



## R.C.A.F. Spits. Convoy Rescue Launches

### FOCKE-WULFES UNABLE TO PENETRATE CIRCLE

Squadron Leader Bob Morrow's Outfit Protects Marine Search for W/C "Paddy" Finucane

#### AIR MARSHAL CONGRATULATES SQUADRON

When word was received back in England that W/C "Paddy" Finucane's aircraft had gone into the sea, launches of the air-sea rescue service were dispatched post haste to do all that was humanly possible to effect a rescue of the great Irish ace, victor of 32 combats over enemy aircraft. Providing a protective cover for the launches was a Royal Canadian Air Force Spitfire squadron, which formed a tight defensive circle, and for 25 hectic minutes stood off the determined and always menacing attack of a numerically superior force of German Focke-Wulf 190's.

It was supposedly a day off for the squadron, but they volunteered for the rescue job, and got a sudden call to the aid of the launches in sight of the French coast. They fulfilled their mission in more ways than one, achieving their primary object of escorting the craft 35 miles across the Channel, and in the process destroying at least one German aircraft, possibly others. A Canadian, was shot down from low altitude, and was rescued by the launches he had been protecting.

#### Congrats. from A.M.

So well did this fighter squadron perform their task that in the evening Air Marshal Harold Edwards, A.O.C.-in-C. of the R.C.A.F. overseas, called on them personally to congratulate them. S/Ldr. Bob Morrow, of Toronto, the C.O. of the Squadron, admitted that he had never put in such a crowded 25 minutes in all his life. He added, "It is probably the longest continued action Spits. have had with FW.190's. There was never a let-up for a moment. When we came out of it all the boys were wringing wet—from perspiration, but looked pink. They certainly did a job!"

"We were practically flying on the deck when the FW's suddenly broke cloud above us, and dived to the attack," said F/Ldr. D. G. "Bud" Malloy, of Toronto. "They kept diving on us in twos and fours." One Focke-Wulf was seen to crash into the sea. So many pilots had their cannons blazing that the cine camera films will have to decide to whom the credit goes. Another enemy aircraft was seen skimming low over the water, and seconds later only a foamy wake was there, but nobody could afford the time (Continued on page 5, col. 1.)

#### INVITED TO ATTEND MASONIC CEREMONY

The installation meeting of Canada Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, on August 25, at 4 p.m. Members of Canada Lodge would like to entertain Masons from H.M. Canadian Forces Overseas on this occasion, and any Brother who wishes to attend should send his name, giving rank and unit, to the Secretary, E. H. Cooper, Esq., Gillette Corner, Great West Road, Isleworth, Middlesex. The installation ceremony will be performed by R.W. Bro. Brig.-Gen. W. H. V. Darell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

### NEW FRENCH SQUADRON IS TAKING FORM

S/Ldr. "Joe" St. Pierre, C.O. of New Unit, Becomes Wing Commander

#### OTHERS PROMOTED

Recently appointed Commanding Officer of No. 425 French Canadian Squadron, S/Ldr. J. W. St. Pierre, of Montreal, Que., was promoted last week to the rank of W/C, while his two flight commanders, F/Lt. Logan Savard, of Montreal and Quebec City, Que., and F/Lt. Georges Roy, of Westmount, Que., are now both S/Ldrs. At the same time it was announced that F/O J. H. L. Saint-Germain, of Saint-Hyacinthe, Que., who is adjutant of this new unit, has been promoted to the rank of F/Lt., and F/O Jean "Rocky" Saint-Pierre, former



W/C J. W. "Joe" St. Pierre. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

ace Spitfire pilot, of Montreal, Que., is also a F/Lt. The formation of the French Canadian Squadron is nearly completed. Men and planes have arrived and additional training will start in a few days. New members of the air crews are arriving every day, so that the personnel will be complete before the end of this month. Last Wednesday the Commanding Officer delivered a talk to his ground crew personnel, asking their full support, "for you are the men," he said, "who keep us in the air. You have to contribute to put this squadron at the top. Will you?" All the men answered a loud (Continued on page 5, col. 3.)

#### "ABE OF ARGYLLS" NOW INSTRUCTOR

W.O.1 M. L. "Abe" Abramson, of Ottawa, is now instructing at O.T.U. "Abe" completed some 225 hours of operational flying as an observer before he left his squadron. While on leave in Scotland he was known as "Abe of the Argylls." It seems that in one of their moments he and a pal struggled into some kilts, bribed a piper to play for them, and marched down the street after the one-man baggage band. Many of "Abe's" friends are eagerly looking forward to the picture he had taken as a member of this famous clan.



These are the boys that "keep 'em flyin'." Three members of the ground crew of an R.C.A.F. bomber squadron "Somewhere in Britain." They are, left to right: Corp. "Mac" McMillan, Alexandria, Ont.; L/AC W. G. "Walt" Hunter, Barrie, Ont.; and L/AC J. J. A. "Johnny" Collett, Toronto. The first two named are air engine mechs., and the latter an air frame worker. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

### AIR MARSHAL EDWARDS PRAISES GROUND CREW

Address Over B.B.C. to Western Hemisphere Tuesday Morning

Air Marshal Harold Edwards, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the R.C.A.F. Overseas, cited the bravery of F/Sgt. Lummlis, who at the risk of his life saved valuable aircraft from destruction, as he paid tribute to the ground crew in a radio speech early Tuesday morning. The Air Marshal was speaking over the Red Network of the B.B.C., and his words were intended for Canada, United States, Central and Southern America, although any good short wave set anywhere in the world could pick them up. The theme of the Air Marshal's address was "Toll Without Glory." F/Sgt. Lummlis carried a blazing can of gasoline out of a hangar filled with planes, with the searing hot flames licking over his face and chest, and blistering his hands. This occurred back in Trenton, Ont., and for his bravery F/Sgt. Lummlis was awarded the George Medal.

#### Fifty Trades

Said Air Marshal Edwards: "I pay tribute to-night to the men of the ground crews—the riggers, the engine mechanics, the cooks, the radio operators, the armourers, the clerks, the equipment assistants, the transport drivers, the instrument makers, the parachute riggers—all that host of people in Air Force uniform who are among the fifty ground crew trades that we have to-day."

Of the radio mechanics he said: "You don't hear much about them, more because the job they do is one of the things we don't talk about. They are highly skilled men. They are doing a job that has much to do with the successful defence of this island. But no glamour surrounds them. They are hidden away, many of them, in isolated areas. They sleep at odd hours. But they do their job magnificently. They know that each day they have done something to help to win the war. In that knowledge they are happy." The vital work the ground crew in every trade were doing in the manner in which (Continued on page 5, col. 4.)

### NIGHT CRASH LANDING WITH KITE AFLAME

R.C.A.F. Flyers Escape Uninjured After Breath-Taking Experience

#### KILL COWS IN FIELD

In the inky blackness of night, one engine on fire, and miles away from his station, P/O Jack H. Devlin, aged 22, of Toronto, and his radio operator, Sgt. H. J. Tennant, aged 20, of Brandon, Man., had a narrow escape from death. To-day they live to tell the tale, with not even a scratch or bruise on their person, after a crash landing, in which the plane first hit a pile pole, crashed through a hedge, struck three cows, which were instantly killed, then skidded to a stop as the plane burst into flames. The skill and coolheadedness of the Toronto pilot when he found himself with an engine cut and burning, is claimed to be the chief reason that these two Royal Canadian Air Force men are alive and uninjured, although Devlin says emphatically, "It was just luck."

On night manoeuvres Devlin was rather shocked when his starboard engine cut, and more so when it caught fire. He was at 1,500 feet, and below him was nothing but an impenetrable blackness. Before he could collect his thoughts, the port engine cut. There was nothing to do, he decided, but try a crash landing, and hope for the best. He didn't know where he was, whether he was over some of the mountainous countryside of Scotland or just plain, flat ground.

#### Kill Three Cows

The first impact was a pile pole which gave a terrific jolt to the two occupants. As the plane dived on and ploughed through a hedge, Devlin thought he had hit a forest or wood, but immediately realised differently (Continued on page 5, col. 3.)

#### FIVE BROTHERS IN ARMED FORCES

Sgt. Andy Maxim, Niagara Falls, Ont., radio mech. in the R.C.A.F., who has just returned to England from a nine months' tour of duty in Russia, has four brothers in various services, two of them with U.S. forces. One brother, Frank, is an ACI in the R.C.A.F., and the last Sgt. Andy heard was leaving Canada for overseas. Another brother, Fred, is with the Canadian navy. A third brother, Larry, is air crew in training with the U.S. Air Corps; and a fourth, Mike, is with the U.S. army, and when last heard from was at Manila.

#### R.C.A.F. AIR GUNNER JOINS CATERPILLARS

Sergt. Wilfred Wakely, Vancouver, learned the other night what it's like to "float through the air with the greatest ease." Sergt. Wakely, a 22-year-old air gunner attending an O.T.U. in the Midlands, was in his turret when the medium bomber gave a sudden lurch followed by a crash, and the pilot called "Prepare to bale out." It transpired that the aircraft had collided almost head-on with another bomber, and was out of control.

Sergt. Wakely had trouble with the escape-door, but finally wrenched it open and dived into the midnight blackness, where one of his flying boots was wrenched off by the slip-stream. However, his chute opened promptly, and a few minutes later he was hammering on the door of a remote farmhouse, and then trying to convince the occupants that he was not a German parachutist.

Apart from a few scratches, which were treated by the M.O. when the farmer drove him to the nearest airfield, Sgt. Wakely was uninjured in the first big adventure of his overseas career.

#### FINE PLASTIC SURGERY JOB

At a plastic and jaw injury unit in England the first all-Canadian plastic surgery operation has been performed. It was eminently successful. The surgeon was Wing Commander Ross Tilley, of Toronto; the anaesthetist S/Ldr. Norman Kemp, of Vancouver; and the nurses were Nursing Sisters F. M. Oakes and L. A. A. Loyst, both recently arrived in the United Kingdom.

The man on whom the operation was performed was Sgt. G. C. "Jerry" Dufort, of Montreal. He is a wireless operator air gunner. In a flying accident last October his hand was badly burned and the thumb dislocated, and there was danger that his hand would be permanently disabled. A complete skin graft was made, the thumb brought back into its proper position, and so a Canadian airman was made fit to resume flying duties. Also, he was saved from an injury that would have been a horrible handicap to him in civilian life, thanks to the most scientific and modern surgical facilities and the skill of the Canadian doctors and nurses who attended him.









### F/S. RAINVILLE TO NEW SQUADRON

The R.C.A.F. "Moose" Squadron, of Bomber Command, has lost its most veteran French-Canadian member—but his former mates rejoice in the reason of his leaving.

F/Sgt. Guy Rainville, 29-year-old wireless operator-gunner from Quebec City, has completed a large number of operational trips over enemy territory and now goes to the newly-formed French-Canadian Squadron as assistant gunnery leader with it, it is expected, the rank of pilot officer.

His new job will keep him on the ground for some time, which is only reasonable for a man who has taken part in all the big raids including both the 1,000-bomber raids, seven trips to Essen, five to Bremen, and five to Emden.

Rainville did seven "ops"

with an R.A.F. Squadron before being posted to the R.C.A.F. Wellington "Moose" Squadron which has made such a name for itself in bombing operations.

Guy, who was born in Montreal, joined the Air Force in Quebec in June, 1940, and took his training at Toronto, Calgary and Mossbank, Sask. He arrived in England in April, 1941, and after final training at an Operational Training Unit was posted to the R.A.F. Squadron, joining the "Moose" Squadron in February, 1942. He is a son of Mrs. and Mr. Paul Rainville, Quebec City. A brother, Louis, is a corporal in the R.C.A.F.

### NIGHT FIGHTERS

### SOFTBALL WINNERS

An eight-run burst from the bats of a Royal Canadian Air Force night fighter squadron in one inning was enough to subdue the opposition from another Canadian day fighter

unit. The Spitfire boys never did make up the advantage that the big innings gave their opponents and were forced to take the short end of a 16-12 score.

The softball game was marked by some sharp fielding by both teams and a couple of fine pitching exhibitions by F/Sgt. Jack Mowbray, of Brooklyn, Ont., who tossed for the losers, and Sgt. Jim Matches, of Parkhead, Ont. Mowbray was recently credited with a share in a destroyed Junkers 88. Matches played for Owen Sound in the Intermediate A League in 1939.

W/O Ben Brooks, of Montreal, and AC1 Casper Nestman, of Claybank, Sask., were best of the plate for the winners, both getting four for five. F/Sgt. Tex Linton, of Dallas, drove out the only homer in the losing cause of the day fighter nine.

Others on the winning team were: L/AC Jack Stanley, 416, Brier Hill Avenue, Toronto; Cpl. Roger Bernier, Box 355, Rimouski, Que.; L/AC Tom Matier, 403, Sunnyside, Ottawa; L/AC Jim Power, 4695, Papineau Avenue, Montreal; L/AC Bill Murray,

120, Percival Street, Montreal; and Sgt. Jack Glazebrook, 209, Avenue A North, Saskatoon.

Others on the losing team were: L/AC Jim Lytle, 638, King Street, London, Ont.; Cpl. J. C. Baker, 117, Northcliffe Boulevard, Toronto; F/Sgt. W. B. Randall, 158, Hillhurst Boulevard, Toronto; Sgt. Sid Mills, Onoway, Alta.; F/Lt. Kenneth Calvert, Toronto; Sgt. E. A. Dawson, Ironquils Falls, Ont.; and F/Sgt. J. M. Reid, 678, Arlington Street, Winnipeg.

### MANY CANADIANS WITH BOMBER UNIT

A group of Canadians with a Royal Air Force bomber squadron is eagerly looking forward to the day when they have finished the conversion process which will give them one of the newer bomber types.

Part of the Canadian air crew on the squadron are: Sgts. H. T. Boyes, of Saskatoon; N. R.

Mitchell, of Montreal; R. W. Wright, of Saskatoon; A. E. Dances, of Toronto; L. J. Capton, of Toronto; J. R. Soutar, of Shaunavon, Sask.; J. G. Acker, of Toronto; A. M. Horne, of Edmonton; J. R. Routledge, of Mission City, B.C.; R. M. Dempster, of St. John, N.B.; E. E. Osler, of Regina; W. Wallace, of Vancouver; A. L. Caron, of Kenora, Ont. Ground crew include: L/ACs Richard Downing, of Niagara Falls, Ont.; R. D. Baxter, of St. Lambert, Que.; W. D. Ingram, of Walsley, Sask.; J. S. Ball, of Toronto; and W. J. Ainslie, of Windsor.

### RADIO SINGER POSTED TO HEADQUARTERS

L/AC Ted Hockridge has been posted to R.C.A.F. Headquarters, where he will be in a better position to entertain the forces with his beautifully clear voice. He will also be in a position where he will receive the best possible training to develop it.

Ted leaves behind him a skilled

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**EMPIRE**, Leicester Sq. Ger. 1234. Third week. Com. daily from 10 a.m. **ORREN GARSON, WALTER PIDGEON** in **MRS. MINIVER** (U)

**GAUMONT**, Haymarket. WHI. 6655. **TYRONE POWER** in **SON OF PURY** (U) With Gene Tierney and George Sanders. Weeks: continuous 11.15 to 8.40. Sundays: continuous 2.30 to 8.40.

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**ODEON**, Leicester Sq. WHI. 6111. **BETTY GRABLE, VICTOR MATURE, JACK OAKIE** in **SONG OF THE ISLANDS** (U) Showing at 11.35, 2.30, 5.30 and 8.25.

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