



EDITORIAL



WING COMMANDER A.J. SNETSINGER, ED.

It was with a real sense of loss that this Station said, "Au Revoir" to Wing Commander A.J. Snetsinger, who for the last twenty one months has been its Commanding Officer. The regret was quite general, for wherever one went one heard personnel of all ranks expressing such regret. One airman said, "He is the best C.O. I've had in my two years of Service." An officer who had worked closely with W/C Snetsinger expressed himself thus, "It seems as though half the Station was posted." This page wouldn't hold half the sentiments of regret that the writer has heard in the last week.

W/C Snetsinger was well thought of because he had done his very best for the station and all concerned. His major interest was the airmen on this unit, and their highest welfare. They and their welfare was the yardstick by which everything was measured. He would give the closest attention to anything the Airmen's Council recommended because it was the voice of the Airmen. It isn't likely the average airman realized this, but those who worked closest to the C.O. did.

In the opinions of many he was an ideal Commanding Officer. He was never satisfied with anything but the best, and what he demanded of others he demanded of himself. He never used his rank or office for personal advantage, nor did he exempt himself from the inconveniences of Airforce discipline. He never asked any one to do what he wasn't willing to do himself - what was good enough for an AC2 was good enough for him. He didn't please every one, he couldn't if he tried, but every decision he made was just, and made to serve the interests of the Station and the personnel.

In his new responsibility as Commandant at Airforce Headquarters the personnel of 5 I.T.S. wish Wing Commander Snetsinger real happiness and success. It won't be his fault if the Efficiency Pennant doesn't fly over the Administrative buildings of the R.C.A.F. in the capital city of Ottawa.