

# R. C. A. F. (W. D.) Get Down To Work

## Soliloquy on Life in General

(With deepest apologies to Ogden Nash and to all of you unfortunate readers—both of you)

It's very strange how life goes on—and nothing ever happens.

For years and years, day in day out, ad nauseum, ad infinitum.

A job seems like the thing to do—in fact it is essential, in order to keep up on stuff and other things potential.

To dress as well as all the others, and if possible even better, and go, and go, and wonder why you ever even bother.

A dance is fun—a beer is too—there are so many things to do, No one should be all out of sorts.

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**—no bad reports.

But all of a sudden something clicks—you wonder why the hell you stick.

It doesn't really matter a darn whether you're around or not when you get right down to it, No one is indispensable, no one is so important, so why should I fret and fume and worry and feel I simply can't be done without.

"It's time to make a change, I think, with things the way they are.

Life is very **THRILLING** now, and **DANGEROUS**—there's a War!

The conflict's on—we've got to win—there must be things to do, All men are needed for a million jobs—and girls are needed too!

Now's the time for something drastic—it's now easy to explain

Why the feeling of uncertainty has been prevalent all these days.

It's in the air—on everyone's mind—the only job important

Is to win this war and do it quickly and get the darned thing over.

Away with all the plans I've made and the lackadaisical role

These things don't matter any more—Victory will be my goal!

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### WANTED MORE WEDDING CAKE

AW2 Black is fresh out. For three nights she slept on a piece of wedding cake and didn't dream of her future. Now she has borrowed AW2 Hoy's piece and still is having no luck. Now that she has worn out the supply will some one please come to her rescue.

### HELLO FOLKS:

This is from the girls in the mess hall. Our mess hall once belonged to the LAC pilots on the station but upon the arrival of the W.D., they moved out. For this we owe them a lot and couldn't begin to express our thanks. It is a beautiful dining hall with lovely hardwood floors. Everything is grand. After working hard all day going into a place like this can mean a lot. In our barracks we often hear the girls saying how much it means to them and that makes us feel that our job is important. We try to keep it as it should be, bright and shining. Somehow at first when we thought about being mess women our job seemed small beside the jobs the other girls were doing, but when you hear them saying how much it means to them, we feel as though our job is really as important.

And then there's the one in charge. That one person can mean a lot. Our Sgt. Fraser is a wonderful person. He has taken us under his wing and helped us in many ways. For this we are also thankful. It is like any job you have in civilian life, if you like your boss you like your job, and we're all rooting for Sgt. Fraser. We hope they never take him away from us.

The W.D. thank the boys of the Station for the warm welcome they gave us on our arrival. We are going to try hard to make them like us as we hope they do. Each

and every one of us is mighty proud of the uniform we're wearing and we are proud to think we have been given the privilege of wearing it.

I'm saying bye-bye for the issue. May I pass on our cook's motto, "KEEP 'EM FRYING."

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# Parents Assist as Sons Receive Wings at Borden



Squadron Leader George Phillips congratulates his son, P/O John Phillips, as latter receives "wings".



P/O Jack Frizelle, former Balmy Beach football star, receives "wings" from his mother. —Photogravures Courtesy Toronto Evening Telegram.

## FIRST OUTDOOR WINGS PARADE

One of the most spectacular and unique Wing Parades ever to be seen at No. 1 S.F.T.S. was held on the tarmac on April 24 last. A large crowd of visitors were present to witness the graduates of Course 46 receive their wings.

The sky was clear and the air warm and sunny. The parade, headed by the Commanding Officer and led by the combined bands of the R.C.A.S.C. and No. 1 S.F.T.S., marched smartly along the hangar road and formed up in front of the visitors' chairs. The band was led by our new drum majorette, AW2 Sawdon.

Group Captain R. S. Grandy, O.B.E., former Commanding Officer of No. 1 S.F.T.S., welcomed the visitors and invited any parents or wives to pin the wings on their son's or husband's chest as the case might be. He also extended an official welcome to the R.C.A.F. Women's Division, recently arrived on this Station, and complimented them on their fine appearance.

Fourteen parents accepted the Commanding Officer's invitation to pin the wings on. Two mothers came from the U.S. for this privilege and a wife came 1,300 miles from South Dakota to pin the wings on her husband's breast, Pilot Officer S. T. Davis.

The real highlight of the parade was when the name of Phillips was called. P/O Jack Phillips, son of Squadron Leader George Phillips of this Station, marched forward proudly to receive the much coveted wings from his mother's hands, while his smiling father stood by. The fact of father and son being both at the same station, one as an instructor and one as a student, is believed to be unique in Air Force history.

It will be of much interest to the Station personnel to know that Squadron Leader Phillips is considered to be one of Canada's greatest fliers. In 1931 he was awarded the McKee Trophy, an honour given to the Canadian judged to have contributed the most to Canadian aviation. He played an important role in the rescue of the men imprisoned in the Moose River mine.

Despite the fact that Squadron Leader Phillips had 6200 hours to his credit prior to joining the Air Force and for 16 years or more had flown by the "seat of his pants" in all types of aircraft, under all conditions, his early R.C.A.F. experience was similar to his son's. Squadron Leader Phillips received his wings two years ago at the age of forty-seven. This was the second time he has had the privilege of wearing the Air Force wings. During the last war he won an observer's wing.

Overhead throughout the ceremony three Harvards gave the

visitors a thrilling glimpse of the Air Force in action and the line-up of planes flanking the field gave the spectators a glimpse of the tremendous facilities and potentialities of the Empire Air Training Plan.

**APOLOGY**  
Due to lack of space some copy must be held over until our next issue.

## MEMBERS OF STATION COMMITTEES

**STATION FUND**  
President—Squadron Leader Flowerdew.  
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Chairman—WO1 Dagenais; Hon. Chairman—S/L Badgley; President—WO2 Craig; Secretary—Sgt. Town; Living-Out Member—WO2 Falls; Living-In Member—Sgt. Chapman.

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President—Cpl. Griffiths; Secretary—Cpl. Etheridge. Representatives of Squadrons.

**C.O.'S TROPHY**  
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"B" team and Canadian Dental Corps, respectively.

Members of the winning team were as follows:  
Bowling—F/Lt. Broughton, F/O Battersby, WO2 Towner, Cpl. Bohas, Cpl. Bennet, LAC Barker, LAC Blahout.  
Badminton—F/Lt. Broughton, F/O Battersby, Cpl. Sills, LAC Biggs, LAC Wilmot, Cpl. Cameron, LAC Cunliffe, LAC Tenant.