

"WHEN A MAN"

This week saw the completion of the Official Flag Pole of No. 5 IIS. Well what is so outstanding about a new flag pole?

Now it might be interesting to the readers of Flash to hear something about the adventures of this new addition.

Some days ago W/C Snetsinger, S/L Fortune and accompanied by our genial Station Gardener, Harry Reeves, drove to the bush of Harry's brother and selected this tall sturdy cedar. Eventually it found its way to IIS where under the craftsmanship of A/C Alexander it was carefully turned into its present graceful state. We may add here that Alexander was unable to see his handiwork placed in position as he has been posted since to Halifax.

When erected there seemed to be something missing from this stately staff. Oh yes, it needed a top notch to make it complete. So Sgt Dupuis came to the rescue and with deft fingers and much skilled patience produced the smooth ball which gives the pole that finished appearance.

Some may be saying. "Well, why did we need a new flag pole? May we state, this will be the one and only flag pole on the Station, what you see on the Parade Square is a flag staff. The latter has on it an arm for the hanging of extra pennants. We need this flag pole to prevent many airmen from falling under the wrath of the Station Sergeant Major for having failed to salute the ensign blowing so merrily many stories above their heads. Henceforth there will be no excuse.

Supervision credit for this lefty addition and the laying of the base goes to W/O Duffin and SGT Dupuis. The pole is 35 feet in height.

Monday morning October 3rd., this pole became official and our ensign took its newly appointed position.

Gentlemen, A Toast to "Our Flag Pole".

by, a Roving Reporter.

- GOOD NEWS -

The entertainment Committee has managed to secure No. 6 R.D. Orchestra, one of the best in the country, for our dances here. The first is October 15th., keep it in mind. The other dates are Nov. 5th., 26th., Dec. 17th and 31st. 1943.

So come on Child'un Lo's Dance.

- IN MEMORIAM -

With a sense of deep personal sorrow, and as a spokesman and for those fellow airmen who came in touch with him, I am writing this parting tribute to Corporal Bill Dewar whose sudden death on Sept. 30th., came as a terrible shock to all of us.

The impress Bill made on those around him will never be forgotten. His genuine love of life, his constant enthusiasm and cheerfulness, his open but kind frankness, his keenness of mind, were deeply felt and admired by all who know him. He possessed exceptional physical fitness and stamina, as shown in his achievements on the sports field. But more important than that these qualities were combined with deep spiritual perception, and moral integrity of the highest order. He was always a true friend, ready at all times to give a helping hand, and to more than his share. As an airman he was the ideal, combining the highest in character and leadership, with all-round ability.

Bill's passing leaves a gap in the lives of his friends which cannot be filled, but his memory we shall always cherish with deep gratitude and pride. It will always be a challenge to us to live up to his high ideals.

To his family goes forth the heartfelt sympathy of all his friends in the Service. May they take comfort in the knowledge that they could not have had a finer son or one more loved and respected.

We will never forget you, Bill.

LAC G.W. Legge.

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I WAS BORN IN PRAGUE (Cont'd from Page 6)

I was able to get passage from England to the United States where I completed my engineering studies at the University of Illinois. For a short time I worked as electrical designer, until I decided to come to Canada to join the Czechoslovak Air Force. I have finished my course here, and the day will soon come when I will be able to repay the Nazis for what they did to my country.