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407 Maritime Patrol Sqn. Goes Navy



'Rum Situation' State New Tars After Splicing the Mainbrace

Canadian Forces Headquarters recently announced that 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron has been transferred to the control of Maritime Pacific Command/Vice Maritime Air Command. This will result in better functional control and increased efficiency between the two units. Rear Admiral MG Stirling, the maritime

commander on the Pacific coast will report directly to Rear Admiral William Landymore, overall marine commander in Halifax. It is also expected that the air-sea rescue centre at Vancouver will be moved to Victoria airport as a result of that unit's placement under the new command.

Conundrums in the New Move?

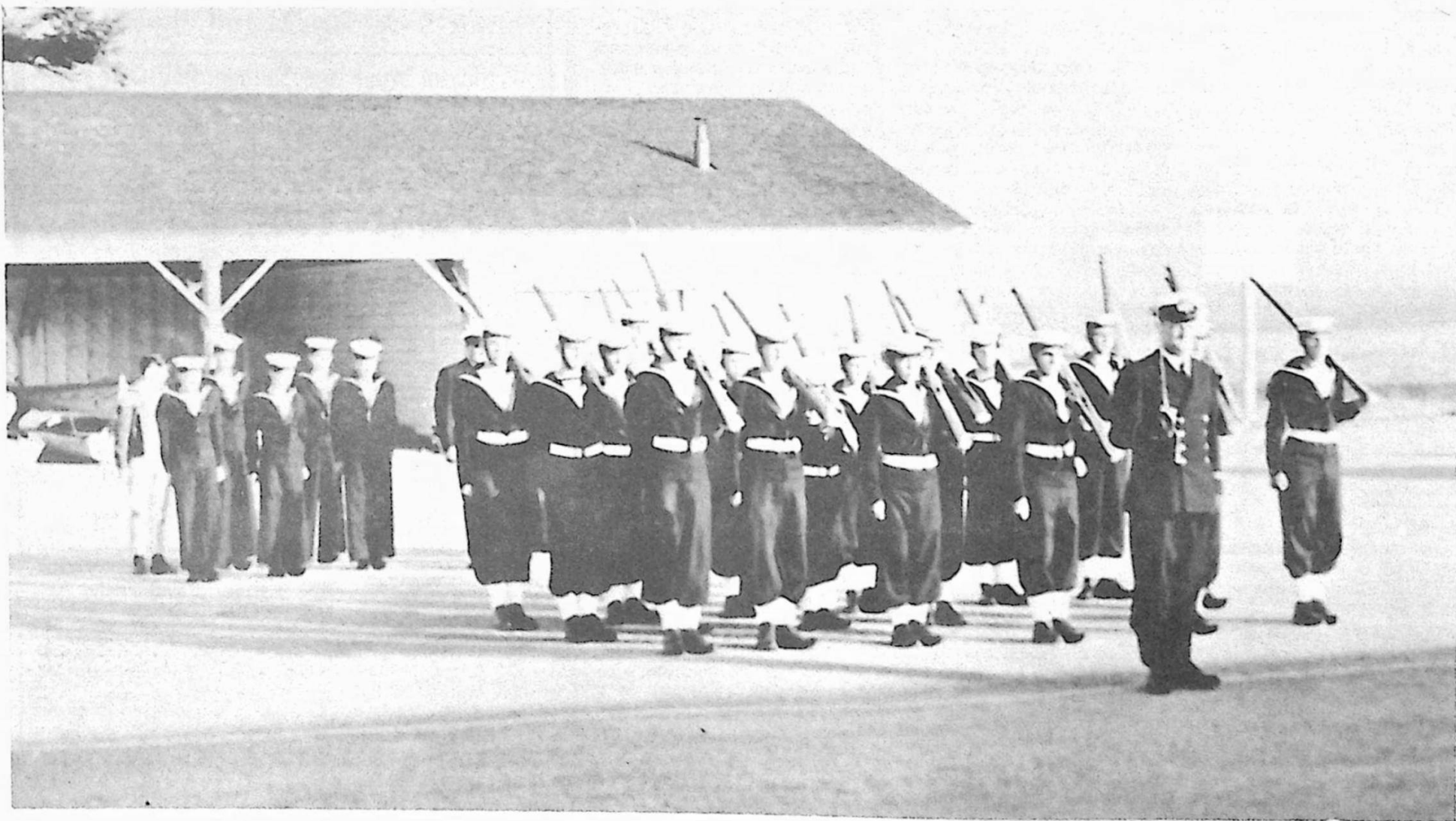
The editors have looked hard to find an expert on nautical matters; so far the struggle has been in vain. We were, however, able to elicit the following information:

A ship is something you cannot put on another one of without causing damage; a boat is something you can put on a ship

without people carrying much one way or the other.

Athwartships is the middle; astern is to move the engines in reverse; a head is a bathroom.

We would appreciate a naval expert adding to our stock of knowledge.



WILL 407 MARITIME HAVE TO PREPARE THEIR PATROLS IN A NEW FASHION?

Dependants Doin's

On this "beeeautiful B.C." afternoon — I wish I could be outside! Gorgeous sunshine beaming into the office and these men in here pull the shades down! When it rains, they complain about the sun never shining around this neck of the woods. Typical of men!

A message has been received about the Mynarski Trophy. Station Lamaca has won this year and Comox received honorable mention. Congratulations to Stn. Lamaca.

Our newly formed girls' club has decided to call themselves the Young Active Activity Club and will be known as the YAAC's. Believe me, it certainly is not misnamed — I can't hear myself think sometimes! Chairman is Heather Nickson; vice chairman is Geraldine O'Shea; secretary is Leslie Thompson and treasurer is Debbie Mitchell. There are 37 members so far and they will attempt to make money so they can arrange for a bus to take them to the Forbidden Plateau Lodge for a day of sleighing.

The first party will be for Valerie Terris who is leaving shortly. After each meeting they play a team sport of some kind, never knowing until the last minute, what it will be. We will help with this group shortly, if you can please phone me at Loc. 372 or 334-3380.

Anyone wishing to use the PMQ School after 5 p.m. is requested to phone the Rec Centre or myself and book the time you desire. Any time needed before 5 p.m. is done through Miss Beveridge for the time up to 5 p.m.

Teen age girls will now be able to play a little bit of basketball at the Rec Centre every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 2:30. At this time, boys will not be allowed on the floor.

Information about a Community Centre is very encouraging so far. In fact, things are starting to look very, very good.

Ladies' broomball is looking very promising. Last week there were 20 ladies out and we hope many more will come out to enjoy this game. Just as soon as we have enough we will have a Saturday night competition.

To the person who took the coat at the Teen Dance on the 14th of this month: "Be very careful as there is only one coat like it. If you dropped it off at the Guard House, no questions would be asked."

Bingo seems to be a little confusing to some. There are three numbers drawn each working day so that the game does not drag out too long. Winners are determined by which number they won on. If you were to win on the second number called and someone else won on the first number drawn, you would be left out. They are working this along the regular way of playing bingo (one number at a time) but are just eliminating the length of time it would take by drawing one number a day. Each morning, when the numbers are drawn, there are witnesses to the drawing so that there is no confusion as to what numbers are called when. When you phone in for the numbers, you get them in the order they are drawn. If you will notice on the Master Cards, the numbers are put in a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Are you more confused now? If so, talk to your councillor or give me a call. Personally, I would rather do it this way than have a game

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(a) Entry and exit to the station shall be only during the time of the meetings and activities.

(b) Children shall proceed directly to and from the building where the activity is taking place and the gate.

(c) They are in possession of a valid station pass or in the company of a supervisor.

These are the rules and they should be abided by. As I read it, children between 12 and 16 years are not allowed on the station unless accompanied or going to an organized meeting or activity. For the organized activities run by the Wallace Gardens Recreation, we issue Activity Cards. Would you please make sure your child receives one. If you wish to pick your child up after his activity, please be on time or ask him or her to wait at the guardhouse.

As usual I'm in a terrible hurry again so I hope I haven't confused you too much.

Profit incentive necessary for successful business

A recent Canada-wide survey of graduating high school students indicates that three of every four students believe that business cannot function successfully without the profit incentive.

The survey, taken by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and over 150 member community boards or chambers, also reveals that over 80 per cent of the students agree that "job security" is dependent on profitable business operation. These views support the fact that profits encourage economic growth, create better job opportunities, greater security and a higher standard of living.

Oh shucks, and the air force hasn't turned a profit for years.

NCO's wives enjoy party

A short business session was held during which all members of the club were reminded of the invitation to attend the Officers' Wives Club Hawaiian Night on January 26th.

Afterwards a very enjoyable evening was organized by the entertainment committee and consisted of some interesting games. Mesdames Jean Garland, Les Johns, Madeline Blythe and Berna Smith were winners of the first two games, and Mrs. Shirley Chapman displayed her knowledge of flowers by winning the third game.

Mrs. Cass Mitchell was a prize winner and Mrs. Phyllis Nickson was the lucky "serviette" winner.



A SEMINAR has been held by the Civilian Personnel Officers of several Western RCAF stations on 10th and 11th January at RCAF Station Comox. This seminar was directed by Mr. J. R. Hay, Civilian Personnel Staff Officer at Air Defence Command Headquarters in St. Hubert, P.Q. He and his assistant, Mr. E. Davies, briefed the group on new regulations affecting civilian employees. Mr. A. G. Ford, Civilian Personnel Officer for RCAF Station Comox, hosted the group. In this photograph are (left to right), front row: Mr. Davies and Mr. Hay, Mrs. D. Durcote, RCAF Station Kamloops; Mr. Ford and Mr. N. Schwartz, District Treasury Office at Vancouver. Rear row: Mr. J. Graham, Station Cold Lake; Mr. R. Coulter, Station Holberg; Mr. R. Jefferson, Station Puntzi Mountain; Mr. D. McConnell, Station Cold Lake and Mr. Deacon, Station Baldy Hughes.

121 On Tap

A good part of 121 converged on Station Namao two weeks ago to carry out pilot training in Albatross ski landings and take-offs. Every course was faithfully treated in the boat school tradition of course arrival, mid-course, and graduation parties; which were amazing as most courses only had three days training at the most. The nav and R.O. were kept busy fulfilling their SAR duties, but no one could figure out what Rob was doing on his night searches down town Edmonton. The stay in Namao was lived up by the presence of an old 121 confrere, Jim Porter, who is now working in Edmonton.

On the return trip to Comox the 'Albert' crew stopped in Prince George about the same time as Danny Campbell and the chopper boys who were starting a search for an airman supposedly lost out of Baldy Hughes.

Following the Namao trip there was another Albatross ferry flight to St. Jean, P.Q. During the stop-over in Winnipeg the fellows rendezvoused with Gil Delong who is on course there. It would appear that Gil doesn't have much use for those forty below prairie winters. So on the return stop-over the C.O., S/L Brown, was able to give Gil some encouraging news, apparently he will be coming back to the fighting one hundred and twenty first all-weather squadron. It will be great to have "Monsieur le Pussycat" back at the old dart board.

In Trenton the crew picked up all sorts of new juicy rumours — apparently we are not getting a pay raise after all, etc. Paul Callaway and Rick Edwards were there on course, Paul on the CH-113 chopper course, and Rick on the cariboo course. Rick's

transfer is for El Arish, what a way to escape the harsh Canadian climate!

More about transfers... Bill Kirkland has been transferred to St. Johns, N.B., as a recruiting

officer. Brian Aitken is headed for Marville, France; Bert Bertrand, for 437 Sqn. on the Yuku; and Bert Livingstone, for the SIT course in Centralia. Good luck, fellows!

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COURTENAY

RCAF COMOX 1965

RCAF Station Comox had a healthy year in 1965. There were numerous shuffles and many new faces appearing at this west coast bastion. The Totem Times staff picked out eight items for 1965. They are:

1-G/C R. S. Turnbull succeeds G/C E. G. Ireland as Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Comox.

2-W/C H. E. Smale succeeds W/C K. O. Moore as Commanding Officer of 407 Squadron.

3-W/C W. Vincent succeeds W/C G. Inglis as Officer Commanding 409 Squadron.

4-121 Labrador helicopter assists in Mount Kennedy ascent.

5-The official air force magazine "Roundel" is discontinued and succeeded by "Sentinel."

6-Protest marches by "Ban The Bombers" becomes summer pastime for unemployed students.

7-The year 1965 started with record snowfall.

8-Last but not least, a new staff for the "Totem Times."

DC-6 Service Welcomed

An announcement recently by Pacific Western Airlines that they were commencing daily services with a four engine DC-6 aircraft from Vancouver to Comox to Port Hardy, was welcomed in a statement by Trans Mountain Air Service's President, W. I. Macadam, Campbell River.

He said the new service was another very welcome achievement by Pacific Western Airlines. "Their policies in providing air services have always been progressive, and by cutting the flying time to Port Hardy by 40% passengers will be receiving one of the best short haul type services on the continent. "We warmly welcome this new service and congratulate Pacific Western on their forward looking policy."

Mr. Macadam, also said that it was now necessary for everyone in Campbell River to join together in a concerted action to see that the Campbell River Airport is lengthened by the Federal government, so that DC-6's could land in Campbell River, thus continuing to keep this city in the forefront of aviation.

He pointed out Campbell River was already the busiest seaplane charter base in the world and that its facilities at the airport must keep up with the water charter.

"It is my understanding that, if the proposed extension to the runway goes ahead, Pacific Western Airlines will fly DC-6's into Campbell River, thus providing a standard of pressurized comfort and speed so far unknown

to Campbell River."

Macadam said plans were afoot to install lighting this summer for night flying.

DND announces 15 Promotions to W/C

G. E. Gruson, 45, of Ottawa, headquarters Materiel Command, RCAF Station Rockcliffe, Ontario.

H. E. Bjornestad, 43, of Toronto, headquarters Air Transport Command, RCAF Station Trenton, Ontario.

D. H. MacKay, 43, of Vancouver, headquarters Maritime Air Command, Halifax.

G. B. Fee, 50, promoted and appointed Protestant Chaplain I-Air Division, Metz, France, January 17.

F. I. Stephens, 45, of Toronto, to be promoted and transferred to Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa, January 22.

C. H. Devine, 46, of Arnprior, Ontario, to be promoted and transferred to Materiel Command, RCAF Station Rockcliffe, February 12.

G. D. Hines, 42, of Sydney, N.S., to be promoted and appointed to headquarters Air Defence Command St. Hubert, Que., February 28.

C. E. Rushton, 43, of Mahone Bay, N.S., headquarters Maritime Air Command, Halifax.

D. L. Francis, 41, of Moose Jaw, Sask., to be promoted and appointed to headquarters Air Defence Command, St. Hubert, Que., February 21.

D. P. Wightman, 33, of Toronto, Headquarters Air Transport Command, RCAF Station Trenton.

H. E. Samle, 37, of London, Ont., headquarters Maritime Air Command, Halifax.

H. R. Hooks, 40, of Winnipeg, headquarters Maritime Air Command, Halifax.

J. A. McNeill, 42, of Lethbridge, Alta., to be promoted and appointed to headquarters Training Command, RCAF Station Winnipeg, Man., February 1.

H. S. Tetlock, 39, of Mazenod, Sask., to be promoted and assigned to headquarters Air Defence Command, RCAF Station St. Hubert, Que., Feb. 7.

BY'S COLUMN

- by Vanessa

young poet is going to be transferred overseas, to Paris, I think. The girls, somewhat selfishly, were concerned with nylon stockings, eye make-ups, and pop records, and I think that your editor failed to note that the girls had sent form letters, rather poorly mimeographed, leading me to think that Comox was just one of several stations on their list.

So I transmitted, under confidential cover, the list of girls to the Dakota pilot. I included several snapshots, which I clipped from my scrapbook, of

I have one tip on fashions, girls. As you know if you read my introductory article, I live in Venice, which is in Italy. The latest rage over here are clothes a la Michelangelo mode. A gay fellow Michelangelo faithfully copied the fashions of his era and these are driving the current dress designers stark raving mad.

By for now, Vanessa.

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AROUND AND ABOUT 425 AW(F) SQN (YORDL'S BEST)

We publish above, with what can best be described as pernicious joy, this headline from the Beaconville Bagel. 425 AW(F) Sqn. has always been in the forefront of activities throughout the country. When they attended William Tell, as the RCAF's competitor in the ADC Weapons Meet, they achieved continental notoriety. But to transcend this and become known as the

best in YORDL! Who is this organization? Is it a planet of our galaxy? Some spy network? Why hasn't the B.C. air force been invited; do the judges from YORDL refuse to count all the players? 409, 407, and 121 want in on the competition or we'll get the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union involved.

YORDL. Well, really!

The Royal Canadian Air Force

BEGINNINGS

On Feb. 23, 1909, the first successful aeroplane flight in the British Empire was made by the late Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy who piloted his biplane, the "Silver Dart," for half a mile over the ice covered surface of Baddeck Bay, N.S.

McCurdy and F. W. Baldwin formed the Canadian Aerodrome Company in 1909. They failed to commit the department of militia and defence to the military possibilities of their aircraft. When the Great War began in August, 1914, Canada had neither pilots nor aircraft in her armed forces.

THE GREAT WAR

The outbreak of war immediately brought the new air weapon into prominence. Two officers were appointed, one of them on Sept. 16, 1914, as "provisional commander of the Canadian Aviation Corps" with the rank of captain. A machine was obtained for \$5,000, an American built Burgess-Dunne biplane of unique design, somewhat resembling the modern swept-wing supersonic aircraft. In October, 1914, the Canadian Aviation Corps of two officers and one aircraft accompanied the First Contingent overseas.

The Burgess-Dunne was left lying in the open at the Canadian camp at Salisbury Plains until it degenerated into a pile of worthless junk. The provisional commander soon returned to Canada. His colleague, Lt. W. F. Sharpe, was killed in England in a flying accident Feb.

4, 1915. He was the first Canadian to give his life in the forces of Britain in the Great War. His death marked the end of Canada's first air corps.

More than three years elapsed before any further action was taken to form a Canadian air force, but from the beginning of the war the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service had turned to Canada as a fertile source of recruits.

Hundreds of young Canadians who sought to volunteer for RFC and RNAS were first required to qualify at a civilian flying school at their own expense. The Curtiss School of Aviation at Toronto Island and Long Branch under the management of Mr. McCurdy graduated 129 pilots in 1915 and 1916 and gave partial training to several hundred more pupils.

The RFC early in 1917 set up its own training establishment in Canada with headquarters at Toronto and training wigs at Camp Borden, North Toronto and Deseronto. Trained in Canada during these two years were 3,135 pilots and 137 observers, of whom 2,624 went overseas before the armistice. In all, about 22,000 men from Canada served in the RFC, RNAS and RAF during the war. The book of remembrance in Ottawa records the names of 1,563 airmen who gave their lives. Over 800 decorations were won by Canadian airmen, including three Victoria Crosses.

Canadians distinguished themselves on every type of opera-

tion and on every front of the war. After the war against the central powers had ended they flew against the Bolsheviks in north and south Russia.

CANADIAN HEROES

Of the 27 leading "aces" in the RAF, all credited with 30 or more victories, 10 were Canadians who between them had accounted for 438 enemy aircraft. Heading the list was Major W. A. Bishop, VC, DSO, MC, DFC, whose total of 72 victories was unequalled in the British air service.

Second to "Billy" Bishop was a naval pilot, Major Raymond Collishaw, DSO, DSC, DFC, with a total of 60 air victories.

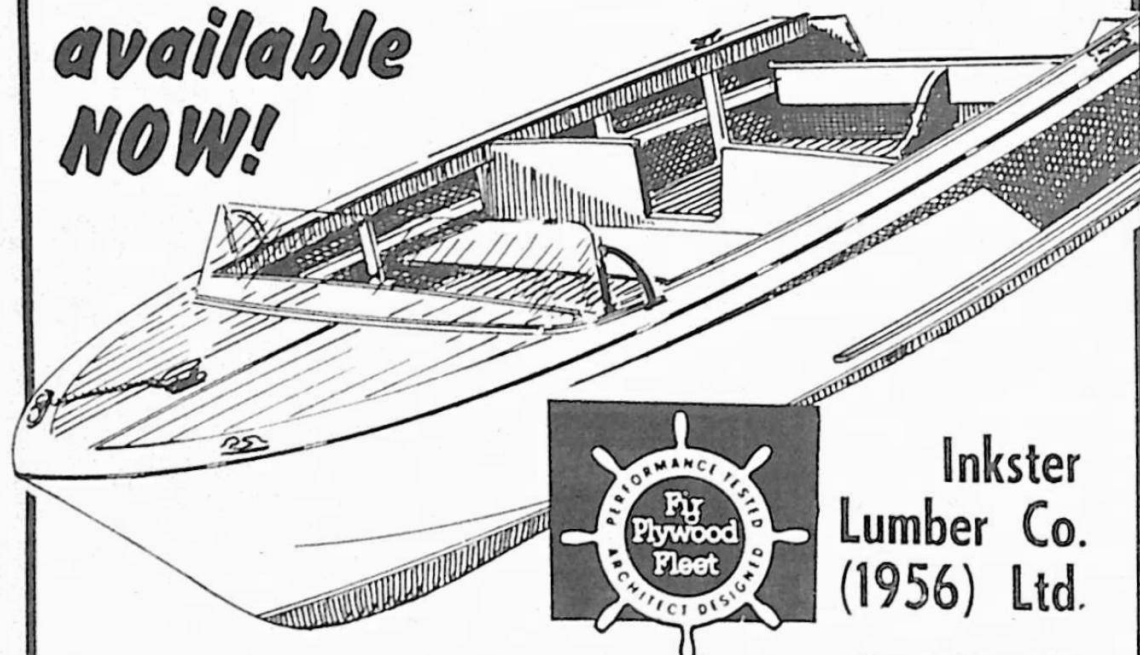
Major W. G. Barker, VC, DSO, MC (50 air victories) fought a legendary combat. High above the lines he attacked and shot down one enemy machine, but was himself set upon by other formations of Fokkers, numbering in all about 60. Repeatedly wounded in the arms and legs, Barker fought them off and destroyed several of his opponents before crash landing.

Capt. A. R. Brown, DSC, was credited with shooting down the leading German airman, Rittmeister Manfred von Richtofen, in April, 1918, after the "Red Knight" had won 80 victories in air combat.

Many of the best flying-boat pilots who flew on coastal operations with the RNAS came from Canada. One of them, Major Robert Leckie, DSO, DSC, DFC, later became air member for

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Integration Problems

AIR FORCE AND ARMY TO WORK LONGER HOURS

Integration of Canada's armed services has caused many problems on the administrative side. For instance: Queen's Regulations (Air). QRA's and the equivalent Navy and Army regulations have been under close scrutiny to make the incompatible to all three/one service(s). There are already some gaps. The new regs. just pass the buck to the Chief of Defence Staff on the question of beards and moustaches. As reported in the Totem Times last issue, grog will not be issued to all services when the sun passes over the yardarm, only if the yardarm is at sea.

Up to now, the RCAF and the Army have counted the days as starting at 0001 and ending at 2359. The RCN has always considered the day starts at 0000, and logically enough, ends at 2400. In the writing of the new Queen's Regulations and Orders, the Navy has pointed out the fact that we have been losing two possibly productive minutes every day.

Two minutes does not seem like much. Who does any work at midnight anyway? However, the new day will now be a full 24 hours. For the same pay, we must assume, members of the RCAF and Army will work an extra 73 million man minutes. For the statistically minded, that works into over 12 hours each. Progress, it's wonderful!

Worried About the Marines?

Some people in the RCAF have expressed dismay at the prospect of integration, usually with the view that integrating all the common trades might leave them on the short end of the stick. Competing with men of the RCAF in the same trades will be men of the Navy and Army now. Due to the much higher re-enlistment rate of the Air Force, airmen with two hitches may still be LAC's, but in the Navy, a man with ten years in, will most likely be an NCO by this time. Some people have taken the view that this will just limit their chances of advancement even more than before.

If initiative counts for anything, this view will not be borne out. In the first issue of the Sentinel, the tri-service magazine replacing the three separate service publications, there is an indicator. Out of 80 service men receiving cash awards for suggestions, 65 are from the RCAF, and of the seven who received more than \$100, all were airmen.

Some people are thinking. It makes you think.

Letter to the Editors

I was particularly taken with your editorial entitled "The Spirit of Christmas". In it you suggested that the various messes or squadrons could adopt a little foster child. However, it was noteworthy that not very much notice was taken of this suggestion. Well, maybe it was because everyone was busy and proper attention was not paid to the article. However, there is no reason why this suggestion could not still be put into action. I have been on many stations in my long career with the RCAF where various messes have adopted a foster child. Believe me, it was well worth the money spent; besides the obvious benefits that the child receives, the mess itself has done something of which it can be justifiably proud.

I for one, am going to try and

convince my fellow mess acquaintances that this is a worthwhile project, and I hope that others will do the same.

Signed: An Oldtimer

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The Royal Canadian Air Force

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training in the RCAF during the crucial years of the Second War and then chief of the air staff for over three years.

In the spring of 1918, the British and Canadian governments agreed that some all-Canadian squadrons should be formed, and in August the training of mechanics was started, followed by the formation that November of all-Canadian squadrons, one of fighters and the other of day-bombers. By this time the armistice had been signed, but training of the two CAF units continued.

Another Canadian flying corps had already been formed in Canada. A Royal Canadian Naval Air Service was set up in the summer of 1918. While personnel of the RCNAS were being trained in the United States and Britain, the U.S. Naval Flying Corps flew convoy escort and reconnaissance patrols from stations established at Halifax and North Sydney in Nova Scotia. When the war ended, the RCNAS was quickly disbanded.

The CAF overseas remained in existence for a few months more until February, 1920, when it too was disbanded.

(To be continued)

A/V/M Lister visits Stn. Comox today

Air Vice Marshal Murray D. Lister AOC Air Defence Command will arrive today from St. Hubert to begin a series of visits to ADC units prior to his retirement this spring.

A/V/M Lister was born in Edmonton and was educated at Calgary public schools and the Royal Military College. He joined the RCAF in 1935 and graduated as a pilot in May 1936. Prior to the outbreak of the war he served as a pilot with 1 Fighter Squadron and also as a flying instructor. Throughout the war years, A/V/M Lister served at various training centres in Canada and later in command and staff appointments in Western Air Command at Vancouver.

He was transferred overseas in July 1945 to serve with 84 Air Disarmament Group in Germany and as Director of Personnel at Overseas Headquarters, London, England. In the post-war period he was Commanding Officer of the Air Armament School at Mountain View and commanded the FTS at RCAF Station Centralia. In 1948 he attended the National Defence College, Kingston, and subsequently served for three years as Chief Staff Officer, CHS, London.

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Love has struck Comox! I had several very nicely written letters arrive from some of you lovely people out there on Vancouver Island and they were all concerned with love! One would think television hadn't been invented yet, but, of course, as we all know, it has.

Space doesn't permit me to answer all the letters in print, but I did get one perfectly delightful letter from a lonely Dakota pilot (that's the kind of airplane in which he flies, not his racial origin) and he wrote at length, describing himself and asking how it was that he was unable to marry someone equally attractive. It appears that as well as being attractive he has saved nearly seven hundred dollars and has passed his captain's unit check-out, whatever that is. He says that he is to be transferred elsewhere in the near future and he feels that it would benefit his career were he to have a spouse.

That's a man for you, Bragging about himself and, I suppose, willing to spend the inexplicable financial accretion left over from God knows how many orgies in an attempt to win back self-esteem by dowering his wife. I was, and am, unimpressed.

By odd chance, your dear boy of an editor sent me a batch of letters purporting to be from a group of Herzegovinian school-girls who had asked your editor to publish their addresses in an attempt to gain penfriends. Now it happens that this particular

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So I transmitted, under confidential cover, the list of girls to the Dakota pilot. I included several snapshots, which I clipped from my scrapbook, of girls I knew way back when and of whom I was never particularly fond. (Flashy girls, tawny blonds or raven-black hair, almost all gazing vacuously through a haze of Gitane-cigarette smoke. In short, the type likely to appeal to this wart.)

It may be that nothing much can come from such deliberate mis-matchmaking but it should be real fun to see if a romance does bloom.

There were several teen-agers concerned about love and acne, but I am an expert on neither and still bear the scars of both. I regretfully tossed those letters in the wastebasket.

Sir Ronald Ross, a British physician, won the 1902 Nobel medicine prize for showing that mosquitoes transmit malaria, reports World Book Encyclopedia. Ross made the discovery in 1898, studying malaria in birds.

A LADY'S COLUMN

- by Vanessa

I have one tip on fashions, girls. As you know if you read my introductory article, I live in Venice, which is in Italy. The latest rage over here are clothes a la Michelangelo mode. A gay fellow Michelangelo faithfully copied the fashions of his era and these are driving the current dress designers stark raving mad.

By for now, Vanessa.

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VAN'S VERBALITY

by WO1 J. W. Van Buskirk
BEES AND BONNETS

I visited an old friend about a year ago. He is retired and now owns an iplary. Thousands of silly little bees all chasing one Queen. Seems like a pretty good arrangement for her! He gave me a brief rundown on the bee as an insect. Each colony has one Queen — just like at my house. She only mates once in her lifetime — just like at my house. Then there are thousands of sexually undeveloped workers and a few hundred drones. The workers are going like mad all the time building wax cells, making honey and cleaning and defending the hive. I couldn't really get the gist of what the drones did besides laying around doing nothing and keeping an eye on one another. They even looked sneaky!

Occasionally, the Queen would go for a little fresh air and they all took after her. All she wanted to do was to get away from them for a while but it didn't work. Kind of a silly performance but a lot like people if you look at it squarely. Some industrious and slaves to work (only a few of us left mind you); others laying around or chasing queens. I guess this is the reason they take kids out to the country and tell them about the bees. So he gave me a little bucket of honey when I left and invited me back. As I really got the lesson on the first visit I haven't gone back since. I wish I'd had the trip 35 years ago — I might have taken a longer look at their philosophy.

Another old friend operated a cider plant. The apples poured in the hopper at the back door by the ton and the finished product poured out the front office by the gallon. I used to drop in occasionally to see him. The large vats were always fermenting away and he and I would sit back in the inner sanctum reminiscing and gurgling up a few quarts of the vintage stock. He hated to drink alone so I just dropped in to keep him happy. As a matter of recollection it was a good question as to

who was the happiest!

Strange and amusing, the different pursuits taken up after retirement, I talked to another one of those fellows only a few weeks ago. "What are you doing nowadays?" I asked. "Not much of anything," he replied. "Did you mind the change?" I continued. "What change?" was his answer. He told me what his trade had been in the service but I wouldn't dare mention it here. Someone might burn my house down.

Fishing, hunting, staying in bed in the morning — it all sounds great. I know a chap that lives in a nice, comfortable house boat. He keeps it anchored offshore to keep his mother-in-law from coming aboard. Quite a cagy fellow. He claimed that it had settled his wife down considerably too. She couldn't slam the door and go stomping home to mother's at every whip-stitch (without water skis). He admitted that he had no trouble with kids tearing down his fence, digging up his flowers or any of that nonsense. No one was ringing his doorbell selling magazine subscriptions or trying to get him up to have a drink at 3 a.m.

Looking at those aspects, he might have something there. Of course if you're going to isolate yourself like a hermit you might

just as well live in a cave. From the costs of rent nowadays we probably have people doing that too. You could hardly blame them.

However, there are quite a number of us who shouldn't look at the drone bees or house boats yet. We still have a few years to plan and scheme. But just in case that retirement shouldn't be all that it seems, perhaps we had better go on having a little fun every day. How about that!

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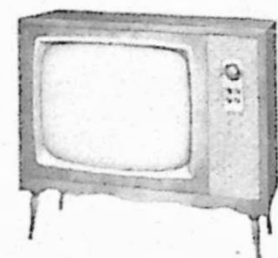
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Padre's Corner

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

In describing a profession, the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the Supreme Court said: "It is an occupation in which the amount of financial return is not the accepted measure of success."

At times we mistakenly measure success in terms of money. Occasionally people even think they are worth a lot of money simply because they have it! A successful life, however, has its source in other things. It is measured by qualities of character such as faith, honesty, courage, and self-control. It is gauged by what a man himself is worth, not by the amount of his paycheck, his savings, or his inheritance.

Herodotus, the Greek historian, once remarked that the "two-legged creatures are very plentiful, but men are very scarce." Man's physical features are not the marks of the real man. Neither are his intellectual capacity or his intellectual graces, of themselves, the yardstick of his true being. Quality of character is the real measure of a man.

Faith is necessary, because it overcomes fear. Without it, we could not trust the airplanes we fly or the automobiles we drive; we could not trust the people with whom we live and work; and, above all, we could not trust God in the full confidence that He is our Creator and Redeemer.

Honesty is the very foundation of a strong and reliable character. You cannot really deal with anyone who is not honest and truthful.

Courage helps us to see things through against all odds and difficulties. Self-control demonstrates that we are using our God-given faculties to act as men and not as slaves. (NEXT WEEK: YOU CARRY THE BATON)

Birth Notices

ANDREWS — Born to LAC and Mrs. William Andrews, a son, Douglas Stuart, 9 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.

BRETON — Born to LAC and Mrs. Paul Breton, a daughter, Kathy, 7 lbs. 14 oz.

BRADSHAW — Born to Cpl. and Mrs. William Bradshaw, a son, John William Edward, 5 lbs.

BALDWIN — Born to LAC and Mrs. Leo D. Baldwin, a daughter, Bonita Alice, 7 lbs. 11 oz.

KOHLI — Born to F/O and Mrs. Allan Kohli, a son, David Allan, 5 lbs. 5 oz.



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Nighthawks Nest

S/L Tiny McDonald was told last week of a transfer to St. Johns, Quebec, where he will be the Commanding Officer of the airmen selection unit there. This will be his second go at flying the mahogany bomber for the airforce; he previously did a tour recruiting in Winnipeg, prior to flying in 101s.

Ex-409er, S/L Cecil Moore, spent last week flying with the squadron on a headquarters staff visit. Visits from the east are fairly prevalent at this time of year, and usually indicative of the very low temperatures prevailing beyond the rocks.

Crews who flew out of Klamath Falls, Oregon, found that our neighbors to the south have their sonic booms too. The local topography in the Kingsley area funnels the full effect of their airmen's efforts right down the valley for the full benefit of the residents' enjoyment.

The organized sports program for squadron aircrew is now in its third week, without so far having uncovered one potential Cassius Clay or Jim Thorpe in our midst. The fat fellows still look just about as fat, and the slim ones have displayed little to nothing in the way of dynamic development. The only noticeable factor to date is the up-sweep in the sales of underarm deodorant.

Some good news from ground school last week, was an announcement by Mel Warren about initial planning for another outdoor survival, fishing and cultural development trip into the upper island this spring. Last year's trip was a very popular success.

F/L Bill McWilliams, Squadron PIO, has come up with some very good colour photos of 409 aircraft over the mountains. He plans to have 8 by 10 colour prints locally reproduced for sale around the squadron.

AVM Lister, AOC of Air Defence Command, will attend a mess dinner here this Friday. This tour we understand, will be the Air Vice Marshall's last out west, prior to his retirement from the service. We look forward to his talk, with the hope of picking up a few new gems from command side.

Our salute this week goes out to squadron instrument check pilot, Homer Chapman. He, last week in an outstanding and well presented half hour lecture, proved to all pilots that an IFR round robin is not a fat bird with a bright red breast.

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USAF News

BY MSGT. WALT TURNER
Detachment 5 is proud to announce the Detachment Airman of the Year for 1965. TSgt. Frank R. Niccum and SSgt. Donald G. Clough tied for the "Airman of the Year". Both of these men were previously selected as "Airmen of the Month" and, in competition with three other Airmen, were then selected for "Airman of the Quarter" awards. The four airmen of the quarter vied for the yearly award. Outstanding achievement, knowledge of their profession, military bearing, comprehension of current events and knowledge of military protocol were the determining factors involved in the selection of these Airmen for their coveted awards. Both Airmen will receive a personal plaque engraved with their achievement and a letter of appreciation by the Commander. Congratulations Frank and Don.

Other awards of a different nature were also donated to SSgt's Herbert L. Lansaw and Paul E. Fougere. Both Airmen donned their "thinking caps" and came up with military suggestions that will improve their jobs and save our government a few of those so-called "Yankee Dollars". Each man received a \$5.00 award for their efforts and their suggestion has been forwarded through channels for possible adoption Air Force wide. If their suggestions are adopted it could mean more cash awards are in the offering for these "Thoughtful" airmen. Here's hoping you strike it rich, Herb and Paul.

The United States Air Force, like any other industrial enterprise, continually strives to retain its experienced personnel. We, of Detachment 5, are no exception to such a policy and we were gratified to extend the enlistments of five of our "experienced" Airmen during the first part of this month. What a noteworthy way to start off the New Year. The Airmen (pictured above) are from left to right: A2C Steven Noah, SSgt. Lloyd J. Locke, MSgt. Nathan R. Hall, TSgt. Frank R. Niccum, and SSgt. Edward R. Darreff. Our Detachment Commander, Major Ralph L. Crutchfield is shown administering the oath of allegiance to the Airmen. "Five with one blow" was the cry heard throughout the bunkered hills of SAS.

Actually we owe a debt of gratitude to this area of Canada and the people who reside herein, because the reason most of the Airmen extended was for the sole purpose of remaining here in Canada among Canadian friends for as long as possible. I'm sure most everyone has



FIVE WITH ONE BLOW — Major RL Crutchfield swears in five Detachment 5 airmen. From left: AC2 Noah, SSgt Locke, MSgt Hall, TSgt Niccum and SSgt Darreff.

CAMERA CLUB

by J. G. TREMBLAY
An election was held at the station camera club on Monday, Jan. 17th, the following personnel were elected: J. G. Tremblay, president; R. Fearon, vice pres.; treasurer; A. Ditchburn, secretary; J. Dobko, PRO.

Membership in the club is open to all personnel and dependants willing to take part in our activities around the club.

If you like taking pictures, and you find that it costs too much to really bother with the

heard the expression "God Bless America", well, if you listen carefully you'll hear a slight change among the Yankee counter-parts here. "God Bless North America".

hobby, for a \$3.00 fee, we will provide our members with a studio fully equipped, dark rooms to process and print their films, and the know-how every Monday night from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

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Snr. NCO's Corner

by "BFSTK"

Somehow or other my column went amiss and consequently did not make its debut for 1966. To my readers I extend apologies and will endeavour to "shape up or ship out." This phraseology seems to be the latest trend on the unit. The mess closed out the 1965 season in a grand manner. The combination Turkey Bingo and Christmas Draw was well attended. There were many happy faces and many unhappy faces as the Christmas draw prizes and the Bingo gift certificates slowly dwindled away. The big winners in the Christmas draw were WO2 Yendall, FS Sparling and FS Ralwet. To those unhappy ones, you have to have tickets to win in any sort of a draw. The more duceats you have the more chances you have of walking away with the spoils. One has to speculate to accumulate.

On Sunday 19th Dec. a small gathering of mess members and their wives turned out for the mess decorating party. It is reported that those in attendance had themselves a ball (and I don't mean decorating). It would have been nice to see the mess decorated in Christmas colors as was done for the Hallowe'en dance (my views).

On Wednesday 29 Dec., members of the mess were hosted by the members of the Officer's Mess. This function was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The New Year's Eve Dance was very well attended by approximately 280 members and guests. Some very lovely evening gowns were apparent. Every one in attendance seemed to be having a hilarious time. The dance floor was always packed. The CO and his party visited the mess at approximately 2230 to wish members of the mess and their guests a Happy New Year.

The food was set up in smorgasbord fashion in the Sgts. dining room and was enjoyed by all. The fare consisted of salads, sliced turkey, ham, baked salmon, shrimps and what have you. There must have been a large number of sea food eaters in the crowd — 100 lbs. of shrimp disappeared within minutes and this sea food eater had to enjoy what he could snatch from friends who were not so tardy in getting into the food line. All in all the spread was very lovely and congratulations go out to members of the kitchen staff responsible for this very fine show.

Each female guest received a corsage of their choice as they entered the mess proper. The balloons that the entertainment committee spent so much time on in the afternoon looked somewhat bedraggled that evening, which was a bit of a disappointment. Despite whatever little setbacks that were experienced, the evening was a huge success, and Sgt. Pete Plewes deserves a pat on the back for the hard work he did in setting up the seating for this occasion.

The first mess function of the '66 season was held on Saturday, 15th January, "Poor Richard Nite." Approximately 54 (poor) members and guests were in attendance. Dancing was to the music of the "Swinging Shepherds" who put on a fine show and many favorable comments were made and are still being made about the musical prowess of this group. Fish and chips were on the menu for this evening.

Entertainment for the next few weeks is as follows:
29 Jan. 66 — Bingo. All ladies are asked to wear novelty hats

like you would if you were going to church. Prizes will be given. Menu for the evening — chicken and chips. Orchestra in attendance. \$1.00 per person.

19 Feb. — "Bavarian Night." German food, German music, beer and wine; and what have you, 50c a head.

26 Feb. — 1300 hrs. Bowling tournament, mixed. Registration forms available at the mess. Prizes will be presented at the Bingo. Baby sitting services provided. Refreshments. Registration fee of 25c per person. (Pin-setters).

26 Feb. — 2030 hrs. Bingo. Cash prizes, jackpot, novelty music. Chili con carne. \$1.00 per person. It is hoped that Sunday night movies will be available to the membership commencing 13th of Feb. Arrangements are presently being made and an announcement will be forthcoming.

At this time the Sgts. Mess committee would like to welcome any new members and their families to RCAF Station Comox and the facilities of your Sgts. Mess. Don't forget to get your name on the mailing list for mess bulletins. Contact WO2 Mitchell at Local 445.

There are a number of ball uniforms still outstanding and members concerned are again asked to return same to the mess as soon as possible.

As this is the first article

AFP NEWS NOTES

by MAYBE

Well to commence our column this week congratulations are in order to WO1 Van Buskirk, FS Conley, Sgts Brown, Hacking and Robinson on obtaining of Group 4 pay. Although the cam was passed some time ago, fingers were crossed in respect to when pay would come about.

Amongst former Stn. Comox AFP personnel who were home for the holiday and have now returned to their units without mishap, are: FS Barlow to Stn. Armstrong; Sgt Sweeney to Stn. Gypsumville; and Sgt Jackson to Stn. Gander.

Our NSecO, F/O Stevenson is still receiving medical treatment at Naden and is away from the section. Although it is good to see him around on various occasions, we are all hoping for a quick recovery and permanent return.

The AFP Training School is buzzing with preparation for trade advancement and from the lengthy list of AFP who will be writing in April, we don't wonder.

Of the 1966 season this writer and members of the Sgts. Mess committee wish to extend to all members and their families, our wishes for a Happy and Prosperous '66.

Sgt Army Precor will no doubt be gone by the time this issue is published. Arnold is on his way to Stn Kamloops and from the perpetual smile on his face, we suggest he is not displeased.

AC1 Larry Burley has returned to civilian life, to eventually join a provincial police force. We wish him lots of luck in his new endeavour. A couple more chaps are returning to "Civvy Street." Applying for release are: AC Mimeault, and AC Boudreault. Hate to see you leave fellows and hope to cross trails with you again some time, some place.

Newcomers to the section are: Sgt Thorne from Stn Gander; LAC Trueman from Stn Gypsumville (he said Cpl Al Ruzycki is still doing well); ACs Henschel, Dallaire, Ferrari and Boudreault from AFP School at Stn. Camp Borden.

We had a note from our old buddy, Sgt Norm Oslund. He arrived at Stn Barrington without a hitch, has his family comfortably ensconced in Yarmouth and initial reports seem favorable.

The green grass certainly looks good. Applications for preference transfers elsewhere have been withdrawn and frowns have again turned to smiles and chuckles.

By way of ending this week's

column I must include a Stop Press item which has just reached us — our old friend Cpl Jack Enston has once again received news of his transfer, this time to Stn Puntzi Mountain. How about that, Jack?

Car accidents costly

Almost four billion dollars was lost to the Canadian economy in 1964 because of road accidents according to John Atkinson of Toronto, president of Allstate Insurance Companies.

This net loss included five hundred million dollars paid out in cash by insurance companies, he said, plus the hidden factor of eight dollars for every one dollar known cost. Loss in human life last year was 4,655.

Major continuing projects for highway safety organizations will be stronger legislation to control the drinking driver, mandatory vehicle inspection, a uniform traffic code, more attention to the maimed victims of road accidents, driver improvement programs, high school driver education.

He absolved youth from major blame for the traffic problem, but emphasized the need for adequately preparing the young person for a lifetime of driving by properly supervised education.

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Sports Roundup

by "GYM" DOUGALL
The Hip-Hip Hoopsters of USAF continued on their winning way with a hard-earned victory over the Totem Teens by a 34-31 score last Wednesday and lead the basketball standings with 10 points. Following the second place Teens are the 407/409 Combines who won handsomely at the expense of the pointless HQ side.

Intersection league games are played every Wednesday evening. Last Friday evening the powerful Courtenay basketball team proved too clever for a Station representative side and ran out easy winners 51-38.

Turning now to the "Shuttlecock Smashers!" Our station club produced a Tri-Service singles champion since the last issue of our illustrious newspaper. F/L Dudley Hill (SRCCO) defeated 5 opponents including the fighting fit Willie Weller (Army), 13-15; 15-7; 15-2 to bring home the singles trophy. Sgt Weller is the Canadian gymnast who won numerous medals for his country at the Pan-American Games a few months ago. His army colleagues were victorious in the doubles tournament, which Comox won last year! The calibre of badminton was very high and our team did well to finish second to the Army in this annual tournament.

A two-league volleyball program, "Hotshots" and "Sticky-fingers," has been drawn up owing to the interest shown by the intersection players. The leagues began prior to our editorial staff going to press but

watch this column for further reports and results.

Across the road to the arena and intersection hockey. HQ now leads the league race with 17 points followed by 121 with 15 points. The hockey schedule has been changed owing to the deployment of one of the league sides, so if you are interested here are next week's league games: Mon. 31st 409 vs Courtenay at 2000 hrs. Wed. 2 Feb. 121 vs 409 at 1800 hrs. Thursday NO GAMES SCHEDULED.

We'll remain on ice for a few seconds and direct your attention to the Searchers fine win over the Neptunes, 2-0 which also won them top place in the broomball league. Their nearest rivals, Torpedos put the manacles on the AFP to coast to a 4-1 victory while the Voodoos blanked HQ 2-0 and the 407 I&E shut-out the sinking Soccerites 1-0.

The Stn. soccer eleven re-activated soccer in the local area last week but probably wish they hadn't as their guests, Wellington Thunderbirds swooped successfully on the home goal ten times to only one Crusader reply. The "annual lay-off" obviously had an adverse effect on the air force side who played quite well when in possession of the ball but allowed the younger visitors to dictate play in the latter stages, and became easy prey for the T Birds.

Back to the Rec Centre for a final round-up of happenings and it gives this writer pleasure to announce the birth of a table tennis club on the unit. Cpl Peter O'Monaghan was elected pre-

Ladies Bowling

For the week of Jan. 11, 12 and 13.
High single — G. Mitchell, 288.
High triple — M. Chapman, 541.
Five best average: N. Jones, 204; G. Hall, 197; M. Worthington, 181; L. Cummings, 180; D. Palgylk, 178.
Standing high single — S. Ryan, 318.
Standing high triple — N. Jones, 766.

Team	Points
3	87
1	63
9	56
8	48
5	44
4	43
2	41
6	29
10	23
7	21

Good bowling, girls!

sident, LAC Roger Gauvreaux vice pres. Secretary is LAC George Bellehumeur and LAC D. McCaughey assumes the role of treasurer. A membership of over twenty is already established and casual games are played every Monday evening, although the tables will be available at other times.

DRESSING RUMOURS

Is it true the accounts section is busier during the evenings than normal working hours because the staff can't get their work done for answering telephone enquiries about the "Great Raise Rumours?" How about it fellows, if you're not sure ask your wives, like any sensible person!

It's nice to see FS Bond looking so happy these days, the reason? He is on the top bowling teams in the service and mixed leagues... good to know you're on the straight and narrow "Flight."

Welcome "Howie" Johnstone to the staff of the recreation specialists. Howie is from Calgary and re-enlisted in the Canadian Luftwaffe after a two year "stint" on civvy street. He's very quick too is our Howie. Noticed almost right away that men outnumbered women in this part of the world. Oh yes, he is single! Howie's favourite sports are... eh hm hah eh hm... gosh he told me too but I've forgotten, of course I'm not single!

Chapel comment: I sure like the music but don't care much for the commercials! Well if I'm still around, you'll be hearing from me two weeks from now.



HUGE FISH — LAC DM McDonald, an Instrument Tech from 121 KU repair, caught what may be a record spring off the Comox wharf last week. LAC McDonald caught the 35 pounder using a herring strip while casting from the dock, the 15 pound test line broke just as the fish was netted.

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Minor Hockey

PEE WEE DIVISION

RCAF 2, Courtenay 1.
Scorers — RCAF, Dunbar, Cronmiller; Courtenay — Mays.

BANTAM DIVISION

Comox — 11, Courtenay — 3.
Gleason was a standout for Comox in this game.

MIDGET DIVISION

RCAF "B" — 4, Comox — 2.
Scorers — RCAF, Cartwright 3, Dugal; Comox — Ensom, Mason.

RCAF "A" — 5; Courtenay, 3.

Scorers — Cashman 2, E. Pascoe 2, Raiwet for RCAF.
Dawson 2, Cochrane for Courtenay.

(EXHIBITION)

Victoria Midget Reps. — 6; Comox Valley Reps — 3.

MOSQUITO DIVISION

RCAF "A" — 1, Comox — 1; RCAF "B" — 2, Courtenay — 2.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Comox — 2, Courtenay — 1.
Scorers: Comox, Trvnchuck, Peterson, Courtenay, Gendron.

Comox — 2; Courtenay — 1.
Scorers: Comox, Hawkins 2, Courtenay, Cronmiller, Monahan.

MOSQUITO DIVISION

Courtenay 2, RCAF "A" 1.
Scorers, Courtenay, Mclean and Campbell RCAF "A" Lockhart.

RCAF "B" 2, Comox 1. Scorers, RCAF "B", Dunbar and Mitchell Comox Carto.

BANTAM DIVISION

Comox 3, RCAF 2. Scorers: Comox, Smith and M. Burns 2; RCAF — Cronmiller, Beamish.

Comox 6, Courtenay 3. Scorers: Comox, Burns 3, Smith 2, Hacking; Courtenay, Billy 2, Randall.

MIDGET DIVISION

RCAF "A" 4, Comox 3. Scorers: RCAF "A" Ethier, 2, Rawlik, E. Pascoe. Comox, Mason 2, Bates.

RCAF "B" 7, Courtenay 1. Scorers: RCAF "B" Cartwright, Fulton, Gleason, M. Birch, Dougall 3; Courtenay Robinson.

(EXHIBITION)

Powell River — 4, Comox Valley 1.

Observations

Hockey Sticks: A lot of the sticks are far too long for the boys. The stick length is toe of blade to chin, with skates on. The improper stick lie will result in the blade being not flat on the ice. The blade should be taped to within 1 inch of the heel. A ball of tape or rubber should be at end of the handle.

Skates: Oversize skates will do your boy more harm than good. Skates should be the same size as shoes or 1/2 size smaller.

Coaches: Give all your players equal time on the ice. Your first obligation is to teach hockey not to win games.

MINOR LEAGUE HOCKEY STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts.
Comox	6	2	3	15
RCAF "A"	5	3	3	13
RCAF "B"	5	4	2	12
Court.	2	7	2	6
PEE WEE				
Court.	5	3	0	10
RCAF	4	3	1	9
Comox	2	5	1	5
BANTAM				
Comox	6	3	0	12
RCAF	5	1	0	10
Court.	1	8	0	2
MIDGET				
RCAF "B"	8	1	1	17
RCAF "A"	8	2	0	16
Court.	2	8	0	4
Comox	1	8	1	3

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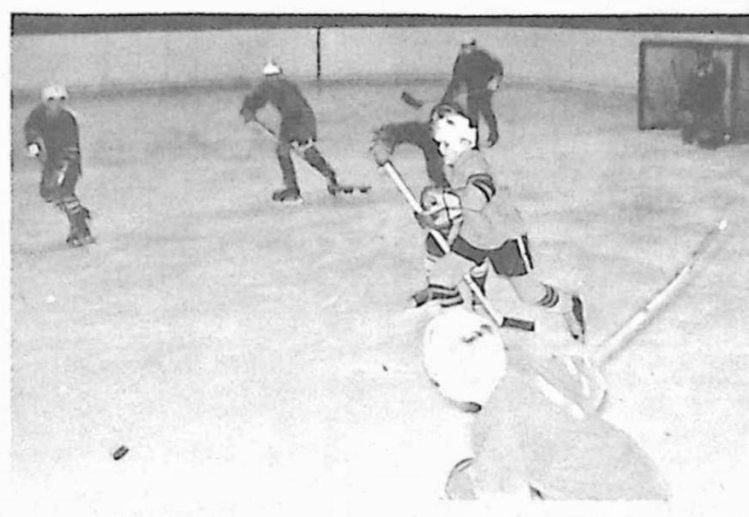


THE TEEN-AGERS flag football team consisting of Jim Baker, Rod Samuels, Tom Moore, Tom Smythe, Bob Hopoluk, Bob Hopkins, Tom Lester, Dave Boucher, Mike Clarke, Jack Willander, Jim Richards, Steve Richards, Wally Tainton, Doug Snowden, Ray Mathews and Dave Liscomb. The Teen-agers coach LAC Don Carver and S/L Popham, the mayor of PMQ Council are shown in the picture.

VISITING SOCCER TEAM



PEE WEE DIVISION — Comox Pee Wee vs. Courtenay Pee Wee. Stalwarts in action.



The Thunderbird Soccer Club of Wellington Sunday Jan uary 24 toured this base and handed a decisive defeat to the RCAF Crusaders team. The Thunderbirds were welcomed on their arrival by F/O Peter Holmes on behalf of the Commanding Officer.

A detailed tour of parts of the base and its facilities was included. This included the Station Fire Hall where the fire fighting equipment was demonstrated. The group then toured the various squadrons and inspected the CF101 Voodoo supersonic fighter, the Lockheed P2V7 Neptune, Anti-submarine Patrol aircraft and the Search and Rescue aircraft of 121KU the Albatross triphibian, Labrador helicopter and the old faithful Dakota. The group enjoyed dinner in the Combined Mess prior to the game.

Before the opening kickoff LAC Ken Wright Captain of the RCAF team presented the Captain of the Thunderbirds with an RCAF Station Comox pennant. The game itself was refereed by Mr. Les Webber of the Upper Island Soccer League. The Thunderbirds won handsomely and both teams enjoyed a clean battle.

This proved to be a most enjoyable day for the hosts as well as for the visitors.

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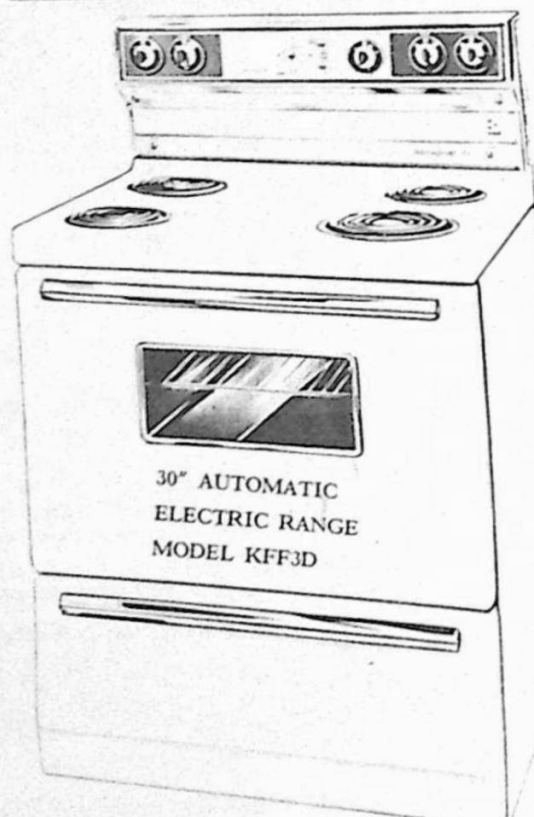
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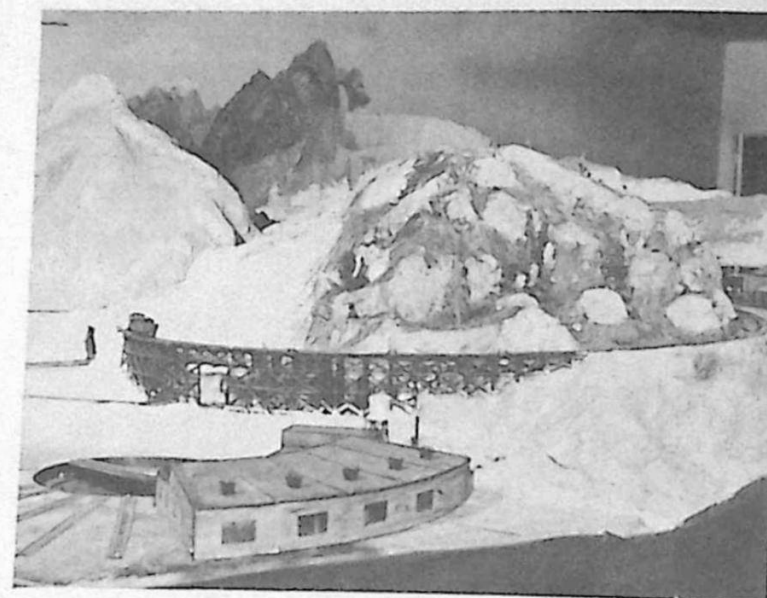
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PLASTER MOUNTAINS blend into the mural serving as a backdrop. Mrs. B. Lannan, the artist, is over two-thirds finished the 45-foot long job. All the scenery here was made by members, the trestle, the roundhouse, even the trees were made by members of the RR Club.

Totem Teens

We hope this column will become a regular feature to give the teens of the area an idea of the past, present, and future plans and activities of the club.

Our most recent dance was held Friday, January 14, in the Station Rec Centre. Music was supplied by the "Regents" from Victoria. Between 250 to 300 people attended the dance and although the band was late, once they did arrive and start playing, everyone seemed to enjoy himself fully. We'd like to extend our thanks (and wishes for speedy recovery) to the Chaplains of the night — Mr. and Mrs. Stamm, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Dobcoe and to those people who by now have become immune to "our music" — our adult directors — Mrs. Tainton and Mr. Johns. Thanks to each one of you. We are always in need of chaperones for our social functions, so any adult who is looking for something a little different in the way of a Friday night's entertainment (?) can get in touch with Moira McLaughlin at 339-2742. We'd appreciate it.

Our next dance is to be held Friday, the 28 of January in the Rec Centre from 9:00 to 1:00 a.m. Admission will be 75c for members and \$1.00 for non members. There has been some confusion concerning gaining entrance to the base for these dances. To set the record straight — to get through the gate you must have either an Airforce ID Card, a student's card or a Totem Teen card. People with these cards CANNOT sign others in as guests; ALL people must have ONE of these three cards. Teen cards can be purchased at any dance or from Anne Semak, our treasurer. Getting back to the dance — music will be supplied by the "Tamarlanes," who if you didn't already know are planning to attend B.C.'s "Battle of the Bands" in Vancouver in early February. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck and

Cpls' Wives Club Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Cpls' Wives Club was held January 11. Due to bad roads and impossible weather only 11 members attended. A brief business meeting was held, presided by Mary Lattimore, June Quartermain was installed as the new Treasurer replacing Monica Parkinson whose husband was recently promoted. Since Shirley Riley, our former secretary and husband are deserting B.C., Fran Moston took over as the club's Scribe.

Finances and entertainment for the future were discussed. Angel Addis and Doris Jessup volunteered for the Entertainment Committee for February and March. A Bridge and Whist Night is planned for February 19th. All Cpls' wives, etc. are invited to help the Wives Club Donation to Beaufort School, admission 50¢.

For the regular meeting on the 15th, Angel will demonstrate and give tips on the preparation and care of Driftwood. Members are asked to wear or bring a smock, sandpaper, piece of driftwood, if possible and elbow grease.

As an after-though since it is Valentines Day, be a Sweetheart and bring another Cpls' Wife to join our ranks and fortify our meetings. Lots of help, ideas and moral support needed and wanted. Don't forget to bring your pocket books. We have multi Detective and Romance novels for sale — but short on the Western and Earthy stories. Remember the proceeds go for a good cause — Beaufort School in Comox.

The raffle for this month was won by Cpl. Godin.

See you at the next meeting Tuesday, February 14th at 8:30 p.m.

to let them know that all the teens of Comox Valley will be pulling for them.

That's about it for now — don't forget the dance on the 28th and don't forget those cards.

DEMON DOINGS

407 RO to Captain: Sir, I have a contact on my radar. Captain to RO: Well, what is it? RO: Can't tell from the radar, Sir.

Captain: Is it a little blip or a big one? RO: A little one. Captain: It's a Navy ship. RO: You're probably right; there doesn't seem to be anyone on it.

Indecisive drivers cause highway hassle...

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The policeman on the scene was a gentleman, so naturally he cross-examined the man first, about why he hadn't given the lady her half of the road. The man was pretty mad. He said he was ready to do just that as soon as he could figure out which half she wanted! Which is a good example of what comes of indecision.

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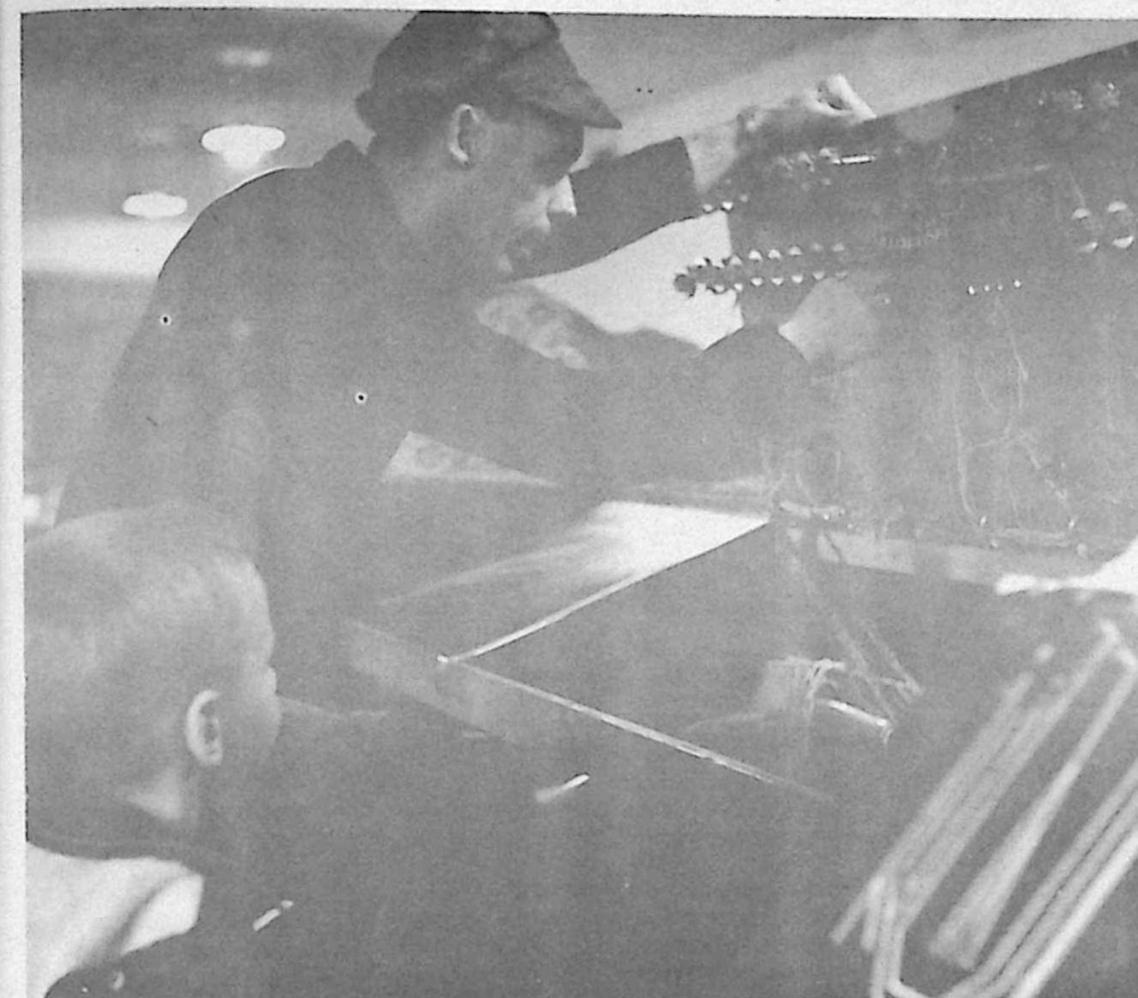


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Don't Call Them Electric Trains!

There are electric trains and there are model railroads. There is a difference, as one can see at the social centre when the station model railroad club meets. The club maintains an elaborate layout of landscaped track in HO garage. The 45 by 10 foot layout is for the benefit of members who own rolling stock but due to transfers or lack of space don't have trackage of their own.

HO gauge railroading is a serious business fans of the pastime usually build their own stock from kits. The cars and locomotives are much smaller than the electric train set that is more familiar to most people, details are much finer too. Just building the rolling stock isn't where the fun stops however, the model railroader can then operate his models with a high degree of realism.

There are only six members of the station RR Club, probably partly from lack of knowledge that the facilities are there says Club President, LAC Pete Walch who is hoping to attract more members. There is over \$1000 worth of track and related equipment in the club room. Just begging to be used.

The Club is open to all service members, dependants over 18 and DND employees. There are no dues or entry fees, but members do a bit of work on the railroad, never being fully satisfied with a static layout. At present there is one member doing

Be particularly careful this winter when you drive on bridges and overpasses, the B.C. Automobile Association says. They can be accident traps for unwary drivers. While melting snow may have disappeared from most of the roadway, bridge surfaces exposed to the cold below may still be slippery.



CLUB PRESIDENT LAC Walch works on track rewiring.



MORE BINGO WINNERS — Sgt. John Dunbar, PMO Council bingo chairman congratulates the first winners in the council bingo in January. FS J Sparling, Mrs. P. Walters, and Mrs. EA Tainton hold on to their \$25 cheques. The three winners tied in getting a "Red Cross". There are still two other \$75 prizes to be won; a "Picture Frame", and an "X". There still remains the grand prize of \$275 that will go to the holder of the first full card. The Air Force Show, heard on CFCP, Sundays, gives a complete summary of all numbers called to date.

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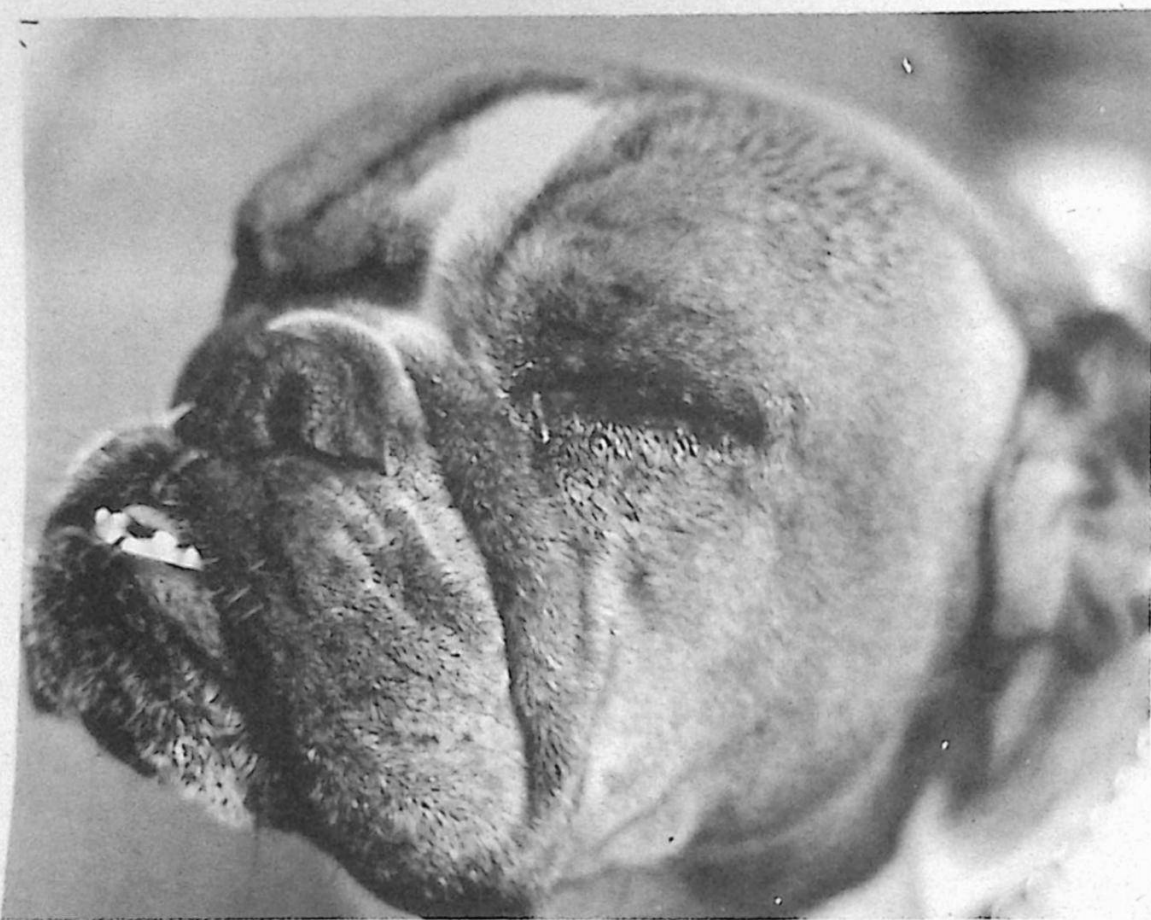
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