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A Message from Our New C.O.



In writing a few lines for the "W.A.G. Mag." as incoming C.O., I would like to state that I am pleased to be here. I am glad to be here for many reasons, one of which is the fact that having been posted to all the other Wireless Schools in Canada, I was anxious to work at this one. No matter what experience any C.O. may have his knowledge is of little value unless his Staff give him complete support. I feel I can count on the support of all the Staff and can assure them that any suggestions for the betterment of training or the school itself, will be graciously received. At this crucial stage of the war I know that all Trainees must realize that even more application to work is necessary. Now is the time for all of you to push harder than ever before; remembering that each one of you can count on every member of the Staff for assistance. All the Staff are here for one purpose, to make each of you a competent Wireless Operator (Air Gunner), an important member of that great team—The Bomber Crew—Good luck!

Sincerely,

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Our New Chief

With the posting of Wing Commander Michelson to Brandon and Squadron Leader McAra to Yorkton, we welcome to No. 3 Wing Commander A. Walmsley, our new C.O., and Squadron Leader J. C. Boyd, our new S.A.O.

After several years of service at the other wireless schools where he has served as assistant chief instructor and as C.I., Wing Commander Walmsley comes to us well trained for his new post as C.O.

A practical man with many streamlined ideas, our C.O. feels that "from all appearances, there are both the qualifications of the personnel and the spirit necessary to make this unit the leading Wireless School in Canada".

With such a man at the helm, we can be sure of a successful future for our school.

Let's Finish the Job

Italy has surrendered. The first major victory for the United Nations has come after four long years of war. But make no mistake, the war is by no means won.

The capitulation of Italy to Gen. Eisenhower means only the beginning of the end. With Italy out of the war, we now have Germany and Japan to deal with. And they must be dealt with with a strong hand.

To achieve permanent peace, Germany and Japan will still have to feel the stinging blows of our military forces. The combined effort of all men in uniform will be required now, more than ever before, to strike the final blow.

The main battle is yet to come. More men, machines and ammunition will be needed to win this war.

We must not relax from our duties. There is still a big job to finish. There is still work to do.

Let's stick to our jobs until we finally can be sure of lasting peace.

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C.O. Has Interesting Record

Alger could have written this story, for our new C.O. comes to us as one step more in a long, but fast climb to success. A resumé of W/C Walmsley's life in the R.C.A.F. is starred with many firsts, for at almost every post he has held, he has initiated new and valuable improvements.

Enlisting in 1935 as an AC2 aero-engine mechanic, W/C Walmsley had gained his corporal's stripes when the flying bug bit him. Strictly on his own, he proceeded to take flying lessons and obtained his private license. This brought about the granting of a commission as pilot officer (General List) and the beginning of many travels. W/C Walmsley was first attached to the 111th Squadron in Vancouver and at the outbreak of war he was with this squadron at Patricia Bay.

Among the C.O.'s better known achievements are the organization of the first Dominion-Provincial Youth Training School in Western Canada. He also assisted in organizing Canada's first Air Cadet Squadron, No. 1601 Wing in Vancouver.

W/C Walmsley has a wealth of experience in wireless training, gained from his civilian occupation as radio technician and also from his positions as assistant Chief Instructor at No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal; Chief Instructor at No. 4 W.S. in Guelph, and Chief Instructor at the Wireless School in Calgary. While at No. 4 Wireless School he designed Canada's first signals trainer.

Last year he went overseas on a signals liaison visit to inspect various units in operation.

In taking over No. 3 Wireless School, Wing Commander Walmsley intends to standardize instruction here and make it the same as that carried out in the other Wireless Schools in Canada. An immediate result will be a change to a new and more efficient type of air operation exercises, together with courses for instructors which will bring about speedier promotions to qualified men.

First Mosquito: Hooray here comes a new arrival.

Second Mosquito: Good, let's stick him for the drinks.

Meet Our Financial Spearhead

We proudly present our senior-accounting officer, beloved "Boss-man" of the accounts section, Flight Lieutenant R. W. Spear.

"Wally", as he is known far and wide, is one of those happy and congenial fellows whose disposition reflects his having been associated with many sports and sportsmen during his career.



F/L R. W. Spear

He is one of Manitoba's native sons, having arrived at the I. and R. section of the Spear home in Pipestone, Man., complete with packing note. From there, he moved to Winnipeg where he became employed with the Bank of Nova Scotia, rose to be Assistant Accountant, and subsequently resigned to associate himself with the firm of James Richardson and Sons, as office manager.

Flight Lieutenant Spear enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in September, 1940, as an Accountant Officer, was posted to the accountant officers' course at St. Thomas, which, he says, was "duck soup", and from there was re-posted to Air Force Headquarters at Ottawa, becoming S.P.S.O. to Air Vice-Marshal Nairn, Director of Accounts and Finance. In this capacity he travelled throughout Canada on Accounts business, and appointing Accountant Officers.

In March, 1942, "Wally" was posted to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters as a member of the Dependents' Allowance Advisory Committee, which position he held until January, 1943, when he came to this Unit, as Senior Accountant Officer.

Domestically speaking, our Flight Looie is happily married with one young son, and a lovely home on the banks of the "Red", not far from the Canoe Club. But don't let his happy-go-lucky attitude disarm you, children. He can still say "No" to requests for advances faster than the average. Maybe that's one reason why he's considered one of the best in the business.

ACCOUNTS - - SECTION OF THE MONTH:

By "Joe"

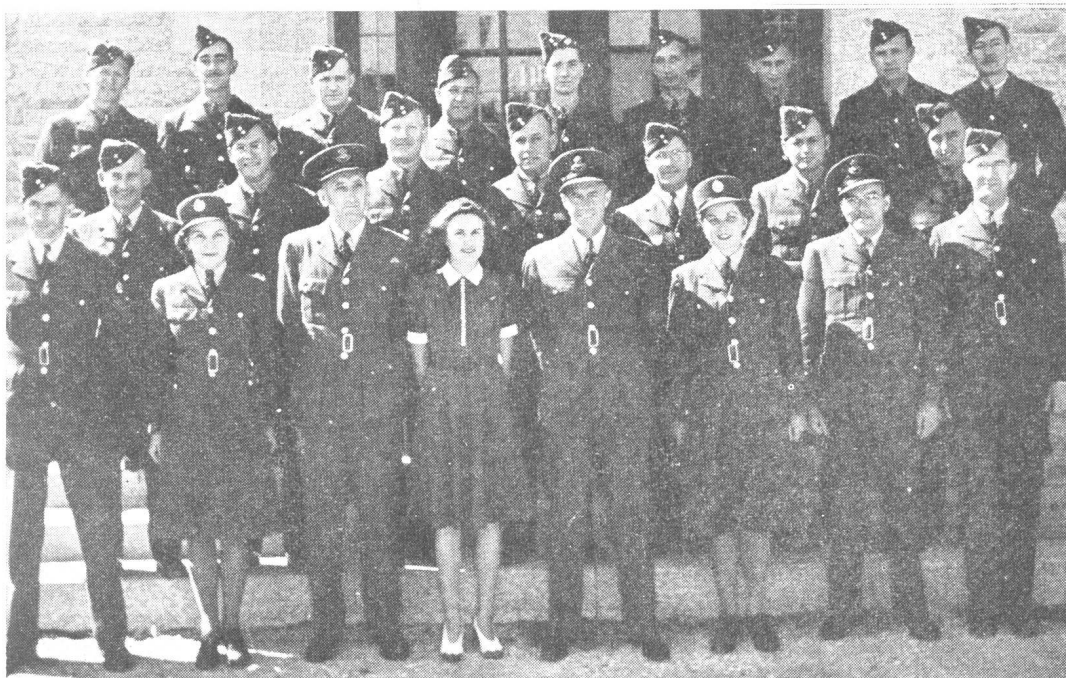
The editors have requested a short article on the Accounts Section. In true military fashion they naturally requested somebody to write the article who knows nothing about accounts. They tried to get someone who knew nothing about nothing. After diligent searching only one man was found who fulfilled these requirements, but he was filling quite an important position and hadn't the spare time to give.

Accounts Section, to the average layman, is made up of clerks, these being in two classifications—clerks general and clerk accountants, the main difference being the questions asked by the trade test board. Clerks general being required to know where the pencils are kept and how many erasers in a dozen, whilst clerk accountants get the more intricate questions such as "When is payday" and "How much do you get per diem?" Diem is an old world term taken

from the Greek "Diem" meaning diem and is only put in the question to throw the unwary clerk who may be thinking of another reason for not giving you an advance instead of paying attention.

After passing the trade test the clerk is put to work in the Accounts Section, where his main duty is to juggle your pay so that you always receive about \$3.46 less than you figured, for, as you know, practically anything can be done with figures. To prove this point, on reading a movie magazine I once discovered that I have the same measurements as Ann Sheridan. On taking the accounts to task for not giving me my justly earned stipend I was shown my record and informed that figures do not lie, a statement so much disproved by the facts, I have had several of the loveliest figures lie to me most unmercifully.

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ACCOUNTS SECTION

Front Row (left to right):—F/Sgt. Stanbrook, R. E.; AW1 Beale, M. L.; F/L Wood, F. E.; Miss B. Holloway; F/L Spear, R. W.; AW2 Paul, N. A.; F/O Currie, G. H.; W.O.2 King, H. G.

Centre Row:—Cpl. MacKichan, C. R. F.; AC2 Lewis, M. G.; AC2 Penn, G.; Sgt. Turner, B. F.; Cpl. Murray, A. R.; LAC Fawcett, W. J.; AC2 Joinson, C. E.

Back Row:—AC2 Klassen, V.; Cpl. Cadman, J. L.; AC1 Campbell, R.; Cpl. Dagg, N. W.; Sgt. O'Leary, J. W.; AC2 Johnston, W.; AC2 Pinkus, P.; Cpl. Morin, G. A. W.; Sgt. Pink, C. W. Absent: F/Sgt. Wasman, O. W.; AC1 Sloan, W. R.; AC2 Wells, G. C. H.

A Word from the Signalling Section

Another month, men, another four weeks closer to those stripes or that commission, and, we hope, another four words a minute tacked on to that Morse speed. How is your Morse? Have you got over those difficult letters? Are you making less errors? Are you passing those weekly tests? If not, try a little extra instruction, or better, try pushing a little harder in the classroom. This service costs you absolutely nothing, is beneficial, helps the peace of mind, makes more and better WAG's and guarantees results. Apply at your nearest Morse room whilst on a Morse period.

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We have cause to comment on the remarkable manifestation of fecundity in the Signalling Section. In the past few weeks several members of this section have become proud parents. Actually, to quote numbers, four babies have been born, two are expected and several are under discussion. We are proud to herald the arrival of these potential instructors (surely the fond fathers will want the children to follow in the well known footsteps). Interested in statistics?

Taken on strength:—

April 27-43. Dianne Elizabeth Serdinski. Weight 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Authorized to draw rations and occupy CENSORED. D. E. Serdinski is the daughter of Sgt. Serdinski whose cheerful voice and inimitable sending you hear daily from the Morse sending room.

July 15-43, at 0145 hours, William Walter MacDonnell. The son of Sgt. Bill MacDonnell, the man who fixes the phones you break. Sgt. MacDonnell has been worked to death the last few weeks and figured this way of getting another man on the job.

May 30-43, at 1055 hours, Raymond Malcolm Taylor. Young Taylor weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 ozs., apprentice allowance claimed. The sire—Sgt. "Mac" Taylor. You will have the benefit of his excellent instruction while writing those final twenties.

As we go to press we hear of one more addition. July 29th, 1943, 0030 hours, Richard Edmun Walker, a fine boy to cheer the household of Sgt. J. Walker. Personnel wishing to congratulate the father may do so at the "Mall" at their own convenience.

And one posting. Struck off strength on

The Boys from "Down Under"

By LAC Hicks and Wilkinson

Since the intake of Squadrons 75 and 77 the number of lads from down under has increased considerably, bringing with them men who have seen service in both the New Guinea and Middle East theatres of war.

Southern localities also have their disadvantages as a recent extract from New Guinea reads: "Experienced a spell in Moresby Hospital with Malaria fever and Beri-Beri, a type of disease contracted through lack of wholesome food and water. No kidding, the yellow men here are both tough and cruel beyond comprehension. Whether through sheer cannibalism or hunger I don't know, but I have actually seen them eating human flesh." No. 3 will be somewhat of an extreme change to these men comparatively fresh from fetid, jungle heat and barbaric conditions of warfare.

Warm sunny days during the past month have brought local conditions very similar to those experienced at home, thus giving expression to numerous outdoor sports at which the Anzacs make a great showing. Of these sports activities, canoeing is being thoroughly appreciated by all participants, bringing their native element still closer. The Maoris of olden time were without doubt the most daring of sailors, when some six or seven centuries ago, history shows the record of their voyage from the Hawaiian Islands to New Zealand shores in open canoes, steering only by the moon and stars.

On August 17th, No. 3 was again visited by New Zealand Liaison Officer, Group Captain "Tiny" White, who brought with him Group Captain Seabrooke, the New Zealand representative in the United States. After the usual problems were ironed out, Group Captain Seabrooke gave a very brief and interesting outline on his work in the United States.

being remustered to aircrew. F/L H. S. Williams our Officer i oblique stroke c. We'll be genuinely sorry to lose him, but he's particularly anxious to get home again, having forgotten how to pronounce "Llanfarpwllgyngyllgogerichwyndrobwillantisiliogogach."

"Hen Gen"

By AW1 M. Gordon

If you wondered about the happy grins on the W. D. faces, the matter is easily explained. At the Army-Air Force track meet at Osborne Stadium on September 1st, the Air Force girls carried off all the honors, with the pace being set by No. 3 Wireless School in first place and No. 8 Repair Depot in second.

Toplis again captained the team, she and Clappitt being the shining example to the rest of the W. D. athletes. Others competing were Davis, Michalko, Kelly, Tierney, McLennan, Wozniak, Gordon and Doucette.

Orme, as runner, probably did more work than anyone else, except Sgt. Caldwell, who provided lots of mental encouragement. Altogether the girls had a wonderful time. Perhaps next year will see two or more teams entered in this meet, we hope.

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Another main event at No. 3 has taken place. On August 18th, Wing Commander Michelson cut the red and blue ribbons across the door of the new women's canteen and pronounced it officially open. All the guests agreed that the furnishings were by far the most beautiful ever seen in any canteen.

The opening was celebrated with a dance and supper and the girls are planning to hold an open house every Wednesday evening. On other evenings guests may be invited between the hours of 7 and 9—which may help poor lads who have been making their social calls on the doorstep of Hut 20.

Danger barricades are now needed in the W.D. barracks for a slight misstep means a crack in the eye from a flying drumstick. The girls are practising for the band, and, judging from the calisthenics taking place in the evenings with those innocent looking sticks, not only will the W.D.'s put on a good show, but they will be able to defend themselves from all comers.

The weiner roast finally took place. Did we say weiner roast! It was more like a three-ring circus,—and just as much fun. Everyone enjoyed the dancing, swimming, sing-song, and, of course, lots of mustard dunked weiners. Congratulations to the entertainment committee for arranging a great time.

Manitoba "Tech" News

By AC2 A. A. Shea

Banquets are the big subject around Manitoba Tech as men of Flight 40 and 41, Wem 8 and Wog 8 approach the completion of the Winnipeg stage of their training. Flight 40 is first on the list; their celebration at the Picardy Banquet Hall on Friday, September 3rd, set the pace with a dinner attended by Principal Webb, members of the teaching staff, and the Minister of Education for Manitoba, followed by home-spun entertainment and dancing.

The Wems and the Wogs will do their dining and dancing in a joint banquet on Friday, September 17—also at Picardy's. Those on the inside say that radio star Paul Kligman has some entertainment surprises up his sleeve for the boys.

"The Roseland" will be the scene of Flight 41's banquet and dance, Thursday night, September 23.

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Manitoba Tech boys are playing their part in the activities of local R.C.A.F. teams. Prominent on the baseball team now in the city semi-finals are Jack Kenner of the pitching staff, and Herb MacNamara whose work at short-stop has assured him a place on any all-star team that local sports experts might choose. Our school is also represented on the R.C.A.F. rugby team which is now in training, and will go into action on September 25th. Joe Tessler, Kip McFadden and Alf Pike are three good reasons why the airforce team should make rugby history around Winnipeg this fall.

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Boys in the Radio Department will be glad to see the smiling face of John Skinner around again. Instructor Skinner is coming along fine after having his circuit checked over, and a run-down tube and condenser replaced—or sump'n like that.

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We know now why the stork, seen winging its way over Winnipeg, winked as it passed the Ford plant. It was giving the high sing to AC2 Bill Ross of Flight 41. Congratulations to Bill and Mrs. Ross—and lots of luck to you, Miss Heather Ross. (P.S.—She'll be sweet sixteen on August 24, 1959.

Who's Who

Hailing from Victoria Island, LAC Douglas Marsland, of Squadron 65, a former medical student, is a keen follower of physical training and gymnastic work. His training has advanced since the age of twelve, until, several years ago, he annexed the Canadian Parallell Bar Championship. Then



LAC Doug. Marsland

he followed this up by being proclaimed British Columbia and North West Gymnastic Champ.

Washing out after sixty solo flying hours in Eastern Canada, Doug. refused to give up. Transferring his attentions to the W.A.G. course he arrived at No. 3 in March and is now ready for graduation.

Swimming and trackwork have resulted in the ownership of many valuable medals and Doug. is a firm adherent to the policy of keeping fit and working hard when he is after anything worth while.

W.O.2 "Tom" Sideski, of Souris, is a young veteran of this war, having spent a year overseas on active service. Up until the outbreak of war, Tom had been employed as a linesman by the C.P.R. and the Manitoba Power Commission, then he enlisted as a W.A.G. in August, 1940.

Proceeding overseas

in 1941, W.O.2 Sideski participated in raids over enemy territory before encountering trouble while attacking a convoy off the Dutch coast. It was on the return from this final raid that Tom suffered a broken back from a crash landing on the home airfield in England.



W.O.2 "Tom" Sideski

Invalided back to Canada in September, 1942, he was released from the hospital in November and posted to No. 3 Wireless. At the present time, W.O.2 Sideski is a flying classroom instructor at our Flying Squadron and his main ambition is to get his medical category raised so that he can get back into the air.

Notes from the Officers' Mess

By Flying Officer F. G. Barrett

The past months have been days of volcanic change and casualties. Our Commanding Officer, Wing Commander T. R. Michelson, and Squadron Leader W. C. Fisher were both hospitalized due to accidents. Wing Commander R. Macfarlane has been at the School for some time as acting Chief Instructor. Both our Commanding Officer and Senior Administrative Officer, Squadron Leader "Jack" McAra have been posted. For three weeks we welcomed and were over-run by Air Cadet Officers taking a summer course here at No. 3 Wireless, whose only accommodation available was tents erected on the sports field.

A mess dinner was held on the evening of September 1st for the special purpose of wishing God Speed to our departing Com-

manding Officer. Our best wishes will follow him and Mrs. Michelson wherever they go and we are sure that he will continue to give his best in the interests of the Service. At the same time the P.M.C. wished farewell to Squadron Leader McAra, who has been on the station from the days of its origin.

We have recently lost Flight Lieutenant "Bill" Hall, our genial S.M.O.; Flight Lieutenant F. J. Button, Medical Officer, and Flight Lieutenant "Taffy" Williams, who has been with us for a number of months as O/C Signalling Section.

Our erstwhile Technical Adjutant "Dud" Roberts has been hospitalized for a number of months at Deer Lodge. To him we extend our sympathy and hope for a rapid recovery.

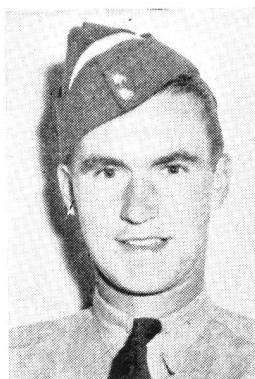
Squadron News

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By LAC W. Frieson

On Sunday, August 23rd, we realized a hero among us. He is LAC Ted Burgess, of "C" Flight. On the previous Saturday somewhat after midnight he courageously attempted the rescue of a drowning man in the Assiniboine River.

At the mentioned time LAC Burgess and his girl friend were strolling across the City Park Bridge when their attention was diverted by the figure of a man crouched upon a ledge of the bridge. To their great amazement he suddenly jumped. Ted immediately dashed for the nearest shore and plunged in. Unfortunately, however, the swift current had them both at a disadvantage so that several dives proved in vain. The hero had a slight lapse due to exposure, a lot of red tape to cut, but bore his honor with true modesty.



LAC Ted Burgess

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There are colors and colors. There are designs and designs. But then there are Cec's shorts. Here is an extravagance that makes a rainbow look like a trailing aerial and loud enough to make the siren sound like a "Jeep" signal. You don't need a D/F loop to get bearings on this guy.

Cpl. Johnny Giba of "A" Flight rates a say. Popular, interesting, a sport of all denominations, vulgar and refined. Shoots a fine round of golf, plays a nice hand of poker. Has jerked sodas, sold paint and wallpaper, etc. Cherished above all things, memoirs of Montreal and that cute kid.

"D" Flight scored with a class average of 80% procedure, last test, giving us a jolt. Surprising what comes out of their wild nights.

Shorty Hunter, the cutest little moron in that mob, was sadly laid up by acute appen-

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By LAC B. Braddock

Active service will be no novelty to some Australians in Squadron 77. Having already travelled half the world with the 2nd Australian Imperial Forces and the R.A.A.F., by the time they return home from the R.C.A.F. there won't be many places they have not seen.

LAC Bob Lyons, of Campbelltown, N.S.W., was with an Army Service Corps outfit that trucked the Australian Sixth Division out of Tobruk and the Ninth in.

LAC Laurie Maxwell, of Parramatta, N.S.W., had five months in Tobruk with the Second Field Regiment and managed to come out unscathed.

LAC Kev Robins, of Thornbury, Victoria, was with an Engineers' crowd, travelled all over the Middle East and went into action in the Syrian campaign.

Ex-fitter LAC Bill John, of Barraba, N.S.W., was with Squadron 76, R.A.A.F., that operated in Milne Bay and Port Moresby, New Guinea.

LAC Arthur Dyke, of Port Pirie, S.A., one-time flight-sergeant, was flown from Singapore four days before Malaya fell. He was later attached to the R.A.F. in Burma and Colombo.

Those who have been stationed at Darwin, the far northern Australian port first to be bombed by the Japs, are too numerous to mention.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR NO 3

Another scoop for our school is the recent addition of weekly newsreels to our Monday night movies.

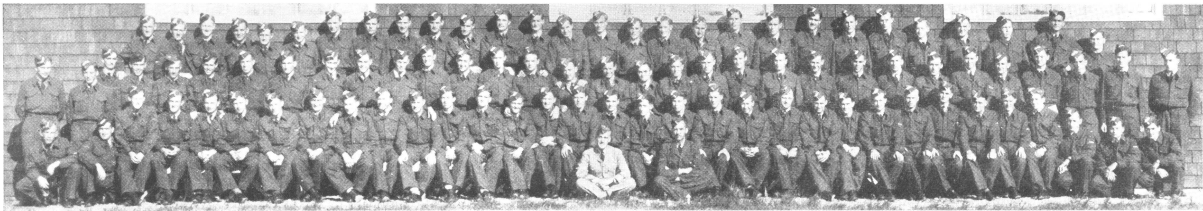
Compiled by British Associated News, these up-to-the-minute newsreels start here for a circuit of 51 military training camps.

We are indeed fortunate to get this service that keeps us informed of world events as they happen.

dicitis last Sunday and consequently we miss him.

Percy's party came off great, another coming right up shortly. I guess Flights "C" and "D" couldn't have a better instructor.

NEXT GRADUATING SQUADRON



In front: F L C. H. Hearn, Squadron O.C.; Cpl. Cramb, Acting Disciplinarian.
Front Row (left to right): McPhail, I. D.; Jackman, H. S.; Cpl. Sutherland, J. A.; Cpl. Oakley, E. C.; Martinak, J. J.; McAuliffe, R. F.; Haglund, N. R.; Withey, J.; Sanderson, C.; Passey, T. C.; McKay, M. S.; Sabanski, V.; Humphrey, O. W.; Mitchell, P. J. F.; Sutherby, J. S.; Earl, R. J.; Symons, J. J.; Newey, G.; Soderlund, L.; Gray, C. D. Rhodes, J. G.; Stevens, G.; Maskell, W. J.; Loveridge, I. J.; Keeble, R. E.; Hill, S. H.; Hudson, C.; Coutts, A. C.; Bartlett, L. L.; Brandt, P. J.; Lee, V. J.; Helstern, A. P.; Fauteux, W. R.; Ewins, T. A.
Second Row—McLayish, M.; Marsland, D. L.; Armstrong, E. R.; Ritchie, J. E.; Fowler, F. W.; Price, L.; Day, F. H.; Buckland, H. E.; Delaney, J. H. M.; Staples, D. E.; Porter, R. W.; Kirkland, K. J.; Phillips, J. H.; Edgar, J. D.; Freedman, S.; Hunter, M.; Nixon, L. L.; Mayle, L. S.; McNeill, A.; McLoughlin, J. P.; Mihell, R. U.; Biets, A. R.; Kohl, K. H.; Haywood, S. J.; Renaud, A. G.; Zepotozany, P.; Cpl. Archibald, W. R.; Walker, A. D.; Coulson, W. D.; Becker, C.; Nicholas, A. J.; Felford, R. H.; Anslow, G. A.
Third Row—Hicks, H. R.; Pacey, R. P.; Cameron, D. A.; Girven, O. E.; Griffiths, D. W.; McDougall, A.; Pede, D. J.; Walker, C. J. H.; Bard, U. J.; Croher, H. W.; Munro, W. H.; Tranquair, J. I.; Jones, R. H.; Porteous, W. E.; Balg, F. W.; Cameron, I.; Woodward, F. L.; Breed, G. L.; Braudon, D. W.; Duncan, S. M.; Kidney, B. W.; Baker, S. C.; Dawson, D. A.; Riley, R.; Easton, R. W.; Moore, D. S.; Cpl. Heger, T.; Walker, H. T. Absent: Cpl. Rosenberg, L.

About Squadron 65

By LAC H. R. Hicks

Since its entry into the school in late March the squadron has enjoyed a rather steady run of good results in both class work and sports activities.

After settling down to both work and play, cheerful efforts, despite the exchange of five disciplinarians, has given the lads all the confidence necessary for a successful graduation.

Class seniors, Tap Heperi, Errol Oakley and Jim Sutherland, are due a lot of credit for untiring representation throughout the entire course. From the boys, "thanks a lot".

Comprising the boxing team were, Bob Easton, Gordon "Basher" Lawton and Tap Heperi, who between them accounted for three wins and four losses, remarkably good for their slight experience in the ring.

Hard and soft ball have brought to light outstanding players in Ken Kirkland, pitcher; Ray Porter and Don Staples expert fielders. The squadron softball team has topped the

number of station games with only one loss to date.

Rugger has been enthusiastically followed, resulting in the loss of much skin and energy but giving "Bill" Breed a chance to score at least one try per game for the entire season. Nice going!

Hut entertainment for the past six months comprised of our three-piece occasional orchestra, featuring Jack MacKinnon and his bagpipes, "Pop" Cameron with someone else's mouth organ (society calls them harmonicas), and last but not least, "Kid" Kidney, with a Jew's Harp. (Oh boy, can he play!) Public speaking lectures, cheer leadership and lessons on radio announcing may be had on request from J. R. Adams, Esq.

Excellent in sports the squadron has a proud record. In the recent school sports meet the silver cup was easily annexed, points being given for the best march past to the athletes as a group. Individual points were

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Squadron 69

By LAC E. S. McBride

The "Fighting 69th" has returned from its mid-term leave and is now looking forward to its day of graduation. In referring to the mid-term leave, we may say that a good time was had by all. A few of the chaps paid a visit to Chicago and received a royal welcome. Some others went to their homes both east and west of the 'Peg. The chaps who remained here at No. 3, for Morse reasons, were thankful for the chance to rest up. For one whole week the hut was so very nice and quiet, plenty of hot water and no lining up to use the telephone.

Nevertheless, the whole Squadron is glad to be back on the job again. We're a senior squadron now and feel like veterans on the job. Plans are even now being made for our graduation banquet. Just watch our smoke!

Blues in the Night

The most popular hour of the day, with Hut 7A, seems to be after lights-out and its "Make Believe Ball Room Time". Each night you may be rocked to sleep to the strains of

any of the top notch bands. Peace and quiet reigns supreme. A few may raise their voice in song but they quickly die away as they realize Sinatra still has that certain something they lack.

For the Records:

Hitched: LAC Eldon C. M. to Miss Adrienne Parent; LAC Edwards C. M. to Miss Freda Pearson.

Matched: LAC Cooper, J. K. to Miss Louise Foley; LAC Stryker, H. G. to Miss Audrey Giddy; LAC Woodroof, E. S. to Miss Josephine Huraney.

Hatched: to LAC and Mrs. E. A. Rydholm, a baby boy.

Congratulations and best wishes from the whole squadron.

Sports Note:

We are looking forward to seeing LAC "Lizz" Lazotte out on the gridiron come fall. The way that man can toss the pig-skin around is sure purty.

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By LAC Mussellam

Here we are on the home stretch and believe it or not, these last months have really flown by; that is, with the exception of a few perennial C.B.'s who find that the time has dragged a trifle.

With the instructors busily devising more ways to improve our Morse, it appears as though the squadron will graduate with a few more grey hairs in their whitening scalps. Still, all kidding aside, the N.C.O.'s are trying their darndest to get this original all-Canadian squadron graduated with flying colors.

Oh, yes! We must not forget our sports activities at No. 3. The squadron is lucky enough to have some very good softball players amongst the boys and these men are really showing their stuff. To date the standing is eight games won, one tied and one lost; leaving a final game against the Flying Squadron to be won.

To close off this column, the men of 73 Squadron challenge any other squadron (officers, PTI's and NCO's included) to a fast game of floor hockey.

Entertainment Season Opens

With a gala show staged by the "Kurvettes" under the direction of Miss Eleanor Suttie, the entertainment season for No. 3 Wireless School was opened on Thursday night, September 9th, before a capacity audience.

A highlight of the program was the Highland Fling danced by LAC Webster, who was brought from the audience onto the stage to strut his stuff.

At the end of the show, Captain J. Freeman thanked the troupe on behalf of the C.O. for an outstanding performance.

Under the chairmanship of Flt. Lt. W. Marginson, the Station Entertainment Committee has prepared a schedule of variety shows to be presented in the auditorium frequently during the fall-winter months.

Medical Officer: "Can you stand on your head?"

Recruit: "No, sir, it's too high!"

Man, cigar in hand, falling through the air from an airplane: "Gosh! That wasn't the wash room after all."

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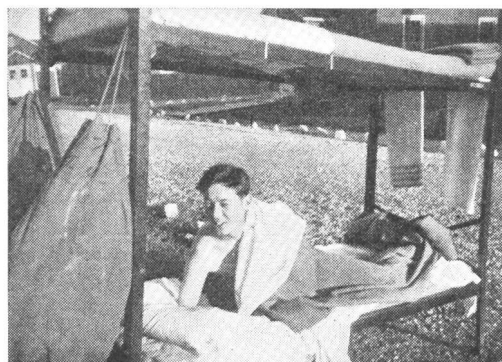
By LAC S. E. T. Gannaway

We are now on our eleventh week on course and our tap-happy boys are still slightly enthusiastic about their Morse and radio. The other night I actually saw one bright youth with a procedure book out, though I think it must have been only to fool his pals as, by the way, the squadron has been piling up the best improvement passes. It seems we don't need to sweat (much anyway).

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An amazing incident in our hut a week ago leaves LAC Logan still trying to figure out how gremlins (such little fellows) could do such a thing. Some of the boys having been very bad that day, it was decided by private court martial of Hut 6 that such should be punished for deeds not violent but unbecoming to an airman. The court held, the showers were made ready. There were lots of charges and lots of chaps condemned to them, so by the time the "shower turners" and "bucket fillers" were through it was well on to lights out.

Then the degraded wet ones were all out for revenge! They very politely took the sleeping Logan and wet him a little. Friend Logan then tried no less than five times to resume his sleep, but every time he came out again. He eventually managed it and started to snore in a very disturbing manner.



In the morning the unfortunate Logan was sleeping soundly in the middle of the road outside our mansion and breakfast goers had quite a few laughs on their way. It was rather cold that morning, too. The boys told him it must have been those little blue and green gremlins about two-thirds of three-fifths of a short circuit long. Logan has pledged himself not to be bad again.

It's All Very Simple

The importance of careful preparation for those important get-togethers on the sacred ground in front of the ensign, cannot be over emphasized. Members of the R.C.A.F. are supplied with protection in the form of a leather covering for their pedal extremities, which must of course be always extremely clean, and in fact, possess a glossy black polish. Now it is well known amongst the older members of the station that these foot coverings or "boots" as they are called, seldom lose their original high lustre. A slight film of gravel dust or a trace of mud does, however, adhere to the surface now and then, producing an undesirable effect. To remedy this condition and attain the desired polished effect the following simple suggestions are given to our new trainees:

- (1) Remove both boots and return with Form E47 to the stores section. They will be only too pleased to supply replacements;
- (2) Consult your S.W.O. and obtain permission to interview your Squadron Commander regarding the matters of Boots—Polishing. If your request is approved by him, it is then passed on form S1234 to the Tech Adj. for initialing by the C.I. and then sent to the Adj. who takes it into the C.O. for approval. Of course nothing further can be done.
- (3) Polish them yourself—a very simple process taking only three or four hours. First, dis-assemble the boot by removing the stitching that fastens the sole to the relatively unimportant upper part. This may easily be accomplished by a long-handled screwdriver or a blowtorch.

Now a common error usually made by the uninitiated is to brush the surface clean of all gritty particles, pebbles and gravel, etc. This is never done—if it is allowed to remain it serves as surface protection, and a weather-all underneath the final finish. Remember the purpose of taking the boot apart is not to remove these particles but to see if they are there.

The next step is to apply thoroughly a coat of black enamel; stores references 72A-9835 (obtained from the Station Warrant Officer by the hut orderly). When this has thoroughly dried another coat should be applied, and rubbed well into the sur-

St. Johns "Tech" Notes

CHATTER FROM THE A. G.'s.

When the potential Air Gunners from St. John's Tech. get rolling, then Hitler and Co. had better watch their blood-dripped hides. Even a friendly game of football a few mornings ago resulted in a total of ten casualties, when our blonde ladies' delight had to be rushed to the hospital for several stitches around the eye, Klink saw the dentist for a chipped tooth, and John required treatment for a cut hand. The remaining injured managed to carry on to complete an exciting game.

Succeeding Mr. Ward as principal, we have Mr. Louks to guide our nightly path. Yes, we are at night school now, and it is rumored that the girls of the neighborhood are drawing up a petition to be presented to the C.O. demanding our freedom in the evenings in order to assist in our studies.

And we're drilling now, too! Corporal Bereskin hopes to obtain results from the St. John's precision squad before long. The first day he gave the command—"Right in threes, right turn"—he quickly turned and covered his head as he muttered a prayer that at least half of the men would know their right from their left. Almost half did, including four LAC's. Amazing, isn't it!

IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

Did you hear about the truthful trainee on mid-term leave who wired the C.O.—"Nobody dead, nobody sick, just married, request extension leave."

W/C Michelson is reported to have replied (prepaid) much to the airman's amazement: "Congratulations — leave extended five days."

Don't get ideas—it only works once.

face with the floor mop. Then apply a thin coat of clear varnish (easily obtained from Mr. Ross W&B). When this has hardened give them another application of varnish and then take a good look at them. You will be astonished at the difference in appearance.

Note—the problem of how to re-assemble the shoe is, we feel, none of our business.

: : CHAMPIONS ALL



Representing No. 3 W.S. at the M.A.H.A. hockey-golf tournament, held recently at Southwood Golf Course were: (From left to right) Cpl. Mathewson, of the P.T.I. Staff, former coach for the Army hockey team; F/O C. A. Turner, former inter-collegiate wrestling champ. from Western University; F/L F. F. Gravelle, former rugby star; AC1 Pete Langelie, and Cpl. Wally Stanowski, both of hockey fame.

Sport Highlights at

FIRST WOMEN'S TABLOID SPORTS

The W.D. team from our school walked off with top honors at the first women's tabloid sports meet held at Osborne Stadium on September 1st.

With ten teams competing altogether, the girls from No. 3 Wireless ran up a total of 86 points by using one team. No. 8 Repair Depot entered two teams and took second place, with 110 Basic Training Centre in third. Runners up were C.W.A.C. teams from Fort Osborne, Wellington Crescent, Composite Training and Fort Garry.

CRICKET

The cricket league is gradually coming to the end of a very successful season. What with a couple more Saturday afternoon games remaining, the four Wireless School teams A, B, C and D have done exceptionally well, with "A" team leading the schedule for the greater part of the season.

Watkins, a star cricketer who was laid up due to a plane crack-up, should be back in time before the league ends. With the graduation of Squadron 63, the cricket league will be losing some very valuable players. However, this shouldn't weaken the league too much because many good players are still left such as Foster, Lavalie, Evans, McDonald, Gillam, James, Dunder, Jackson, Gillespie and many more.

Top:—W.D. athletes who won top honors at the recent women's tabloid sports meet at Osborne Stadium.

Second: The Station Hardball Team now playing the last game of the finals. With an outstanding record throughout the season, our team will be the probable champions.

Third:—The Command rugby team pause from their training to pose for the W.A.G. MAG photographer. Les Lear, the gent in sweater 55 is the line coach. Our school has seven men on the team.

No. 3 Wireless School : :

INTER-SQUADRON SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Inter-Squadron Softball League is down to the finals with the Flying Squadron and Squadron 67 battling it out for the League Championships. As we go to press the Flying Squadron are up one game by winning the first game 5—4.

Flying Squadron knocked out Squadron 65 in two games to win their semi-finals, while Squadron 67 knocked out Squadron 69 in two straight wins to take their semi-final games.

All in all it has been a well contested season with the final schedule standing as follows:

Squadron:	P.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
65	7	7	0	0	14
67	7	5	1	1	11
F.S.	7	5	2	0	10
69	7	4	3	0	8
71	7	3	4	0	6
73	7	2	4	1	5
Officers	7	1	6	0	2
N.C.O.'s	7	0	7	0	0

HARDBALL

The Station Hardball team were only taken into camp twice during the schedule, once by No. 8 Repair Depot and once by No. 5 A.O.S. at the beginning of the season. From the beginning of the league the No. 3 team has steadily improved with every game and is rapidly becoming the outstanding team in the League.

During the second half of the schedule our team never lost a game and as a result were standing at the top of the league with No. 8 Repair Depot second, 5 A.O.S. third and Army fourth.

No. 5 A.O.S. won the semi-finals from No. 8 Repair Depot by default, thus entering the finals with No. 3 Wireless School. The first game of the finals was played on Saturday, August 28, at No. 3 Wireless School, with our boys defeating No. 5, 6—2. Saturday's game was one of the best games of the season with both teams showing great form. McWilliams of No. 8 opened up the scoring when he came in with the first run of the game during the 3rd inning for No. 8. No runs were then made until the 6th inning, when Belton ran home for No. 8 and Cpl.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Once again, the track and field team from this station went to town and won places in every event they entered.

The meet this time was the Manitoba Championships, held at Sargent Park on August 21st, with over 90 competitors from all Manitoba taking part and the lads from our Station won 3 first, 7 seconds and 5 thirds, for a total of 41 points.

"Ironman" Agnew, from Squadron 67, won the 3-mile per usual, in the time of 17 minutes. Jowitt from 63 finished second—"Ironman" also finished second in the mile, holding himself in for the 3 mile.



LAC L. O'Neill

O'Neill from Squadron 69 also had a first and second place — winning the 440 yards and placing second in the 880 yards. O'Neill gave up two days of his mid-term leave to compete in the meet, arriving the same day from Chicago.

The other man to gain a first place was LAC D. Ring from Squadron 75—taking the hop-step and jump with a leap of 40 feet even.

The following are names and places won at the championships:

- Pole Vault—Kidd, H. V., 3rd.
- 100 Yards—Boyes, S. H., 3rd.
- 1 Mile—Agnew, T., 2nd.
- 220 Yards—Court, L. G., 3rd.
- 880 Yards (Jr.)—Walker, A. J., 2nd.
- 880 Yards (Sr.)—O'Neill, L., 2nd.
- 440 Yards—O'Neill, L., 1st.
- 440 Yards—Bailey, E., 2nd.
- 440 Yards—Snow, K., 3rd.
- 3 Mile—Agnew T., 1st.
- 3 Mile—Jowitt, R., 2nd.
- Hop-Step—Ring, A. J., 1st.
- Run. B. Jump (Jd.)—Walker, A., 2nd.
- 16-lb. Shot—Cpl. Walters, 2nd.
- High Jump—Cpl. Berry, 3rd.

Thus ends a successful season of track and field.

RUGGER REVIEW

The highlight of the rugger season was the second game with No. 5 A.O.S. played at the navigators new home on August 21st. The two evenly matched teams battled to an eleven-all draw, repeating their previous performance when an eight-all score resulted.

LAC Breed of Squadron 65, LAC Carroll of 63 and Fletcher of 71 were the standouts among the half-backs, with Bridge, Heperi and Hanigan supplying the power for the forwards. A future game will be held soon and a good match should undoubtedly result.

A return match with Carberry, who was beaten by the Station team 11—0 the last time out, will be arranged to provide the RAF men with an opportunity of getting even.

The first game of the current rugger schedule resulted in Squadron 71 beating 75 by a score of 21—0. However, with some practice under their belts Squadron 75 will be a factor to contend with.

The latest entry to the league, Squadron 77 will undoubtedly provide a team that will measure up to the high standard set by the other teams.

The graduating Squadron 63 had in its midst some of the finest players this station has seen, such as Carroll and Chopping, and in losing Squadron 63 we are losing a great bunch of athletes and in that respect this department is sorry to see them go. However, we wish them the best, and happy landings wherever they may go.

HARDBALL

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Murphy brought in the first run for No. 3, making the score 2 to 1 in favor of No. 8 at the end of the sixth inning. No score was made in the seventh inning, but the eighth inning completely changed the picture when Ken Dunsmore of No. 3 clouted a home run out into right field, bringing in Cpl. Murphy and Cpl. Flood, who were out on bases. The ninth inning again brought a score to No. 3 with Cpl. Murphy and Ken Dunsmore running home for two more runs. This made the score 6 to 2 in our favor for the first game of the finals.



Now that the swimming trunks and wolf calls are being tucked away in moth balls with the coming of fall, the Y.M.C.A. is all set to go with a fine schedule of camp activities. The rifle range is getting into full operation and inter-squadron competition will soon be starting. Has your squadron got a rifle team? If not, then drop in to see Lorne Gleeson in the "Y" office. He is anxious to help you to get started.

Thursday, September, 9th will see the opening of our fall and winter variety shows, which will continue weekly in the school auditorium. Old timers on the station will vouch for the top notch entertainment in these programmes which are sponsored by leading Manitoba firms.

If you are already a library member, there is no need to tell you of the great variety and number of books on the library shelves, but non-members will be surprised to see the fine selection from which they may choose their reading matter.

During the past month many corn and weiner roasts have been arranged for the boys and girls of No. 3 and invitations are now being received at the "Y" office for dances and house parties. Mr. Gleeson would like to contact all persons interested and would appreciate their comments on these activities.

Have you a hobby? Organization is now under way for the following proposed list of favorite pastimes: Model Aeroplane, Fretwork, Sketching, Wood Carving, Soap Carving, Woodwork, Music Appreciation, Glee Club, Camera Club, Public Speaking, Current Events and Discussion Groups, Stamp Club. Take your choice.

Did you hear about the fat man who got off the street car backwards, because a lady said she was going to pinch his seat when he got off.

Wife (to drunken husband): "I think we had better go to bed, dear".

Husband: "... Sure. May as well; I'll get hell when I go home, anyway!"

At the Flying Squadron

By W.O.2 N. Joseph

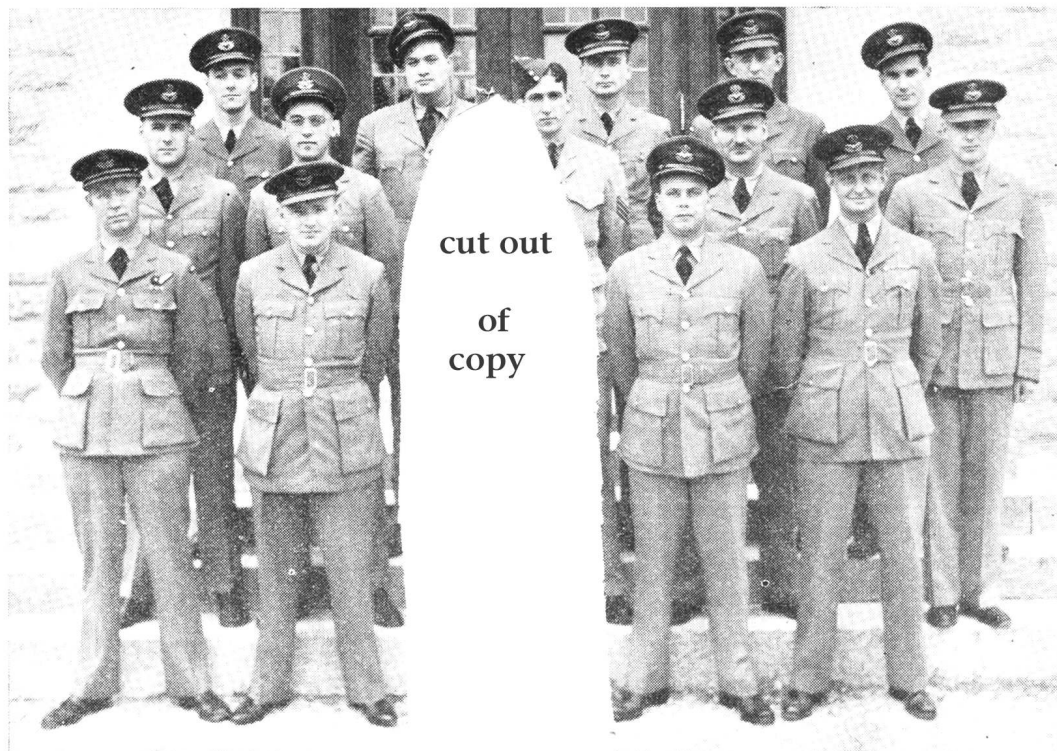
A number of our staff pilots have left us, namely: F/O Kobierski, P/O Priest and Warrant Officers Smith, Vietch, Morgan and Huffer. We have greatly enjoyed working with these lads and are sorry to lose them. Filling their places are Pilot Officers Ball, Burrell, Gourlay, Tatum, Labine, Wiser and Sergeants Quenneville, Targosz, Walsh, Ellis and Duncan. The new arrivals are making themselves at home and if their actions are any indication, they are enjoying their stay at our station.

All the boys of the Flying Squadron are proud of the three former members of our ground crew who have won commissions in aircrew. These happy fledglings are Pilot Officers Wiggins, Soulier and Barnlund, former aero engine mechanics. Their efforts set a good example to others in ground crew so patiently awaiting their remuster.

Pilot Officers M. Fairway and William de

Montmollin Marler are victims of the marital gremlin. We older, more experienced married men, gave our best to prevent this pitfall, but youth is headstrong and must have its way. However, what's done is done and to them both many happy years.

We have, amongst our staff, a very efficient and persistent electrician. Part of the section being very short on D.F. Bearings he was ordered to beg, borrow or steal one, but certainly not to return without securing one somewhere. Faithfully he went his rounds, first to stores, unfortunately they had just issued their last. Other sections were canvassed: "Sorry, the only one we have left has just run out of electrons" or "We'd like to help, but the only three we have are being used as book ends". Old faithful plodded on, from stores to stores, sections to sections, no D.F. Bearings. According to the latest reports he is still looking, pitifully anxious to please.



RADIO SIGNALS OFFICERS' COURSE No. 1

Front Row (left to right): F/L D. Gwinn, M.B.E.; F/L W. R. Brennan; S/L W. C. Fisher, Officer Commanding; F/O D. K. Bland; F/L C. B. Limbrick.

Second Row: F/L C. H. Jones; P/O C. A. Loomis; F/Sgt. W. C. Sellars; F/L R. A. Sheppard; P/O J. S. George.

Third Row: F/O H. H. Yates; F/O W. H. C. Beckett; F/L O. A. Smith; F/L R. L. Margeson; P/O W. N. Balmer.

ACCOUNTS STAFF

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Let us take a few days in the life of the average airman. You are posted to a new station and about the 28th of the month start reading DRO, hoping that something about a pay parade may be mentioned. Unfortunately the only item from the Accounts Section is a short terse notice to the effect that no advances will be given and that airmen must arrange their finances accordingly, —and everybody knows this is a physical impossibility. However, payday rolls around and after waiting for several hours you stagger to the paymaster's desk in the last stage of exhaustion only to be informed your name is not on the acquittance roll. Showing admirable self control you crawl into the Accounts Section on your knees and plead for a buck or two and are then advised that you cannot receive any pay because your LPC has not arrived, LPC being accounts slang for—this is one guy we don't have to worry about. Usually, however, they will advance you about five dollars which is promptly borrowed from you before leaving the office.

One of the best means of getting something from the Accounts is to approach them on the afternoon of any payday and ask foolish questions about your pay; try it sometime and I'll come around and wipe up the blood. After all, I have my First Aid certificate.

SQUADRON 65

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won by T. Agnew, with two firsts and second; L. Court, one first; D. Marsland, first; Munroe and Kehl a second and tl

respectively, and finishing up with J. McLaughlin one third.

Ask Owen Girven, keen rugger player, what it is like to feel "inside out" in a Fleet with a strong wind blowing. But I warn you, be ready to make an emphatic refusal of the description of air-sickness and find out for yourself.

How to contact "Darkie" after lights out brings procedure right into the barracks during the hours of darkness. That is, of course, when "Darkie" is at home to enquiries.

Yes, real first class entertainment has been largely responsible for keeping all happy and contented. Waking up towards midnight, occasionally tap dances by Ed. Quigly, sole star, may be heard on cold concrete, or yet on turning over in bed, an unknown voice may be heard giving a running commentary on imaginary horse-races or rugger games.

But seriously, whether outside or in the barracks, Squadron 65's present gratifying record will be hard to equal.

SQUADRON 69

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A sweet young thing: "I'm very discouraged. Everything I do seems to be wrong."

"Monster" Brewster: "Is that right? Are you doing Saturday night?"

Hot-Dogs

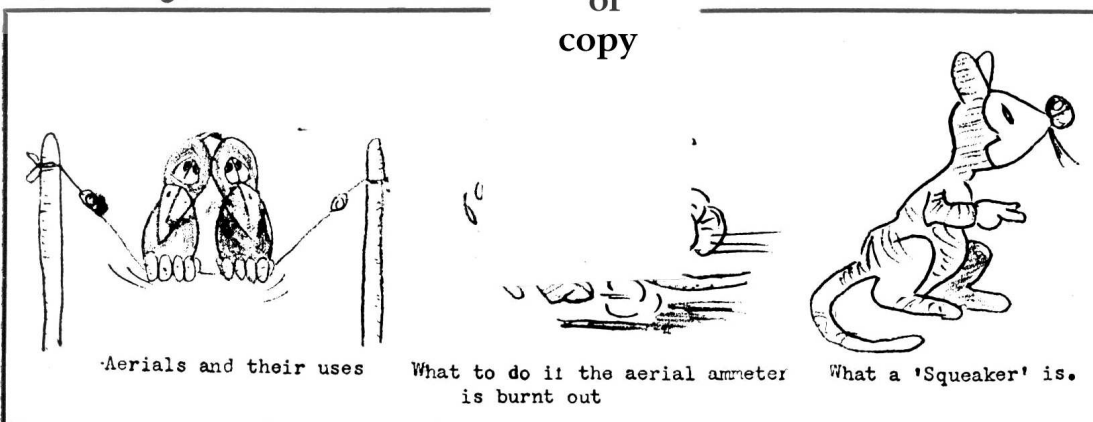
and "Sarg" Eidem were the recent that very old gag "the hot foot". They slept right through and didn't get scorched.

Kehl laughs his shiner off with something I picked up on Portote.

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Radio Quiz: Do You I

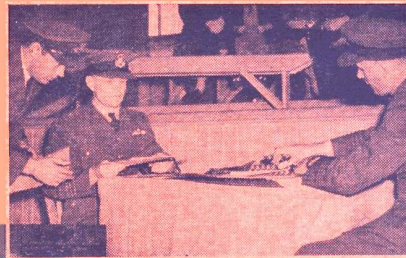


NEWS ROUND-UP



Above: Three cheers for W/C Michelson, led by the new C/O at the handing-over parade.

NEW C.O. ARRIVES



Above: The C.O. hands Flt. Lt. Gravelle the documents he has just signed, as W/C Michelson lifts the pen to complete the signing of the handing-over certificates.



Right: W/C Walmsley is welcomed to his new post by W/C Michelson on Sept. 7th.

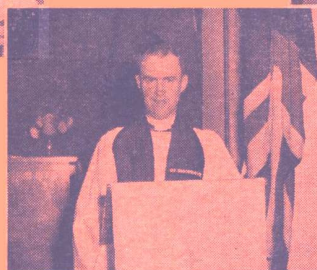


Above: G/C Cockram, Protestant Director of Chaplain Services (right) and F/L G. E. Phillips pose by the altar of the new chapel after the opening ceremony.

CHAPEL IS DEDICATED



Above: Kneeling at prayer, G/C Cockram and F/L Phillips are seen as they conducted the service of dedication which was attended by more than thirty Protestant padres from No. 2 Training Command, and distinguished guests including the A.O.C.



Right: F/L Phillips at the lecturne.



Above: The new W.D. canteen recently opened.

NEW CANTEENS OPEN



Above: A view of the new W.D. lounge where modern furnishings and streamlined fixtures offer comforts of home for our Women's Division.

Right: Talk of the station is the new milk bar opened in the airmen's canteen where milk shakes, sundaes, coffee and cakes are available.





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