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Commanding Officer's Message



THE PAST YEAR has been a busy one at Stn. Winnipeg. Speaking for all ranks and for civilian employees as well, I can say that it has been a very satisfying time. We have accomplished an increase in the navigation training programme that will benefit not only the RCAF but the Air Forces of our partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as well.

Symbolic of the general expansion of the RCAF throughout 1953 is the development of the new site here at Stn. Winnipeg. We have taken over the new barracks and messes in time to enjoy them during the holiday season. 1954 should mark the completion of the administration buildings and hangars thereby permitting us full use of the new station.

On behalf of all station personnel may I at this time wish a happy and prosperous New Year to all our friends, the readers of VOXAIR.

R. B. Ingalls

Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
R.C.A.F. Station Winnipeg.



Peg Personality



THOMAS EDWARD JOHNSTON

MR. T. E. JOHNSTON, Mess Manager of the Officers Mess and the Flight Cadets' Mess at RCAF Station, Winnipeg, is a very well travelled and well read man of the world.

Tom, as he is affectionately called by the Mess members, has studied psychology, philosophy, economics, Industrial History and many other subjects and no doubt sometimes feels that he needs all of them. He came to Canada five years ago and settled in Winnipeg. For two years he was Chief Steward at the Carlton Club and later was at the Fort Garry Hotel for a year prior to coming to Station Winnipeg.

Tom took over as Mess Manager of the Officers Mess on the 6th of January 1951 when the mess membership was less than half of its total at present. Since then he has had the tremendous task of running

two large separate Messes and has certainly done a wonderful job.

The arrival of the New Year has brought the opening of the two new messes as well as the anniversary of Tom Johnston's first appearance at Station Winnipeg. It seems very fitting that our readers should hear some of the background of this World War I soldier whose quick step and military bearing are no accident.

Fresh from school, Tom commenced "serving his time as an" analytical chemist in Britain's smelting industry at the great Tyne-side works of Raine & Company. Some time later this division moved to Sheffield and in order to remain with his family Tom transferred to the clerical department where at the age of sixteen he was to rise to Assistant Traffic Manager. By this time however, Europe was on the brink of the war and like

so many of Britain's young men, Tom was "among the first."

Private T. E. Johnston from Newcastle, joined the Royal Marines on August 6th, 1914. Six weeks later he was on active duty in France. He served 12 years in the Royal Marines and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer, received one of the original Mons Medals and was in on the first landing at the Dardanelles from the S.S. Clyde. Invalided home from Turkey he was back on duty six weeks later on HMS Princess, where he spent eighteen months touring the waters around Africa. Once again Tom was invalided home but was back on duty in time to be in the Battle of Broke in the English Channel. Later he took part in the landing at Zeebrugge where he received Special Mention.

Today, Mr. Johnston approaches his task with the same enthusiasm and self-discipline that made him a Royal Marine Sergeant Major and, as his associates will attest, gives and expects the best at all times. He has a guest book in the Officers' Mess of which he is particularly proud. In it are the signatures of many distinguished visitors among them Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Lord Trenchard, Air Marshal C. R. Slemmon and Cardinal Leger. Mr. Johnston has been responsible for the entertainment provided many of these visitors to Station Winnipeg over the past two years and has been rewarded by many letters of appreciation for the hospitality of R.C.A.F. Station Winnipeg's Messes.

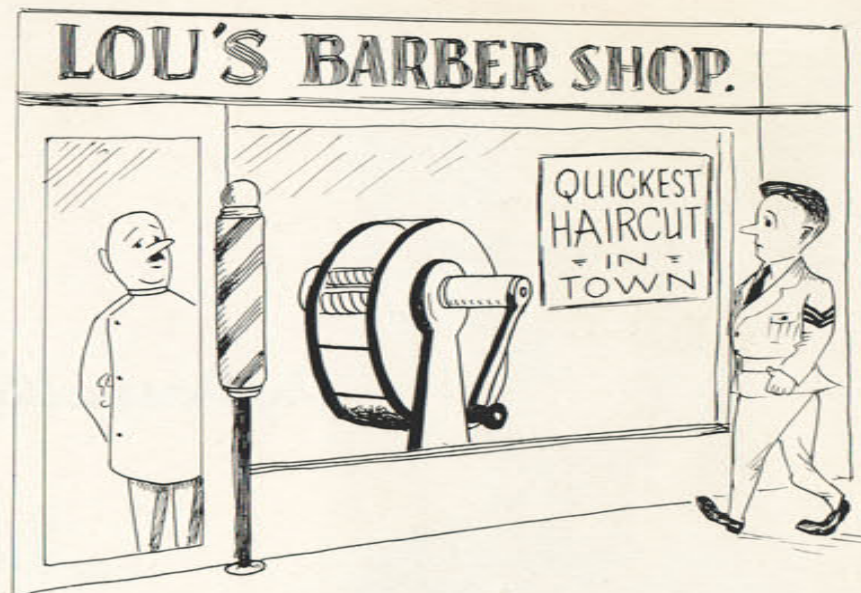
The festive season coupled with the openings of two new messes has no doubt provided a very hectic time in the department of our Mess Manager and so to an 'old soldier' whose personal efforts have helped shape many of our best social events we say: "Our sincere thanks."

Santas of the North

By the time you read this, Christmas and the New Year will have come and gone and just be a happy (we hope) memory. Many people will have enjoyed and helped to make others enjoy this happiest of seasons. But no one will have helped to add joy and happiness to lonely people more than the crews of the North Stars and C119's that fly northward toward the top of the world and over northern outposts. Up there the DOT weathermen, RCMP personnel and other lonely unsung heroes have not seen a sign of civilization since the supply ship left in August.

Imagine for a moment how you would feel if you had seen nothing but the immensity of the great Arctic world and possibly one or two fellow workers for five months, what a thrill you would get when you heard the distant hum gradually growing to a great roar as the Christmas supply plane from thousands of miles south found your lonely isolated home. The great ships drop their cargo of letters and Christmas gifts from loved ones far away and wave their wings to you as they drone off to another lonely outpost.

We hope that the crews of these aircraft of 426 and 436 Squadron were as happy during the Christmas Season as the people to whom they delivered those so longed for, and much cherished parcels.



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Current Affairs...

by DR. L. A. GLINZ

Current Affairs Adviser—Joint Services.



AT THE beginning of a New Year mankind should be full of hope and courage. Yet Adlai Stevenson, who may very well be the next President of the United States, has found it necessary to denounce four fears that are abroad—fear of depression, fear of communism, fear of ourselves and fear of freedom itself. The world needs confidence, a cheerful and courageous outlook. What reasons are there in international affairs for confidence?

The West Has Recently Seized the Initiative

Events in recent years have been shaped by Russia, but the balance of power has been shifting. According to the New York Times, three recent moves of the Western nations have put the question of an easement of world tensions squarely up to the Kremlin:

First: President Eisenhower in a powerful address proposed a serious and feasible **first step towards atomic peace**—the setting up of a world pool of uranium involving a contribution by all the nations to an international atomic energy agency which would use this uranium to serve the peaceful pursuits of mankind . . . agriculture . . . medicine . . . abundant electrical energy. The New York Times comments that even the Kremlin might choose to put the atom to work for humanity rather than damn the human race to destruction. (Russia has agreed to give serious consideration to the President's proposal.)

Second: The heads of government of the Western Big Three brought one step closer a **critical test of the Communists' intentions**—a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers scheduled for early in January. Russia's

assertion that peace can be achieved by negotiation will be put to the test in such a meeting. Russia will be forced to take a stand on Germany, Austria and peace in Asia.

Third: The U.N. negotiator for a Korean political conference has challenged the Communists to put an end to stalling, to **get on with the business of a Korean settlement**, or accept responsibility for blocking negotiations.

Aggression stopped by International Force and Fighting Ended in Korea

One of the most significant events in modern history was the action taken by the United Nations to prevent, by force of arms, the conquest of the Republic of Korea. There now seems little hope of creating a unified and democratic Korea, even if a political conference takes place. That, however, was not why the Korean war was fought. It was fought to establish the principle of collective security. Incidentally, China has been warned that if she makes a military attack upon South-East Asia she will get the same kind of treatment, only worse, that she got in Korea.

Such collective action means that an aggressor will no longer be able to gobble up his victims one by one, as Hitler and Stalin did. This is another reason for optimism in 1954.

NATO Has Become a Powerful Instrument for Peace

In 1949 Europe lay disarmed and helpless before a Russia that had not demobilized her vast forces. Today this is no longer true. At the recent meeting of the top government representatives and military men of the 14 NATO countries,

there was an air of confidence and a sense of power. Objectives were being reached and strong forces assembled. Regretably, as General Gruenther said, "the shortage of air power is still our most critical deficiency."

A few figures as to forces in Europe are cause for good cheer: 108 front line and reserve divisions, 4,400 aircraft, more than adequate naval forces, and behind these quickly available forces are 14 nations with a population of 360,000,000 gradually being welded into military and economic unity. The NATO allies feel also that they can count on a half million fighting men from Yugoslavia and, ultimately, on 700,000 fully equipped troops which "neutral" Sweden could mobilize within five days. Even Spain is linked with the West through her agreement with the United States. The United States has air bases in Alaska, Greenland, North Africa, Turkey and Europe from which she could devastate Russia. In resources, inventiveness, technical efficiency and atomic and other weapons the Western nations still have a substantial lead. With all this power, surely there is reason for optimism!

Germany will Contribute to the Defence of Europe

Either as a member of the European Defence Community, contributing an army of 500,000 men, or in some other way, it is certain that Germany will be called upon to bear her share in the defence of Central Europe. France is still blocking E.D.C., but the United States and Britain are both convinced that a re-armed Germany is essential to the safety of Europe. That re-arming must, of course, be limited and under international control. In January 1954 there are solid reasons for believing that Germany under Adenauer will be an asset to peace.

Canada Has Made a Notable Contribution to the Security of the Free World

Armed force ready for instant action is at present the only guarantee of peace. Canada has made a notable contribution to the Armed force of the free nations. She can be proud of her initiation of NATO, her \$2 billion defence budgets, her \$300 million annual grants in aid

to her allies, and of her Navy, Army and Air Force.

The Royal Canadian Navy has an effective standing force of 50,000 men that could, and would if the need arose, shift from blanks to live ammunition in a matter of minutes. And the Royal Canadian Air Force has become a potent air weapon.

The R.C.A.F.

Lord Tedder, Marshall of the Royal Air Force, once said, "In war, nothing on the surface of land or sea can operate effectively unless and until the air is under firm control, that is, until the air battle has been won." Canada is now ready to contribute substantially to the winning of the air battle.

By 1946 we had demobilized to such an extent that we could not have "fought our way out of a paper bag." We had reduced from a maximum of over 200,000 to a paltry 12,000—with no squadrons operational. Today, Air Marshall Slemon, in a special issue of "Aircraft" news magazine dealing with Canada's air defences, reports as follows:

"At home, for the first time our Canadian-built CF-100 all-weather fighters and many new radar stations have had their baptism in a large scale operational exercise — "Tailwind." (The CF-100 proved to be eminently satisfactory both in all-weather fighting ability and maintenance.)

"Abroad, the completion of 'Leap Frog 4', early in September, brought the number of our Sabre-equipped squadrons overseas to 12, the full contemplated strength of our Air Division under NATO. It is no exaggeration to say that these fighter squadrons form a potent part of the NATO air arm."

In addition, it may be noted that Canada has built nearly 90% of the 550 Sabres now in service in the U.K. and Europe. She has been meeting her commitment to train 1400 NATO aircrew each year (additional to those trained for the RCAF). The strength of the RCAF has increased by approximately 4,500 personnel in the past year, bringing the total to an estimated 43,000 officers and other ranks.

Canada's achievements in defence are reasons for optimism in 1954.

The United States and the Commonwealth are Powerful Deterrents to Aggression.

For the last few years we have been obsessed by the military strength of Russia. We forget that the United States and the British Commonwealth were mighty military powers in the recent past and that they now have re-armed to such an extent that well-informed men like Sir Winston Churchill and General Montgomery think that the danger of war has receded. There is even talk of guarantees to Russia—especially against a re-armed Germany—so that she will feel more secure. Faced by forces that she cannot overcome, Russia may in

time shift her emphasis from the production of weapons to the production of consumer goods.

There is hope, therefore, in this New Year that, if the West remains strong, military competition may at last diminish and in its place may come a rivalry between communism and democracy for the social and economic betterment of man. So—vigilance, courage, confidence, in 1954 and the years ahead!



Today in SPORT

by LAC DAVE SWEENEY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, marked the opening of Station Curling. With 20 rinks participating, W/C Craig, DFC, CD, OC No. 2 AIR NAVIGATIONAL SCHOOL, tossed the first rock. In the best form befitting a curler, W/C Craig, drew to the 6 o'clock position, just biting the button.

In the 12.45 draw there was some rather hectic and erratic curling. No one piled up any tremendous scores, but with a few more games under their belts, there should be

lots of head up competition. At the 3 o'clock draw one team in particular drew our attention. If they lack anything in talent they should make up for it in weight. The combined weight of this team is 850 lbs. or roughly 220 lbs. per man. Headed by F/O McAlpine at 230, they challenge any other rink to three fast falls in wrestling. Look for further news on this rink. We will bill them as the "ONE TONNERS."

Last year, the different teams curled at the Deer Lodge Curling Club and although we don't want to say anything derogatory about this Club, the teams as a whole stated that the ice at Valour Road Club, where they are now curling is much better. Although it is a little early in the season to expect serious business of curling to take effect, we never the less expect to see some bang-up curling from most of the teams. Good Curling, people.

Interstation News

In two meetings, one held at Portage la Prairie and the other at Rivers, both of which were attended by F/O Pollock, PRTO of Stn. Winnipeg and Cpl. L. B. McCurrie, REC, SPEC. of Stn. Winnipeg, in an effort to combine the talents of different teams and stations it was decided tentatively to gather these teams to promote sports for the winter season. F/O Pollock stated in an interview that

the teams decidedly would be participating in different activities this winter. Stns. Gimli, McDonald and Winnipeg would have teams comprised solely of Air Force Personnel while Rivers would be mixed Army and Air Force and Shilo would be strictly Army. McDonald will be the first to visit Winnipeg. They will be here on Jan. 12th, and will participate in Badminton, Volleyball and Basket-ball. Ice hockey will be another feature if and when ice is available. The times that hockey is impractical, broom-ball will be played.

The teams as yet haven't been too effectively rounded out, but when they are we will keep you posted on the different happenings.

Bowling

With Christmas come and gone, we've now had 5 complete weeks of bowling. Up to the end of the 5th week there has been no defaults.

The Leagues High Single for the 5 weeks is W/O J. Loach with 307



W/C Craig tossing the first rock.



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F/O Curry "sweeping it home."

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As was common knowledge to all Station Bowlers the 5th week was the Turkey Bowl with the High



Laying it in.

Cross being won by AC Langlois with 752 pins. The six turkeys to be won on hidden scores were won by:

- AC Huppe, Tele. Com.
- Cpl. Kuss, Mess Hall.
- AC Lazaruk, 111 C & R.
- LAC Christensen, SOR.
- Cpl. Demule, Supply.

The High Single was won by F/O Lucas with 288 pins.

In an interview with Cpl. L. B. McCurrie, this year's manager of the Bowling Alley, he had this to state. "It is hoped that the Bowling Leagues will continue to be as big as success in '54 as they have been in '53."

In recent issues of Voxair, some of you people may have noted that this column seems a little behind in Sports Events. The reason for this being that we submit our material two weeks in advance of going to press, so that by the time you receive your copy the entire concept of the Sports Page may be entirely changed. We hope that this will help to clarify some of your queries.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and yours the best of

festive seasons and we sincerely hope that the New Year will hold for you all that long awaited happiness and prosperity.

That's thirty, for TO-DAY IN SPORTS.



COVER STORY

In this winter scene by Photo Editor Ken Gregg, Cpl. Bonny Wade, LAC J. K. Elmont, and LAW Dot Rogers get ready to make like Barbara Ann. Photo was made in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park and elsewhere in the magazine our trio may be seen proving that they really know how to skate.

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Chaplain's Page

LABOR OMNIA VINCIT

SOME TIME ago we saw a cartoon that took a little more than a sly dig at our modern version of a working man. It showed a long column of workers marching and bearing a large banner which originally had carried the message "We Want the Sixty Hour Week." However this had been stroked out and replaced with various other wants until the final one read "We Want the 36 Hour Week." Not much to think about there really—not until you noticed the much older message scrawled across the sky above the marching column. This one read "Six Days Shalt Thou Labour and Do All Thy Work."

We often wonder if some of the labour bosses or the people whom they claim to represent can possibly fail to reflect upon the fact that the pioneers (owners and labourers) of the businesses and industries with whom they have their most bitter arguments never would have been content with the kind of nonsense that is perpetrated in the name of bettering working conditions. The great projects engineered and completed on our continent during the past century were

neither the dreams nor the actual handiwork of men who worked a 36 hour week.

We are by no means decrying the many fine accomplishments of organized labour but surely for a long time now the great emphasis has been on shorter hours and higher wages with a good deal less thought as to the calibre of worker or workmanship. Time was when a "union" actually was an organization of workers who had served their apprenticeship in a trade, today the only apparent qualification required in many unions is the ability to pay dues.

Just what has all this to do with members of the R.C.A.F.? Well it would be hoping for a little too much that some of the smug "World owes me a living" attitude didn't hang over into our own ranks. It is always very sad to observe even a little of the "I'm doing all I'm getting paid for" approach to a task for nothing suffers more than the self respect of the people involved.

Maybe we're a little old-fashioned but we believe that most of us put service of Queen and Country ahead of consideration of dollars and

cents. Whatever motivates us, be it inspiration or desire for wealth or position we can hardly go wrong in turning in a full and honest day's labour. The nature of our work in the service is such that many of us are required in some degree to assume responsibility for our own output. At the start of 1954 we can all afford a few moments thought on more complete use of our time in the year ahead.

One school of thought claims that in most cases the only real difference between the run-of-the-mill character and the roaring success in any field of endeavor is in the amount of effort expended. Could be that this is the answer.

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Photo Ken Gregg.

For the benefit of any who thought our 'cover characters' weren't really going skating, here they are in action. Left to right: AW Dot Rogers, LAC Keith Almont, Cpl. Bonny Wade.

An airman was out with the boys one evening and before he realized it the morning had dawned. He hesitated to call home but finally hit on an idea.

He rang his house and when his wife answered the phone, he shouted, "Don't pay the ransom honey, I've escaped."

ON AIRCREW LUNCHESES

Up in the air at niner five,
It's very good to be alive,
We're over Melfort, staring down,
At this delightful little town.
I'm hungry, yes my stomach's bare,
Must quickly put some food in there,
I hear the navigators munchun
Out of a glorious boxed luncheon,
The curtain moves, a carton shows
My hunger, surely, swiftly grows,
I open the lid and peer inside
There's goodies fit for kings, I've spied,
Oh no, my lord, this can't be true,
The smell of a rotting overshoe
Hits me squarely in the face.
My blood turns thin, my pulses race.

Bits of bread I see laid over,
The ghastly reason for this odour.
These sandwiches, obnoxious creatures,
Have many more revolting features.
I panic, do not dare to tarry
For fear the Lord sees what I carry.
My mind made up, my judgment sound,
I decide to drop right to the ground,
I cancel my L.F.R. flight plan
And descend as quickly as I can,
For how dare I keep this dreadful wad,
So close to the very nose of God.

—The Hawk



Cpl. Ken Gregg.

Early in the New Year Cpl. Ken Gregg is leaving us to return to civilian life. Our Photo Editor is the sole survivor of the original group who launched VOXAIR some two years ago and his work is well known to all our readers. Ken's cover shots particularly have earned well deserved comment and have invariably been the result of real effort. We wish 'Ken Gregg, Photographer' the very best and we don't need to tell him that he will be missed by all of us.

Children's Christmas Party

Station Winnipeg's Entertainment Committee nobly assisted by 'Old Cow Hand' Duke Palmer held a Christmas Party on December 19th for the children of all service and civilian personnel. Santa arrived at the Drill Hall in a fire truck and was greeted by over a thousand jubilant little people who also enjoyed cartoons, a sing-song and of course 'the presents.'



LAC Kaplinski, WOI Wilson and Group Capt. R. B. Ingalls enjoy the Children's Party while three of the 'older' girls wait patiently in the long gift line.



Santa's eye was 'clear and bright' as he commenced his big job at Station, Winnipeg but over two hours later he was still hard at it and very glad a chair had been provided.



Mr. and Mrs. H. Bartunas entertained with some first class balancing and juggling, later some fine cartoons were shown.



Some of the crowd which filled the Drill Hall for the Station Christmas Party for children.

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WD's Report

By LAW ANN ZAWADIUK

WE'RE A LITTLE behind the times with this item, but it's well worth mentioning. On the 16th of December the airwomen threw a party in the airwomen's lounge, complete with Christmas tree, movies, sing-song—and even a Cancan (Shades of the Moulin Rouge!). Reba Kilbride doubled as MC and Santa Claus. We'll toss an orchid in here and state that she did a wonderful job. First time, though, that we've heard Santa asking whether shoes have been polished, or uniforms pressed!

* * *

We're losing Corporal Stella Borsa . . . This lucky individual has been posted to France. To put it tritely, our loss is France's gain—and may discipline reign supreme! By the way, if anyone is looking for a radio (in good condition), a coffee maker (in good condition), or

a tube of tooth paste, see Corporal Borsas. We hear that she has some excellent merchandise for sale . . . Stella isn't shedding too many tears over the impending deportation.

* * *

We're reprinting an article released by TCHQ that caught our fancy—we think it may interest you, too!

"Since the re-entry of the girls into the service many a male has had to keep repeating "Get a grip on yourself old boy. After all it's a man's world" in order to hold the well known morale up to full strength.

Recently we commissioned our undercover girl to search the realm beyond the "out of bounds" barriers to see if she could come up with some unclassified material on the habits, hobbies and humors from behind the "cloistered" corridors.

So interesting were her first reports that we've decided to reveal all so that the mere male may peruse, ponder and profit thereby.

Take hobbies, Cpl. Claire Baker's in particular; Claire whose home is at 85 Bellevue Ave., Flin Flon, Manitoba, is employed as a meteorology observer at the busy RCAF air station at Trenton, Ont.

She's made a hobby of collecting rabbits.

Now, everyone knows how rabbits multiply. Even the most casual excursion into the field of rabbit hatchery is rife with frightening possibilities.

Therefore, when Cpl. Baker found that she could no longer restrain her fondness for the furry little fellows, she wisely, so she thought at the time, confined her choice to those cute China and

ceramic interpretations of Peter Cottontail and his myriad cousins.

However, once a rabbit always a rabbit, seems to be the rule whether the bunny is porcelain, fabric, or flesh and blood.

Starting her collection early in 1952 with Wee Herbert, Claire found that it was not long before he was joined by Brer Rabbit; within a few days along came Cottontail Junior, then Bugs Bunny and soon a veritable parade of scamps ranging all the way from "Bonnie" with her 6 inch ears to tiny "Little Low Pockets" whose total length is considerably less than half an inch.

As the merry band of intruders expanded on to every shelf and

(Continued on page 29)



Photo Cpl. Bonny Wade.

We haven't figured this one out ourselves. Could be the christening of Santa Claus Kilbride (right).



Photo Cpl. Bonny Wade.

Airwomen's Christmas Party in the Airwomen's Lounge. Also in pyjamas.



News Editor: F/O H. N. McMILLAN
ZWIEBRUEKEN — The Zwiebrueken RCAF fighter base in the Saar recently staged a mock ground-air attack to show Hon. Brooke Claxton, Canadian Defence Minister, what its three Sabre jet squadrons and well-trained ground-defence system can do. After the attack,



which forced all non-combatants to take cover, Mr. Claxton was shown ground maintenance operations, including repairs, quick-time refuelling and gun-loading and control tower techniques. Mr. Claxton was greeted by Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Campbell, Officer Commanding the FCAF's 1st Air Division at Metz, France.

During the same tour he also visited Gros Tenquin and saw the largest Sabre jet flypast ever staged by the RCAF. 72 planes took part, flown by pilots of Nos. 2 and 3 Fighter Wings of the 1st Air Division. The Minister said the ground and air display of No. 2 Wing was typical of the "convincing" demonstration of good work he had seen at other RCAF bases in Germany, and at army bases in the Soest area.



SASKATOON — In early December Santa Claus visited with 406 City of Saskatoon Squadron. He didn't arrive by reindeer, tram, sleigh, or even aero-

plane. At 1030 one morning a 406 Mitchell flew over the race track in the town of Humboldt and out dropped Santa in a billowy white parachute to the great joy of a large crowd of people assembled in the Grandstand.



OTTAWA (CP) (See \$38,000,000 Unclaimed, Voxair, December 18) — Veterans Minister Lapointe Wednesday introduced in the Commons a bill providing for extension of rehabilitation benefits to some 22,000 regular force veterans who served in Korea.

The benefits are similar to those granted to Second World War veterans. They cover veterans of all three services who left for Korean service before July 27, 1953, date of the armistice.

Previously, regular force veterans in Korea had received gratuities and re-establishment credit but not such benefits as settlement under the Veterans' Land Act. The 5,000-man special force, which arrived in Korea in 1950, already was covered.

← The latest wing design is no longer swept back. This rocket designed by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. is tested at speeds at twice the speed of sound. It is loaded with instruments which read and transmit the craft's actions at very high speeds. Lockheed engineers believe this is the most efficient wing for future super high speed fighters.



PROMOTED. Left to right, F/Ls G. W. Patrick, D. C. Danard, P. Harbottle, A. A. Clarke, A. Everard.



WINNIPEG — In sub-zero temperatures in Manitoba's frozen northland, a scene of joy and sorrow was brought to light, when RCAF Rescue Aircraft No. 568 sighted the grounded Cessna, of Central Northern Airways, piloted by Paul Rickey, 37, of Winnipeg, who landed his plane when he became lost and was unable to take off due to freezing rain.

He was first sighted by F/O R. B. Jefferd, in Dakota No. 568, piloted by F/L O. "Buck" Korol, both of RCAF Station, Winnipeg.

Pilot Rickey carried a woman and her two children as passengers. While awaiting rescue the woman gave birth to a baby, which later died after Rickey had tried everything humanly possible to sustain life for the woman and her children. By stripping himself of all warm clothing and bundling the woman and her children in the only sleeping bag in the aircraft, he managed to keep them from freezing. Rickey himself is now in hospital suffering from frostbite.

Search Dakota No. 568 has found planes on six missions during the past year and 111 C & R Flight still holds its perfect record of always finding its search target.



OTTAWA — The RCAF will take delivery of six Piasecki H21A helicopters early in the new year, it was announced recently by Air Force Headquarters.

One of the largest helicopters now being built, the H21A is fitted with omniphibious type landing gear, capable of landing on land, snow, swamp, or water.

The RCAF will use these helicopters for rescue operations. The cabin can be fitted with either 12 litters or 20 seats. At the moment the RCAF uses only the single-rotor Sikorski S-51 used by search and rescue units.

The Piasecki H21A, which is over 52 feet in length, has twin-rotors driven

by a single high horsepower engine.

The new helicopters will be delivered to the RCAF at Station Edmonton, Alta., where company pilots will check out several RCAF pilots on the new type. The pilots will be selected from a helicopter course now being given at the Canadian Joint Training Centre, Rivers, Man., on the S-51 type machine.

QUEBEC — Carling Breweries Ltd. sent the troops in Europe 24,000 pints of ale for Christmas. Major-Gen. J. P. E. Bernatchey, General Officer Commanding, Quebec Command, received a bill of lading for the suds from A. H. McCarthy, General Manager of Carlings in December.



WINNIPEG (NATO Fliers Play 'Santa' for 100 Tots)—Santa arrived by plane and was greeted with a red crash truck Saturday, December 12, 1953, when NATO trainees at the RCAF Station, Stevenson Field, played host to more



than 100 underprivileged boys and girls at a Christmas party. The NATO student navigators decided on this way of expressing their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them by Greater Winnipeg citizens.

NORTH LUFFENHAM (RCAF men in England Santa to orphans, crippled children)—In keeping with a precedent established early in the history of No. 1 Fighter Wing, various formations adopted for the Yuletide season some charitable institution. The station pipe band saw to it that the children at the Oakham Home for crippled children receive toys and a truly Canadian feast. No. 439 Squadron will adopt an orphanage, as will 410 and 411 Squadrons.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (First Missile Battery to Guard Washington) — The U.S. Army's Nike guided missile, designed to track down and destroy high-flying bombers, soon will guard the nation's capital, it was announced yesterday. The Army said the first Nike unit in the nationwide anti-aircraft system will be installed in the near future at Fort Meade, Md., midway between Washington and Baltimore. Nike battalions will be set up later around principal population and industrial centres. U.S. Army Secretary Stevens said recently the first unit should be ready for action in January.

WINNIPEG—Mr. A. R. Decuyper, 32, of Winnipeg, and Robert T. Waters, 14, of Comox, B.C., have been awarded George Medals. The awards are in recognition of the bravery shown by the two in saving the lives of two crew members of an RCAF Lancaster which crashed and burned near Comox in November 1952.

Mr. Decuyper was called to the scene by Robert Waters. He was working on a farm nearby. Although blown back by an explosion on his first attempt to reach the A/C, Mr. Decuyper fought his way back to the flaming A/C and pulled the second pilot out.

Robert Waters who witnessed the crash crawled into the wrecked aircraft and dragged the injured pilot to safety.

Secrecy still hides much of the development in the field of rockets and guided missiles. But here are a few of the known developments: The navy Viking—a rocket that 2 years ago had reached an altitude of 135 miles and attained a speed of 4,100 miles an hour. The navy Regulus—a fat, stubby, cigar-

shaped jet aircraft with swept wings which can be launched from land, ships or specially equipped submarines. Air force Bombarc—a pilotless fighter designed to locate, track and crash into an invading bomber, all automatically. The army Nike—a fully automatic anti-aircraft weapon equipped with fins to control flight. The army Corporal—a pencil-shaped missile with a 100-mile range, guided electronically and the C-45 Expedito—a sub-sonic something that flies faster than any known Bicycle.

ATLANTIC CITY (Says Reds use truce to build up) — South Korean Ambassador You Chan Yang said yesterday the Communists are using the truce in Korea to ship airplanes into their territory and build up bases. "I am just back from Korea and it is a land of troubled people," Ambassador Yang told the annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. "There are one million Chinese Communists in occupation in the northern half of our country," he said.

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Back row: left to right—J. A. O. Defflers, H. V. Poulson, D. J. Rasmussen, U. K. Nielsen, L. G. Pedersen, A. Lagarde.

Front row: left to right—J. J. M. LeRoux, J. Boissy, F/L G. B. Durnin, G. F. M. Marc, L. Loyer.



His Honour, Mr. J. S. McDiarmid greets Assistant Commissioner S. Bullard of the R.C.M.P.



Left to Right: W/C Gaffney CADO, Mr. W. S. Hamilton, 330 Wellington Cres.; Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. R. B. Ingalls, Mrs. Gaffney, Lt. Commander L. E. Avery, H.M.C.S. Chippewa, at the official opening of the Flight Cadets' Mess.



Lt. Col. W. Clement Dick, Army Prairie Command Headquarters, Fort Osborne Barracks (right), Lt. Lou (left), Mrs. R. B. Ingalls (centre) at the Officers' Mess Xmas Ball.



Squadron Leader V. E. Gagne, President of the Officers' Mess Committee, His Honour, Mr. J. S. McDiarmid, Mrs. Bryans, wife of Air Commodore John G. Bryans, Commander of 14 Training Group, and Group Captain R. B. Ingalls, Commanding Officer of R.C.A.F. Station Winnipeg are pictured during the Christmas Ball in the new Officers' Mess.



Left to Right: Group Captain R. B. Ingalls, Mrs. McDiarmid, PMC Squadron Leader Gagnon, Air Commodore Bryans watch expectantly as His Honour Mr. J. S. McDiarmid prepares to cut the ribbon signifying official opening of the new Officers' Mess at R.C.A.F. Station Winnipeg.



General N. E. Rodger, General Officer Commanding Prairie Command, and Mrs. Rodger, chat with Mrs. Ingalls and Group Captain R. B. Ingalls, Commanding Officer of R.C.A.F. Station Winnipeg.

Left to Right: F/C A. N. Leaf (R.C.A.F.) PMC FC Mess. Miss I. Edgar, representing Hospitality Board—Central Volunteer Bureau; S/L J. H. C. Boby, Hon. PMC FC Mess; Miss Doris Eden, representing Hospitality Board—Central Volunteer Bureau; A/P/O G. S. Pellow (R.A.F.) Cadet Officer Commanding 2 ANS.



His Honour, Mr. J. S. McDiarmid and Mrs. McDiarmid greet Mr. R. F. Wightman, Mayor of St. James, at the official opening of the new Officers' Mess.



Before the full effect, pardon us, spirit of the Christmas and New Year festivities wears off we thought our readers might enjoy a reprint of a famous letter which appears in CAP 460. Minutes are by LAC Holmes, Stn. Winnipeg, Flying Wing.

Minister of Defence,
Ottawa

Honourable Sir, (1)

I have an idea, which has just occurred to me, that would, if applied, save many lives. I saw it employed on a small scale at a fire the other day. As you know, large transport aircraft do not issue parachutes to passengers. What about rigging a large net at one end of an airfield. Then, if a transport aircraft was in trouble, it could fly over the net and allow passengers to jump into it before attempting a crash landing. It might be advisable to have a crew of men with smaller nets standing by to catch those who bounce off the main life-saving net.

If you can make use of this idea it is yours. I desire no remuneration for myself except the knowledge that I have saved many lives for future New Year's Eve parties like the one I am now attending.

Respectfully,
Hiram Sterno,
Nutts Corners.

(2)
CR

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J. Jones
DM's Secretariat
(4152)

(3)
SMO

Referred to you for action.
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CR
(222)

Instructor with thinning hair: "But how can you have the unmitigated gall to try to sell me a bottle of hair tonic, when you have no hair yourself?"

Slick Headed Barber: "Cool down, buster. There ain't a thing wrong with that, I know a guy who sells brassieres."



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Credit is due to the person or persons responsible for the Christmas decoration at entrance to RCAF Station Winnipeg depicting the scene of the Christ child in the manger. Much work and thought has been well given to this splendid decoration, and its location well chosen.

A Warrant Officer is reportedly having difficulty keeping track of certain articles of value so will anyone who saw what happened to a glass containing a double rye last seen sitting on the corner of the bar last night please phone Warrant Officer E. G. Munro at 6-4841, local 239 as his money is getting short, and he cannot afford to lose such valuables.

It has been reported that the Airwomen are making unnecessary noises after 11 p.m., i.e. pouring their coffee by holding the coffee pot too far away from their cups, moving around in their lounge without wearing bed-room slippers, slamming doors, and moving blinds up and down without reason. This must stop immediately since it is annoying and causing the living-in Sr. NCO's to lose precious sleep.

Recently we saw a "re-enlist" Flying Officer studying the New Year's promotion list and murmuring Homer's "—All experience is but an arch where through gleams that untravelled world whose margin fades forever and forever as I move."

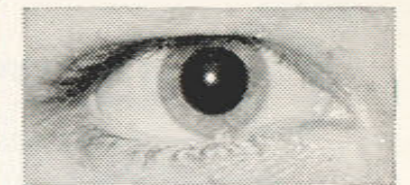
We note, and with regret, the departure of certain personnel from RCAF Station Winnipeg, however we wish them every success in their new ventures, they are:

- WO1 Lisoweski—Transferred to St. Jeans, Que.
- WO2 Kirby—Overseas.
- Sgt. Kane—Overseas.
- Cpl. Stella Borsa—Overseas.
- S/L W. G. Lafferty—Transferred to 405 Squadron, Greenwood (Posted to Maritime O.T.U., Summerside).

The true spirit of Christmas was evident in BB 63 when airmen gave unsparingly of their holidays to join in the search for a light plane carrying a lady and her two children that became lost during the festive season. (See news pages.)

In closing this column, may we take the opportunity of wishing all service personnel and civilians employed at RCAF Station Winnipeg every success in the New Year.

Signed:
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Sir:

I have spent several happy hours during the last few days recalling all the varied experiences that my period of National Service has brought me, for in another week I shall be released to the RAFVR. You can imagine therefore, how pleased I was to receive, in the midst of these memories, the November issue of "Voxair," the magazine which every three weeks carries me back in spirit to Winnipeg and the most enjoyable days of my service life. Articles, photographs, etc., remind me of a wonderful station and a wonderful city where I learned more than Air Navigation.

One of Air Commodore Bryans' remarks stands out in my mind as I write this, "They do carry with them to their respective homes in Europe many fond memories of their associations together in Canada." This is something that we all realize as we leave your country, and each of us says Thank you Canada for bringing us together.

... May I wish all the staff and pupils of RCAF Winnipeg a bright new year, and may I also whisper a word of advice to all the students who may be just finding their feet in Winnipeg. Whatever you feel like doing or asking, whenever you feel like going,—do it, ask it, go there: You will wait a long while if you expect to find anywhere a more understanding, helpful or likeable people.

B. C. Kimmons,
Ex-41WB.

Sir:

Three cheers for those padres of yours and their remarks on the Editorial and Padre's Pages of your Christmas issue. The figures on Christmas spending quoted by F/L Gorieu are well worth a second look by any thinking person. . . . Winnipeg, Man. H. J. Francis.

Sir:

We note that in your request for cheesecake from 'non-professionals' (Voxair, December 18th), you say "Entires" are acceptable from all NATO countries."

Is this a typographical error or are 'entires' something like 'altogether'. . . . Jack Wallace.
Vancouver, B.C.

Ed: No comment.

STATION THEATRE

January 8th to 31st

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THE LAWFLESS BREED
Rock Hudson Julie Adams

10
LET'S DO IT AGAIN
Jane Wyman Ray Milland

11
YANKEE BUCANEER
Jeff Chandler Scott Brady

12
ALL I DESIRE
Barbara Stanwick Richard Carlson

13
WILLIE & JOE BACK AT THE FRONT
Harvey Lembock Tom Ewell

14
THUNDERBIRDS
John Derek Mona Freeman

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SOUTH SEA WOMAN
Virginia Mayo Burt Lancaster

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DREAM WIFE
Cary Grant Deborah Kerr

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SAILOR OF THE KING
Michael Rennie Wendy Miller

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STRANGE FASCINATION
Cleo Moore Hugo Haas

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THE LION IN THE STREET
James Cagney Barbara Hale

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CRIMINAL LAWYER
Pat O'Brien Jane Wyatt

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COLUMN SOUTH
Andie Murphy Joan Evans

24
FRANCES GOES TO WEST POINT
Donald O'Connor Laurie Nelson

25
NEVER LET ME GO
Clark Gable Gene Tierney

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THE JUGGLER
Kirk Douglas

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DESPERATE SEARCH
Howard Keel Jane Greer

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I was a Columnist for the Voxair

(The story you are about to read is true except for the paragraphs.)

AT 0800 HOURS I walked through the Guard House unchallenged. I wore my uniform. This was an Air Force Station and I wore an Air Force uniform. That's probably why I wasn't challenged. Besides, the S.P. at the gate was so much bigger than I, that he knew the challenge wouldn't be accepted anyway.

At 0830 hours I walked into my office after eating my breakfast alone in a corner stall of the Snack Bar. I ploughed into my work and kept busy until 0845 hours when it was time for the first morning coffee. At 0930 hours I returned to the office and found reams of paper work that would keep me busy for the whole day. At 0945 hours the steno from headquarters sauntered in and tried to bribe me. She tried all the way over to the Snack Bar but I was a good airman. She couldn't get around me. I bought my own coffee. So did she.

All this time I was carrying the terrible secret locked up inside me.

No one knew but the editor, that I was a columnist for the VOXAIR. For months I had been writing stories and letters to the Editor and telling people what was going on. For months the Brass had been trying to find out who was writing these stories about Green Ticket courses and cathing those huge denizens of the deep on rod and reel. The Editor wouldn't tell them. How could he, I made up the Orderly Officer Roster every month. Lately suspicions had grown in the minds of many. The grammar and punctuation was so bad in the last article that the number of suspects had been cut to two — the Education Officer—or myself.

Then it happened. The phone rang and I had a premonition of disaster. My hand shook as I answered. It was the Steno. She had recognized me in the photograph in the November edition. She said I

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PLANE FACTS

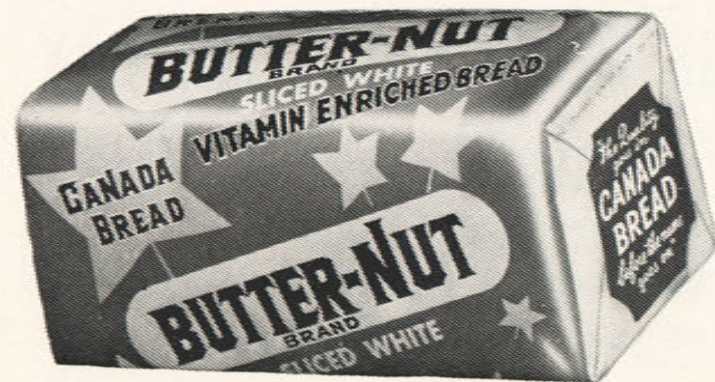
LOCKHEED'S SKY SENTRY

See Back Cover

Hint of air electronic marvels soon to materialize for U. S. defense is contained in this photo of Lockheed Super Constellation laboratory ship flying with grotesque configuration of Navy's WV-2 radar-plane design. Test plane is shown during flight check on huge radomes—shark-like fin atop plane and expanded "balloon" below. Exact mission of WV-2 is a secret, but official reports describe it as a principally high-flying radar sentinel for domestic defense. Note tip-tank on wingtip for extra fuel, first use of such tanks on transport-type aircraft. This new, long-range sentry plane is one more adaptation of Super Constellation transport.

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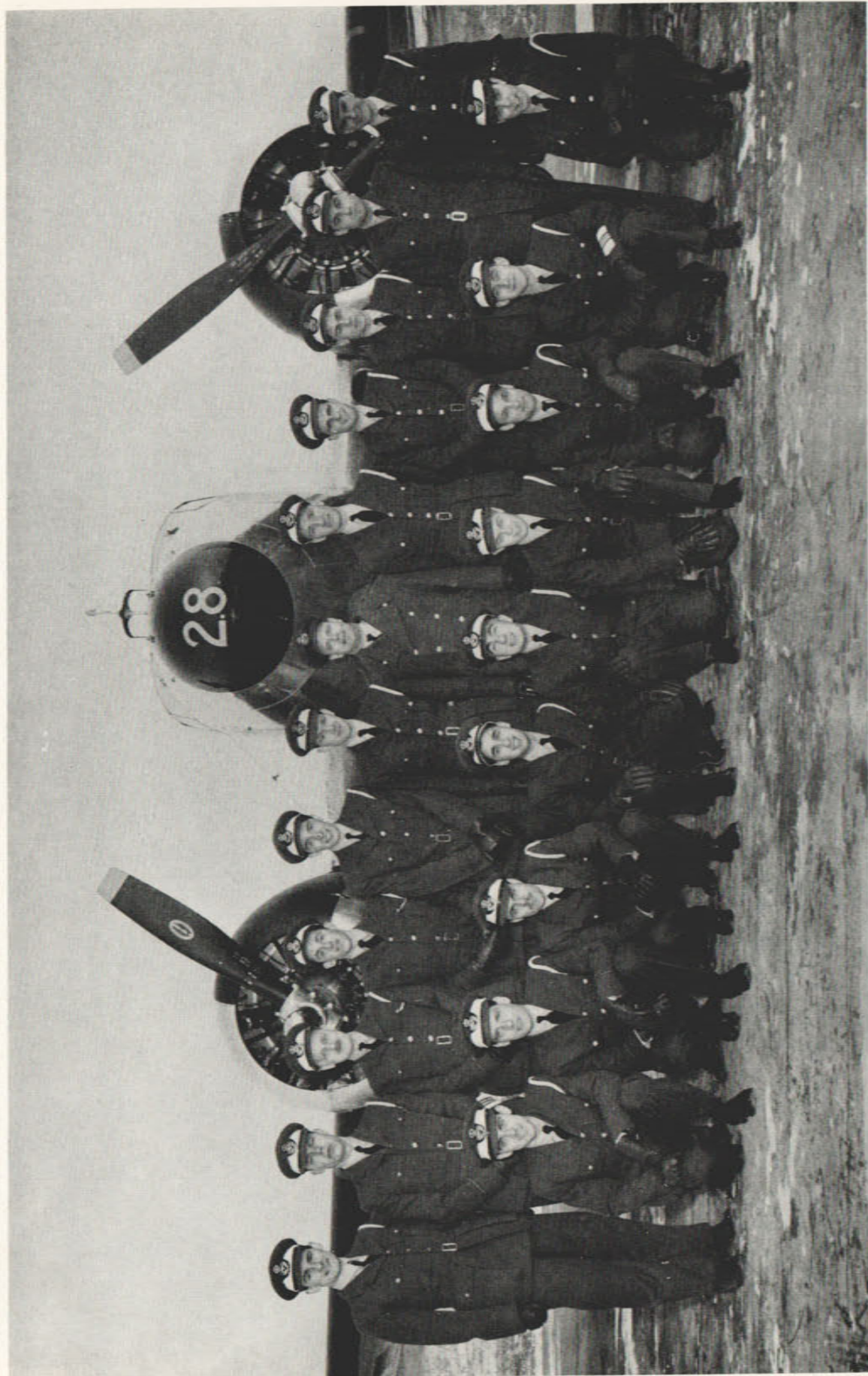
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APO Benifer

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APO F. O. Best

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APO D. Cawsey

Our Cambridge Don; famed for his thesis on young girls from Detroit, and not for the C.D.M.V.T. nemonic.

APO K. Duffield ("Duff" DR.)

"So I sez to the pilot," sez Ken
"By the use of infallible gen,
"When in trouble by day, or in
trouble by night,
"The way to get back is to follow
that kite!"

APO C. Harrison

His dark eyes and curls
Make a hit with the girls
But oh where's that poise
When he's out with the boys?
Frustrating, is it not?

APO H. Havers

A rather inquisitive bod,
Who, whether by guess or by God,
Found the effect on the body
Of drinking much toddy
Caused sensations most definitely
odd!

APO R. Knight

A type whose clandestine meetings
down town create speculation as to
whether or not it should be "Dirty
(K)Night."

APO N. J. Mapp

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repeat performance at Sioux Lookout.
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APO J. Moore

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boasts that he has never been seen to
walk back from the Mess in a drunken
stupor. He's right. He was carried
back.

APO Maxwell

The boys, they all stare,
That upper lip bare; not one single
trace of offending hair.
The direct result, of words rather
harsh,
—"Dig the guy with the crazy
moustache."

APO T. R. G. Montgomery

CJOB's only competition for the
"night owl." However, his results show
that he must have got things off pat.

APO C. E. Munday

Our COC is a somnolent dog,
Who can sleep anywhere like a log,
His study of Yogi
Settled the bogey
Of how well one can sleep on a bog.

APO P. A. Macadam

A small unobtrusive moustache hides
a burning, unrequited passion for
Thompson.

APO J. Powrie

B-P knew my father, my father knew
B-P. Everyone is writing for John to
obtain some Canadian expressions e.g.
"That's for surely."

APO Rosati

An S.D.R.T. card, it's true,
Is used in the air by a few.
The offending party,

One Peter Rosati,
Said, "But sir, B and A never knew!"

APO L. R. Roseveare

The room is fraught with fear,
By this laddie Roseveare
'Cos his antics with the ketchup
Are enough to make you fetch-up,
And he's even more unstable with
the beer.

APO Rosenfeld

Used to be a chain-smoker, but since
coming to Canada has found that
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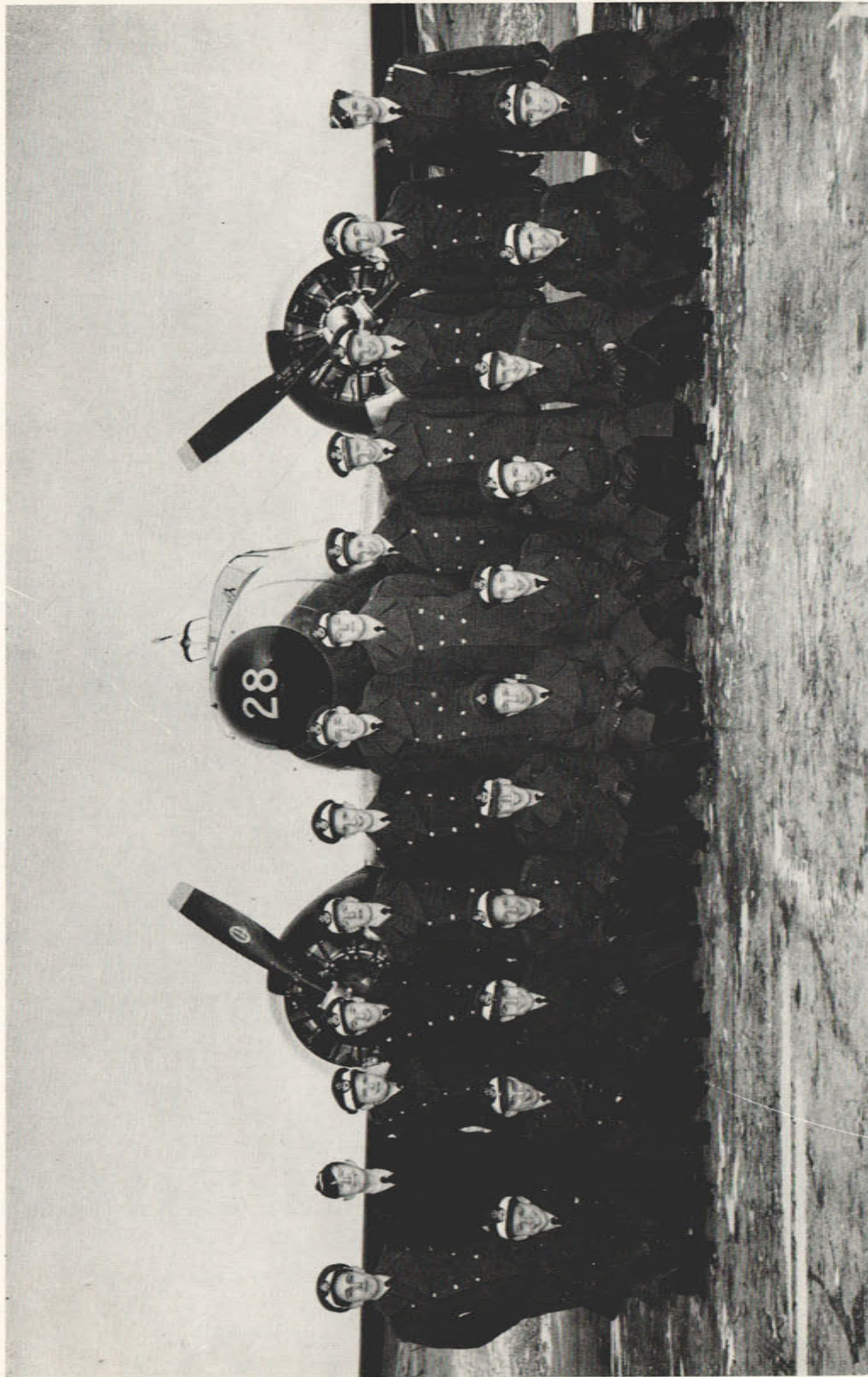
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Front row: left to right—A/P/O G. Davies, A/P/O G. A. Carter, A/P/O R. J. Doe, A/P/O J. D. Short, A/P/O R. J. Marchant, F/O H. K. Styan, A/P/O R. S. Donaldson, A/P/O A. C. Hornsby, A/P/O R. C. Vause, A/P/O V. D. Watkins, A/P/O J. D. Walsh.

COURSE 5304B

APO Cape: alias Mr. Hryciw

Throughout the course
He has suffered remorse
Through his constantly changing
outside address.
From W.G. to T.O.,
And back again she did go.
Now they've settled the mess, in the
mess, more or less.

APO C. Davies; alias (Taffy), alias Shutter Bug

After 36 weeks of intensive saving
he just finished paying for his camera.

APO Donaldson

Favourite song, "All I want for Xmas
is my two front teeth." Everything
about this lad is Scotch. Try tapping
his blood-stream some time."

APO A. Hornsby (Hot Rod or Fat Man)

"Just enough work." Hornsby found
the situation rather incredible the night
he was sent to Saskatoon, a Hell's
Gutty trip." The same applies to his
encounters with the Orderly Officer on
the night of the stag.

APO J. Kerr (Big Jim)

The only man on the course with
"Clyde built shoes." A master of pro-
verbial limericks.

APO A. S. Leeson

Sired by Sir Harry Jousting Helmet.
He got his first lei in Hawaii. Since re-
turning from leave, he has been
occupied with baby sitting. Some baby.

APO R. J. Marchant

Spends most of his flying time carv-
ing his initials on the second nav's
table. A poetry appreciator whose
talents are more Ironical than Byronic.

APO D. Morris

The only man on the course who,
whilst lying horizontal, will swear he
is not sloshed. 04's H. G. Wells who
talks authoritatively on flying saucers.

APO H. J. A. B. Newman (Fingers)

Definitely a queer phrase artist,
usually verbal perversions. Quite a man
with the oars.

APO B. D. Norman

Fastens his hat to his head with back
collar studs. His ambition was fulfilled
when he travelled 1,500 miles on 1
collar, 1 shirt, and 1 packet of 'Lux.'

APO N. Page (Wacker)

Canada's just swell
But Liverpool — well
The marijuana situation isn't bright.
But Lime Street after seven
Makes Norm feel he's in heaven
Though Main Street in the summer's
quite all right.

APO Parrott

Our married man who has taken up
roller skating as an alternative method
of returning home. Hence the expres-
sion, "Get your skates on, we're
leaving."

F/C C. R. Scott

We did once manage to convince him
that he needed a shave. Driven out of
Calgary at the last stampede, he still
has the noosemarks round his neck to
prove it.

APO D. Short

There have been various reports in
Canada recently of increasing the
brilliance of the Aurora. This is
actually due to Dave's exotic pyjamas.

APO D. H. Vowles

Most people, while on leave, made
every effort to burn up the miles. Dave,
always original merely burnt up the
bus. Was this inspired by his initial
effort at Quill Lakes?

APO C. Vause

Colin Vaze, Vase, or Vause:
Gives instructors some pause
For the right way to pronounce his
name
But the truth we all know,
And it all goes to show,
That no matter what name, the rose
smells the same.

APO J. Walsh

The "Wee Moose" is affectionately
noted,
For the unwitting fun he's promoted.

From his shining bald pate,
And coming back late
And an adorning young miss too
remoted.

APO D. T. E. Williams

A rabid young Bevanite from Wales,
At stimulating interest rarely fails
Now Home Rule is thwarted,
He's finally resorted
To immigration and all wedlock
entails.

F/C W. D. Lewis

An inspiring Canadian from Summer-
side
Takes a burden upon him with pride:
To sink all the rye
Which compatriots did not try
Before leaving '04 for outside.

APO's Carter, Doe, Draisey, Valentine

Famed for their rendering of the
Quimsy Quartette from Rigor Blotto,
otherwise entitled "Going through the
Rye." The originators of the "Eternal
Square," their passion for each other
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F/C Boissy (The Baron)

Appearance: Don Juan.
Ambition: Unobtrusive.
Occupation: Reading letters.
Hobby: Collecting her letters.

F/C De Flers (Jean)

Appearance: Diplomatic.
Ambition: None.
Occupation: Socialite.
Hobby: Paris night-life.
Accomplishment: Impeccable English.

F/C La Garde (La Grosse)

Appearance: Square.
Occupation: Telephoning.
Weakness: Eating cakes (see appearance).
Motive: Marriage.

F/C Le Roux

Ambition: Marilyn Monroe.
Appearance: Sulky.
Reason: Mr. Monroe.
Occupation: Cinema.
Hobby: Movie stars.

F/C Loyer (Lou-Lou)

Appearance: Gigolo.

Ambition: Charenton.
Occupation: Canteen Cowboy.
Destination: Canteen.
Favourite phrase: Where is the Mail?

F/C Marc (Marco)

Appearance: Excited.
Ambition: Sleeping.
Occupation: Playing cards.
Hobby: Skiing.

F/C Nielsen (Ugi)

Appearance: Shorn.
Ambition: A certain pillion rider.
Occupation: Ragging instructors.
Hobby: Speeding — on a Triumph.
Probable destination: The Morgue.

F/C Petersen (Pete)

Appearance: Indignant.
Ambition: Private war with England.
Favourite expression: "Gas!"
Probable destination: Winnipeg.

F/C Poulsen

Nickname: Hup.
Appearance: Same.
Principle: 'Books before bints!'
Occupation: Both.
Hobby: See occupation.

F/C Rasmussen (Raz.)

Appearance: Highly 'bulled.'
Occupation: Interception.
Achievements: Interceptions — down town.
Favourite expression: 'Skaal!' 'Skaal!'
Other hobbies: S.D.C.

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Corporal Clair Baker and her large collection of rabbits.

W.D.s Report

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table top, Claire herself retreated into an ever diminishing corner of the room.

And so as Claire prepares for the uncertainties of air force life in 1954 she enters the New Year confident of two things—rabbits are the multiplying things one ever did see—and she loves every last one of them."

* * *

The welcome mat at the air-women's lounge is getting a lot of use these Friday evenings; glad to see that so many of the airmen accept the invitations extended by the girls. Each airwoman is allowed to bring her date to the lounge on Friday nights—so even if the airmen are on the other side of the field now—let's invite them over, girls, and have a large turnout!

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I Was a Columnist for the Voxair

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was well disguised as a Tuna fish but she knew that cold death-like look that I wore as I hung upside down beside what looked like a human being. My secret was out.

Slowly I hung up the receiver on the hook and walked into the boss' office. It was now 1120 hours. The boss added up my time and got 46 hours and five minutes, told me that was a poor morning's work, slapped me on the back of the neck and told me to hand in my key to the VOXAIR office. He told me he

would look after the Orderly Officers from now on too. Now I had nothing. No one would print my stories. People would fall back into the old way of believing the truth instead of what I had been telling them. I was lost. I was no longer a columnist for the VOXAIR. Now they were going to make me News Editor where I'd have to tell the truth and it is so difficult to do these days. My only hope is a posting. Some where, some time I'll be posted to a station where they don't know of my columnistic activities and I'll be able to start anew.—'Mac' Hammer.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE AIRMAN'S MESS



P/O Ken Cryderman studies the menu with AW Joyce Maxwell.



AWs Sally and Joyce Maxwell, the station's sisters, join with LAC John MacDonald to get in on the carol singing around the piano.



S/L Lafferty signs his autograph for AW Ruth Morrison. Hiding behind the menu—LAW Berdie Kish.



Waiter F/O Poupore sports the new short necktie which was so popular in the Airmen's Mess on Christmas Day.



'Chefs' Air Commodore J. G. Bryans and Wing Commander A. V. Branscombe in the Airmen's Mess on Christmas Day.



Photo by AC2 Don McLeod.

F/O Jerry Dusseault, F/L Gilmour and friends discuss the menu while one of the 'victims' listens attentively.

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WHY HAVE NAVIGATORS?

This article is reprinted from Maritime Air Command Newsletter of November '53. We think it very fitting for embryo navigators of No. 2 ANS.)

FLYING IN CANADA, especially over land and populated areas, is rapidly becoming a very controlled and simple type of operation that requires a good knowledge of available navigation aids and good aircraft equipment. The need for navigators in these areas is therefore becoming less and less. This is particularly true in the airline type of flying where navigators are not members of the crew and navigation consists of following certain procedures and a series of high powered directional radio beacons.

The question is often asked "why do we need navigators in the RCAF?" There are many answers to this question, the most obvious one being that when the Air Force

orders an aircraft to a particular destination far removed from concentrated and reliable navigation aids, someone must be made responsible for guiding it. In the RCAF navigators have been given this task.

The art of navigation has been defined in many ways and one of the most common is "Air Navigation is the art of guiding an aircraft from origin to destination." In Maritime operations the destination is quite often many hundreds of miles at sea and a very small target, such as a ship. So much depends on reaching the position on time that accurate navigation is imperative.

Many persons are under the impression that navigators are a product of recent years but, although this is true of Air Navigators, the art of navigation has been practiced for hundreds of years. Among the more famous of days gone by were Sir Francis Drake, Ferdinand Magellan and Christopher Columbus. These early navigators were faced with many problems and at times had to make far reaching decisions. One noteworthy incident happened during the first voyage of Christopher Columbus. At that time very little was known of variation (the angle between magnetic and true north) and in the Mediterranean area the compasses were checked against the North Star, Polaris. If the compass needle pointed to the right the compass was accurate. We can only imagine the consternation when, upon reaching mid-Atlantic, Columbus found all compasses pointing to the left of Polaris as the ships had reached an area of westerly variation. Some of the reports state that he actually kept this information to himself for several days for fear that his crew would turn back.

While navigation plays a part in all RCAF aerial operations its importance varies with the formation's role. In Maritime Command the navigator really comes into his own. A thorough knowledge of dead-reckoning navigation is a must so that navigators can concentrate on the other many requirements of maritime operations such as bombing, visual search, etc.

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