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First R.C.A.F. Women Arrive Overseas

MORE THAN 40 IN FIRST CONTINGENT

Party Which Arrived Last Week Under S/O "Pat" Griffin Represents Most Parts Of Dominion

PROUD OF BEING FIRST DRAFT OF WOMEN

Canadian Waifs are here. Or perhaps it would be more correct to say that a small party of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. arrived in England recently. In the same convoy were a great company of Canadian Army personnel and air crews of the R.C.A.F. They were welcomed by Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London.

The girls were excited. On the train journey down one of them suddenly cried out, "Oh, look there!" The others clustered quickly around her to gaze enraptured, at their first barrage balloon. They were surprised to find the quantity and quality of the food they received at their first meal. Also, they decided the black-out was not going to be liked very much.

Section Officer Patricia Griffin, of Winnipeg, was in command of the party. She was in the same-time assistant librarian at the University of Manitoba. The only other officer was Assistant Section Officer Nancy Smith, originally from Calgary and later an accountant with Canadian Industries, Ltd., in Montreal.

The girls are proud to be in the first draft of the W.D. overseas. Some of them, but not many, had been to England before.

Lived in London
Cpl. M. E. Ward, of Shawinigan Falls, Que., who was N.C.O. in charge of the party, is anxious to see whether her former home in Baker Street is still standing.

Most parts of the Dominion are represented. One girl came from New York, although she enlisted in Montreal.

Included in the draft were: Cpl. H. B. Cotterill, of Hamilton; Cpl. A. B. Evans, of Edmonton; Cpl. J. M. Tallyour, of Toronto; Cpl. M. E. Moreham, of Peterboro; AW1 Adelaide Child, L/AW Hazel Kendall, L/AW Lois Leavens, AW1 Jean Otter, L/AW Constance Duff, L/AW Elizabeth Dewar, all from Toronto; AW1 M. S. Smith, of Seaford, Ont.; AW1 E. C. Rutherford, Hamilton; AW1 Pat Tofflemire, of Windsor; AW1 B. E. Lee, of Stratford; AW1 L. J. Ingills, of Stratford; L/AW E. E. Pickering, of Sault Ste. Marie; Cpl. M. E. Boreham, of Peterboro; AW1 Nano Pennefather, of Ottawa; L/AW Noreen Campbell, of Quebec City; L/AW M. T. Jamieson, of Westmount.

MORE AIR CREW IN CONVOY FOR U.K.

In the same draft from Canada as the Women's Division party were a number of pilot officers and sergeants. Like those who have come before, they were anxious to get to the fighters and bombers.

One R.C.A.F. Nursing Sister, D. C. Pikeby, of Ottawa, also arrived. She has been with the R.C.A.F. for 14 months and is a graduate of the Ottawa Civic hospital.

Among this large draft were: P/O W. A. Lundin, of Yonkers, N.Y.; P/O Clay Brandt, of Montreal; P/O Dave Ramsay, of Albert, B.C.; P/O Peter Holt, of Montreal; P/O G. W. Lawry, of Timmins, Ont.; Sgt. Laurent Folsy, of Mt. Waterloo, Que.; Sgt. Majorique Doucet, of Montreal; Sgt. Ralph Donovan, of Vancouver; Sgt. Clayton Kennedy, of Trail, B.C.; Sgt. Don Gibbon, of Nelson, B.C.; P/O L. E. Lasby, P/O G. D. Bygrave, P/O H. M. Brown, all of Regina; and P/O Gordon Crowther, of Toronto.



These members of the crew of an R.C.A.F. bomber squadron took part in a raid on Saarbrücken early on Wednesday morning and at nine o'clock the same night they were in Montreal. All completed their tour of operations with the Saarbrücken raid and returned to other duties in Canada immediately afterward. They look particularly happy here as, back from the Saar target, they climb into a transport to report for interrogation.

From here they were flown to a Ferry Command airfield and left immediately for Canada. They are, left to right: Sgt. Don Morrison, rear-gunner, Sherbrooke, Que.; P/O John Higham, D.F.C., Assinibola, Sask.; Sgt. Arthur Leach, air-gunner, Toronto; F/S S. C. Lee, Minnedosa and Winnipeg, Man., and F/S Karl Sveinsson, wireless air-gunner, Elfrös, Sask. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph)

RAID GERMANY, FLY TO CANADA

R.C.A.F. Bomber Crew Home 22 Hours after Saar Raid

They helped in the damaging raid to Saarbrücken, and 22 hours later they were in Canada, the coast of the Dominion from Coast to Coast. That was the experience of the Wellington bomber crew consisting of P/O John Higham, D.F.C., of Assinibola; P/Sgt. S. C. "Siggy" Lee, of Minnedosa, Man.; Kark Sveinsson, of Elfrös, Sask.; Art Loach, of Toronto; and Don Morrison, of Sherbrooke, Que.

It was the first trip of its kind, and it was also probably the last, successful though it was. It was staged with the sanction of Ottawa to bring Canadians a "first person" description of a night raid on Germany. It is something that is unlikely to be repeated.

The boys were accompanied on their trans-Atlantic flight by F/L E. B. "Tim" Reid, of Toronto. They were met at Rockliffe airport by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Defence for Air, who had just returned from a tour of R.C.A.F. squadrons overseas; Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, other high officials, and many newspapermen, photographers and news-reel and radio representatives.

Oranges Centre of Table
Speech-making was avoided in favour of a dinner, at which a bowl of oranges centred the table. The young fliers were tired and a little dazed by all the attention. They were given a good night's rest, and the following day they continued on to Toronto, where they were tendered a civic welcome. They will have other functions to attend, and then will be given some leave with their families before returning to their duties.

"CHOPPING MEET"

Ex-lumberjacks in the R.C.A.F. should be interested in an invitation that the New Zealand Engineers have extended to Canadian airmen. We have been invited to take part in a "Chopping and Athletic Meeting" to be held at Churcher's College, Peterborough, on the 19th of this month.

BILLY BISHOP IS IN U.K. ON VISIT

Air Marshal W. A. (Billy) Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., and Bar, M.C., D.F.C., Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre and Palms, one of the top-scoring fighter pilots of the last war, with a score of 72 enemy planes destroyed, arrived in Britain over the week-end by air. He was met by Air Marshal Harold Edwards, A.O.-C.-in-C. of the R.C.A.F. Overseas, Air Vice-Marshal W. A. Curtis, D.S.C., and an R.A.F. Group Captain, representing Air Ministry.

While in the United Kingdom Air Marshal Bishop will visit R.C.A.F. squadrons and Canadians on R.A.F. squadrons. The dynamic personality of the leading Allied ace of the last war is known to many Canadian airmen, whom he visited on stations across Canada. That Billy Bishop has lost none of his zest and vitality was evident at the Press conference he attended at R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters on Monday.

Not long before making the ocean trip Air Marshal Bishop pinned pilot's wings on the tunic of his own son, who had just graduated from service flying.

WALLET FOUND

Advice has been received from Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, that a belt with an R.C.A.F. insignia and containing a sum of money was found in the washroom of an hotel in Jasper, Alberta, during the latter part of January.

Anyone wishing to claim this belt should supply a detailed description, in writing to R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters.

GETS F.W. 190 SHARES SECOND

Nice Shooting by F/S Merrick, Evansville, Ind., Air-Gunner

Two Focke Wulf 190 Fighters shot down within three weeks is the remarkable record hung up by F/S Air-Gunner Wayne Merrick, of Evansville, Indiana, a member of the R.C.A.F. serving with a R.A.F. Lancaster squadron.

Merrick shared the first claim with Sgt. Tony Boucher, an Australian gunner of the same crew, since both succeeded in pouring bursts into the enemy fighter before it dived in flames from 12,000 feet and exploded. The gunners decided to share it.

A few days ago Merrick decided to get one all for himself, when from his tall turret he saw another 190 closing in, as the bomber was near Frankfurt. He beat the Hun to the trigger, and as his accurate fire ripped into the fighter, it burst into flames and dived from 8,000 feet. Later, crews of several British aircraft reported seeing the 190 hit the ground.

"Neither one of those guys hit my turret," Merrick said later. "In the first case our aircraft was slightly damaged, but we got

BOMBER CREWS APPLY TORCH TO KARLSRUHE

Bill Duncan Could See Fires Uniting into One Big Blaze

An R.C.A.F. squadron helped put the torch to the German town of Karlsruhe the other night. "The whole town was ripping; it was really blazing," said Sgt. W. A. "Bill" Duncan, of Midland, who was skipper of a Halifax, upon his return. Bill took his kite in to the target, circled round, bombed, and came out. The weather was good and their objective stood out clearly. As they left they could see the numerous fires uniting in one big glow, and for 100 miles on the way home they could see their night's handiwork.

In Duncan's crew are four other Canadians, viz. Sgt. Peter "Mo" Kucheryk, of Toronto, mid upper-gunner; Sgt. Jim Pocock, of London, Ont., flight

R.C.A.F. CREW AT DUISBERG LAST SUNDAY

Column of Smoke Reported Rising to 18,000 ft. by P/O Shockley

POWELL'S 20th OP.

Bombers of R.C.A.F. squadrons were over Duisberg Sunday night and as they departed large fires and columns of smoke gave evidence of their visit. It was the 15th trip for F/S Fred Hubbard, of Three Rivers, Que., and the crew with which he flew as rear-gunner. The pilot, F/S A. Cameron, of Raymond, Sask., had to use skilful evasive action to escape the heavy flak. One piece gashed the sleeve of Sgt. Ray Marquand's flying suit. He is from Winnipeg. F/O Fred Tod, of Cobalt, was the navigator and Sgt. Don McTavish, of Cobourg, Ont., the wireless operator.

Kite Turns Over

F/S Dick Fernyhough, of Victoria, B.C., suddenly found his aircraft turned over on its back during evasive action. Shortly afterwards another burst knocked out the starboard engine and the Victoria pilot had to bring his aircraft home on three engines. With him were two other Canadians, Sgt. Arthur Danes, of Toronto, and Sgt. Eric Mulligan, of Sudbury. P/O Hal Shockley, of Vancouver, reported that smoke columns rose up to 18,000 feet. To P/O Lloyd Farnall, of Peterboro, it looked as if Duisberg was pretty well knocked about. Sgt. W. F. "Rocky" Shert, of Ridgeway, Ont., was captain of an all-Canadian crew which included P/O G. G. McGladery, of Cheminunus, B.C.; P/O Ray Morrison, of Vancouver, Sgt. Phil Owen, of North Bay, and Sgt. Bruce Bazely, of Montreal.

A few hours after receiving word of his promotion to Flight Lieutenant, Peter Powell, of Sorrento, B.C., made his 20th operation trip, his second to Duisberg. He found the trip uneventful, as did Sgt. Pilot Allan Rose, of Holland, Man. In the latter's crew were Sgt. John Knight, of Calgary, Sgt. Arthur Dorey, of Tentallon, N.S., and Sgt. David Lawton, of St. John, N.B.

Making his 16th trip was Sgt. Wireless Operator Wm. Rowland, of Brussels, Ont.

home with no trouble, and Jerry never got home. So I guess that shows whether a Lancaster has anything to fear from a 190." Merrick, who got his air-gunner's wing at Lethbridge, Alta., last November, flies with P/O Ted White, of Midland, Ont.

TEN CANADIANS APPEAR IN LATEST AWARD LIST

F/S Lockhart Wins D.F.M. and Returns Home as Instructor

Recent announcements of awards by Air Ministry include the names of ten more Canadians. Nine of them receive the D.F.C. and one the D.F.M. The D.F.M. went to F/S Raymond C. Lockhart, of Newport, N.S. He has since returned to instructional duties in Canada. As a wireless operator he took part in numerous operations, which included attacks on objectives in occupied France, Cyrenaica, Syria and Greece. His skill at the key and his keenness and initiative gained the entire confidence of the rest of the crew.

commanders of an R.C.A.F. fighter squadron have been awarded the D.F.C. They are respectively S/L John C. Fee, of Calgary, and F/L Frederick E. Green, of Toronto. F/L James E. Walker, of Edmonton, who served last winter as one of the two Canadians with the R.A.F. wing in Russia, has also been decorated. Other D.F.C.'s are as follows:—F/L Phil Archer, of Montreal and Barbados; F/O G. A. Casey, of Mitchell, Ont.; F/L J. Whitman, of Edmonton; F/O J. L. McCaul, of Toronto; P/O J. W. Williams, of Chilliwack, B.C.

P/O G. Pepper, of Villerville, Ont., also receives the D.F.C. He is in the R.A.F. To date only the announcements of the names has been received. The citations that accompany the awards will follow later.

The C.O. and one of his flight

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EDITORIAL

CENTRALISING POLICY

From Ottawa last week came the announcement of a considerable extension of plans for consolidating and centralising R.C.A.F. overseas strength.

The decision will be generally welcomed among Canadians overseas. The early misunderstandings concerning the policy are by now pretty well removed.

Gradually, the individual officer and airman has come to recognise that the policy holds concrete advantages for himself. His fundamental problems are pay, allowances, promotion and all those questions of reasonable physical comfort which can be classed under the heading of welfare.

As still larger formations, wings and then groups, become predominantly Canadian, the accounting, personnel and welfare services available will become correspondingly greater.

BACK FROM EAST

F/L B. G. "Bert" Johnson, Press Photographic Officer, has returned to R.C.A.F. Headquarters after a tour of duty in the Far and Middle East.

His log-book reads like a globe-trotter's diary. Entries on its pages include Iceland, South America, Singapore, Narvik, Montreal, Cairo, and Malta.

Larry Skey is now the C.O. of a R.C.A.F. Catalina squadron. Since joining the R.A.F. in 1936 he has flown some 28 types of aircraft, all the way from Tiger Moths to Spitfires.

W/C Skey was one of the first Canadians to win the D.F.C. in this war. As regards that decoration, he merely shrugs his shoulders, which is a very strong Skey characteristic when he is asked to talk about himself.

SENIOR BOMBERS WIN

The senior bomber squadron's powerhouse, sparked by Sgt. Tom Cranston, Midland, Ont., AC Rodge "Smitty" Smith, of Toronto, and AC Herb Kent, of Quebec, sent three pitchers to the showers, and batted in 24 runs to their opponents 12 in an all-bomber squadron final of the Y.M.C.A.'s softball title, midlands area.

Losing team represented the fourth R.C.A.F. bomber squadron, which had previously shown good form in knocking out the French-Canadian bombers and the seventh Canadian fighter squadron in the preliminary rounds of the series.

The final game was played on a dull afternoon after duty, but there was nothing dull about the game, which was attended by a wildly rooting gathering of officers and airmen from both squadrons.

Starting battery for the winners was L/AC John Steimachawich, of Melville, Sask., and L/AC John Macdonald, of Queensville, N.C., whose work behind the plate was a real feature of the game.

P/O Ed. Danes, of Toronto, started for the fourth bomber squadron, but lasted only one inning. Cpl. Don Russell last five, but was knocked out in the final chapter, when Sgt. Bill Kennedy, of Toronto, was called upon to stem the tide.

W/C SKEY HEADS "CAT" SQUADRON

Flying Mariner Has Been in Many Countries While Building up Flying Hours Since 1936



W/C Larry Skey, D.F.C., of Toronto, is an expert on flying boats. He is now in charge of an R.C.A.F. Catalina Squadron where his long experience will prove of enormous value to the Canadians of his unit who have yet to gain operational experience.

making a forced landing at Londonderry. He spent his first war-time Christmas flying far out on the Atlantic, serving as escort for a convoy. "If anyone had signalled me 'Merry Christmas' that day I think I would have let my bombs drop on him," he confessed.

RECORDS OFFICE

L/AC Ted Bennett has started a new innovation. He is now taking his "steady" viewing cathedrals and churches in the vicinity. The truth came out finally when he was overheard borrowing a half-crown until pay day.

Reports from W.O.I. Bill Fader and F/S Cliff Neill, who are still in Ireland, having missed the returning boat, seem to indicate that they have got in strong with the Guinness family.

L/AC Harold McNamee has returned from his interview with Air Ministry, and he commences his Cipher Course next week. Harold is really pepped up and methinks we shall have to "Sir" him shortly.

W.O.I. "Cam" Campbell has been on a two weeks' junket of London and East Portland. Cam has been over here from the commencement and is one of the few remaining bachelors of that contingent.

L/AC Bob Davy, of Winnipeg, is an arrival on the casualty side. F/S Ed. Jones has just arrived from R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, where he was an expert on promotions and remusterings.

L/AC George Coupar has now returned from leave spent in Scotland. George has a number of relatives up in Dundee and reports that he expects to take the larger portion of his leave in Scotland in future.

DOCUMENTS

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In despatches for his splendid efforts at Narvik. A Sunderland is like a yacht with wings. It demands a pilot with wide experience, consistency, and keen judgment.

Skey was born in London, Ont., but spent most of his life in Toronto, where his father, Mr. Harvey Skey, is manager of the Bank of Montreal. He obtained his schooling at Ridley, later entering the University of Toronto.

CASUALTIES

Casualties for the week ending September 5, 1942: KILLED IN ACTION. W. W. Burns, Sgt., Chicago, U.S.A.; P. B. Morgan, P/O, Paris, Ontario; R. E. Wylie, P/O, Windsor, Ontario.

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A few heavy heads will be hanging around here on Wednesday morning next I'm afraid, due to the after effects of a dance which is to be held at a nearby hostel.

A recent addition to our staff, L/AC Mudge, Toronto, is now giving his all for the section here. I'm sure that C.G. Dominions will benefit by his presence.

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"MY GAL SAL" (Odeon)

The Cast: Rita Hayworth, Victor Mature, John Sutton, Carole Landis, James Gleason, Phil Silvers, Walter Catlett, Mona Maris and Frank Orth.

The Story: Sally Elliott (Rita Hayworth), glamorous stage star, sees Paul Dresser (Victor Mature) playing with a small-time Medicine Show and laughs at his appearance.

Sally and Paul are thrown together by fate. He is a young man looking for trouble but is given passes to her show in Buffalo. He attends with Maë (Carole Landis) and breaks up the show in the same manner Sally had broken up his.

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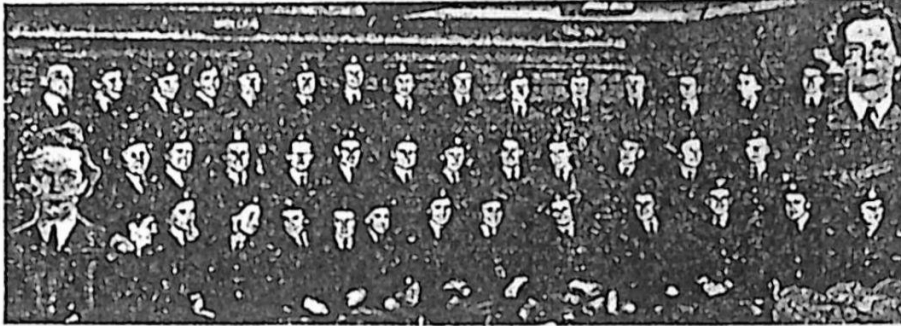
The joys of the O.T.U. behind him, Sgt. Wireless Air-Gunner R.O. "Lum" Lumgar, of Morden, Man., spent a well-earned seven days' leave in London. He was flying in Hampdens, and with him on the course were Sgt. Wireless Air-Gunners Bill Lough, of Ottawa, and Pat Ivor, of Saskatoon.

Sgt. Observer Jim Cairns, of Duncan, B.C., will soon be taking a flying control course. Back in May, while at O.T.U., he was involved in a crash, and the subsequent medical board decreed that there would be no more flying for him.

Sgt. Russ Colla, of St. Marguerite, Que., and Sgt. Archie Kyle, of Montreal, who is now with an R.C.A.F. squadron, held a reunion during a recent leave in London. They joined up together, did guard duty together, and were trained as wireless operator air-gunners together. They were posted to different squadrons on completion of O.T.U. Russ had 21 ops. under his belt. With them at a table in the Beaver Club was Sgt. C. G. Scott, who won a D.F.M. in the Dieppe show. He is hobbling around on crutches, courtesy of a German cannon shell, but is making very good progress.

Superstition means nothing to Scott now. He won his D.F.M. on his 13th trip.

Taking a peep at the Beaver Club last week was P/O Observer Howard Pedersen, of Pincher Creek, Alta. He has just finished O.T.U. With him was Sgt. Pilot MacDonald, of Edmonton, just off a G.R. course. Another commissioned man in



First group of R.C.A.F. (Women's Division) to arrive overseas landed at a United Kingdom port about a week ago, and proceeded almost immediately to overseas headquarters, London, where they have been taken on the strength.

Inset are the officers in charge of the party: right, Section Officer E. A. P. Griffin, and Assistant Section Officer N. M. Smith. The names of the other members of the party appear elsewhere in this issue. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

the Club was P/O D. McMinn, of Nanaimo, B.C. He was in town for a few days and stopped in to read the hometown paper. He is a wireless operator air-gunner. McMinn reports that P/O P. "Butch" Calbshert, pilot from Brantford, Ont., and Sgt. Art Deacon, observer from Duncan, B.C., were about town somewhere.

F/S Fred. Eby, Carman, Man., is spending part of his leave visiting his brother who is in the Canadian army over here. A bomber pilot, he has been in ten big raids so far.

S/P Alf Waddell, Bethany, Ont., has been in town on a "seven-day." He is a fighter pilot, and has been doing coastal flying. Another sergeant pilot-around-

town is Ed. Murphy, of Boston, Mass. Ed. has been putting in his working hours in an R.A.F. squadron pushing Halifaxes against Hitler, but is about to transfer to an R.C.A.F. squadron. He has been in almost all the big raids to date and is unscathed so far, though once an attack on an enemy tank ship resulted in an engine of his ship being knocked out. Ed. likes just about everything over here except the absence of a certain Canadian lass. He is a brother of Timothy Murphy, onetime district attorney in Boston, and now with the Federal Government.

WOI Norman McLeod, Winnipeg, has just ended a seven days' leave in London. His brother is Professor of Zoology at the University of Manitoba. Norm. shares his brother's interest to a degree, but knows more about bomber piloting than he ever hopes to about wild animals.

D.P.R., has become known as "High Altitude" Hopkinson. It appears that while negotiating some of the Scottish highlands by motor-car, he complained that the high altitude (all of 1,500 feet) bothered his ears.

L/AC Wally Perchaluk, now a clerk, hopes to put his talents as a linguist to work for the Air Force. He knows Ukrainian, Polish and Russian.

In Canada they measure distance by blocks; in England time and distance by so many minutes walk; but Cpl. Bill Eedy in England in the "Bull and Mouth" measures time and distance by "so many rounds ago."

Headquarters airmen who wish to retransfer to air crew may still enter the new course in air crew mathematics which began last Friday evening at the Princeton Street School of Languages and Commercial Institute. Already 15 airmen have registered, and it is known that many more intend to do so.

A course in accountancy will also be held for Headquarters airmen at the School of Commerce, Regent Street Polytechnic Institute. Airmen may enrol on the 14th, 15th or 16th of September, and classes will begin on the 21st.

It is also intended to hold classes in French and German at the Princeton Street School of Languages.

Airmen wishing further information should get in touch with S/L Platt. Our newly arrived members of the Women's Division had plenty to do during their five days' leave, according to L/As Jacqueline Johnston, Wellwood, Man., Ada Fawcroy, Vancouver, and AWI Marg. MacKinnon, Moosomin, Sask. Between signing papers, looking for a place to live and being interviewed by the Press, the girls said they couldn't find time for a thing, apart from shows, dances, teas, dates, visiting relatives, sightseeing, and good books.

WITH RADIO MECHS

There's a goodly representative Canadian staff of R.A.F. mechanics at this M.U. now. From Vancouver to Halifax and in between is represented by the thirty odd (the odd refers to the number, not the chaps) Canadians. And they're all L/ACs too, not a tape among them. Maybe that's a record!

We had our local trade test board a while back for the famous "A" grouping and while we haven't heard officially 'tis rumoured just a few, a very few, made the grade. Some of the old originals from Clinton failed to make the grade 'tis feared. But we'll know some day in the future.

L/AC J. H. Bond, from Calgary, and L/AC H. Sayers, of Richmond Hill (which is near Toronto) are catching up on their sleep these days now they're "working" nights.

Incidentally Sayers is developing a real scrounger. First he wangled a month in hospital (he says it was a hernia) then 14 days' sick leave in Scotland, drops in to see us for a week or two, then off on 10 days' privilege leave and scarcely back from that when he starts wondering when he can get some more leave.

L/AC Percy Vogt (a former Mountie, and still thinks he is one sometimes) and L/AC "Hank" Ford have been recommended for commissions. Here's wishing them luck.

Since most of the Canadians are sleeping out of camp, the inhabitants of the surrounding

TIP FOR SAFETY RAZOR USERS

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country think nothing of seeing a wild west show in the middle of the main street. But it is only a few wild Canadians having a rugby match on bicycles. L/ACs Murray, Allen, Northings, Wood and Bond seem to stand up well in spite of broken bikes and skinned hands.

Well, if I'm still around, maybe there'll be some more from this M.U. next week.

The Great Canadian Trek from London to Edinburgh was staged again last week by L/AC Ian McDonald, New Westminster, B.C. Queer how these chaps with funny Italian names are always visiting Scotland. Ian stopped off in London to reunite with another New Westminster lad, Sgt. Pilot "Kibby" Reid. A Hurricane fancier, the sergeant's ambition is to fly in the Far East.

L/ACs Terry Webb, Moosejaw, Sask., Burt Forster, West Vancouver, and "Soup" Anderson, St. Mary's, Ont., were a holidaying threesome around London town last week.

Advertisement for the play 'SECRET MISSION' at the Leicester Sq. Theatre. Starring Hugh Williams, Carla Lehmann, James Mason, Michael Wilding. Directed by Harold French. Production by Marcel Hellman. Starts Friday, Sept. 11th.

Advertisement for the play 'FRIDAY NEXT RAVISHING REDHEADED Rita' at the Odeon Leicester Square. Starring Rita Hayworth and Victor Mature. Mygal Sai. A Twentieth Century Fox Triumph.

HEADQUARTERS

L/AC "Shorty" Imeson, of the Equipment section, wears a very smart white jacket about his quarters. He calls it his "passion suit."

Cpl. Harry Spence, president and one of the leading shareholders in the Plow Association, has applied unsuccessfully to hold a jag day on behalf of this unworthy organization. He predicts an abnormally dry season lasting until the 15th of the month.

Sgt. Norman "Jeff" Jefferies, of the Orderly Room, was seen down at the offices of the Ijuman Society asking for a "seeing-eye" dog. At the desk they told Jeff indignantly, "You're not blind." No, agreed Jeff, "but I thought one of those animals might be able to help me through an Ishibara chart."

Since a recent trip to Scotland, Cpl. Fred Hopkinson, of the motion picture division of

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- THEATRES: HIPPODROME, PALACE, TOM ARNOLD and LEE EPHRAIM present JACK HULBERT, CICELY COURTNEIDGE. FULL SWING. PALLADIUM, GANGWAY, PRINCE OF WALES TH., NO ORCHIDS FOR MISS BLANDISH, HARTLEY POWER, LINDEN TRAVERS, PRINCES, SAVILE, LESLIE HENSON, DOROTHY DICKSON, STANLEY HOLLOWAY, DOUGLAS BYRD, Pat Taylor. SAVOY, STRAND, THE GOOSE STEPS OUT (U), THE MAD MARTINDALES (U), MARY ASTOR, RUDY VALLEE, DOCTOR BROADWAY (A), MACDONALD CAREY, JEAN PHILLIPS. PLAZA, CLAUDETTE COLBERT, JOEL McCREA, THE PALM BEACH STORY (U), MARY ASTOR, RUDY VALLEE. TATLER TH., ANGLo-SOVIET FILM SEASON, GUERRILLAS OF THE DON (U), BIRTH OF A SOVIET STAR (U).

- EMPIRE, TALK ABOUT JACQUELINE (A), Also GOODBYE MR. CHIPS. GAUMONT, RINGS ON HER FINGERS (U), and A GENTLEMAN AT HEART (U). LEICESTER SQ. THEATRE, LESLIE HOWARD, DAVID NIVEN in FIRST OF THE FEW (U), Peria. at 11.25, 1.55, 4.25 and 6.55. Starting Friday: SECRET MISSION. LONDON PAVILION, IRENE DUNNE in LADY IN A JAM and ROAD AGENT. MARBLE ARCH, LESLIE HOWARD, DAVID NIVEN, THE FIRST OF THE FEW (U), Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3 to 8.30. NEW GALLERY, WALT DISNEY'S BAMBI (U) in Technicolor. Weekdays: continuous 10.30 to 10. Sundays: continuous 2.30 to 9. NEW VICTORIA, TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI (col.) (U), THE GOOSE STEPS OUT (U), News, etc. Weekdays: continuous 12 to 8.45. Sundays: continuous 2.30 to 8.30. ODEON, WILL HAY in THE GOOSE STEPS OUT (U), Showing at 11.45, 2.35, 5.25, 8.15. Rita Hayworth and Victor Mature in MY GAL SAI. Commencing Friday, Sept. 11. PARAMOUNT, THE MAD MARTINDALES (U), Commencing Sunday September 13. WILL HAY, THE GOOSE STEPS OUT (U). DOCTOR BROADWAY (A), Macdonald Carey, Jean Phillips. PLAZA, CLAUDETTE COLBERT, JOEL McCREA, THE PALM BEACH STORY (U), MARY ASTOR, RUDY VALLEE. Weekdays: continuous from 10 a.m. Sundays: doors open 2 p.m. TATLER TH., ANGLo-SOVIET FILM SEASON, GUERRILLAS OF THE DON (U), BIRTH OF A SOVIET STAR (U). Musical romance introducing a New Star. WARNER, EDWARD G. ROBINSON in LARCENY INC. (A) Showing 11.14, 1.12, 3.22, 5.42, 7.55.

Advertisement for the play 'LARCENY INC.' at the Warner Theatre. Starring Edw. G. Robinson. Supplied since 'A Slight Case of Murder'. Moore Raymond, 'Sunday Graphic'. 'Quick-Fire Action... Bubbling ironic humour.' A. E. Wilson, 'Star'. Showing at 10 a.m., 3.25, 5.55, 7.50.

Advertisement for the play 'Palm Beach Story' at the Plaza Theatre. Starring Claudette Colbert and Joel McCrea. 3rd Big Week! Rip-roaring Comedy. Star. With Mary Astor and Rudy Vallee. Written & Directed by Preston Sturges.