officer B. E. Thompson, Sgt. M. R. Williams, Sgt. H. S. Scott, LAC D. M. Standering, AW1 I. R. Sutherland, AW2 M. M. Gordon, and Mr. T. W. Locke, Barrack Warden.

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# The Boys from "Down Under"

By LAC I. A. HORSLEY

On behalf of the "old hands", "W.A.G. MAG." extends a hearty welcome and "Haere Mai" to the new intake of boys from down under. We take this opportunity of assuring them that to those prepared to work and to renounce the flesh pots of Egypt, this course at No. 3 Wireless School contains many rewards and compensations.

The newcomers will be more than glad to "get cracking" on the course after their enforced leisure en route from Antifrodres.

Doubly pleased must be those whose aircrew training has been delayed by the now barricaded menace of Nippon's little yellow men.

The sweets of victory on the field of international sport, came the way of Australians not long ago. The occasion? It was the international war canoe regatta on the Red River. With curved backs glinting in the hot Canadian sunshine, the husky countrymen of Tobruk's "dessert rats" staved off determined challenges from Canada and New Zealand to plow through to victory.

Before the contest, the New Zealanders treated the large crowd to a Maori haka or war dance. They wore improvised native dress. Naturally, the prime object of the haka was to intimidate the other crews but apparently the project failed. These crews are to be congratulated on their moral fibre for even the Germans do not like hakas.

Revenge, however, was sweet. The next week the New Zealanders turned the tables. Confirming ancient traditions of their prowess in rugby football they harried their trans-Tasman "cobbers" to a 21 - 3 win at Osborne Stadium. Darling of the crowd was LAC S. Franklyn, who scored two tries.

On August 21st a general election will be held in Australia. Another election will take place in New Zealand on September 24th. In both countries Labor Governments are retiring. Full voting facilities will be available to all airmen of both countries.

It is regrettable that the plans for a rugger match between the Canadians and Australians have apparently fallen through. There is indeed no better place in which to foster friendly rivalry than on the sports arena. That this spirit continued and projected into the many famous Empire Squadrons now actively engaged overseas has borne fruit is



Starting the Haka

proved by the chapters of sacrifice and emulation they have written in the story of the air.

Hitler has no more formidable foes than the men in these squadrons and the boys from down under hope before long to swell their not inconsiderable ranks.

### No. 2 TRAINING COMMAND BAND POSTED TO No. 3

Returning from their annual furlough, the band of No. 2 Training Command, under Bandmaster W.O.2 C. G. South, was posted to No. 3 Wireless School.

More than 25 musicians began moving in on August 5th and already their good music was heard at the graduation parade held that afternon for Squadron 61.

Although attached to this station, the band will be under direct orders from Command Headquarters. F/L C. Hearn is the officer in charge.

## Manitoba "Tech" News

By AC2 A. A. SHEA

On Friday, July 30, the two radio classes W.M. 7 and W.O.G. 7 held their joint graduation banquet at the Marlborough Hotel. This month sees the boys on their way east for further training, and to take their place two new classes of W.M.'s are arriving from all parts of Canada.

The Sports Day gave the men at M.T.I. a chance to meet and compete with the men of the station to which they are officially attached. It was a source of great pride to the principal and staff of M.T.I., and particularly to Sgt. Jowett, when "their boys" won third place honors in the march-past.

The bright spot in the day for M.T.I. was the tug-of-war. Eight burly men from the school pulled their way to an easy victory in three straight wins, defeating the Anna Gibson huskies, 73 Squadron and 67 Squadron in that order. The last two pulls were over in less than five seconds! In the tug-of-war team were: AC's J. Klaponski, anchor; W. Gowan, J. Hurrie, A. Lazaruk, C. McFadgen, A. Pike, P. Kligman and A. Hannah. Valuable advise from the sidelines was offered by Mr. Campbell of Aero-engines, who acted as the brains for the three-quarters of a ton of brawn that did the heave-hoing.

As for the remaining track and field events—well, let's talk about the tug-of-war, fellows.

The Toronto Maple Leafs of Flight 41 (strictly non-professional) have won for themselves the Manitoba Tech Championship, and the Jowett Trophy. To earn top place they defeated the Frames of Flight 41 to a score of 15 to 6.

Members of Flight 41 who played the winning brand of ball that won them first place were: AC2's J. Lewis, catcher; A. Hodgins, pitcher; D. Bromstein, 1st; N. Aiguire, 2nd; A. T. Hannah, 3rd; H. McNamara, short; A. Hurrie, L.F.; F. Eamon, C.F.; B. Macklem, R.F.; Subs.: St. George and Bint. Bat Boy: H. Hill.

Any rumors to the effect that elevators are being installed for the use of students at Manitoba Tech are strictly Axis propaganda—darn it all.

### At the Anna Gibson School

By CPL. D. A. BERRY.

Though it may be just a little school, Anna Gibson is doing a big job, for it is from here that many of our future pilots, navigators, and other aircrew members get the important groundwork that starts them off on their career in the RICA.F.

Because this groundwork plays such an important part in building great flyers we feel that we owe a few lines in our school news to the men responsible for the training at Anna Gibson. Many of our teachers have come out of retirement and gladly buckled down to work again to do their part in winning this war.

Heading the teaching staff we have the well known Dr. R. Fletcher, who held the position of Deputy Minister of Education for Manitoba for 36 years. Assisting Dr. Fletcher are several almost equally well known educationalists, Dr. A. C. Campbell, who for 32 years was principal of St. Johns Tech. and Daniel McIntyre Schools; Mr. Gaugh, principal at King Edward Junior High for 28 years, and Mr. Sislen, former principal at Strathcona and Isaac Newton schools. No less experienced are Mr. McCracken, one-time principal of the Fort Qu' Appelle School in Saskatchewan, Mr. Elbeam, and the staff's youngest teacher, Mr. White, who, though rejected for military service, is doing his part as a civilian.

### CUPID AT No. 3

Two and a half months ago it started,—that's when he met she. She is AW1 Marie Berlet, of the Tech Orderly Room, and he is LAC Bob Parker, of Squadron 67. They came from almost opposite sides of Canada to meet and fall in love at No. 3 Wireless; AW1 Berlet from Kitchener, Ont., and LAC Parker from Cardson, Alta.

Cupid's course ran very smoothly and Marie and Bob announced their engagement on July 27, then were married on Friday, August 6th, by our Protestant padre, Flight Lieutenant Phillips, in his own church.

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# Who's Who

Flying Officer Ross Fiddes comes to us after an action-packed session in England, Malta and Africa. In June, 1940, Ross left his home town of Owen Sound, Ontario, to enlist in the R.C.A.F. and take his training as a W.A.G. On his graduation from No. 2



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F/O Ross Fiddes

Wireless School at Calgary he sailed for England to start his operational training. Finally, all the courses ended and operations began with trips over Holland and Germany in low-flying attack bombers. One of the highlights of Sgt. Fiddes' (yes, he was a sergeant at that time) tour of duty over Europe was when he

took part in one of the heaviest daylight raids

Finally, orders came to move on and Ross, with the rest of the crew, flew their own bomber to Malta in August, 1941. It was here that action became hot and heavy, for Ross remained on the island for seven months during the Axis blitz, and spent his flying time on raids over Tripoli, Greece and Italy. When the time came to leave Malta for service elsewhere he was presented with the Maltese Cross given to all those who have served in Malta.

After this came more excitement in Lybia where Flying Officer Fiddes spent ten months during the Allied retreat back to Egypt. Excellent Allied air support at this time was one of the main reasons the British armies remained in such fine condition.

By this time 2½ tours of duty had been completed and F/O Fiddes was repatriated and sailed from Africa back to Canada with a short stop-over in England. Upon his arrival at Rockcliffe, he was posted direct to No. 3 Wireless School to take up the position of O.C. Air Ops at the Flying Squadron.

Introducing LAC C. L. Palmer, of 69 Squadron, better known in the entertainment world as "Dexter". This young lad of 21 has looked over the footlights of most theatres in New Sydney, N.S.W., performing in an amateur capacity as a sleight of hand artist since



LAC C. L. PALMER

the age of nine. Specializing in billiard ball manipulation and card effects, Dexter has demonstrated his ability before many varied audiences.

Hoping to spend a year or so baffling the Nazis with some tricky machine-gun manipulation, Dexter then plans to continue his hobby, but this time in a professional capacity, starting with a tour of the U.S.A.

So if you're in the recreation room some time and think that you're seeing billiard balls appearing, disappearing and changing color, don't worry; your eyes aren't playing tricks; it's only Dexter in his magical moments.

Hear about the sergeant who asked the chap who was late for parade where he had been for the last couple of hours?

"Sitting in the car talking to my girl friend," said the tardy one.

"And what did she have to say," asked the sergeant.

"No."

A friend in need is a friend to keep away from.

# Squadron News

67
By LAC W. GRAY.

73

By LAC W. FRIESON.

Dear Jim,

I've been "Joed" to write a column. I know it won't be up to standards but I'll "bend to" and see what "goes".

Things are as usual here in the hut at night, always nice and quiet(?) The lights are always out promptly at 10.15 with the lads tucked in and a dead calm reigns except for the odd snore.

The boys all arrived back from mid-term leave, but for a couple of days I couldn't figure out what the "Hic!" was wrong with them.

"Horrible" Horribin joined us from "65". H. H. is from that land of "Geysers and Mud Baths" (I believe they raise a few sheep down that way too.) H. H. is okay. He had a turn in the army and had one pip up before he joined the Air Force. After Fred Clausen, it won't we so hard to understand H. H.

These "Down-Unders" are a bunch of "Queer Ducks" until you get to know them and their sayings, not hard to get acquainted with, guess its all on account of we have plenty in common. It's something the same as when the chaps from the West meet the fellows from the East.

Jack Graves (beautiful Blonde John, he's called) is now Flight Senior of A. Flight. Fred Sherwood ("Smilin' Jack's" double) is the one who sees that the boys keep the barrack block a prize winner.

See our BEAUTIFUL garden now that summer is here. Long John Hoare and his three assistants keep the two flowers watered and looking just TOO LOVELY.

I'd feel incomplete without mention of Cpl. "J" Jones. His friendly little call has us "Up and at it" in the morning. The other day he went swimming at the "Y" with B Flight and when he went in the others had to come out on account of the displacement—of water. Seriously, we are glad to have him as our discip, and while he takes our ribs we get 'em back plenty. The above, as Cpl. Jones says: "for your forbearance and guidance."

Yours,

67 Squadron.

Squadron 73 represents variety. We can at any time, singularly display some of the finest examples, or, to be more exact, the most peculiar types from noteworthy Vancouver to glorious Toronto; and from Mexico and celebrated England.

Differences that usually lie between Eastern and Western personalities are observed to great advantage by simply hanging around after lights out.

Besides argument, different situations of home towns, we also have musicians, and nobody knows what they arise from, great letter writers, who write late into the night and do not "arise" in the morning, and handsome athletes whose rise to fame is inevitable. Incidentally, our musicians are very modest and retiring, seldom, if at all, heard. Undoubtedly they are a brilliant lot, observed by the diligent and loving way in which one of them was seen tuning his violin the other evening (contrary to his usual manner of handling other objects which should be treated diligently and lovingly). We are still getting entangled in that squeaky E string.

Class Senior R. P. Davies has probably one of the most coloroful backgrounds of any man on this station. There is not much he cannot do and comparatively litle he has not seen. He is not one to discuss his past, as is typical of a great many men, but we know that he served as chief accountant in gold mines in some sneeze-to-pronounce place around Panama for three years. To top this he is virtually an authority on the gold situation in northern Ontario and Quebec. We consider him to be a swell guy and an able Senior, counting on him to iron out our little troubles and not get too deeply involved himself, 'cause, brother, he really knows his "bones".

Another colorful character among us is F. T. Manzo from Mexico, who's been around and knows the score. It was rumored that he received a letter from the F.B.I. in Washington lately and we know that he has never been a detective. His finesse and English would upset the confidence of a great many. His "political" discussions with Senior Davies,

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### NEXT GRADUATING SQUADRON



27th ENTRY - - SQUADRON 63

Front Rew (left to right):—Hart; Danald, K. C.; Gillispie, J.; Carrel, J.; Ellistt, V. C.; Stewart, A.; Rosenberg, R.; Rosenberg, H.; Watkins, L.; Mercier, J.; Fitzgerald, J.; Stafford, A.; Samuel, W. M.; Snow, K. J.; F/O Fenwick; Igan, J.; Buchanan, G.; Levien, N.; James, W. A.; Allon, W. G.; Hayes, Kenes, D. C.; Smith, A. J.; Cope, H. K.; Simes, R.; Roy, T. Y.; Chaffeld; Fletcher, A.; Kirkland, K.; Ward, T. F., Levier, M.; Charles, R.; Rosenberg, R.; Cope, H. K.; Simes, R.; Roy, T. Y.; Chaffeld; Fletcher, A.; Kirkland, K.; Ward, T. F., Levier, M.; Charles, R.; Charles,

### About Squadron 63

The next graduatron is squadron is one of the most outstanding Squadrons that has been to No. 3. Chiefly because of the honors it has carried off in past sports.

When first arriving they were quarantined for 10 days, holding back their studies, but on hindering any of them as all require standards were met in Morse and studies. Morse exams, at mid-term were the highest ever achieved, only one man failing to make the grande.

In the sporting filed the cricket team has been undefeated. LAC's Lewis, Purcell and Watkins being the most outstanding of grand line-up. Together with the footballer, they will be a special producing the heavyweight champion "King" Cole, supported by a fine team of boxers, producing the heavyweight champion "King" Cole, Skipper, Houston and Stafford.

For the outstanding systosmen we hand a bouquet to "Battler" Lewis, who made a grand all-round performance.

### Squadron 71

By LAC TASKER.

By LAC 'The 'Great' Squadron of No. 3 is, as a whole, suffering from the common infection—"morsitis"—and after three weeks of dit dah dishdist he boys all feel they are top notch wireless operators. Few hats will fit on the swelled heads. Some of our chivalrous lads have inclined themselves to the fairer sex and we are thinking of postine; a guard after lights out just in case any of the other lads get ideas.

The squadron consists of Canadians from both East and West, giving much argument. The "Newzies" get along in grand style with these "Canuck" jokers. In only clashes had are small things about lingo, both bodies maintaining they speak the more perfect leggish, but all the same none of them actually care if solder is sodder or aluminium is aluminum. The Canadians seem to be fascinated by the

minum.

The Canadians seem to be fascinated by the little sessions almost every evening of Maori war dances and songs, not mentioning one of our Newzies who indulges, for the benefit of the lads, in a tantalizing hula to soft Maori

love songs by "Shorty" Franklin. Judging by the interest over here, the Indians can't compete with the old Maoris of New Zealand.

compete with the old Maoris of New Zealand.
We were in the middle of one of our best sessions the other night when one of the boys was hit on the eye with a flying boot from erunning foot of Cookie, and another took a bed in his eye so he could have one to mach his cobber's. The party proceeded in fine hape until we were interrupted by the Orderly Officer, who gave us the impression we should stop sometime. The boys all got the buff and went to bed.

Snot is set to be averaging for successful.

Sport is yet to be organized for successful results. Two games of rugby so far have been played but the boys of the teams wouldn't like me to say much just yet.

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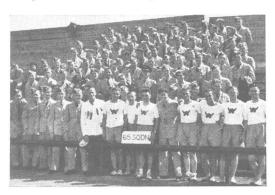
The game between the Newsies of 71 and the "Ausies of 63" showed well the fighting spirit of the lads and if that is any indication, the Feuhrer will have to watch out for his moustache when these boys move "over there".

### 65

### By LAC H. A. HICKS

Almost all members of the Squadron have participated in school and outside sports during the past month.

Outstanding of these is LAC Heperi, class senior for "A" flight. Tall and well built, this Maori lad likes plenty of fast action, having recently transferred his attention from punching opponents to kicking their shins. With LAC Hicks, another Newzie, he represented the squadron in rugger against Carberry some little time ago.



Our whole squadron got together to form the outstanding cheering section and bring victory to our athletes on Sports Day.

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Squadron 65 is sorry to lose its already transferred members, among whom are LAC's Court and Agnew, outstanding for their splendid athletic performances. Fitting descriptive verses have been written by unconsolable comrades, especially to our Hut 4B night owl, "Junior" Adams, the one and only complete composer, announcer and transmitting station.

Broadcast recordings have been successfully carried out by New Zealand members to their folks at home through the kindness of Station CKY.

Strange but true, this squadron holds the record to date for having all its members returned from mid-term leave on time. After all, nothing easy is impossible.

Sports scores are as follows:

### Softball

69	vs.	65	25 —	5	won
65	vs.	63	17 -	7	won

### 69

### LAC C. L. PALMER

While there has been little in the way of real news since the last issue of WAG-MAG concerning 69 Squadron, there are a few items of interest.

Many of our gang may recollect having heard LAC Charlie Lamond often remark, en route to Canada, that—"once we reach there, I'll play plenty of sports." The result? Well, it can be said with safety that Charlie is one of the keenest sportsmen in our squadron, for he seems always to be in the lead. Carberry knows him, too, for his boxing prowess. Honors go also to LAC Bill Jacobs for his double win in the 220 and 440 yards events and to LAC Bert McNamara for his second place in the 100 yard handicap, at the recent Scottish Sports.

All of 69 extend the best wishes to Sammy Barnbaum. Sammy is at present in the hospital... minus an appendix. After his convalescent leave we will be saying "Cheerio" to him, for he is to leave for Australia.

Most of us have a few rules by which we live, and Terry Morris has one rule—"Never hit a woman, always kick her"—that he obviously follows, for he was heard to mumble in his sleep the other night, "Did I kick you? Sorry old girl! It won't happen again!" Terry and Gal Berril are running a close race when it comes to who can talk the most nonsense in their sleep.

It has been observed that gardening is a popular sport now that certain golfers have taken up digging holes in the greens with clubs, instead of spades. Talking of sport, we of 69 Squadron are still waiting for 67 Squadron's arrangements to convince us that what they said in the June issue of the WAGMAG, concerning games, is true.

65 v	vs. F	ly. S	Sqdn.	13		9	won
65 v	7s. 6	9		3	_	0	won
65 v	7s. O	fficer	'S	30		17	won

### Rugger

69 vs.	65	11 —	10	won
71 vs.	65	20 —	6	won
63 vs.	65	10 —	0	lost

# Sergeants' Mess Notes

Applications will be received from those duly qualified for positoins on the new senior NCO's ball team. The only qualifications are a thorough misunderstanding and a complete disregard for the rules of the game.

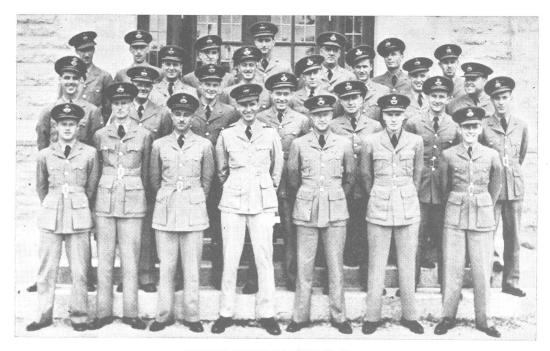
At present the team consist of such eminent sportsmen as WO2 King, F/Sgt. Wasman and Sgts. Shortreed, Gauvreau, Williams and Clemenger, with our own John Kieran of sport, the popular pants presser Jim McCullough as coach. These demons of the diamond have forsaken their usual haunts in search of health and happiness on the playing fields in a stillborn endeavour to build the body beautiful and to arrive at the normal human quota of fresh air in their alleged lungs. To quote WO2 King: "If Steinhauer can do it, I can."

Sgt. Mev. Williams as the playing manager has set himself one aim-to catch one ball per night, if necessary he plays till after dark but one ball must be caught. There's stern stuff in that man. Sgt. Geauvreau has been warned that further clandestine attendance as a spectator at other ball games will seriously impair his amateur standing.

There is absolutely no truth in the ugly rumor that this team was started only through the shortage of beer.

Another dual personality has been discovered in the person of WO2 Tommy Bland, the erstwhile box fighter. When sufficiently bribed his vocal efforts are up to par with his prowess in the ring. His rendition of "Shoe Shine Boy" invariably calls for several encores. Page the Mills Brothers.

A warm welcome to another member of the RCAF Women's Division, Sgt. Ward, posted here to teach aircraft recognition to potential WAG's. Of the utmost importance in the training of all aircrew Sgt. Ward's classes should be enlarged with the attendance of a number of staff personnel waiting for that remuster.



SIGNALS OFFICERS' COURSE No. 8

Front Row (left to right): P/O R. M. Field, P/O H. E. Brownhill, P/O J. A. Gibson, S/L W. C. Fisher, officer commanding section; P/O A. M. Thurston, P/O E. B. Palmer, P/O R. W. Naylor.

Second Row: P/O W. J. Surtess, P/O A. R. Holm, P/O C. G. Webster, P/O A. L. Bailey, P/O B. McConnell, P/O J. D. Rogers, P/O M. M. Gransden.

Third Row: F/L A. G. Sheffield, P/O T. C. Powell, P/O R. G. Minshull, P/O C. W. Hunter, P/O W. F. Ainger, F/O A. J. Balfour.

Fourth Row: P/O J. E. Bradley, P/O J. L. Gartshore, F/L D. G. Auld, P/O A. C. Weaver, P/O E. W. J. Collins, P/O S. Szczuka, P/O L. W. Orr.

### TRACK AND FIELD MEET

The highlight for the month, of course, was our annual track and field meet, where many of our athletic, (and many not so athletic), airmen and airwomen got together for a big day. As described elsewhere in W.A.G.-MAG., it was a great success, with the results of the events coming out as follows:

### FIELD EVENTS

In the 16-lb. Shot Put Event Cpl. Earl Walter of Anna Gibson School topped the list with a heave of 32 ft. 4 ins. Second place went to LAC Kovac of 61, and LAC McLaughlin of 65 placed third.

In the Running High Jump, first place went to LAC Williamson of 63 who did right well for himself in being the second high scorer of the day. His winning leap was 5 ft. 4½ ins. Following him were LAC Hobbs of 63 and LAC Kidd of 71.

Tug of War—Here the heavier and more powerful M.T.I team did not find the going too hard, but it was nip and tuck for all other teams with Squadron 67 placing second and 73 third.

The Pole Vault drew much attention from the crowd and saw LAC Kidd of 71 emerge victor with a leap of 19 ft. 3½ ins. Cpl. Berry was second and McLellan of 69 was third.

Cpl. Berry of Anna Gibson School placed first in the Running, Hop and Step, with a leap of 38 ft. 4% ins. Crossman of 69 was second and Williamson of 65 was third.

Long Jack Snow of 63 stepped out to take the 440 Yard Race, closely followed by Jacobs of 69, and Bailey of 71 finishing third.

In the Running Broad Jump, LAC Williamson of 63 pulled himself up to second place for individual honors by taking this event with a leap of 18 ft. 4½ ins. Sandberg, of Anna Gibson School was second with Crossman of 69, third.

The Rope Climb, an interesting event not often seen, displayed a number of ex-sailors or tree climbers as the boys showed great form in scaling the heights. First was LAC D. Marsland, of 65; second was LAC "Art" Reid of 63 and third was Cpl. Walters of Anna Gibson School.

# Sport Highlights at

### TRACK EVENTS

The 100 Yard Dash was won by LAC Bailey of Squadron 71 in 11 seconds flat, which is pretty fair, considering the fact that track spikes were not allowed. Second prize went to LAC Jacobs of Squadron 69 and LAC "Muscles" Mussellman of Squadron 67 was third.

Winner of the 220 yard run was LAC Court of 65, who covered the distance in 26 seconds, followed closely by Boyes of 71 and Sandberg of the Anna Gibson School.

Another popular event was the 3 Mile Race in which Squdaron 65 showed the way with Agnew, Munro and Kehl placing first, second and third in the above order. Time was 18.30.

In the Relay Race Squadron 69 stepped the 440 yards in 51 seconds to take first place, with Squadron 63 coming second, closely followed by Squadron 67, third place.

A fast Half Mile was run in the 880 yard event with LAC O'Neill of 69 being the winner all the way. Agnew of 65 was second and Scharf of 67 was third.

Winner of the One Mile Run was the redoubtable Tommy Agnew of 65. This boy runs a heady race as well as fast and is full value for being the top scoring man of the day. Following Agnew were LAC O'Neill of 69 and Jowitt of 63.

### W.D. EVENTS

Added to this year's meet were special events for the Women's Division and the girls put up a god show in their first time out.

In the 75 Yard Dash, AW Clampitt, a new arrival, placed first with AW Toplis second as the girls scurried down the track in a nice race.

AW Toplis placed first in the Running High Jump, soaring over the bar at 4 ft. 3 ins. AW Clampitt was second and AW Gilbert third.

In the 300 Yard Relay the team captained by AW Clampitt was first, timed at 44 4/10 seconds.

Nice work, girls—a good start.

# No. 3 Wireless School: :

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Track and field practices have been kept up since the big Scottish Meet, July 31st, and again have brought good results for No. 3, as our boys competed in the special events at the St. Vital Sports Meet on July 17th.

Tom Agnew of Squadron 65 came away with the smart Tribune Trophy as winner of the 3-mile road race. Agnew led all the way and broke the record for this race by clipping 58 seconds from the previous record. Out of 13 entries in the race, No. 3 boys placed well with LAC Munro in third and LAC Jowitt in fifth.

In other events, our boys placed as follows: 100 yard dash: LAC Bailey of Squadron 71, second; 220 yard dash: LAC Queen, also of Squadron 71, in second place and Bailey in third.

### WAR CANOE RACING

No. 3 Wireless athletes provided the feature event at the Winnipeg Canoe Club Regatta, held on the Red River, Saturday, July 24th.

Three War Canoe teams, representing Australia, New Zealand and Canada, were entered. The Aussies emerged the victors on full length in front of the Canadians.

Personnel of the Australian team were: L. Wilkinson, G. Robertson, R. Aked, A. Genn, R. McNamara, R. Booler, V. McLelland, R. Stewart, C. Berrill, L. Desker, J. Farr, B. Charters, R. McDonald and L. Crossman.

The Maori Dance staged by our Newzies right on the dock was a highlight and held the interest of the 1,800 spectators.

### SPORTS DAY AGGREGATE POINTS

MARCH PAST—	20	1st	place
	18	2nd	place
	16	3rd	place
ALL OTHER EVE	NTS-		
	8	1st	place
	3	2nd	place
	1	3rd	place
SQUADRON STAN	DING—		
Sq	uadron	To	tal
1	65	48	pts.
2.	69	42	"
3.	63	38	"
4	71	23	,,
5 Anna G	libson School	22	"
6	M.T.I.	21	"
7	61	17	"
8	67	16	,,
9	73	7	,,

### STATION SOFTBALL TEAM

The hard luck team of the Winnipeg Diamond Ball League has certainly been the No. 3 Wireless outfit. Between losing players through postings and losing games by one-run margins, our boys have had their share of tough breaks. Lou Lucki hurling for No. 3 W.S. on July 27th, pitched a one hit game only to lose by a score of 1-0. The following night he was defeated by 2-0 as both runs were scored on errors.

At this writing, No. 3 is fighting it out with the Army for a play-off spot in the league.

The biggest loss suffered by the team was the posting of Tom Connolly, smart and peppery second baseman. A feature has been the return of a number of veterans such as Flight Lieutenants Gravelle and Mackie, coming back to play a couple of games, and with Sgt. Wood and Sgt. Bill Garvreau lending a hand to help field a club. Station Warrant Officer "Dolly" Gray has been a tower of strength with his super coaching on the base paths.

### GOLF

As we go to press arrangements are being completed for the station golf tournament. Entries have been coming in at a good clip. Play is on now. The tournament is bound for success and the No. 3 Wireless golf champion will be declared and announced in the next issue of "W.A.G. MAG."

### CRICKET

Wireless "A" Team is still going along at its merry clip and is the only undefeated team in the league. Saturday, July 31st, they defeated St. George's, the leading contenders for league leadership.

Wireless "B" Team is holding its own with other teams of the league, while "C" Team is moving fast now and will be hot on the heels of "A" Team in a week or two.

"C" Team defeated Carberry in convincing style with 116 runs for 7 wickets to Carberry's 41 runs all out. A feature of the match was the batting of LAC's McNeel and McCrickard.

### RUGGER

The first half of the rugger schedule came to a close when Squadron 63 met Squadron 71 in the finals. Squadron 63 defeated Squadron 69 in a semi-final match by a score of 6-0, with LAC Carroll and LAC "King" Cole scoring a try each to give Squadron 63 their well earned victory.

Squadron 71 created the biggest upset by defeating the highly favored Squadron 68 and ousting them from the league finals.

The final game will be played at Osborne Stadium and will be open to the public.

On Friday, July 16th, No. 3 Wireless Rugger Team entertained the R.A.F. Team from Carberry. Our boys came out on top by a score of 11 - 0, with LAC Fletcher scoring trips and LAC Gillan coming through with a try and a conversion to complete the scoring.

The game was fast throughout, with No. 3 backs showing more combination which was the deciding factor of the match, as the forwards of both teams were evenly matched.

No. 3 had the advantage in territorial play throughout, but on two occasion Carberry came within thre or four feet of scoring. Starring for Carbery were LAC Starkey and Flying Officer Morgan, whose speed was outstanding, while stars for No. 3 were LAC's Fletcher, Gillan, Moffat, Carol and Hepiri.

The line-up for Carberry was: Sgt. Davidson, Flying Officers Rodgers and Morgan, Pilot Officer Van Weide, LAC's Barrett, Smith, Ralside, Andrews, Huth, Starkey and Willis, Sergeant Terridan, Flight Sergeants Webber, Dunham and Corporal Patton.

For No. 3 Wireless: LAC's Ticks, Simes, Fitzgerald, Moffat, Hepiri, Ward, McLellan, Hannigan, Carrol, Chopping, McNamara, Fletcher, Mortinson, Gillan and Thorly.

### HARDBALL

No. 3 Wireless Hardball Team thus far has played six games, winning four of them for an average of .666, which is good ball in any man's league.

Outstanding so far have been Maurice Truitt of Squadron 63, at third base; Sgt. Jimmy McLean at second; "Murph" Murphy at short, Ken Kirkland of Squadron 68, and Pilot Officer Rodgers.

No. 3 played its first game against East Kildonan Rangers on July 8th, and emerged winners in a run-fest by a score of 13-10.

On Saturday, July 10th, No. 3 met No. 8 Repair Depot in a "B" service league game.

Sgt. Mack Taylor of the Comm. Section pitched a nice three hit game but costly errors proved to be No. 3's downfall.

The team met its second defeat at the hands of No. 5 Air Observer School and absorbed an 11-2 drubbing in a game which saw No. 3 strictly off-color.

Showing a complete reversal of form, the team met and defeated the Army by a score of 11-5. Starring for our team were Truitt, with 3 hits in 4 times at bat and McLean with 2 out of three. Murphy in the box pitched a steady game.

No. 3 redeemed themselves by defeating No. 5 A.O.S., 9-6 in a thril packed game. Down 6-3 going into the sixth inning, our boys rallied to score 6 runs and take the game 9-6

Our team met and defeated the Army for the second time at Osborne Stadium, Saturday, July 31st. Taking an easy victory behind Kirkland's fine pitching, the final score was 14-3. Truitt and Lezotte hit 3 for 3 for a perfect day at bat. Longest hit was Gordon's three-base smash which hit the right field wall.

We have a fast smart club and their hitting and fielding improves with every game.

### STATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Standing:	P.	w.	L.	T.	Pts.
Sqdn. 65	6	6	.0	0	12
Flying Sqdn	5	4	1	0	8
Sqdn. 67	3	1	3	1	3
Sqdn. 69	4	3	1	0	6
Sqdn. 71	4	2	2	0	4
Sqdn. 73	5	1	3	1	3
Officers	3	1	2	0	2

In a league game played between Officers and Sqdn. 65, a station record was broken when a total of 49 runs were scored with 65 coming out on top 32-17. Pilot Officer Balmer and Pilot Officer Sheppard did the hitting for the Officers, while LAC's Freedman and Staples were the sluggers for Sqdn. 65.

Flying Sqdn. defeated Sqdn. 73 to the tune of 14-5, on July 22nd. The hitting of Muneaster, Barber and Robinson was outstanding, while Flight Sergeant Johnny Gray pitched a nice game.

Sqdn. 71 took its second game defeating Sqdn. 67 in a close match which ended 11 - 8 for 71. The win moved Sqdn. 71 up into a contending position for the play-offs.

On Monday, July 26th, the Flying Sqdn. drubbed the officers 20-0. McMahon and (Continued on Page 16)

# "Hen Gen"

By AW2 M. Gordon.

Something new has come to No. 3 to brighten the lives of the Wireless lads—the first W.D. WOGS arrived recently and a mighty attractive lot they are. Maybe there'll have to be a censor in the code room in case the boys start sending more than Morse.

One of them distinguished herself at the track meet on Aug. 4th. Clampitt came first in the 75 yard dash and second in the high jump ,and was one good reason why her team won the relay.



Toplis covered herself with glory and ribbons, winning the high jump and coming second in the 75 yard dash. She was a very popular captain to our team and set a good example for the rest of the W.D.'s. Others competing were Bery, Davis, Machalko, Sexsmith, Gilbert, who came third in the high jump, Gordon and Sgt. Cauldwell. We hope that with a bit more practice we'll make a good showing at the Army-Navy-Air Force Sports Day on August 14th. But in any case, with reference to the C.O.'s remarks at the muster parade we hope that Wing Commander Michelson is practising his 75 yard dash, because the W.D.'s are going to challenge him any day now.

We hope that our new canteen will be open soon. Then maybe we won't hear such agonized requests for padded benches outside Hut 20. Cupid has been awfully busy lately in this neighbourhood. Lewis left on her furlough to get married, and Berlet has middleaisled it on Friday, August 6th.



The "Y" supervisors have been rather busy in the past few weeks arranging for the big station dance which climaxed a gala sports day on August 4th. Aside from Lorne Gleeson's work with the social committee for the dance, Ken Wright was active as field judge at Sargent Park.

Ken is a newcomer to No. 3, pinch-hitting for Lorne Gleeson, who has gone on a wellearned vacation.

Reg. Taylor, Ken's predecessor, has been posted to Rivers.

The "Y" office would like to hear from those who are interested in crafts and hobbies.

A rifle tournament was held between officers and Squadron 63 on July 21st. The officers were victorious with a score of 1116 out of a possible 1200. Flying Officer Barrett took the honors with a score of 294 out of 300. LAC Galbraith of Squadron 63 turned in a perfect card of 100.

The officers' line-up was: F/L McAlla, F/O Barett, F/O Fenwick and Mr. Gleeson. For Squadron 63: LAC Galbraith, Mee, Ward and Levien. The officers have accepted a challenge from Squadron 69. The results are not yet known.

### OUR S.E.O.

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(then a squadron leader) assumed command here.

It seems wherever there's one, you can always find the other.

Squadron Leader Game has done much to improve the operation of the equipment section here. Now housed in larger quarters, in a building all their own, the equipment section is better equipped to handle the many details that they are concerned with. Thanks to Squadron Leader Game's efforts.

An active worker in the interests of returned men for many years, S/L Game is president of the Imperial Division of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

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### DANCE AND FLOOR SHOW CLIMAX SPORTS DAY

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Winding up a most enjoyable day on August 4th was the gala station dance held in the drill hall.

Music by the orchestra of No. 8 Repair Depot and a floor show by the airmen provided a complete evening of entertainment.

Before the show began the C.O. presented the trophy for the highest scoring squadron to Cpl. Rosenberg, N.C.O. in charge of Squadron 65.

LAC Jack Snow of Squadron 63 acted as a master of ceremonies for the floor show that featured girls of the Winnipeg Canoe Club in a fast moving tap dance number; musical numbers by LAC's Thompson, Jamison and Gray and a tap dance by LAC Ed. Quigley of 65. A novelty act by LAC "Dexter" Palmer featured sleight of hand tricks. The harmonica playing and bones rattling of LAC Wilkinson was another highlight.

A hula number by LAC Gannaway and his chorus of "lovelies" from his squadron was a big hit.

Thanks to the efforts of the committee under Capt. J. Freeman the dance was a complete success.

### SQUADRON 73

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in Spanish, leaves us at a definite disadvantage.

LAC Stillwell, a contribution through the courtesy of the RAF, has a remarkable talent for drill. We go to him for all the fine points of supernumerary procedure and how to reply to a corporal under embarrassing circumstances.

To get down to the main thing, it is only proper to say, that as far as the course is concerned, we've all got the stuff on the ball and expect to end up pitching.

A softball team suffering a few defeats is surely taking form, as witnessed in our last game with Squadron 67. Luckily the score was tied 5-5 after three intense overtime innings. And when some Torontonian came out with, "Winnipeg is the finest city west of Canada" it was a cinch to tell that we're on a good station in a good town.

Perhaps the greatest indication of our concentration on the course is revealed, when, one knows that WD's bunk directly behind our hut and nothing unusual, or rather usual, has happened as yet.

### AN AIR FORCE MYSTERY

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trained in his work, but must have a one track mind. He must also be very tactful, because it is very difficult to convince the average layman that an article is not available when it is plainly visible to the naked eye. With years of practice, however, and a short course in hypnotism, this can be successfully accomplished, if the subject's mind can be completely dominated.

In order to successfully cope with this system, it was decided to appoint a liaison officer to investigate matters in the hopes that Equipment Section could be inveigled into issuing some greatcoats when the temperature was 40 degrees below zero. However, it was nice and warm in the Equipment Section that day so the whole idea was given up for the time being.

Things came to a crisis, however, when an airman was found dead on the parade ground, his body frozen stiff. Upon this being called to the attention of Equipment Section, there was great confusion because the supply of forms ?&%5&7 had run out and it was impossible to remove the body for eight days, until the right form had been secured. All clothing of the dead airman was immediately removed and in 15 minutes issued to one of the boys in stores who needed a second issue of uniform because he wanted to see his girl that night and his other uniform was at the cleaners. This system is called "getting taken to the cleaners", but this was an exceptional

### STATION SOFTBALL

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Gray on the mound for the Flying Sqdn. hurled good ball throughout. Hitting honors went to Bill Snider (of hockey fame).

Kirkland of Sqdn. 65 showed versatility by pitching softball as well as hardball, hurling a shutout game in defeating Sqdn. 73 by a score of 4-0.

Sqdns. 67 and 73 played 10 innings to a 5 all tie in one of the best games of the schedule. The score was 4-4 at the end of the seventh and each team scored one run in the tenth inning.

On July 30th, Sqdn. 67 captured the first victory, defeating Sqdn. 69 by a score of 5-3 with LAC Duplaise and LAC Davies scoring the winning runs.

# Sports Day Officials

# Second Annual Meet Sargent Park - August 4th

Judges of Parade of Athletes—W/C T. R. Michelson W/C R. Macfarlane

O.C. Parade of Athletes-F/L C. H. Hearn

### Track Officials

Referee - - - - F/O S. Halter

Starter - - - - E. Fritch

Timers - - - - W. Hay, K. Moore, R. J. Orr

Chief Track Judge - - J. McMahon Chief Field Judge - - F/O A. Munroe

Chief Scorer - - - F/Sgt. Bricker, M.

Track Judges - - - A. Swanson, A. McLean, A. Lawrence

Field Judges - - - G. Nivens, A. Johnson, S/L W. Fisher,

Capt. J. Freeman, Ken Wright,

Lorne Gleeson, P/O Aigner, P/O Gibson

P/O Rodgers, F/L Killick

Field Scorers - - - F/O A. E. Hockley, Cpl. Ludwig, R.

Track Scorers - - - F/L W. Spear, F/L F. Wood

Aggregate Scorer - - F/O F. Barrett

Announcer - - - W.O.1 Gray, J. R.

Asst. Announcer - - Arthur Morrison Chief Whip - - - Sgt. Steinhauer, E.

Asst. Whips - - - Cpl. Lattimer, Cpl. Dowie

Cpl. Mathewson

Prize Stewards - - - F/O H. Currie, LAC Bolander,

S/L A. E. Game

Equipment Steward - Cpl. McBryde, W.

Score Board - - - - Cpl. Dowie, W. P.A. System - - - F/L A. Mackie

Tug-of-War Referees - F/O A. Balfour, F/O W. Beckett

Doctor - - - - - F/L W. Hall

Director - - - - F/O A. C. Turner

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