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## Editorial . . .

It has well been said by many men that Canada's vast expanses and sunny blue skies have given to its youth the spirit of flying. We do not doubt this, it has been and is being proven, that her sons rank with the best in the realm of aviation, but the mere fact that we have the quality is not enough. Of all the members of the B.C.A.T.P., Canada was understood to supply eighty per cent of the aircrew material, and with her small population, she is finding this to be a tall order. The standards originally set for enlistment in this branch of the air force, have been lowered immensely, and there is a general trend in the policy of the R.C.A.F., to have its ground personnel conscious of this fact and of its implications.

We will win the war with air power. The assembly lines of the aeroplane plants in North America are gradually being organized to the point where they will equal and surpass the productive capacity of the enemy. Our leaders have promised aircraft by the thousands and if they live up to their word, the problem of men to fly them will be an acute one. As yet the Allies have started no big combined air and land offensive in any phase of the war, that would lead to losses as suffered by the Germans, as in their advance into Russia, or in the Battle of Britain. The air force has not felt the weight of extremely heavy losses such as these. There is no doubt that when the two factors mentioned become realities, the need for aircrew personnel will have increased a hundred-fold. Where else but inside its own organization should and will the R.C.A.F. first look for men to help fill the bill?

Educational rehabilitation schemes have already been put into effect for the convenience of ground personnel. Physical training and sports of all kinds are encouraged, and we find this week that Ottawa is extending its first feeler into the ranks, in the form of a survey of the capabilities, qualifications and inclinations of those in the Clerk Accounting trade. It remains to be seen what the reaction will be, but one can be sure that this is the first move in a scheme for the redistribution of manpower resources to positions where they will be of more value to the organization as a whole, and to give opportunities to those who are qualified and who desire to train as aircrew. Naturally, the trades that will be affected immediately are those which can be taken over by the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F.

The pursuance of this policy is a step along the right way, by those in command, to putting their own home in order. Foreseeing the problem that will confront them in the near future, they are taking full advantage of the resources they already possess. Perhaps this action, if carried out fully and promptly, will help in the final solution of the United Nations' all too familiar bugbear—"Too little and too late."

—LAC ENFIELD, F. A.

## ARMAMENT

By Flying Officer H. E. Boulter

If it were not for the radio and newspapers to keep it before us, strange as it may seem, most of us would forget that we are actually at war. The main purpose of war is the destruction of our enemies by any of the unpleasant methods most suitable. We can shoot our enemies, poison them, drown them, blow them up and at the same time they can try to do likewise to us. The country developing the most satisfactory lethal weapons wins. It is this brutal side of war that is rarely brought to our attention and often forgotten by us employed in training schools. At this very moment Canadians are somewhere doing their best in carrying out some of the above means of ridding the world of Nazis, Wops and Japs, while these three are doing their worst in return. It is, of course, a case of "do unto others as you would not have them do unto you." To make this golden rule of warfare good is the main reason why Armament and its study is essential.

Unfortunately our fighting forces were not entered in the war games that took place in Spain, China and Ethiopia and thus missed out on some realistic practice. We did have our observers at these tests and they saw plenty but just how much they were able to impress the proper authorities is evident from our results to date. Our enemies, however, were able to modernize their armament and developed Stukas, 5th columns, mechanized war en masse, wholesale terrorism and many other forms of destruction well known to us now. They also learned the value of perfect co-ordination of all branches of the services. They were able to find out how effective their machine guns, cannon guns, A/A guns, anti-tank guns were and just how good their armoured fighting vehicles and armour plate were to stop these guns. But our observers were never told these important findings. These tests must have been very pleasing to our enemies, so much so that they were confident that no force could withstand their blitz methods. It is interesting to note that the only nation, Russia, also played in these same games. The knowledge they gained, they kept

secret from friend and foe so successfully that their fighting ability came as a complete surprise. Events have proven that our enemies were right and after eliminating the more brutal methods which their natural tendencies make it easy for them to apply, and so much right that to beat them we must play the same type of game.

Now during all this time when our "thinking" part of the world was doing what we apparently wanted to do—nothing—and nothing whatever about it, there were a few who struggled through the well-known tape and actually made the right people listen. These few whose names we may never know, were Armament specialists and armourers and to them we owe our very existence today. These men finally sold the British the two ideas, the power operated gun-turrets and multi-gun installations. It was this armament that saved Britain and gave the rest of the world the time we need. It was the Spitfires and Hurricanes with multi-gun installations which won the Battle of Britain. It was the power-operated turrets in our bombers which enabled them to bomb successfully and defend themselves at the time when fighter escorts were scarce. How well they did their job is evident when we learn how few aircraft were available at any one time at any one place.

Owing to the fact that our type of nation does nothing about armament till we are actually at war, those who have ideas during peacetime rarely can obtain any encouragement or money to complete them. Our enemies, on the other hand, seem to develop destructive ideas as a peacetime hobby under Government blessings. The ingenuity and perseverance of the developers of this armament which saved our lives would actually make a long story.

They went through something which could be compared with the experiences of the men who developed the tank only they were actually at it longer. It was only after actual fighting took place that the authorities realized that they were not merely interesting experiments.

## CONTRADICTIONS

We like to speak of VICTORY;

and to paint our streets and houses with Vs; and use the V as the design for brooches and table decorations; and other things expensive and useless.

And there are those in the Services who are afraid of being joed; and who won't do work today that can be put off till tomorrow; and who aren't responsible about anything.

There are women who can't bear to think of husbands going off to war; but would rather have Hitler and the Germans ruling them; because they've never stopped to pause and think what that would mean. There are men, in the Air Force, and outside, whose only real interest is Promotion and Profit;

and a chance to improve their position.

Is this how wars are won?

Along this road does Victory lie?

Every one who fears being joed; who is slow and slack on the job; who puts personal interest and gain before his service and the War; who hesitates to give himself, his very best; is aiding Hitler and our foes;

preparing, not for Victory, but Defeat.

—PADRE BUTCHER.

## Read It . . .



or not?

By Cpl. E. M. Rorke

Now is the time for all good men to take a good dose of sulphur and molasses and park the long underwear in the bottom of the old kit bag. Spring is here but definitely. Government has forbidden the use of icing. Let's hope the weather-men remembers that from now on.

Spring Pome  
Mud  
Bud.

—Shortfellow.

A suggestion for the conservation of wool would be for men's socks to be built with the holes in them.

Who was the officer on this station who had made out his wife's income tax blank because she did not want to fill her form out?

Recommended for a double dose of rat poison and 14 days in the gas chamber is the skunk who stole the blanket off my bed on Sunday last. It's a fine thing when a man's home ceases to be his castle. It leaves a bad taste in your mouth, worse than swamp whiskey to have the knowledge that among the fellows you are living with, working with, playing with, that there is one among that lot so d—d depraved that he can't leave things that are not his alone.

People who talk behind your back spoil the movies.

Watching a Highland regiment marching down the street two maiden ladies unfamiliar with the kilted dress were at a loss to know who the troops were.

1st Spinster: "Are they men or women?"

2nd Spinster: "I don't know, it's very confusing. Maybe they're this Middlesex Regiment we hear so much about."

BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AND LICK THE OTHER SIDE. Slogan.

"Come on, quit stalling," said the exasperated student pilot to the Harvard.

Before many issues roll by there will be a startling story appear in this column. In the mean time—"Who is Father Malarkey?" More of this anon.

When the Lord created man, he gave him two ends, one to sit on, and one to think with. Ever since that day man's success or failure has been dependent on the one he uses the most. It has been always, and is now, a case of heads you win and tails you lose.

To you and yours a Happy Easter.

## OFFICER OF CHILEAN ARMY VISITS No. 1 S.F.T.S.



Major Tomas Huneos Eastman of Chilean Legation, Washington, was a recent visitor at Borden. (Left to right—S/Ldr M. F. Badgley, S/Ldr J. B. Flowerdew, Major Eastman and S/Ldr J. McCulloch.)

## NEED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SERVICES

(From The Barrie Examiner).

"What we need at this particular time is co-operation between the various branches of the armed forces—army, navy and air force. We are all working toward one end, and that is the elimination of the Nazi menace," declared Major-General A. C. Richardson, D.S.O., director of armored fighting vehicles of the Imperial forces, who officiated at the presentation of "wings" to the members of the latest class of young pilots to graduate from No. 1 Service Flying Training School.

The event took place in the large drill hall, Friday evening last, when a class made up mostly of Australians, received their wings. Thirteen of the group were advised, following graduation, that they had been awarded commissions as pilot officers.

The class was headed by Pilot Officer B. F. Hegarty, Rymble, New South Wales.

Group Captain R. S. Grandy, O.B.E., welcomed the guests and congratulated the graduates and their instructors, and presented General Richardson, who congratulated the class on its training efficiency and also staff of instructors and quoted their commanding officer as saying it was the best class of Australians turned out at Camp Borden.

Nothing succeeds like success.

## NOTHING IS TOO SMALL

You may think your contribution of work or money to the War Effort is too small to be of any value, and if you keep on thinking this you may some day be sorry that you did not do your little bit when you had the chance.

It's your solemn duty to use anything you can spare, and to use it to the best purpose. Just now we are being asked to lend our money in this grim fight for Liberty.

It may be only a small amount that you were putting away for a rainy day. So small to your way of thinking, it couldn't possibly turn the scales of War one way or another. You're wrong. One little bit, however small, will always weigh more. It may mean sacrifice for you, but you would willingly sacrifice all that you have, if by so doing you could save the life of one of the lads overseas. (Perhaps your own).

The Government is asking us for the loan of our money. We cannot all buy bonds, but we may be able to buy a War Savings Stamp once a week. But remember, it's the quarters added together that make the millions. Throw in yours, all that you possibly can. The enemy is raining death and destruction on all parts of our Empire. You can help eradicate this menace by lending your money to your country. DO IT NOW!

—"DAD" PARKER.

## TO BORDEN "WINGS" FLYERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Cpl. McKay, T. N.)

On Wednesday, March 25, in the Drill Hall, the Flyers won the Camp Borden championship, defeating the A-10 Infantry Training Centre by the very close score of 21-20 in a very fast and exciting game.

The Army opened the scoring at the two-minute mark when Harvie scored on a nice fast play. Westfall then scored a free throw and then F/O Battersby scored a basket to make 't 3-2 at quarter time.

The second quarter was also low in scoring, ending 10-6 for the Flyers on baskets by Stewart and Funkhouser and Thompson's free throw.

The last half saw the Army score 14 points on baskets by Westfall, Seaton, and Harvie. The Flyers scored 11 on baskets by F/O Thompson, LAC Stewart, P/O Funkhouser, and the great play of F/O Bodrug at 55 seconds to full time, who was awarded two free throws with the score 20-19 in the Army favor, sinking the first to tie the score, the other to win the game by 1 point to end a very fast, hard played, exciting game and a good league.

The teams:  
Flyers — Thompson, Robertson, Battersby, Stewart, Funkhouser, Bodrug, Kerr.

Army — Westfall, Seaton, Reynolds, Harvie, Patterson, Sphon, Henry, Hamilton, Bryer, Bisard.

Previous Games:  
Central "Y" Toronto 34 Flyers ...30 Exhibition.

Dental Corps .....27 Flyers ....41 Semi-final.

No. 6 I.T.S. Toronto ....38 Flyers ....29 Exhibition.

Coming Games:  
West End "Y" Toronto vs. Flyers 31-3-42.  
Flyers vs. Central "Y" Toronto, 2-4-42.

There are many earnest souls occupied in trying to do people good.

It is a delusion that labour lowers a man. The real fact is that it ennoble him.

Keep your mind as keen, alert, disciplined, accurate and dependable as your hands.

A pessimist is a man who looks both ways before crossing a one-way street. An optimist is the man who does not look at all.