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WHERE IS YOUR TEAM SPIRIT?

The surprising lack of "team spirit" and co-operation obtained from the majority of both Officers and Airmen of this Unit on any Station enterprise has long been noticed with concern by the Commanding Officer and the members of various Committees, endeavouring to improve the recreational and spiritual welfare of this Unit.

On many occasions, personnel have been asked to organize dances, aid in the publication of the Station Magazine, etc., etc., and nine times out of ten, it is the same few who, in the end, do all the work for the enjoyment of the balance of the Unit.

Why not take some pride in your Station and everyone dig in to back all Station activities, so that the burden does not always fall on a few?

We think we have the best Station in the West, and if everyone got the same spirit, there would be no doubt on the above fact. So, come on, let's "ALL" get behind all Station activities.

 BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AFTER EVERY PAY PARADE!

O.C. Training Wing



Introducing SQUADRON LEADER M. DAVIES, officer commanding training wing.

Squadron Leader Davies (whose Christian name must remain a military secret because it's one of those Welsh affairs which can neither be pronounced or spelled), was born in Swansea, Wales. We skip the early years of his life and find him graduating from Bangor university in Wales, and after that, taking up a position as schoolmaster with the London County Council.

Teaching occupied the Squadron Leader until 1939 when he decided to take a gander at that land of milk and honey—Canada. He came here one week before the war began and although he did not intend to stay, travel restrictions kept him here.

After much arguing with authorities, he got into the R.C.A.F. as a Pilot Officer at Winnipeg in June, 1940. He took an administration course at Trenton; served at Regina, Victoriaville, Moncton and Dafoe, before being posted here.

By this time he had become a Squadron Leader and although he is enjoying his position and his life in Canada, Squadron Leader Davies hopes to go back to his native land after the war. Maybe, he says, he'll get lonesome and come back to Canada once more . . . where a hearty welcome is bound to await him.

Vital Statistics

Postings

Departures — Officers: Flying Officer H. E. Nicholls posted to No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton; Flying Officer W. T. Logan posted to No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon; Flight Lieutenant N. S. Smith, Pilot Officer R. A. Newbold and Flying Officer K. Brandon posted to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg; Flight Lieutenant M. S. Lynch posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax; Flight Lieutenant D. H. Leitch and Pilot Officer D. H. J. Card posted to W.A.C., Vancouver.

Departures—Airmen: AC2 Juzda, W., AC2 Brannigan, A., and AC2 Lavitt, S., posted to No. 2 I.T.S., Regina; LAC Gillespie, R. C. and Cpl. Perreault posted to No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal; LAC Gates, E. J., posted to No. 1 Equipment Depot, Toronto; Sgt. Smith, H. F., posted to T.T.S., St. Thomas; Sgt. Reid, E. J., posted to No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton; LAC Williams, C. T., posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto; Cpl. Dwire, L., posted to No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon; AC1 Stanowsky, W., posted to No. 1 K.T.S., Trenton.

Arrivals—Officers: Section Officer R. M. Pocock from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton; Flying Officer W. F. Williams from No. 4 Wireless School, Guelph; Flight Lieutenant H. S. Williams from Prince Rupert.

Arrivals—Airmen: Cpl. Reed, T. A., from No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal; Cpl. Barrett from Rockliffe; Sgt. Lea, H. Y., and Sgt. Leahy, C. W. (Australian pilot) from No. 2 F.I.S., Pierce; W.O.2 McEwen, L., from Dartmouth.

Marriages

LAC L. S. Phillips to Miss Lillian Jean Burnett on May 22nd.

LAC P. Stewart to Miss Marjorie Tryphona Alice Brown on May 19th.

Births

To Flying Officer and Mrs. J. Armstrong, on April 17th, a son (John Payne).

To Sgt. and Mrs. K. W. Serdinski, on April 27th, a daughter (Deanne Elizabeth).

To Flight Sergeant and Mrs. J. A. Gray, on April 14th, a son (Ronald Alexander Harold).

Here at Last!



Reading from LEFT to RIGHT—Back Row: AW1 Alexander, D., AW2 Boissineau, M. L., AW2 Irvine, W. O., AW2 Hough, M. E., AW2 Roth, B. A., AW2 Emerson, R. I., AW1 Lewis, O. E., AW2 Tillotson, A. Centre Row: AW1 McLennan, D. L., AW2 Macdonald, W. J., AW2 Hall, P. M., AW1 Fry, O. M., AW2 Keys, S. M., AW2 Wozniak, R. L., AW2 Davis, M. J., AW2 Murray, L. G. M., AW2 Mitchell, M. J. Front Row: AW2 Orme, M., AW2 Guertin, J., AW2 LePas, L. A., AW1 Toplis, E. M., Section Officer R. M. Pocock, AW1 Tierney, M., AW2 Berry, D. M., AW2 Tewtas, M. E., AW2 Doucette, H. L.

It was a bright Saturday morning—about 1100 hours, to be exact—on May 29th, 1943. Members of our station band, and a number of other airmen from the school, were pacing restlessly up and down before the gate. The W.D.'s were supposed to arrive on this sunny May day, but, in typical feminine fashion, they were late. Which just goes to show that even the R.C.A.F. can't change a woman!

The welcoming party mumbled and grumbled, but at last the big school bus came tearing up the road, and faces lit up everywhere. After all, what's a few hours of waiting, if you're waiting for something as nice as the W.D.'s?

Well, the bus drew up in front of the station. Out got the gals. They primped up a little, lined up on the road and then, headed by the band—which outnumbered them almost two to one—the first draft of Women's Division members made a triumphal entry. A route march followed around the station, following which the Commanding Officer, accompanied by the Senior Administrative Officer and the Adjutant, took the salute in front of the Ensign, as the airwomen passed.

Marching down past the canteen, the girls came to a barrack block which was undoubtedly designed as feminine quarters—although one or two misguided individuals thought that even airmen have peach window curtains in their quarters.

The rest of the day was spent in "settling in." The girls expressed delight with their cozy, comfortable quarters, and are still generous with their superlatives in describing the friendly spirit of all on the station with whom they came in contact.

By Monday morning, the W.D.'s were ready for work and they were assigned to their various posts, some lucky ones being sent to the air operating section. All the airmen went out of their way to show the "greenhorns" their duties, and within a short time the girls were fully acquainted with what they had to do.

Now, the newcomers feel like veterans, and are hoping that their numbers will soon be increased, so that they can have their own flight, and won't have to run on the double to keep up with the rest of Headquarters Squadron on morning parades.

Our S.A.O.



Squadron Leader J. B. McAra

Perhaps the year 1905 brought about no earthshaking events, but it did bring a son, christened John B. McAra, to the publisher of the Indian Head, Sask., newspaper. Mr. McAra, Senior, probably hoped that his screeching infant son would someday be a man of importance—and if he did, his fond hopes have come true, for it is that son who today is the Senior Administration Officer of No. 3 Wireless School—Squadron Leader McAra.

S/L McAra has led a smooth running life. When very young, Jack McAra moved with his folks to Regina, where he completed his primary education. During the last Great War, he spent two years in Nassau, British West Indies, with his mother and sister. At the cessation of hostilities, the family moved back to Regina, where Jack's father began an insurance and financing company. During this time, highschool was completed and graduation followed from the University of Alberta as a Bachelor of Commerce.

Like father, life son, Jack stepped into the insurance business, and continued in the firm until the pixilated painter of Austria decided not to paint.

S/L McAra joined the air force in 1940 and received his training in Trenton. On completion

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News From the Officers' Mess

By FLYING OFFICER F. G. BARRETT

Since the last issue of W.A.G. MAG, the outstanding events in the Officers' Mess have been a mess dinner, three golf tournaments, a party in "The House," 'the election of a new executive, and the arrival of a new class of signal officers.

The mess dinner was one of the best we have ever had, so hats off to our messing officers. President S/L Davies acted as toastmaster. P/O Gartshore, as vice-president, proposed the toast to the King, followed by a toast to President Roosevelt.

Seven new members were introduced and welcomed. They were: F/Lt. Morton, F/O Rymal, F/O Thomas, Capt. Merrell, S/O Pocock, P/O Shanley, A/SO Watts.

The ladies made their influence felt during the recreation period by beating the men at their own games. (From now on things are going to be different).

The golf tournaments arranged by F/O Turner and held on the Tuxedo Course, have been keenly contested. Although the N.C.O.'s put up a good show on May 27th, our fiercest competitors have been the ever-present inhabitants of the links—the mosquitoes.

An added feature, on these evenings, was the provision of a buffet lunch in the dining-hall of the mess, on our return from the links.

These are the prize-winners in the competitions:

May 11—Low gross, Padre Phillips; low net, S/L McAra; hidden holes, P/O Roberts.

May 19: Men—Low gross, F/O Hockley; low net, P/O Gartshore; hidden holes, S/L Fisher. Ladies—Low gross, Mrs. D. H. C. Roberts; low net, Mrs. A. E. Hockley; hidden holes, Mrs. T. R. Michelson.

May 28—Officers vs. N. C.O.'s—Low gross, Sgt. Fieldhouse; low net, WO1 Gray; high hidden holes, Sgt. Taylor; low hidden holes, WO2 King.

It is reported more of these tests of muscular co-ordination and verbal fluency will be held before summer is over.

Under the executive guidance of the retiring P.M.C., S/L Fisher, and Secretary, F/L Sheffield, the mess proceeded upon an ever upward path of progressive improvement. A vote of appreciation and thanks was tendered to them at the monthly meeting held on May 26. The newly elected officers are: President, S/L Game; secretary, P/O McNair.

Man of Adventure: Flying Officer Rymal

"We cracked up in the Med.; floated around for eight days in a rubber dinghy until we drifted ashore into French Africa; interned in a French prison camp for ten months and then freed when the Allies invaded North Africa that's all there is to it."

In these few words, Flying Officer L. Rymal described his adventures of not so many months ago, to a W.A.G. MAG reporter, and added: "And there's nothing really to make a fuss about, so don't write a big story."

F/O Rymal, who is now at this station taking a W.A.G.'s refresher course, was en route from Britain to the Middle East when the bomber he was in crashed into the blue waters of the Mediterranean. The plane was not far out from "Gib" when the crash occurred.

"Five of us managed to get into a dinghy, and then we just sat and waited and waited," said Mr. Rymal. This was in January, of 1942, and although Mr. Rymal didn't say so, he intimated that the Med. was far from being the beautiful, calm body of water that the travel folders used to advertise.

The youthful flying officer declined to give any details about his experiences while adrift. "That's something you can't talk about," he said.

After eight days at sea, the dinghy drifted on to the French African coast, and Mr. Rymal and his companions were taken prisoners and interned in a desolate desert camp in Laghouat. Then followed ten months of utter boredom, with the only ray of light being the little comforts provided by the International Red Cross. "That's what kept us alive," said Flying Officer Rymal, gratefully.

Then, one Sunday morning, in November, came the glad news over the radio that the Allies had invaded French Africa. The 1,000 prisoners were overjoyed...and within three days they were released by British troops.

Flying Officer Rymal went back to Britain, and then was sent back to Canada. He made a few operational trips before he left Britain for the Middle East.

Flying Officer Rymal's home town is Leamington, Ont. He joined the R.C.A.F. about three years ago.

Station Drum and Trumpet Band



Here are the men who provide the martial airs on all station parades and also at graduation parades for other R.C.A.F. units in this command. These men (numbering more than 40) are engaged in various staff duties or under training and participate in the band on a voluntary basis. Under the direction of Sgt. R. Semple (seated front row, right end) the band can be found rehearsing in the mornings before the daily ensign-raising parades. By its smartness in appearance and adeptness in music, the band has brought forth many favourable comments for this unit.

Manitoba "Tech" News

DAILY NEWSCAST IS POPULAR FEATURE

"Good afternoon, everybody. Here is the latest news."

These familiar words boom daily through a loudspeaker system on the fifth floor of Manitoba Tech., to introduce a five-minute noon-hour broadcast, now a regular feature at the school.

The news is up-to-date and informative. The war, of course, takes first place, but other items are selected which are of special interest to the student airmen. And there is information, too, of happenings in and about the school.

AC2 Maurice Lucow, of WOG 7, prepares the newscasts. A former Free Press reporter and now assistant editor of W.A.G. MAG, Lucow got the idea for the broadcast from Wings, the official R.C.A.F. publication. He believed the same thing would go over at Manitoba Tech., particularly so because the students are confined to the school from about 7.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily, and have little opportunity to hear the regular radio newscasts.

Lucow, thereupon, conferred with instructors in the wireless department, who agreed to set up a loudspeaker system. Then, he enlisted the aid of Instructor S. Smith to do the announcing and it is Mr. Smith's pleasant voice which is now so familiar to the many airmen who listen attentively to the news as they munch their lunch.

The newscast is prepared shortly before it goes on the "air." Lucow gathers his information by telephone from the local daily newspapers and from the Winnipeg branches of world-wide news agencies. Another person who assists, indirectly, is "Genial Joe," of the Lunch Shop opposite the school. Joe makes available various newspapers which are scanned for items of interest.

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STOP PRESS NEWS!

As we go to press Squadron Leader Davies and W.O.1 Pott, Technical Warrant Officer, have been posted.

W.O.G. TRAINEE SKATES ON STILTS

Meet Ernie Mort, the airman who floats through the air with the greatest of ease... but without an airplane, or even a parachute.

AC2 Mort, a student WOG at the Manitoba Technical Institute, is reputedly the only person in Canada, or the United States, who can roller skate on stilts. As a matter of fact, Ernie is almost a better skater on stilts than he is on his own legs... which is really saying something, for he is a former Manitoba roller skating champion, and for a number of years, has been the star of the Winnipeg Roller Rink's annual Rollercade.

Aged 20, Ernie has been roller skating for more than 12 years. "I began skating at River Park," Ernie told a W.A.G. MAG reporter, "and fell the moment I put the skates on. I began to remove my skates and decided to take up a less painful sport, but my father thought differently, and made me get out on the rink again." From then on it was a cinch, and it wasn't long before Ernie was extremely adept at the roller skating art.

Ernie's father, also a roller skating enthusiast, taught him numerous tricks and in 1939, AC2 Mort won the Manitoba amateur championship for trick, fancy and figure skating.

Both his father and mother helped Ernie develop the act on stilts. It started in the Mort kitchen where "we stretched a rope across the ceiling, and, as I hung on for dear life, I practiced getting accustomed to skating by balance.

"Skating on stilts is much different than skating on ordinary rollers," Ernie continued, "because on ordinary skates, you can look down and see and feel the floor beneath you. But on stilts, you are at least five feet above the floor and you're not sure just what will happen if you take a fall. And if you do fall, well you flop right down on your face, for the skating boots, along with the supports, are strapped to the legs and prevent the knees from bending."

Other Mort specialties are one-foot toe spins, Russian dances and many other breath-takers. Ernie has performed throughout Canada and the United States, including Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, Grand Forks, Toronto, Fort William, Port Arthur, Hamilton and Toronto.



The Y.M.C.A. office will be moved into new quarters shortly, as soon as the canteen annex is completed, it is reported. When the move is made, the Y supervisor will take charge of the library.

Lorne Gleeson, the Y supervisor here, is back at work, feeling fit as a fiddle after being on the sick list for several weeks. During his absence, Gordon Maclean, of the Brandon Manning Depot, pinch-hitted for a while, as did W. D. "Bill" Halliwell. Mr. Maclean gave valuable assistance to the entertainment committee by accompanying the amateur show artists, while Mr. Halliwell organized a small concert party composed of members of 69 squadron who put on a number of skits before the regular movies, on May 26.

Through the efforts of the Y supervisor, also, two teams were organized from the school to compete in a spelling bee which was broadcast over CJRC on May 30, from the Airmen's club. Aussies matched wits with Canucks on that occasion. The Canadians won by 5 points.

Movies for the next couple of weeks, to be shown in the auditorium at 1930 hours, are as follows: Wednesday, June 16, "Submarine Raider;" Friday, June 18, Adolphe Menjou and Carole Landis in "Turnabout;" Monday, June 21. "Cadet Girl," with Carole Landis and George Montgomery, also a program of selected shorts; Wednesday, June 23, "The Amazing Mrs. Holliday," starring Winnipeg's Deanna Durbin; Friday, June 25, "Sing Your Worries Away," with Bert Lahr, Buddy Ebsen and June Havoc.

C.O. (catching a mosquito in his office after a hectic battle): I wonder how it got in here.

Sgt. Kelly: Not through the gate, I assure you, sir!

Whatever trouble Adam had No man in days of yore, Could say when Adam cracked a joke-"I've heard that one before."

By FLIGHT LIEUTENANT G. E. PHILLIPS

At this writing the new R.C. Padre, Hon. Flight Lieutenant P. Dwyer, has just arrived. Welcome, padre, to the station. We assure you of our friendship and co-operation.



Since the last issue of the W.A.G. MAG, the arrival of a number of W.D.'s has been a happy landing. Welcome, girls, we are proud to have you grace our unit with your presence.

Indeed all personnel reporting to No. 3 Wireless School are extended a hearty welcome.

Welcome . . . a good word . . . it bespeaks a friendly greeting, breaks down barriers,

Padre Phillips

and invites the recipient to unite wholeheartedly in the common

cause of fraternity we strive to build on the station.

Welcome, says the padre, to the church services, to Holy Communion, welcome to the padre's office where you may arrange for baptisms, marriages and religious instruction; welcome with your spiritual, domestic, financial, frustration problems. WELCOME.

The poem on the back cover, by Squadron Leader Minton C. Johnston, R.C.A.F. Overseas, is full of inspiration and sets forth the unshaken faith of an airman.

Editor's Note: Next month Padre Dwyer will write in this column.

OUR S.A.O.

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of the course, he was posted to No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary. On February 2, 1941, S/L McAra walked through the gates of our station, barely two days prior to the opening.

Although S/L McAra was strictly a prairie boy, his main hobbies were swimming, and sculling, the latter being his specialty, as he was a member of the bantam sculling team of the Regina Boat Club, which took the cup at the northwestern international rowing regatta

The W.A.G. MAG. salutes you, S/L McAra, as one of the old timers of our station.

NEXT GRADUATING SQUADRON



25th ENTRY — SQUADRON 59

SEATED IN FRONT—Cpl. Mills, W. A., Squadron Dissiplinarian.

FRONT ROW (left to right)—Martin, S. T., Burneti, R. J., Ross, J. G., Whillian, E. D., McFeeters, A. S., Henrichon, E. K., Toth, A., Rudyk, S., Scott, G. R., Bryzjalison, D. E., Milton, T. B., Richardson, J. G., Willis, S. C., Suniteisa, A. B., Leve, W. A., Dewney, J. W., Favoe, P., White, S. P., Norris, J. L., Diebry, J. J., Robertson, F. G., Sait, Wribh, W. J., Ferbes, J. D., Smith, W. J., Caderet, J. P., Willis, S. P., Norris, J. L., Diebry, J. J., Robertson, F. G., Sait, Wribh, W. J., Caderet, J. P., Shillis, R. E., Carle, M. J., Staines, A. B. Wavjyke, S., Bosel, B. B., Rake, F. W., Rupert, R. E., Killick, C. H., Rapert, J. R., Wirch, W. N., Busier, A. G., Lea, W. W., Allen, T. J., Gastaldin, L. R. HILD ROW—Simmono, C. B., Calins, J. R., Boeter, D. O., McThernow, D., Duncan, R. A., Burke, R. E., Pynn, R. R., Barker, R. A., Andrews, E. S., Spannier, H. J., Challendon, D. L., McCarly, C. W., Carler, R., Day, G. H., Haslam, H. D., McDowell, J. A., Marchani, N. P., Perp, J. McDonald, W. H.

61 News Digest

By LAC C. I Night Editor's Report
Flight Senior "Lofty" Moffatt, a New Zea-lander, was heard to say in his sleep, "Ha ha. . . good show . . ha ha ha." Close associ-ates believe it refers to the first time Lotty looked at a mirror.

By LAC C. HOODSPITH
we shall call "Codnaste," was the centre of
a New Zesseep, "Ha ha
light night when a great hunt was carried out
Close associtime Lofty
in bare feet. Althoup "Codnaste" praned
merrily away, honorable mention in the vain
attempt goes to LAC Bill Partidge, of New
Zealand, for his quick thinking in time of great

For the Record
Hatched—The sweetent baby girl with big
blue eyes to LAC Ross McNabb. Nice
going, fella.
Matched—LAC Jim Prece vs. Miss Betts
Richards;
LAC Will Blades vs. Miss Christena
Hawthorn;
Liewellyn Bishop vs. Miss Beatrice Catherine (Quinn);
Claude Hoodspith vs. Miss Dorothy Iris
Steele;
Gentlemen, our sympathy.
The squadron has taken unto itself a new mascot... a beautiful rat. The creature has been seen on two occasions. This rodent, which

67 Squadron

By LAC J. N. CRANDALL

it never rains, to Sherbrooke, Que., one of the most important industrial cities in that part of the dominion sometimes referred to as Occupied Canada. There are schoolboys, shipbuilders, butchers, tailors, musicians, business men and sample and timer profitable to play a game of cards called checkers, in which red, white and blue chips of varying values of beans' are used. Gambling is not allowed on the station so this can't be gambling. Besides you never win, so the element of gambling is mediately discounted.

Some are tall and hoarey and others remind Members of this squadron come from all Arms, and sleeve stripes
sections of Canada . . . from Victoria, where
it never rains, to Sherbrooke, Que, one of the
most important industrial cities in that part of

you never win, so the element of gambling is mindialetaly discounted.

Some are tall and hoarey and others remind you of the sea level. Then we have our quote of the fat and the lean, of the single, the near-married, the just married and the fathers.

We have Wags and would-be Wags. We have bare sometimes, isst to resulted to wear hooks, Crowns, Coats of Schickelgruber and endlessly to Harry Lauder Schickelgruber and endlessly to Harry Lauder (Continued on page 15)

DANIEL McINTYRE SCHOOL

Forty-one W.D. trainees who have been taking a clerk-stenographer course at Daniel McIntyre School, are getting ready to graduate at the end of this month.

The girls, who are attached to our station, have been waiting patiently for their uniforms ever since their enlistment, and rumor has it they may be getting outfitted before they leave Winnipeg to take their basic training in the east.

These W.D.'s by the way, are on the "night shift." They report at 1600 hours and study until midnight.

Manitoba "Tech" News

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Every time the boys in WOG 7 get a little tired of hearing didahs and dadits, they move in on AC2 Bill Parastiuk, who delights them with tales about his days with the R.C.M.P.

Bill was "one of the boys who always get their man" for some two years prior to his enlistment, and while he claims he hasn't done anything really exciting, he admits that he has made a number of arrests . . . has had a few good scraps . . . and, on one occasion, rode for days through heavy bush country looking for an army deserter.

Bill served with detachments at Regina, Edmonton, Ottawa and Prince Albert.

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One of the tallest members of the Air Force is AC2 Milt Yudell, of WEM 7. Milt stands about 6 foot 6 inches in his stocking feet, and towers well above everybody else in the school.

AC2 Yudell is flight senior of WEM 7. He was chosen for that position because a corporal figured he was so tall, he'd always get caught if he tried to fool around . . . and so he might as well keep the other boys in line, as well. Naturally enough, Milt is commonly known as "Shorty."

Doc Hall: "Have you kept a chart of the patient's progress, Miss Hunt?"

A.S.O. Hunt (blushing): "No. sir, but I can show you my diary."

Notes From Hither and Yawn

By W.O.2 L. KING

One of the "notables" in the accounts section is AC2 V. Klassen, a singer of no mean ability, who has been heard often over the C.B.C. radio network.

Tenor Klassen sang with Geoffrey Waddington's orchestra on the C.B.C., dramatizing in song and words the lives of famous composers. He sang tenor lead in Hiawatha . . . did excerpts from Lohengrin for the Winnipeg Philharmonic Society; was the tenor lead in The Messiah for the University of North Dakota Glee Club (which is no mean assignment) and drew favorable attention from Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, when he did the lead in James Robertson's production of the opera "Faust."

With slight hestitation, Klassen also admits taking a shot at singing at a Chicago night club... but he doesn't brag much about that.

Rumor has it that as soon as the new station radio program gets under way, AC2 Klassen will get a featured spot, and perhaps he'll sing Cpl. Frank Crawley's new ballad, "I'm Scratching My Way to Romance."

"ISM'S"

Socialism—You buy two cows. You give one to your neighbor.

Communism—You have two cows. You give two cows to the Government, which Government gives you part of the milk.

Fascism—You have two cows. You keep both cows, and give the milk to the Government, which lets you buy part of it back.

American New Deal—You have two cows. The Government shoots one cow, buys the milk from the other, and pours it down the sewer.

Nazism—You have two cows. The Government shoots you, takes the cows and sells the milk. Capitalism—You have two cows. You sell one cow and buy a bull.

Social Creditism—The Government shoots the bull.

He was up before the Orderly Officer, charged with using insulting language to his sergeant.

"Please, sir," he protested, "I was only answering a question."

"What question?" snapped the officer.

"Well, sir, the sergeant said, 'What do you think I am?' and I told him."

The Boys from "Down Under"

By LAC J. M. ELLIOTTE

By now a familiar sight in many Canadian cities, the "boys from down under" are playing an increasingly important part in the Empire Air Training plan. In the earlier days of the training scheme, when this assembly line method of air crew production was in its infancy, the light blue of the "Newsies" and the darker uniforms of the "Aussies" were the cause of much comment.

However, now the men have come to be recognized as a very definite part of the scheme of things, and another indication of British Empire solidarity.

Mixed crews of Canadians, New Zealanders and Australians have shown their mettle in many theatres of war, particularly over Europe, and while Kipling attempted to demonstrate that the East and West can never meet, we have shown that the combination of North and South brings excellent results.

The southerners are to be found on many Canadian stations, and our own No. 3 Wireless School is not behind in this respect. Large numbers of "Newsies" and "Aussies" make up a high proportion of the station's total strength. In the last graduating squadron, for instance, almost 50 per cent were New Zealanders. Although the single Australian in the squadron was greatly outnumbered, he managed to let everyone know where he hailed from.

Winnipeg has been very hospitable to the strangers in its midst, and every new draft of trainees from Australia and New Zealand experience little difficulty in making friends around the city. The Y.M.C.A. on the station, under capable Lorne Gleeson, has a lot to do with arranging parties and shows for the new-

Flying Squadron - -

Welcome to the newest bunch of pilots who have come to bolster our staff!

It was only a short time ago that we said farewell to: WO2 W. James (now Pilot Officer), P/O Simpson, P/O Chapman, F/Sgt. M. Louch, F/Sgt. P. Hillyer and F/Sgt. S. Amas. We wish them the best of luck in their new undertakings.

Thanks to our Commanding Officer for the most popular feature at the squadron—the new Link trainer All of us have spent considerable hours in the Link during our training days, but due to conditions beyond our control, our school has been without one. However, this situation is now remedied.

comers, but it is generally only a short time before they are able to find their own way about town.

That the Anzacs are popular is evidenced by the number of invitations they receive from all over the city. The Canadian girls are also popular with the New Zealanders, as can be seen from the fair number of marriages that have taken place.

The major difference between the Canadians and the Anzacs are those of sport and accent, but these are quickly overcome in the close relationship of barrack life. Tomatoes can be pronounced with a sharp or a broad "a", but what's the odds—they can still be eaten. It is that spirit of co-operation which has made the BCATP such a success.

Sport is somewhat a different matter. We must be forgiven if we sometimes scoff at Canadian games. Cricket and rugby football are our games, and we will continue to play them whether we are in China or at the Pole.

One of the Canadian games to which the men from the south have quickly adapted themselves, is basketball. A fair percentage of Newsies could be found on the leading basketball teams of the station.

Boxing, too, has attracted many entries from the Anzacs, among the most outstanding being LAC Chatfield, who won the inter-services title in Winnipeg recently.

It can be seen from all this that the Newsies and Aussies have adapted themselves thoroughly to the conditions of service life in Canada and have entered into the varied activities of the R.C.A.F. with the same spirit which gave their fathers of 1914 the undying name of "Angaes."

By W.O.2 N. JOSEPH

Believe it or not, we have been piling into the air at 05:30 hours. No doubt we must wake you at this early hour, especially when our take-off path leads right over the school. The other day a bit of amusement was provided by this notice on the blackboard: "TARGET FOR DAWN PATROL—No. 3 WIRELESS SCHOOL, OFFICERS QUARTERS."

Although we find it slightly difficult to awake at this hour, we realize that it is the best time of the day to fly and the uppermost thought in our minds is that we are going to make our school the Number One School of Canada.

Sport Highlights at

CRICKET

The Aussies and New Zealanders have had but one day of cricket so far, but with better weather in view the games are expected to really get under way.

Four teams are entered in the Winnipeg and District League, and the boys are hoping to take the championship for the third consecutive year.

LAC Lamond and LAC Watkins, of 69 and 63 Squadrons respectively, are helping organize the teams.

SOCCER

No. 3 Wireless School to date has played three games, all against the Army, and so far show a good total of two wins against one loss.

However, only one of these was a league game which went against us to a score of 2 to 1. The game was close and hard fought, and the victory could have gone to either team. Wing Commander Michelson kicked off to open the league, and here, as in the other leagues, we are looking forward to a fine season.



OUR P.T. STAFF

From left to right: Flying Officer A. C. Turner, Sgt. E. Steinhauer, Cpl. V. Lattimer, Cpl. W. McBryde, Cpl. R. Ludwig, Sgt. M. Bricker and Cpl. A. Dowie.

STATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The inter-section and inter-squadron softball league will get off to a flying start on or about June 15th, with the trainee squadrons each entering two teams and officers, N.C.O.'s and headquarters each entering a team. Final details of the schedule are now being completed and a banner season is expected with plenty of competition for all.

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field activity has been held up due to the weather, but intensive training is planned before the big Scottish sports track meet on July 5. Track men should watch the D.R.O.'s for the date of practice to be held at Sargent Park.

CITY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Winnipeg Senior Softball League opened its season on June 2nd with a parade from Portage and Main to the ball park. All teams paraded in their own distinctive uniforms and our own No. 3 band led the way. The season was officially opened by Wing Commander Michelson, our C.O., and the nine from this school feel confident that it will be officially closed when they bring home the championship at the end of the year.

Watch the bulletin board for scheduled games.

HARDBALL

The station hardball team has had a number of practices and is shaping up well, but players are still needed. Watch D.R.O.'s for practice dates.

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RUGGER

A rugger team from Squadron 65 defeated a team from 61, but in a later match, was defeated by the more experienced 57.

In the first game the superiority of the 61 backs was offset by the fast tactics of the 65 forwards. Breed, of Auckland, N.Z., showed some of the form which gave him representative ranking in seven successive seasons, and Girven, of Wigram and Auckland, gave little respite to the opposing inside backs. McAuliffe, of Akaroa, showed great dash to score a fine solo try, and Ormsby went over after consistent following up.

In the game against 57, played in blistering heat, 57 attacked constantly to gain a big lead at half time. The score ended at 7-3 for 57.

Plans are under way for a station rugger league. Teams from 61, 65, 63 and 69 Squadrons are entered and games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

RUGBY UNION

Smarting under their washout defeat of 19-0, at the hands of the Kiwis, the Aussie 69's are preparing for a return match of rugby union which will be held on Tuesday, June 19.

The first game was held on May 1 and although it lacked finesse, it was well worth watching. Kiwis opened the attack and not ten minutes had passed before they scored. By half time the score was 6-0 in their favor, and by the time the game was over, they had rolled up a tally of 19, while the Aussies were still wondering what it was all about.

But the Aussies have been training hard . . . and they warn that the next game will be a "horse of a different color." Kiwis don't think so, however.

BOXING

The final boxing show of the season was held in the drill hall, Wednesday, June 9, before a capacity audience.

All those participating in the twelve-bout card put on a fine exhibition of good boxing.

The first bout at 135 lbs. went to LAC Houston of Squadron 63, who hails from Queensland, Australia. He defeated LAC Melnyk, of Squadron 61, a Saskatchewan lad, who put up a game fight. Group Captain Ashton presented the prizes.

LAC McDonald and LAC Crossman, both novices of Squadron 69, and both weighing in at

155 lbs., came up with a nice show. The winner was Crossman, who received the prize from Wing Commander T. R. Michelson, our C.O.

With LAC Wilkie showing more aggressiveness throughout, he came out victorious over Cpl. Wickens in a hard-fought battle. Wing Commander McFarlane, of No. 2 Training Command, presented the prizes.

A nice display of boxing was put on by LAC Southwald and LAC McDonald, both of Squadron 69. The bout was fast with plenty of good solid punches landed. Southwald took the decision and the prizes were presented by Lieut. Webster of the R.C.N.V.R.

"Hammerin' Hank" Cameron, of 61 Squadron, with his windmilul style of fighting, took the decision from Pte. Miller of 103 Basic Training Centre. Both boys being fast and showing plenty of spirit, this bout kept the crowd out of their seats. Group Captain Scott, of No. 7 Equipment Depot, made the presentations.

In bout 4, LAC Clarke of Winnipeg defeated LAC Hemstreet of Sarnia, Ontario. Both boys boxed cleverly with Clarke being the winner. The prizes were presented by Wing Commander Goulding.

In a heavyweight fight, Pte. Therrin, of 103 B.T.C., defeated LAC "King" Cole, of 63 Squadron. Throughout this slugfest Cole put up a great show, having Therrin hanging on to the end. The final round saw the boys slugging it out toe to toe, with blood flowing aplenty. This was one of the most exciting bouts of the night. Lt.-Col. Younger, of 103 B.T.C., did the honours.

LAC Reid eked out a close decision over LAC Skipper in a 145-lb. bout. Skipper showed himself a rugged, hard-hitting boy, but Reid's experience and speed gained him a close victory. Major Masson, of 103 B.T.C., presented the prizes.

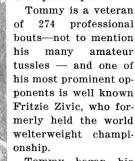
LAC Dixon of 57 Squadron and LAC Hepiri put on an all-Maori bout, with the big boys boxing themselves into a state of exhaustion. Dixon emerged victorious, with the prizes presented by Squadron Leader Cummings, of No. 2 Training Command.

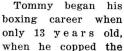
Jerry Gribling of the M.T. Section, and Maurice Truitt, of 63 Squadron, gave a nice performance. The boys being evenly matched, (Continued on page 16)

Sport Personality of the Month

A former top notcher in the pugilistic scene in W.O. 2 "Tommy" Bland, W.O. in charge of Training Wing, who once held the Canadian and international featherweight, lightweight

and welterweight championships.







W.O.2 "Tommy" Bland

90-pound newsboys' championship of Ontario. In 1925—now weighing all of 105 pounds—the Toronto youngster captured another newsboys' championship bout. By 1929, he was holder of the Canadian featherweight championship, winning at the same time the international crown.

Warrant Officer Bland turned pro. in September of 1929, and added to his honors with fights in Detroit and Chicago. In 1930, he won the Canadian lightweight championship.

Seeking further adventure—and more titles— Tommy journeyed to England, where he fought 14 times, winning 13 times. No, he didn't lose the other fight, it was a draw with Johnny Cuthbert, British Empire lightweight champ.

Bland returned to Canada in May, 1931, and gave up his lightweight crown, undefeated. He entered the welterweight class in '33 and won another crown for himself. He defended his title three times, losing it finally to Gordon Wallace, in Vancouver.

Among some of the other notables whom Bland tackled were Sammy Mandell, world lightweight champion; Frankie Genovese, former Canadian champ; Sammy Luftspring, Sonny Jones, Emil Lunt, and, as mentioned, Fritzie Zivic.

Tommy joined the R.C.A.F. in July, 1940, as a discip. He has been stationed at No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto; No. 1 Wireless School, Mon-

treal, and was last at No. 8 "M" Depot, Souris.

Much of the credit for the success of the boxing shows at the station is due to W.O. Bland, who has co-operated wholeheartedly with the sports staff to get top notch bouts lined up. And thanks to Tommy, too, things are really humming these days in the training wing—for Tommy's a man who gets things done in a hurry!

Manitoba "Tech" Forms League

A 10-team inter-flight softball league will get under way at Manitoba Tech. very soon, and students are looking forward to a fine brand of baseball. Sergeant A. Jowett, one of the school's discips, has donated a trophy which is being offered as the prize for the series-winning team.

All departments—Aero Engine, Airframe and Wireless—are participating in the league. The teams have selected the following names: Democrats, Mustangs, Jaguars, Gypsies, Maple Leafs, Crafts, Sockets, Plugs, Aeros, Frames and Oscillators.

Through the courtesy of the R.C.M.P., a baseball diamond has been secured just behind the school, and it is expected that games will be played at least two or three times a week. Sergeant Jowett has managed to round up some equipment, and at press time, only a few minor details had to be ironed out to get things going.

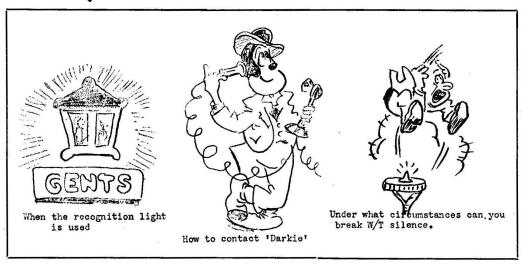
GOLF

The Tuxedo Golf Club is open to airmen of No. 3 for a charge of 25c, plus a golf chit from the sports office. All golfers are now urged to get on the course and brush up, as a big handicap tournament will be held during the summer.

SPORTS DAY

Thursday afternoons have been set aside for organized sports. If weather is unfavorable, the drill hall will be utilized. All athletes are urged to take advantage of this privilege.

Radio Quiz: Do You Know?



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talk an Eskimo into buying a refrigerator.

Open Letter to the Commanding Officer: Sir:

61 Squadron is waiting for the smoker offered some time ago for the neatest hut and surrounding grounds. The men are ready. Give the "go" sign.

Obediently,

Sixty-One.

67 Squadron (Continued from page 9)

in an accent which even the few of us who know Scotland wish we didn't.

By the way, do you know which flight on the station had the best record in the last Victory Loan campaign? That's right, it was 67B.

Do you think we can lick you at basketball, soccer or baseball? Of course we can, and if you want to get in touch with LAC Lou Cowan we can arrange to convince you.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

	Horizontal	27.	D.C.	5.	Electromagnet
1.	Morse.	29.	P.O.	6.	Magnetism.
4.	Cycle.	30.	Ion.	9.	Dielectric.
6.	Meter.	31.	W.O.	12.	Loop.
7.	Ant.	32.	P.M.	16.	R.E.
8.	Oil.	34.	Detector.	17.	E.M.F.
10.	Choke.	36.	E.A.	19.	Electric.
11.	Valve.	37.	Modulated.	21.	MF
13.	VE.	38.	Fading.	22.	Copper.
14.	I.G.	39.	M.M.F.		Tin.
15.	Tetrode.	41.	On.	28.	Cord.
17.	Engineering Officer.	43.	Circuits.	33.	Magnet.
18.	E.C.	44.	Code.	35.	ELNIR.
20.	Nickel	45.	Neutralize.	38.	Fin.
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Dots and Dashes

Hello fellows—and femmes; what's new... and that's not just a casual greeting. How about dropping your editor a line when you've got some news or stories for the W.A.G. MAG.

The welcome mat is out for the new Women's Division personnel on our station—though we must admit that it is a little dusty and faded after a four months wait . . . hope that the aforementioned mat is being spread out at Gander and other points for yours truly and about fifty other guys.

A pound of butter (that's better than orchids) to all the gals of the entertainment groups around Winnipeg, who are devoting so much of their time to entertain the boys in blue and khaki.

Just thinking—wouldn't it be swell if all the normal people could have the always cheerful personalities of the mutes working around the station. Add more bouquets... to the Tuxedo Golf Club for making it so convenient and inexpensive for the boys to play golf—but, oh, those mosquitos! The last time your correspondent played on the course next door, it was just like going to the hospital to make a blood donation.

Note to the girls: Those men you see hammering and sawing around the old armament building are working on your canteen and recreation room. So hold tight, you'll soon be able to relax in your own lounge.

Heard this before?

I love my little dog,
My little dog loves me.
But not quite so much
As he loves a great big tree.
G'bye Now,

-"FLASH."

Rookie 'Rithmetic

Multiply the number of your brothers by two. Add three. Multiply by five. Add the number of your sisters. Multiply by ten. Add the number of living grandparents. Subtract one hundred and fifty. The first digit of the remainder will be the number of brothers; the second the number of sisters, and the third the number of grandparents.

By LAC Law, F. W.

Something New

If it's crossword puzzles you like, here's the first of a series written specially for W.A.G. MAG by Flight Lieutenant A. S. Mackie, O.C. of labs section.



F/L A. S. Mackie

It's not that Mr. Mackie is puzzled—or even puzzling. It just happens that the flight lieutenant makes a hobby of such tricky things and likes others to share it with him. He thinks crosswords are both educational and entertaining, and we're sure you'll agree. So just haul out that dictionary and dig in.

Just to show you that he knows the answers, too, Flight Lieutenant Mackie has provided the solution to the puzzle, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

BOXING

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had a very close bout, the winner's prize going to Gribling. The prizes were presented by Flying Officer Turner, our own sports officer.

The semi-final bout, at 170 lbs., saw LAC Hooker, of Squadron 61, awarded the decision over Pte. B. Rempel, of 103 B.T.C. Hooker's hard punches and continuous body blows had a telling effect on Rempel, who fought gamely all the way. Major Wright made the presentations.

The last and feature bout of the evening saw LAC C. Lamond, M.M., of 69 Squadron, clash with LAC Roy Chatfield, the inter-service champion. Chatfield won the decision but Lamond put up a great show. Group Captain Dunlop, senior staff officer of No. 2 Training Command, presented the prizes.

This show was considered the best ever presented at our station. Much of the credit for its success is due to Flying Officer Turner and his sports staff, who, with the assistance of W.O.2 Bland, handled the arrangements.

"Mama, where doth elephanths come from? and don't try to thtall me off wiv that gag about the thtork."

HOW SMART ARE YOU?

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Horizontal

- 1. Inventor of landline code.
- 4. A complete back and forth movement.
- 6. An electrical instrument.
- 7. Aerial (abbrev.).
- 8. Generally an insulator.
- 10. Opposes varying current.
- 11. The "heart" of receivers and 41. Position of power supply transmitters.
- 13. Commencement signal.
- 14. Chief Inspector R.C.A.F. (abbr.).
- 15. A four electrode valve.
- 17. Engineering officer (abbr.).
- 18. Dit-dah dit dah dit.
- 20. Used in manufacture of valves and possessing slightly magnetic properties.
- 21. Medical Officer (abbr.).
- 22. Taken off instruction (abbr.).
- 23. Port side.
- 25. Orderly Room (abbr.).
- 26. . _ ___ ..
- 27. Unidirectional current (abbr.)
- 29. Junior ranking officer (abbr.).
- 30. A carrier of electrical charge.
- 31. Highest ranking N.C.O. (abbr.)

- 32. Post meridian.
- 34. Valve operating as demodulator.
- 36. Dit-dit dah.
- 37. Wave which is caused to vary.
- 38. Phenomenon experienced in 16. Radio engineer. (abbr.). radio transmission.
- 39. Magnetic force. Analagous to E.M.F.
- switch when operating.
- 43. Paths provided for electron movement.
- 44. Method of transmitting secret
- information. 45. Necessary operation when tri-
- odes are used as R.F. amplifiers.

Vertical

- 1. Pertaining to part of transmitter (abbr.).
- 2. First operation in changing A.C. to D.C.
- 3. Enlarges the R.F. produced by master oscillator (abbr.).
- 5. Made when current passed through coiled wire.

- 6. A phenomenon. An interesting study.
- 9. Between plates of a condenser.
- 12. Aerial possessing marked directional properties.
- 17. Expresses force maintaining current flow (abbr.).
- 19. Field about an electron.
- 21. Unit of capacity (abbr.).
- 22. Most commonly used conductor.
- 24. An element. (Quite common).
- 28. Sometimes used in binding a splice.
- 33. Can be made by stroking iron or steel with lodestone.
- 35. . . _ . . _ . . . _ .
- 38. Part of a torpedo.
- 40. Flying Officer. (abbr.).
- 41. Suffix used in electrical terminology.
- 42. Used in camouflaging ground stores.
- 43. Officer Commanding.
- 46. ___.
- 47. A signalling system.

You feared when first you saw me fly And stood quite breathless till again From out the clouds you saw the plane Glide gently to the field again.

You said the ground was safe, secure, That men were never made with wings, That they should trust in former things And always keep their footing sure.

So men have said. But at the last The solid earth will fade away, And we, robbed even of our clay, Alone must pierce the overcast.

So passes all men call secure.
But I, who dared the trackless sky
and 'gainst your judgment learned to fly,
Have found a faith more strong and sure.

There in the silence of the blue
With only clouds beneath my wing
I've found the One Eternal Thing
Which carries on when earth is through.

There in an infinity of light
I bowed my head, and all my heart
Was filled with awe, I was a part
Of God whose hand upheld my flight.

If for a time the clouds now hide
My face from you, take heart and trust
For God who rules the air is just
and I have found Him by my side.

—by Squadron Leader Minton C. Johnston, R.C.A.F. Overseas.