

BORDEN DIARY -1941-

(By Cpl. "Ted" Rorke)

The old year is passing into the oblivion of history. It has been an epochal one here at No. 1 S.F.T.S. Those who have been here since January 1 have seen many old landmarks wiped out and a large number of improvements made. Under the capable direction of Group Captain R. S. Grandy, O.B.E., Commanding Officer of No. 1 S.F.T.S., who was at the helm of this station for the whole year work has progressed systematically in the hangar and operational area of the Station. With this work successfully drawing to completion attention is being turned to the barrack area, where further improvements will be made in the coming year.

The men of Borden have worked hard this year and as a result courses have succeeded courses with a minimum loss of life and time. This year Borden has received visits from many important personages, outstanding among these being the visit of H.R.H. Air Commodore the Duke of Kent in August.

As you may realize, it would be an impossible task to set down in strict chronological order all the things that have transpired at this Station in the past year; defence regulations would not permit. But in compiling this diary we have attempted to brush lightly the highlights and republish suitable pictures, so that in the years to follow after the war you may refer to this issue and find contained in its pages pleasant memories of your year 1941 at Borden.

January
King winter held sway for the whole month. January entered like a lion and growled the whole month through. The "Y" tea wagon made its inaugural run into No. 1 S.F.T.S. Since that time thousands of cups of warm coffee and tasty cookies have been enjoyed by the men of Borden who through duty were forced to face the wintry drafts. Camp Borden Bulletin our literary rival, made its first appearance. Since that time it has quietly folded its tent up and crept down to Toronto to be the official organ of M.D. No. 2. Maybe we were too much for them (plug). Commanding Officer's Trophy was introduced in January. The palatial new gaolhouse was opened.

February
Top billing for February goes to the successful Airmen's dance held at the Town Hall in Barrie, with the permission of the C.O. and sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. The editorship of Wings Over Borden changed hands with the transfer of Cpl. Bill McIntyre of the C.D.C. who was transferred to Manning Pool. Besides being editor of this paper, Bill was golf champion for 1940. Sport and recreation activities were in full swing and Sgt. Major Hook's hockey aggregation trimmed Army 8-6. F/O Jackson's basketball team were showing great style.

March
March was highlighted with some splendid feature entertainments. March 15, the Masker's Revue of Toronto played in our theatre to the evident enjoyment of the whole audience. On March 25, Mari Kenny and His Western Gentleman accompanied by Miss Judy Richards, played a full two-hour show to a packed house. This top ranking band returned at a later date to play for a dance at the officers' mess. Squadron Leader C. F. Falkenberg, senior administrative officer, departed this station on posting to No. 4 Training Com-

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mand. Tribute was paid to "Dad" Parker, veteran of three wars, in the March issue of Wings Over Borden.

April
Spring came in with a flourish. Golfers got in many hours of pre-season practice. A visiting aircraft from Washington, D.C., came to Borden. It brought with it Col. K. Buchanan of General Staff Corps, Lt.-Col. W. C. Crane, Lt.-Col. F. J. de Robar, Lt.-Col. V. K. Hurd, all of Bolling Field, Washington, to be guests of the Camp Commandant. The pilot, Major W. E. Hall, and co-pilot, Lt.-Col. J. B. Jordan, were guests of the R.C.A.F. officers at a mess dinner. Sgt. J. P. Kizma, technical engineer, and another sergeant wireless operator were guests of the R.C.A.F. sergeants' mess. Frazier Hunt, staff writer of Liberty Magazine, visited the station for material. Flight-Lieutenant Sutherland (now Squadron Leader), senior administrative officer, was posted to Mountainview. The same date Wing Commander Kennedy was posted to Calgary.

May
Mosquitoes were very large and plentiful! Sir William Glasgow, Australian High Commissioner to Canada, in company with Mr. Eilen and Mr. Bridgeland, of Ottawa, visited No. 1 S.F.T.S. and inspected all Aussies on strength here. Jas S. Duncan delivered a lecture on War Savings to all the personnel in the Drill Hall. Walling Ruby, former Y.M.C.A. director, Camp Borden, became AC2 Joe Ruby and entered Manning Pool as aircrew, May 28. Walling Ruby is now Flying Officer Ruby attached to R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton. Sunday afternoon hostess service was inaugurated at our canteen under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. James C. McClenaghan arrived on the Station to fill the post vacated by Walling Ruby. F/Lt. Costello, R.C. Padre, left Borden for No. 2 Training Command, and Flight-Lieutenant Gagnon, now at Trenton, arrived to take up his spiritual duties.

June
Baseball season opens and Borden team wallops Penetang 9-5. The Toronto Dolphinets presented their Aquacade on June 21 in the R.C.A.F. swimming pool, captivating all

who saw them with their beauty, grace and rhythm. Camp Borden Golf Club officially opened their season with a tournament at the Midland Golf and Country Club. It was a very close match and competition was keen. The score: Borden 16, Midland 15. Party of 37 newspaper men visited the Station and were entertained to dinner at the officers' mess.

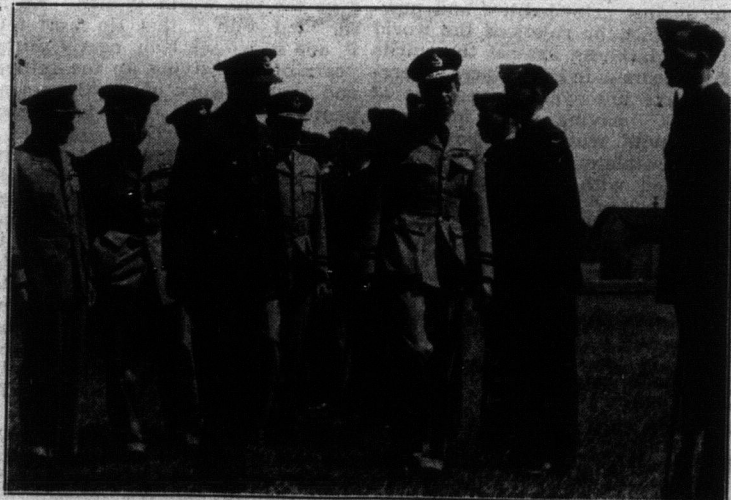
July
Camp Borden settled down to enjoying the summer weather. Probably frequent nightly raids on Wasaga Beach accounts for the brevity of news in this month. A party of 1,000 R.M.C. Cadets visited Borden under the guidance of Lt.-Col. Campbell. This party was conducted on a tour of the Station. Gerald Noxon, C.B.C., visited the Station to get material for future radio broadcasts.

August
On 2nd of August, H.R.H. Air Commodore the Duke of Kent, brother of His Majesty King George VI, inspected No. 1 S.F.T.S., accompanied by Air Commodore G. E. Brookes, O.B.E., A.D.C., and Wing Commander Sir Louis Greig. On the 13th, Lt.-Col. H. A. Bruce,

former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, visited the Station in company with W. H. Wright, mining magnate, and Brigadier-General G. E. McCuaig, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., Camp Commandant. Party of 70 editors and newspaper men arrived by bus, accompanied by Group Captain Sully and staff officers from Ottawa, to inspect the Station. They were entertained at dinner at the officers' mess.

September
The Station Field day and dance were the big events in September. Despite the prolific amount of rain, a good time was had by all. The Station was visited by Air Vice-Marshal Croil, Inspector-General, accompanied by Air Commodore G. E. Brookes. In conjunction with a Wings presentation, Mrs. R. S. Grandy, assisted by Mrs. D. A. R. Bradshaw, presented prizes to the winners of sports day events.

October
Wings presentation was held for Course 34 in the Drill Hall. Wings were presented to the graduating airmen by Gen. Steffins, Chief of the Norwegian Military Mission in Canada. F/Lt. A. E. Caulfield (Turn to page eleven, please)



H.R.H. the Duke of Kent Inspects Guard of Honor



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All The Boys At "Borden"

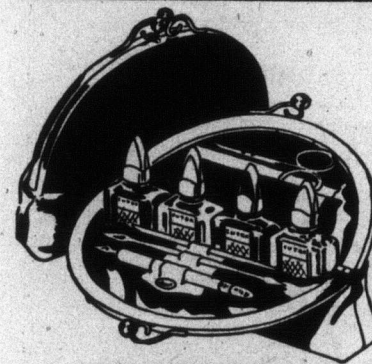
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