



BILLBOARD BITS

Well, the holidays are all over, and it sure is an awful let down to have to buckle down to work again. It seems funny, but during the holidays everyone seemed very friendly, and passing even a perfect stranger in camp called for a "hello" or "hy-a fellow."

Stage Directions to 1942 Listen, Kid 1942, get this and get it right. You will enter stage centre through the red portals, and you can work on the front microphone.

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legs... We've had baby stars before in this house. In the script they have written you in as a villain... Yeah, yeah, I know, you want to be a fairy prince... We'll, that's up to you... If you can win the audience over, well and good, but if you start ad-libbing, make it good.

The audience? Tough? Hell, no... You never played to such an audience in all your born days... It's funny, about a month ago, the audience was tough... Hecklers were driving them nuts, and "Mac" could hardly finish a single tune.

What kind of make-up do you need? Well, you'll work in a strong spotlight, unless there's a blackout... If you're on stage when those sirens sound in Vancouver, just tell the audience not to worry or get panicky... Keep the show running... Tell them jokes... sing a song... do a jig... They won't walk out on you... They're Canucks, and that's a proud title to carry nowadays.

Billing? Don't talk like a small-time ham... I've plastered you on every calendar in big letters and the Postmaster General will stamp you on every letter... The banks are putting you on every cheque... And magazines won't skip an edition without mentioning you on the cover... And get this... this'll flatten you, because nobody ever thought of a stunt like this before... I've arranged for everybody in the country, while you're on, to have a birthday cake with you spelled out on top of it... Is that colossal... But remember this... Not even billing or build-up can sell a lousy act... It's up to you to deliver. That buzzer you just heard was the 15 minute signal, kid... That

means that you better get ready. In ten minutes you'll get your 5 minute signal... You better leave your dressing room and go downstairs and wait in the wings for your entrance... Probably you'll start getting nervous then, and maybe you'll forget your lines, but that's natural... Once you're in the spotlight, it will all come back to you, because you come from a long line of performers... You've got savvy... Run out there when the portals open and start punching... Give them a quick flash of that silver lining... And if you lay an egg, 1943 will sweep it off the stage when he goes on... Go ahead, you're on. This is all for now, but don't forget fellows, give the other lad a glad-hand. It won't cost you anything.

-L.A.C. J. B. McLEAN

SMILE When the world seems dark and dreary And nothing seems worth while, Look your problems in the face, Just lift your head and smile.

If old time friends forsake you When you have spent your pile, It goes to prove they were no good, But lift your head and smile.

Mayhap you have gone hungry, Not ate for quite a while, But you'll meet some good samaritan, 'ust lift your head and smile.

You may meet a poor old comrade Whose fortune has been vile, Just help him on his weary way And he'll lift his head and smile. Now when this war is over And we've done our job in style, We'll shake each other by the hand And lift our heads and smile.

-Dad Parker

THE AMERICAN SPEAKS

For justice and for mercy United now we stand To protect, with other nations, Our loved ones, homes and land. For months we've watched the holocaust That awful sweeping tide But now we stand united And fighting by their side.

We saw the suffering people— All that was good and right, Swept out with one foul gesture Which left them only night. We heard the children crying, The aged in their pain, But like their native countries They fell to rise again.

With tyrant heel upon them They dare not make a cry, The day will come when as a man They'll raise their protest high. We'll hear their maddened voices As from a mighty mob, But now, beneath oppression We hear a stifled sob.

We join you brave defenders, The British, Russians, Dutch, You have been standard bearers, May we be classed as such? With China, you have carried The burdens all alone— Now, America is ready To share them as her own.

We shall gladly go the limit, Our homes, our wealth, our men, That hellish powers may vanish And never rise again. Then the world will stand united On the ground where heroes trod, While thanks of grateful people Will gladly rise to God.

-EAB.

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BORDEN BOXERS TAKE HONORS AT TRENTON

No. 1 S.F.T.S. Boys Win Three Bouts by TKO; Lose Two Close Margin

(By F/O W. A. Beckett, M.C.) Granted the kind permission of Group Captain R. S. Grandy, OBE, our boxing team visited Trenton on the evening of the fourteenth to participate in a triangular contest of three teams: No. 5 I.T.S.; Trenton Station and Camp Borden. Before a good crowd, and patronized by Group Captain T. A. Lawrence, and the officers of the Trenton and Belleville Stations, our boys individually put up a fine performance winning three out of five bouts by the technical knockout route, and losing the remaining two bouts by a narrow margin.

The night's entertainment was opened by AC 2 Chevins of No. 5 I.T.S., and AC 2 Tremblay, of Camp Borden. It is hard to realize that two weeks ago Tremblay had never boxed before. He electrified the crowd by a smashing attack against his more experienced opponent, and by a series of straight left jabs and left and right hooks he soon had his man in distress. He never stopped his aggressive punching until the referee stopped the bout and awarded him the fight after a whirlwind minute and forty-five seconds. These boys fought at 125 lbs.

Our next member was LAC Stuart who was drawn against AC 2 Kain of No. 5 I.T.S., at 160 lbs. It was Stuart's first fight in public and the calm and skilful manner in which he proceeded to cut his opponent down was an eye-opener to the spectators. After a minute's fighting he shook his man with a straight left, then waded in with several body blows. After one min-

ute and thirty-five seconds he connected with a right hook that spun Kain around and sent him staggering against the ropes. To all it was apparent that Kain was out on his feet, but very courageously muttered he wanted to fight on. Referee Donovan, of Canadian fistic fame very correctly stopped the proceedings and awarded the fight to Stuart. Kain afterwards said he had never been hit so hard.

LAC Bolin, Trenton, and LAC Linwood, Camp Borden, 170 lbs., then took the squared ring. These experienced men fought cautiously with Bolin steadily gaining a lead on points. He had a smashing right cross that puzzled Linwood. It became obvious that Linwood's severe cold had weakened him. In fact he weighed in at 165 lbs. instead of the 170 at which the match was arranged. Bolin was clever and used his longer reach to great advantage, it was not until the last half minute of the bout that we saw Linwood coming into his own; by then it was too late, Bolin's right hand had won the fight.

The semi-finals brought Sgt. Ross, Camp Borden, and AC 2 Lawty, No. 5 I.T.S., together. In three rounds of rapid exchanges Ross forced a comfortable lead on points. Lawty, however, was very strong and came back for more. In the third round Ross unfortunately used the open glove, and strangely enough used it again after being warned by the referee. These slips on Ross' part cost him the fight.

In the finals at 147 lbs., the headliners, AC 2 Thompson, Trenton, who, by the way, is a noted boxer from California with a string of thirty wins to his credit, and AC 2 Keegan, Camp Borden, fairly brought down the house with a sparkling display. Clean fast punching, and clever countering marked the first round. Thompson had evidently not expected to meet such stiff opposition. Both boys brought forth many comments upon their splendid physical condition. Early in the second round Keegan flashed a right that opened up Thompson's sound defence, and quickly followed this up with three lightning lefts to the face. Thompson came back with two well placed body punches, then escaped a right cross that missed by a miracle. That near blow was so well executed that the crowd came to its feet with a roar. Keegan was now boxing superbly, bobbing and weaving he sought an opening and it came. Crack went a left hook and Thompson's right eye was slit. When the referee judged that the cut was too dangerous to allow Thompson to carry on, the whole audience groaned with dismay. The two rounds had been thrill packed,

MAINTENANCE Hangars A80, A15, A16

We, of the Maintenance Squadron, would like to take this opportunity to wish every one the best of luck in this New Year. We feel sure that this should be an eventful year and hope that our Squadron will be able to serve as well as we have in the past. 1942 has indeed come, and it has brought the usual frigidty with its first month, January. However, as we were only too glad to usher this New Year in, let us resolve to welcome all that it may bring and endeavour to make the best of it all. Our machines and personnel will be called upon to make great sacrifices throughout these wintry days but as we have done it in the past, it should be a "cinch" to do it again. Let us join in this resolution, that

each boy bringing the best out of the other, and everybody was tensely awaiting the third round which certainly promised fireworks. Thompson shared the disappointment of the crowd and very sportingly asked for a return bout, which we trust can be arranged when the Trenton team visits Camp Borden. Our team was capably handled by AC 2 Keegan, who has great qualities of patience and inspiration.

After kindly distributing the prizes Group Captain T. A. Lawrence personally complimented our boys on their display and sportsmanship. We were so well received and cared for that the team is anxious to visit Trenton again.

The evening's entertainment closed with a comedy bout of boxing cleverly put on by three old-time scrappers. One wore a brassiere and the fun was fast and furious, with kicking and tumbling and a grand finale effort in which the three contestants tore the clothes off the comic referee. A snappy wrestling bout followed and a good time was had by all. F/O Davis, Trenton, is to be complimented for a well organized meet.

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we be of good cheer while endeavouring to bring Victory to our Cause.

A number of our personnel have secured a good start for the New Year as they have welcomed it with high hopes, having been promoted. Among the lucky ones are, Sgt. Maffey, L.A.C. Stephens R.C., L.A.C. Watts and L.A.C. Wathan M.W. Sgt. Maffey is now a F/Sgt. and the other three are now proud and enterprising corporals. These new promotions will surely add much to each of the individuals and above all, to the general well-being of our Maintenance Squadron. To all of these lucky fellows, we wish the best of luck and continued success.

While there is much I would like to add, I have to sign off for now as space is limited.

Your Maintenance Squadron reporter.

-CPL. LANGDON, H.J.

R.C.A.F. Theatre COMING ATTRACTIONS Feb. 1- "Adventure in Washington" Herbert Marshall Virginia Bruce Feb. 2 and 3- "HOLD THAT GHOST" Abbott and Costello Feb. 4 and 5- "DUMBO" Walt Disney Feb. 6 and 7- "UNHOLY PARTNERS" Edward G. Robinson Edward Arnold Feb. 8- "FORCED LANDING" Richard Arlen Eva Gabor "WEST POINT WIDOW" Anne Shirley Richard Carlson Feb. 9-10- "HOLD BACK THE DAWN" Charles Boyer Olivia de Havilland Paulette Goddard Feb. 11-12- "LADIES IN RETIREMENT" Ida Lupino Louis Hayward Feb. 13-14- "CITIZEN KANE" Orson Welles Feb. 15- "WILD GEESE CALLING" Henry Fonda Joan Bennett Show commences at 1945 hours and at 1900 hours on evenings that Vaudeville is shown. No admittance after the box office has closed.

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