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Colin Hinson

In the village of Blunham, Bedfordshire.

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THE LOCKING QUARTERLY

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"The only way to avoid being miserable is not to have enough leisure to wonder whether you are happy or not."—Shaw.

"Happiness, in short, is not a house that can be built by men's hands; it is a flower which surprises you, a song which you hear as you pass the hedge, rising suddenly and simply in the night and dying down again."—Joad.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATION COMMANDER
GROUP CAPTAIN A. E. PAISH.

What does Locking mean to you? Is it just a School of Technical Training, somewhere to learn your trade and pass on? Or is it a Station to be proud of, a Station on which you will look back in the years to come and say "I was happy there"?

I hope the latter, but it is only by your interest, your co-operation, and your help, that it can be so.

" THERE IS A TIDE "

This publication is not a magazine in the ordinary sense: it aims at providing, first, a ready reference to all welfare organised at Locking—spiritual, educational, recreational and social, and, secondly, as a means of recording the deeds and thoughts of those who pass this way.

It is divided into Sections as follows:—

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If you study it you will find an opportunity for self-expression however uncommon may be your interests.

Where appropriate, each Section has an appendix giving a summary of activities and the individuals responsible for them and to whom you can apply for help and information. There are lots of vacant spaces we want to fill up and ample room for new activities if men and women will volunteer assistance. If there be some activity which you would like to see organised, the Station Commander invites you to see him personally and he will do something about it: this applies to every officer, airman, airwoman and civilian who is a member of this Station.

SECTION I IDEAS

" There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."—

Hamlet.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS?

Do you know what "S.R.O.'s" and "W.D.'s" stand for? If not, find out. All forthcoming events in connection with the activities mentioned in this book are advertised in these documents. If, at any time, you are tempted to grouse and feel that you have not been informed about something that's going on, you are not on sound ground if you have neglected to read "S.R.O.'s" and "W.D.'s." These documents are supplemented by Tannoy announcements.

DEEDS AND WORDS

The inauguration of this publication is due to the drive and initiative of the Station Commander. It is now a going concern. It is also far from perfect. It will go on but we need effective support in deed and word. If you have any leanings towards journalism send in your suggestions and offer your services for it will be necessary to build up a team to take over from the few who have broken the ground. We want an Editor and Assistant Editor, a business manager, a publicity manager and an accountant. There are no salaries but lots of fun and interesting work with experience which may be very useful someday.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions of all kinds are welcomed—they must be concise and designed to be of interest to members of the R.A.F. at this station. Drawings, photographs, poetry, all will be considered, but this is NOT A COMIC paper. No payment will be made for any matter published and the Editor reserves the right to amend or modify in accordance with the policy of the Station Committee under the final sanction of the Station Commander. All copyright rests with the Locking Quarterly and is a condition of acceptance.

BELOW THE SURFACE

“First things first” is a good motto for the heat and burden of the day. There are times, however, when most folk need to rest a little, the odd hours by the wayside or the hearth, pondering on life in general; alone or in the company of a friend, a book, a hobby.

It is at these times that the deeper thoughts find their life and it is a very good thing to give them the chance.

On the front cover of this book there are two quotations which came casually to mind during such relaxation, when one was pondering on the deeper meaning of the use of leisure and the part this publication might play. You, too, may have thought of some apt quotations; if so, we shall be very glad to have them. We shall select two for the next cover and publish the names of those who sent them.

There will be a prize of 10/- for each.

IF AGE COULD!

We welcome the advent of BOY ENTRANTS to Locking—and we envy them. At no time have the prospects in the Service been so promising for those who are able and keen enough to climb the ladder of promotion from bottom to top in circumstances which offer full scope to hard work, ability and determination. In the scheme of training will be provided opportunity to become a skilled craftsman, facilities for continuing education in both technical and cultural subjects, sporting and recreational activities of every type and a rare chance to learn how to be a useful comrade in accordance with the Christian ideal.

This is an era of Youth. No greater compliment could have been paid to this Station than to have trusted us with the training of those who will form the future Air Force. It is a great responsibility which every Officer, N.C.O. and Airman of the teaching staff regards as a privilege.

All the welfare activities noted in this book—and some additional ones—will be available to BOY ENTRANTS and we are looking forward to individual contributions from them for publication.

A Dismal Jimmy said to the Station Commander recently, “Don’t forget that Boys will be Boys.” The C.O. smiled and replied, “I hope they will be, but, in addition, my Boys will be Men.”



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SECTION II

SPORTS AND GAMES

“ . . . IN CORPORE SANO ”

Keeping fit does not mean trying to become an Olympic Athlete, but everyone enjoys a measure of success and is usually keener on games for which some natural aptitude is possessed. In this book will be found details of many sports and games, but if you don't find exactly what you want, consult the Physical Fitness Officer—Pilot Officer H. Webb—and he will probably be able to help.

The basis of physical fitness is regular exercise—from walking to boxing, dependent on age and inclination—and no one can deny that to a physically fit person the world seems a better and happier place in which to live.

Contrast the bodily effects of lounging about, or sitting in a stuffy cinema, with open air exercise; is it better to see a sunset from the Mendip or a cheap American film? Mind, body and pocket will benefit, if you make use of the opportunities provided for healthy exercise.

At the end of this Section will be found an Appendix listing the Sports and Games in which you can take part, if you will. How we envy the vigorous youth who can contemplate the strenuous exercises of Boxing, Rugger or Soccer! But if—“Forty years on”—age and body and responsibilities do not permit the carefree life of school days, there are plenty of alternatives. Try, if possible, to take part in some open-air activity. Badminton is a wonderfully good game, but it is nearly always played indoors, so it should be associated with, say, Lawn Tennis or walking, as a side line.

Archery is also a fascinating sport; a beginner can sometimes hit a target at 60 yards, in the first attempt, but to get a Gold regularly calls for extreme skill. It should be associated with some other exercise so as to give a balanced muscular development. If possible, do something which will make you literally sweat; follow this with a hot shower, plenty of soap and a cold plunge and you will feel like pushing a bus over.

If you can become a member of a team, do so. It is quite unimportant whether it is the first team or the last, the game's the thing and the team spirit is most important of all. There's a lot to be said for the effort and concentration necessary if you want to be an “ace,” but there is perhaps even more to be said for the good all-rounder who is welcomed to almost any scratch side. He may not be good, perhaps even a “rabbit,” but he never lets the side down through want of trying.

All the popular sports are associated with regular Inter-Unit competitions, outside fixtures with Service and Civilian clubs and scratch games whenever sides can be raised.

If you feel you could “raise a side”—anything from tilting to tiddley-winks—see your Officer about it; he will help. What about taking on the next-door Hut at a Cross-country run? Equipment and gear of all kinds can usually be supplied, from running shoes to flannel bags. Given the bodies, the Station Sports organisation will do the rest. If, by any odd chance, you are the sole supporter of some game and it is impossible to cater for you on the Station, ask your Commanding Officer to arrange for you to see the Physical Fitness Officer and he will tell you about the nearest suitable club in the locality.

The Station Commander has given authority for every member of the Camp to have one Sports afternoon per week, when convenient to the Section concerned, as an equivalent to the mid-week Sports afternoon generally granted in the Service. At Locking, the training commitment precludes closing down on any particular afternoon; moreover the playing

fields are unable to deal with all the troops at the same time. There will be a team game for nearly everyone, but some, golfers for instance, may have to make personal arrangements. It will be a matter of honour that the time given shall be used for personal exercise, not just watching others; nor for going shopping with the wife—unless she makes you sweat uphill behind a heavily loaded pram.

WHERE EVERY PROSPECT PLEASES

On a fine evening, a couple of miles by track and lane will take you to the shoulder of the Mendip, whence you may see a path of molten gold stretching oceanwards. You can watch the Steep Holme fade in the twilight, with the Welsh mountains purple against the afterglow. This is Wessex; steeped in legend and folk lore, more richly endowed by nature, poet and painter than any other part of our homeland, studded with some of man's best craftsmanship, from massive Cathedral to thatched cottage—Glastonbury, Wells, Castle Cary.

From Locking, during an afternoon, a day or a week-end, you can explore the whole of the surrounding country. From the Devon Hills you can see the endless blue of the Atlantic beyond Lundy Isle; from the Cotswolds you can look over the Severn Valley into the Welsh Marches. In accordance with your own inclinations you can wander alone or join kindred spirits on foot, by cycle, coach or train, with a pleasant pause at some inviting hostelry to sample local products, which, even in these hard times, can hold their own. The Romans built roads over the Mendip and prehistoric man lived in the caves, many feet have walked these ageless hills and others will follow where you tread. An open shirt and a pair of shorts and a free wind in your hair, so climb the slopes with some good companions and you will find that which will tide you over the harder hours, with, if you are lucky, a discovery of friendship which will teach you that man is not always vile—nor even woman.

APPENDIX TO SECTION II

| <i>Sport</i> | <i>In Charge</i> | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Archery | Group Captain A. E. Paish... | Station Headqrs. |
| Athletics | Sgt. Tofts | No. 2 Wing |
| Badminton | | |
| Baseball | | |
| Basket Ball | | |
| Boxing | Sgt. Catling | Gymnasium |
| Cricket | Squadron Leader N. F. Morris | Hospital |
| Cycling | | |
| Fencing | P/O H. Webb | Gymnasium |
| Golf | W/Cdr. D. W. J. Brown ... | Station Headqrs. |
| Gymnastics | P/O H. Webb | Gymnasium |
| Hockey | Wing Commander S. Mather | Station Headqrs. |
| Netball | | |
| Pass Ball | Flight Lieutenant F. Jeacock | |
| Rifle Shooting ... | P/O H. Webb | Gymnasium |

| <i>Sport</i> | <i>In Charge</i> | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Rugger | P/O H Webb | Gymnasium |
| Soccer | F/Sgt. Owen | Equipment |
| Swimming | Pilot Officer J. Read | Clothing Store, Ext. 47 |
| Tennis | F/L T. D. G. Hammond | Station H.Q. |
| Walking | P/O H. Webb | Gymnasium |
| Water Polo | Pilot Officer J. Read | Clothing Store, Ext. 47 |

NOTE—Enquiries with regard to sports for which there is at present no one in charge should be made to the Physical Fitness Officer—P/O H. Webb—at the Gymnasium—or for any not listed above.



SECTION III

PASTIMES

In this Section, summarised in the appendix, will be found notes on those recreations usually carried on indoors and rather less strenuous than those dealt with in Section II.

Even the most active athlete has to lie fallow at times and our English weather, especially in Winter, cramps one's style in more ways than one—if you are prepared to give it best.

APPENDIX TO SECTION III.

The following activities are in the charge of Wing Commander A. R. G. Bax, Station Administrative Officer, Extension 5, Station Headquarters, from whom further details may be obtained:—

CINEMA.

The Station Cinema shows the programmes of the R.A.F. Corporation and handbills are displayed freely around the Camp.

INDOOR GAMES.

Equipment for all normal games is available in the Canteens. Additional equipment, or new games, will be provided where a demand is shown.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

HOBBIES.

A special room exists for hobbies and allied handicrafts. Tools are loaned and a certain amount of material is available.

GARDENING.

Squadron Leader H. T. Murly-Gotto, Station Headquarters, Extension 18, is in charge of this and will give an enthusiastic welcome to anyone who can help—don't be afraid of being a beginner. All requisite equipment is provided and you will have the satisfaction of adding to the beauty of the Camp, of providing a better supply of fresh vegetables for the Messes and of doing an essential job of work. Competitions are organised between Wings and between Sections of Wings. A Cup is awarded to the best garden. Incidentally, you can learn a lot from the Camp experts, useful when you have a garden of your own. If you are a real enthusiast ask Squadron Leader H. T. Murly-Gotto for details of the HARVESTING SCHEME.

MUSIC

Opportunities for hearing music of all varieties—radio, recorded, concerts—are numerous. Under F/O N. T. Griffiths there is a popular **MUSIC CIRCLE** which meets every week—see Station Routine Orders—usually on Tuesdays, at 19.30 hrs in the Music Room in the Education Block. Selections of good music are played for two hours or so, with an interval for refreshments. There is a library of over 300 records and members supplement this by loan from their own collections. Members are invited to conduct an evening's music and to make suggestions. A group meets regularly on Wednesday evenings to listen to the B.B.C., and arrangements can be made to listen to the Third Programme whenever desired.

Well-known artists visit the Camp to give recitals and excursions are arranged to attend good concerts in the locality.

RECREATIONAL LIBRARY.

This is in the Education Block and is open during the evenings. Fiction and non-fiction—e.g., Biographies—are well represented and a **Suggestions Book** is there for you to enter your favourite author's latest work.

CONCERT PARTY.

One or two successful variety shows have been organised with local talent. An enthusiastic leader is urgently required. What about you?

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

A "Locking Players" team put on some very good shows in the past, but demobilisation sent them all away. We want a new team.

SECTION IV

EDUCATION

Details of Educational opportunities available at Locking will be found in the Appendix to this Section.

"MENS SANA . . ."

The other part of the above motto will be found elsewhere in this book; if all that education does for you is to teach you to join the words and understand the full meaning of the motto, it will have done something worth while. For real education means nothing more or less than the learning of the Art of Living, healthily and happily; whether it be learning how to use a cross-cut file or how to write an interesting letter; or just to sit quietly in the vast stillness of a beautiful building and to be thankful for the glory of a setting sun through stained glass.

How does one set about it? It is really quite simple. There are two essential things to do; first one must be able to study what other people think; secondly, one must think for oneself. Education, in short, is learning how to recognise a good example with the ambition of being able to set a better one.

The amount of education which you can absorb depends on how you are made; mind, like body, results from our ancestors and the environment in which we grow up. It is easy to see that if your fighting weight is

around 8 stones, you will never become heavy-weight champion of the world—you just aren't made that way—and there is nothing to regret; you must be content with being a champion at your own weight. Equally, there is nothing to worry about if your mind is not that of a Newton, you can still put up a jolly good show among your peers. But there is this important difference between body and mind; you can't weigh mind. It is easy to gauge your physical strength and often astonishing to discover how you can improve it by training. It is much harder to find out what your mind can do but the improvement to be gained by training it far exceeds that possible with the body. Most important of all is that "guts" count as much with mind as with the body; if you have real determination and even only moderate natural ability, you can become a much better artist in living than one who, with all the natural ability possible, lacks the will to progress. As Viscount Wavell said about war; that, in the last analysis it is morale, not equipment and numbers, that wins battles, so with education. Don't you believe it? It can easily be proved. Try for yourself.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

All the Technical Courses at Locking include technical theory in their syllabuses and every trainee has complete liberty and opportunity to interview his Education Officer at any time. All technical skill has two fundamental principles, HOW and WHY. You can be a first class craftsman in HOW without knowing much about WHY, but that's all. By hard manual practice you can learn how to file up a perfect cube, for instance, but unless you are interested in the WHY you will be limited to manual work. What is especially important in the Service is that you will never be able to teach others! However perfect your workmanship, you will have to depend on somebody else to tell you what metal to use, to what limits to work and, perhaps, the particular finish required for the particular use to which the job is to be put.

On the other hand it is no use knowing WHY without HOW—you can't become even a skilled journeyman. Your first aim, therefore, must be to become a first class craftsman at your trade. A really competent "HOW-MAN" is to be respected and, it is no mean objective in itself. The Service realises, however, that the Master Craftsman must be a "WHY-MAN" as well as a "HOW-MAN"—that's where Technical Education comes in.

THE GENERAL EDUCATION SCHEME

IDEA.—This is intended to supplement the routine Technical Education which is laid on in all appropriate courses. It deals with the learning which is necessary, as described in the notes under "MENS SANA," to enable a man or woman to make the most of life. You will find details of what is available in the Appendix to this Section and remember that all ranks can discuss their personal problems at any time with the Senior Education Officer or the Station Education Officer.

REASONS

- (a) Broadly the policy of the Royal Air Force is to provide for all members of the Service opportunities for study at least equal to those available in civil life under the Education Act of 1944. A.M.O.A.1049/46 gives full details. Every member of the Service should consider:—

- i. Am I master of my Service job? Can I improve my prospects by personal study?
- ii. Can I anticipate my return to civil life by undertaking a course of study designed to enhance my value?
- iii. Am I fully equipped to take a responsible part in the affairs of the Community?
- iv. Can I make a more effective contribution to the well-being of my neighbour—village—town—country—by studying some aspect of Current Affairs?
- v. Can I increase my self-respect by increasing my general knowledge? Is it worth while studying some subjects which will enable me better to employ my leisure time? Will a wider knowledge of things in general make me a better person, more useful to myself and my friends?

ACTION.—If the answer to any of the above questions is “Yes”—talk it over with the Education Officer; it is better to make an appointment than to attend on chance. Ring Extension 34—Station Education Officer—or Extension 37—Education Clerk—or call at the Technical Library.



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1. INFORMATION

The General Education Scheme is run by the Station Education Officer Flying Officer N. T. Griffiths, who can be seen at any time in the Education Block—Extension 34 and 37.

2. CHILDREN

1. All ranks are in exactly the same position as civilians with regard to the education of their children, but the Station Education Officer is in close touch with all Schools, public and private, in the locality; advice is available on application. The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund and the R.A.F. Association—q.v.—can provide assistance in certain cases.

2.—In view of the far-reaching effects of the Education Act, 1944, and the raising of the school-leaving age, parents will be well advised to discuss the education of their children with the Education Officer.

ON THE STATION

(a) **Theory** Classes are held in preparation for the Forces Preliminary Examination—about Matriculation standard—and the War Educational Certificate—much lower than Matriculation—for all who wish to take these examinations. In particular Mathematic classes for all stages up to Matriculation standard are available. Airmen may attend in working hours with the permission of their Officer i/c. Section and Commanding Officer, subject to their giving an equal period to study in their own time.

(b) **Practical** Classes are held in Carpentry, Domestic Science and Cookery, Dressmaking, Leatherwork and Technical Drawing. Equipment is available for revision in Metalwork, Motor Engineering, Plumbing, Radio Engineering and other trades.

3. EXTERNAL

(a) Attendance can be arranged at Local Institutions in almost any theoretical or practical subject.

(b) In Art, Crafts, Science and Technology and Commercial subjects, classes are available, free of charge, at the School of Science and Art, Lower Church Road, Weston-super-Mare. Details can be obtained from the Station Education Officer or direct from the School at 19.00 hours from Monday to Friday.

(c) The Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Unity Street, Bristol, 1, holds classes covering a very wide range of theoretical and practical work in all stages. Those interested should apply to the Station Education Officer.

(d) Special coaching can be arranged with local professional experts, but the applicant must be prepared to pay normal fees.

4. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Courses can be arranged on practically any subject: "War Office Courses," as explained in A.M.P. 1983, covers a wide field and cost 10/- only; all books are supplied free. Courses with other institutions have to be paid for by the airman, but an allowance up to £3 per annum can be made if you apply to the Education Officer before arranging the Course—See K.R. & A.C.I., Par. 447.

R.A.F. Tutorial Courses, which cost nothing, are available in a limited range of subjects.

5. CURRENT AFFAIRS

All ranks may keep in touch with Current Affairs through Lectures, Discussion Groups, the Technical Library and the Information Room.

In the Information Room all up-to-date publications will be found, including those of the British Council.

Facilities exist for listening to all Wireless Programmes.

6. DEBATES

It has been impossible to maintain the Debating Society because of the shortage of man-power, but special debates will be arranged if sufficient are interested. A volunteer to organise and run a society is required.

7. DISCUSSION GROUPS

Commanding Officers and the Officers *i/c.* Sections are responsible for organising periodic Discussion Groups, in Service time when work permits. The Education Officer will provide expert guidance upon request and courses can be arranged for Group Leaders.

8. DEBATES

These have been held sporadically, but have been seriously handicapped by postings and the general shortage of man-power. It is hoped to resurrect the Locking Debating Society, and the Senior Education Officer would welcome volunteers to run it.

9. EXCURSIONS

Conducted visits to local places of interest, sometimes combined with a concert, are arranged from time to time. All ranks are allowed time off during working hours, and the cost is reduced—to other ranks—by P.S.I. grants.

10. LECTURES

Two lectures per month are given in the Gymnasium, usually at 15.45 hours on Wednesdays, by Members of the Bristol University Regional Committee. All ranks who can be spared from normal duties may attend. Other lectures are held, after working hours in the Music Room, Education Block. The Senior Education Officer will arrange a lecture on any subject upon request.

11. PUBLIC LIBRARY

A well equipped civilian library is in the Boulevard, in Weston-super-Mare. You enjoy the same privileges as civilians and on the same terms.

12. REFERENCE LIBRARY—TECHNICAL LIBRARY

These are combined in the Education Block, and are open during all normal working hours. The Librarian is Mr. Dight. There are over 10,000 books and there is a special section for the Medical Staff, which is kept in the Station Hospital.

Additional books can be obtained from the Central R.A.F. Library—at Cosford—of which a catalogue is held.

Most of the items in the Information Room are duplicated in the Technical Library and sets of past issues, e.g., periodicals, Government papers, Hansard, are available for reference. Books may be borrowed on signature, subject to renewal every third week.

13. STUDY

A surprisingly large number of people are interested, even if only as a casual hobby, in some study. They do not wish any particular instruction nor regular work, but find enjoyment in reading about some subject—a bit of local history, for example, to increase the interest of an afternoon's walk.

The Senior Education Officer especially welcomes a visit—at any time—from such persons; he can sometimes help by getting books, by swapping opinions or by putting those concerned into touch with kindred spirits.

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SECTION V

SPIRITUAL WELFARE

So many things are said about Religion and Beliefs and there are such endless arguments that the ordinary simple man-in-the-street may be forgiven, perhaps, if he is tempted to shrug his shoulders and stand aside. One thing is certain, however, unless men have some common agreed code of behaviour, no national—let alone international—comradeship will ever be possible.

As a responsible individual it's up to you to choose a code. A very large number of people, East and West, accept the Christian Ethic.

Before turning it down, it is, at least, worth while finding out what Christianity really means. If you know of a "Better 'ole," by all means go to it—but it's just plain common sense to reconnoitre all the available holes first.

PADRE'S JOB

In addition to their special work as Ministers of the Faith, the Padres act as Station Welfare Officers. In a word, they are guides, philosophers and friends to every member of the Station. As such you may take to them any trouble or difficulty—personal, domestic, financial, legal or anything else. For a number of matters your most powerful friend will be your own Commanding Officer, but your Padre can advise you as to the best way to set about making an application; for compassionate leave or posting, for example. All interviews are in confidence.

You can go to your Padre knowing that you will get all the help that can be given to you. But remember that "Prevention is better than Cure"—it is easier for the Padre to help you *before* the trouble or difficulty has become serious.

CHAPLAINS

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Padre | ... | ... | The Rev. A. F. P. Corral |
| Where | ... | ... | Office in Station Headquarters—Ext. 7 |
| When | ... | ... | All working hours, or by appointment |
| Church | ... | ... | Education Block—next Block to S.H.Q. |

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONS

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Padre | ... | ... | The Rev. Thomas Scott—P.M.U.B. |
| Where | ... | ... | Office in Station Headquarters—Ext. 7 |
| When | ... | ... | All working hours, or by appointment |
| Church | ... | ... | Education Block—next Block to S.H.Q. |

3. ROMAN CATHOLIC

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|--|
| Padre | ... | ... | The Rev. G. H. Richards |
| Where | ... | ... | Hut 399—Officers' Mess—Ext. 19 |
| When | ... | ... | All working hours, or by appointment Except Sundays and Mondays |
| Church | ... | ... | Education Block—next Block to S.H.Q. |

MORAL LEADERSHIP

The Royal Air Force, in all denominations, has organised Moral Leadership Courses for all ranks of the Service—men and women. Special Courses are held regularly for such airmen or airwomen as may be chosen by their Padres, with the idea of training them to be moral leaders. The Courses are held at various centres and last about a week—travelling and accommodation is arranged by warrants and allowances which cover practically the whole cost. Special tutors teach interesting subjects and anyone who is lucky enough to merit a nomination will benefit in every way—and will always be glad that he went.

CONFIRMATION

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The great privilege of Holy Communion is only to be gained by Confirmation. Full membership of the Church depends, therefore, upon Confirmation. The Padre will tell you about Courses of Instruction, which are held regularly.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONS

The various sections of the Free Churches have ceremonies corresponding to Confirmation: these differ in detail, but not in purpose. The Padre will tell you.

3. ROMAN CATHOLIC

Full facilities exist locally and can be arranged on application to the Roman Catholic Padre.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

If you were married, or intend to be married, within the Christian Faith, whatever your denomination, you should understand the Christian view upon the relationship of man and wife—especially if there be differences and thoughts of divorce. Your Padre can help you on this, as on all other domestic problems. Padres, Doctors, Magistrates and Commanding Officers have often been able to assist members of the Service in solving difficulties. Take advice as soon as you can. Even if you have rather forgotten that you are a member of the Christian Faith, you will receive kindly attention and can speak in absolute confidence.

PADRE'S HOUR

When compulsory Church Parades were abolished, the Padre's Hour was introduced; this stresses the fundamental principle of Christianity that worship and service given to God must be free and not under compulsion. At the same time it was necessary to provide that the claims of the Christian Faith should be made clear to all, especially the younger members of the Service. The Padre's Hour is, therefore, compulsory to some and voluntary to others; it is held regularly, during working hours, at times and places notified in Routine Orders. All the Padres welcome suggestions for subjects of general interest for discussion.

CHURCH SERVICES

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|
| Church | ... | ... | St. George's Chapel, Education Block |
| Sundays | ... | ... | 08.00 hours—Holy Communion |
| | | | 10.00 hours—Morning Service |
| Thursdays | ... | ... | 07.30 hours—Holy Communion |

NOTE—Those who attend the Thursday Service will be given a chit by the Padre, after the Service,, excusing them from Working Parade until 08.15 hours.

2. OTHER DENOMINATIONS

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Church | ... | ... | Education Block |
| Sundays | ... | ... | 10.00 hours—Morning Service Holy Communion—First Sunday each month |
| Thursdays | ... | ... | Kingsway Fellowship |

PLACES OF WORSHIP IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Methodist | ... | ... | Victoria, Station Road, near Odeon Cinema <i>Sundays</i> —11.00 and 18.30 hours. |
| Congregational | ... | ... | Clarence Park, Walliscote Road <i>Sundays</i> —11.00 and 18.30 hours. |

3. ROMAN CATHOLIC

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Church | ... | ... | Chapel of the Holy Cross, Education Block |
| Sundays | ... | ... | Mass, with Sermon—09.30 hours |
| Confessions | | | Before Mass from 08.30 and on Saturdays, 17.30—18.30 hours in the Chapel. |

NOTE—The Chapel is open all day for private visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Notice of Masses and Services during the week are shown in the Chapel. The Padre can be seen any evening except Sundays and Mondays, by appointment.

STATION HOSPITAL

Divine Service is conducted for the patients each Sunday, in one of the Wards of the Hospital at 11.00 hours. On the Greater Festivals—Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide—Holy Communion is celebrated in the Hospital. Patients should contact their own Padre as to Communion at other times. All Padres visit the Hospital regularly and contact can also be established through the Sister in charge of the Ward.

4. OTHER RELIGIONS

Members of the Jewish Faith—or of any other religion—will be given information as to local facilities on application to any of the Padres.

SECTION VI

GENERAL WELFARE

The aspects of General Welfare which are organised as a matter of routine are listed in the Appendix to this Section. The important thing to remember, however, is that whatever may be the need, in happiness or sorrow, machinery exists whereby the former can be increased and the latter lessened.

“A MAN'S BEST FRIEND . . .”

If we were all intelligent enough to remember and to pay heed to all we learned from our mothers, perhaps we should not need to make such a feature of Welfare. However that may be and however true the old saying may be—most of us are a long way from home: but we still have a Best Friend.

Every officer and airman—and airwoman too—should know that a Commanding Officer is specially selected for his job, not so much because he is an expert in his particular technical or administrative branch, but

because he has proved himself to be capable of looking after men and women. Every member of the Service is entitled to consult his "C.O." on any subject whatever and can always be assured of a sympathetic hearing and kindly advice and help.

As "C.O.s" have large Service families, it is usual for an airman to ask to see his immediately superior officer before having an interview with the "C.O."; often the junior officer can do all that is required. If, however, the airman so wishes, he can see his C.O. (as a matter of law) and have a private interview if he wishes. There's just one small point to remember, however, before going direct to the C.O.—if you have made even a small blot on your copy book and have to disclose it during the discussion, it may not be possible for a C.O. to look the other way. If there is anything of that sort you would be well advised to talk it over with the Padre—See SPIRITUAL WELFARE—or "Off the Record" with your N.C.O. or Flight Commander. In any event, it is very helpful to a busy C.O. if one of his junior officers can say to him that he has looked into a case carefully, and strongly recommends it.

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

As a result of the 1947 Budget the sale of cigarettes and tobacco at reduced rates to members of the Armed Forces ceased on 27th April, 1947. Such goods are now sold by canteens, without rationing, on the same terms as in civilian tobacconists. The N.A.A.F.I. are always willing to try to obtain particular brands, if available, on request.

COMMISSIONS

Officers of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. are divided into Branches, e.g., General Duties (embracing all who fly), Technical (various engineering categories), Equipment, Secretarial, Catering, Provost, Education, Chaplains, Air Field Control, Dental, Medical, Legal and R.A.F. Regiment. With the exception of Medical, Educational, Dental, Legal and Chaplains Branches, vacancies are filled largely from the ranks of serving airmen and airwomen—regulars and National Servicemen are equally eligible. Not so very long ago it was necessary to have both private means and influence in order to obtain a Commission; to-day ability and character are the only necessities and no-one with these qualifications need be debarred by finance, for, nowadays an officer can live on his pay. The old procedure whereby commissions could be bought is long dead; it never existed in the Royal Air Force. If you feel you could cope with the responsibilities of Commissioned Rank you should apply to see your Flight Commander and Commanding Officer, who will gladly advise you; it might be well to consult the Education Officer first, he will describe the requisite educational qualifications.

COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

The Service is very generous in granting leave to all airmen and airwomen who are in genuine need, e.g., the serious illness or death of a near relative or dependant. All authorities understand that these matters arise with little warning and you will find that your N.C.O., Flight Commander and C.O. are anxious to do their utmost for you. But a word of warning—don't leave things to the last moment and then blame the Service for delay.

Read A.M.O.A.845/46—available in your Orderly Room or the Technical Library—which deals with leave of all kinds. There is always someone to help you—the Station Duty Officer during non-working hours—and your Padre is a good man to consult when troubles loom. If something serious happens when on leave, let your C.O. know by wire or letter. You will find the local police to be kind counsellors. And remember that serious illness and Cup Finals do not always coincide.

INFORMATION ROOM

This contains:—

- (a) Current information on all activities in the Camp.
- (b) Official papers dealing with Resettlement, Release, New Pay Forms and Government Papers.
- (c) Station Entertainments—handbills of local theatres and cinemas.
- (d) Bus and Train Time Tables.
- (e) Daily Papers.
- (f) Station Routine Orders and Notices.

There are comfortable chairs for reading and equipment for writing. A Suggestions Book is available for those who can think of additional facilities.

MESSING

It is trite to refer to food difficulties, but when these are added to the limitations of large scale catering some idea may be had of the problem which the Station Catering Officer—Flight Lieutenant J. M. O'Leary—and his Staff have to solve. You can help very effectively:—

1. When being served at the Hot Plate tell the Server if there is something you don't want—don't take it and leave it for the swill tub.
2. If you have a reasonable complaint, report it quickly to the N.C.O. i/c., he is even keener to put things right than you are. Sugar in tea, for example; it's there for the asking, but hard pressed cooks sometimes forget to put it in or stir it up.
3. There is a Station Mess Meeting every Thursday at 13.30 hours in the Catering Office. You can brief your representative. If you are lucky enough to be a representative, don't forget to attend. There is also a Messing Committee for your own Unit, by whom suggestions are welcomed.
4. Everyone thinks that the "other" Mess is better than his own. Don't listen to such yarns. If you co-operate with your Messing Committee yours will be the best.

Do you know what the civilian ration is? This is what you get daily in the Service:—

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Bread: 9 ozs. | Flour: 2½ oz. | Meat: 4½ oz. |
| Bacon: 1 oz. | Butter ½ oz. | Margarine: 11/10 oz. |
| Cheese: ½ oz. | Tea: 2/7 oz. | Sugar: 1 9/14 oz. |
| Tinned Fish: ¾ oz. | Sardines: ½ oz. | Jam: 1 oz. |

At wholesale Service prices, all the above has to be obtained within the cash value of 1/7½ per head, per day; yet we manage to save and with the help of the P.S.I. and the Gardens (the Station won the First Prize for all R.A.F. Gardens). We house-keep pretty well; judging by the average increase in weight of recruits it seems that the calories are not wasted.

POSTAL SERVICES

In addition to Post Office Pillar Boxes and a comprehensive Post Office—near H.Q. Car Park—the Station has its own postal service. The Service Post Office is in Station Headquarters; it deals with morning mail only. There are two deliveries daily, at 06.15 and 15.30 hours. Letters are collected by the Postal Orderly and delivered to Huts morning and afternoon. Registered Mail is notified to individuals by Slips and must be collected and signed for at the Service Post Office. The G.P.O. collect three times daily, at 06.15, 15.30 and 18.15 hours. Letters posted by 15.30 hours reach most parts of Great Britain by first post next morning. It is important to give the correct postal address—see inside front cover—and if the telegraphic address is used, Hut and Unit must be given to avoid delay.

Telephone Calls can be made from the G.P.O. Post Office and at call boxes in Messes and around the Camp, or just outside the Main Entrance.

RELEASE

An airman should refer all problems regarding release to his Commanding Officer, who will be able to give him the latest information.

RESETTLEMENT

1. Any member of the Service in need of advice with regard to Resettlement in Civil Life should apply to his Commanding Officer in the normal manner. The latter places him in touch with the Resettlement Officer of his Unit, who can pass the case, if necessary, to a First Stage Interviewer, or to the Station Education Officer.

2. A Vocational Advice Service Team visits the Station at intervals to give comprehensive up-to-date information on all matters affecting resettlement; visits are notified in Routine Orders and by Tannoy. Any officer, airman or airwoman may apply for an interview. Special attention is given to suitability for various employments and training.

3. A Release Advisory Officer visits the Station regularly, and advantage may be taken of his services—as in Para. 2.

4. A Civilian Resettlement Advice Centre is at No. 69 Whitecross Road, Weston-super-Mare, and airmen may apply direct for advice if they wish; it is usually better to apply first to the Station Education Officer, who can make an appointment with the Centre.

SOLDIERS', SAILORS' & AIRMEN'S FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

This is a Society specially organised to give attention to the welfare of the families of Service and ex-Service men and women and to find employment for the latter. Special financial assistance can be given, in accordance with the Association's Rules, to those in distress. Help is given to applicants to obtain assistance from other sources, official and otherwise, for which they may be eligible. There are local representatives in almost every city, town and district of the United Kingdom, who will act as friendly advisers to Service Families and who can do much to further the well-being of all families under their care. Your Padre knows all about the Association. The local representative is:—

Mrs. QUAN,

20 Alexandra Road, Weston-super-Mare.

Telephone: Weston-super-Mare 1861.

STATION WELFARE COMMITTEE

Under the personal Chairmanship of the Station Commander, this meets regularly every month—usually the second Tuesday at 10.30 hours in the Music Room. Representatives of all ranks and sections attend and any matter not precluded by Regulations, e.g., Discipline, may be discussed freely. The representatives have a most important job and an unfettered opportunity of making suggestions for the general improvement of conditions in all spheres of Camp economy. Remember, therefore, that if you have any complaint and have not discussed it with your representative, you have forfeited the airman's privilege of "Binding." Tell your bright ideas and your complaints to your representative—Brief him.

SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES

Every airman should be in possession of Form 2732—coupons for the above—which is a universal form for all R.A.F. Stations. These are issued by the Unit Orderly Rooms and airmen should apply in the usual manner to their N.C.O. if in difficulty. In Messes, issues are usually made on specified days; in canteens, the ration period commences every Sunday and the Form 2732 must be presented so that the week's coupon can be detached. Forms as issued quarterly—29th September, 29th December, 30th March and 29th June. Requests for special varieties should be made through the Station Committee and will be met if supplies are available; suggestions for improvement in procedure can be made in the same way.

SUGGESTIONS

Every officer, airman and airwoman is encouraged to make suggestions as to the improvement of welfare at this Station. This can be done during special "Request Hours"—see Station Routine Order No. 99, Para. 5, dated 25th January, 1947—or by briefing your representative on the STATION COMMITTEE (q.v.) whose name will be found on the Notice Boards in the N.A.A.F.I. The Station Commander gives personal attention to all suggestions.

Personal matters should be dealt with by the existing Service procedure.

TRAVEL FACILITIES

All general leave periods, or special Course week-ends, are covered by provision of special buses from the Camp to the station at Weston-super-Mare. There is an adequate bus service from the Camp to the town; time tables are displayed in canteens and messes, the Technical Library and Information Room and at the Bus Shelter at Headquarters Car Park. The G.W.R. Station in Weston-super-Mare is on the main line between London and the South-West; train time tables are available in the Central Drafting Office and Information Room. The Beach Bus Station in Weston-super-Mare serves most towns and villages in the locality and other coaches run almost daily to all parts of the country; there is a Coach Officer in Regent Street.

WELFARE OFFICERS

As explained in the introduction to this Section, an airman's Commanding Officer is primarily responsible for all welfare in his Unit. For many purposes, however, the Padres act as Station Welfare Officers and will always be ready to help. In addition, welfare may be discussed at Station Committee Meetings.

LOCAL CONTACTS

There are very few men and women who served during the war, whether still in uniform or back in "civvy street," who cannot recall gratefully the kindness and hospitality of some "Local" inhabitant or association when they were stationed somewhere far from home. Many have made lifelong friends in this way and the comradeship discovered in out-of-the-way spots is one of the few good things associated with war.

If you, or one of your relations or friends, has gathered some such happy memory from what was, perhaps, rather a grim period, remember that it was due to the good name which the Service had established during the years before the war. And remember that good name is now in your hands to make or mar. If you make local people like and respect the men and women of the Royal Air Force you will be doing two valuable things: first, you will find many happy hours, secondly, you will be sowing the seeds of happiness for your comrades yet to come.

The following notes are collected through the kindness of local residents and associations, who have written to the Station Commander as to their willingness to be friendly to airmen and airwomen whilst at Locking. We thank them on behalf of the Royal Air Force.

ANGLING

There is a Weston-super-Mare Angling Association of which some airmen have been members during the war. The Association is willing to welcome others. The annual fee is 7/6, but there are also facilities for daily and weekly fishing. The Honorary Secretary is Mr. W. T. Thomas, of 6 Martingdale Avenue, Locking Road East, Weston-super-Mare. There is coarse fishing in the Axe at Bleadon and trout are caught in the Yeo at Banwell and Loxton. Those interested should write to the Secretary—until we find an enthusiast who will undertake to organise a section at the Camp

YACHTING

The Weston Bay Yacht Club offers to receive Service members. Moorings may be had in Knightstone Harbour and the Axe at Uphill. Racing takes place frequently between Easter and September. Changing rooms are available at the Headquarters at the Hampton Hotel, Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare.

The normal subscription is 21/- per annum, but the Club is considering a six-monthly subscription for those who are liable to posting at short notice. The Honorary Secretary is Mr. A. Chritchard, 13 Albert Road, Weston-super-Mare, phone W-s-M. 1870, whom those interested should communicate direct.

SCOUTING

It may well be that the first Chief Scout will find a place in history far greater than that accorded to him as yet, even though he is remembered as a Great Man. Those who have known the Scout Law should not lightly lose touch. The local Scout Group—3rd Weston-super-Mare—welcomes contacts with old Scouts; the Headquarters is “Gilcraft Den,” Totterdown Road, Weston-super-Mare, and Troop Meetings are on Mondays and Thursdays at 19.00 hours. The Scoutmaster is Mr. R. J. L. White, of 26 Nithsdale Road, Weston-super-Mare, phone W-s-M. 1240, and he says he will be pleased to give any further information desired.

TOC “H”

This Association does not advertise; if you want to find out about it, the best thing to do is to ask one of the Padres to put you in touch with a member, or probationer. You can get into touch with the local Branch through the Secretary. His address is, Secretary, Toc “H,” Weston Branch, 10 Edinburgh Place, Weston-super-Mare.

SECTION VII

“THE MOVING FINGER”

In this Section will be included notes on any events which take place at the Station and which seem appropriate and interesting enough to record. It is, in short, space reserved for those who care to send in descriptive contributions calculated to interest others in activities for which they are responsible. It is hoped that there will be enough material so contributed to make this a bigger section than it is at present. Again—it’s up to you!

Space will be found here, too, for those who are sufficiently interested to submit special notes on the plans and prospects in their particular line. If you believe you are on a good one, this is the opportunity to make it better known.

ARCHERY

If you would like to be “shot down” by the Station Commander, without unpleasant consequences, you should try this sport. Group Captain A. E. Paish has introduced this highly skilled and interesting relic of the days of Robin Hood and it is first class fun. There are Archery Clubs all over the country and a national team which competes with other countries. Some airmen, raw beginners, have hit the target at 60 yards, first shot—but to get a “Gold” calls for really good shooting. Come and have a try any Monday, Wednesday or Friday evening on the Sports Ground by the Education Block. Later in the season there will be competitions—team and individual—with prizes for both airmen and airwomen.

GOLF

By the energy and interest of Wing Commander D. W. J. Brown, the Senior Accountant Officer, a happy band of golfing brothers beat the ball at Worlebury Links. The Station pays a bulk subscription and anyone may obtain a membership card on application to the Officer in charge.

Beginners are expected to learn the rules and etiquette of Golf before using the Course; practice nets and amateur coaching is being arranged on the Camp. For the more advanced the professional at the Club can be engaged, but, of course, members pay his fee—3/6 per half hour—themselves. A limited number of sets of golf clubs is available on loan and balls may be bought through P.S.I. There is a good bus service right up to the Club. The Station needs talent to build up a representative team and welcomes all who can—or who think they might be able to—give “Colonel Bogey” a run for his money.

HOCKEY

The Station XI were “runners-up” in the home championship; next year we hope to win it.

TUG-OF-WAR

Both the light and heavyweight Tug-of-War Teams have reached the R.A.F. Inter-Command Final by defeating five R.A.F. Stations. They have achieved this result by intensive training, mostly carried out in their spare time. They are meeting other Commands at Olympia on the 18th and 19th June, 1947, and high hopes are held of their being selected to represent the R.A.F. Command against other Services. If they succeed in beating the Marines it will be the first time that this team have been beaten since 1928. The Station watches their progress with great interest.

SWIMMING

Swimming has been a prominent feature of Weston-super-Mare for very many years. Somerset recently won the English County Championship for water polo and excellent facilities for all water sports exist locally. Pilot Officer J. Read is in charge of the sport and is forming a water polo team with the object of arranging fixtures. It is hoped to hold a Station Gala later in the year and to run inter-Wing competitions. The Physical Fitness Officer can arrange for tests for those who wish to gain the R.A.F. Swimming Certificate.

The Knightstone Baths, W-s-M., are open every evening with special R.A.F. meetings on Wednesday and Fridays from 20.15 to 21.30 hours. The Open Air Bathing Pool is open all day. Free admission can be arranged at the Baths, and tickets at 6d. for the Pool can be obtained from Wing Orderly Rooms.

MODEL AIRCRAFT

The nucleus of a Model Aircraft Club is well established and thriving. It is run by Flying Officer Pemberton, of No. 3 Wing, with headquarters in No. 2 M.I. Room, near No. 3 Wing Squadron Offices. Special terms have been arranged for the purchase of model kits of various types and it is hoped that before long competitions will be run for construction and flying of models. Meetings are held regularly of which details can be obtained from the Officer in charge.

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