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R.C.A.F. Presented With Huge Aerodrome

BUILT IN 5 MONTHS BY CANADIAN ARMY

Lieut-Gen. McNaughton Handed Drome Over to Air Marshal Edwards In Fitting Ceremony

CREDIT TO ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS

LAST Friday 12 R.C.A.F. Mustangs landed on the runways of a new aerodrome and, in so doing, symbolised a striking example of co-operation between the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas. The aerodrome, described by Air Marshal Harold Edwards, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, R.C.A.F. Overseas, as "one of the finest in England," was built, concrete runways and all, in less than five months by men of the Royal Canadian Engineers serving in Britain.

The Mustangs' landing concluded a ceremony in which Lieut-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Army Overseas, had formally handed the aerodrome over to Air Marshal Edwards. Air Chief Marshal Sir C. L. Courtney, air member for supply and organisation in Britain's Air Ministry, was also present. "We found," Gen. McNaughton said in his speech, "that one of the chief obstacles to the expansion of the Canadian Army's vital air component was the shortage of aerodromes. I discovered that last April. It was only a matter of days before the Royal Canadian Engineers began work on this aerodrome, designs for which were prepared by the Air Ministry. "Magnificent"

In his speech accepting the aerodrome on behalf of the R.C.A.F. which will shortly be using the field, Air Marshal Edwards declared that it was "not only a magnificent aerodrome but a magnificent achievement." "Our future," he continued, "is still confused. But of one thing I am certain: to win the war we must blacken the skies over Germany. This aerodrome, built with efficiency and despatch by the Canadian Army, is a great contribution, and I hope that those who occupy it will be worthy of it."

Air Chief Marshal Sir C. L. Courtney, who revealed that R.C.A.F. would use the aerodrome, accepted it on behalf of the Air Ministry with the comment that it was "magnificent." Dedication prayers were read by F/L Rev. K. W. House, of Timmins, Ont., R.C.A.F. chaplain, and Capt. C. D. Wiseman, of Toronto, a Canadian Army chaplain. Meanwhile, 12 Mustangs were circling the field in light formation, and after the ceremonies had been completed they came in and landed, one behind the other, on the long, smooth, wide runways.

Chief credit for the speedy job done by the engineers goes to Maj-Gen. M. C. B. L. Hertzberg, chief engineer to the Canadian Army Overseas.

KIEL IS POUNDED HARD BY R.C.A.F. SQUADRONS

Chretien was Hit by Flak but Flew Aircraft Safely to Base

Lancasters, Stirlings and Wellingtons of R.C.A.F. squadrons took part in the smashing raid on Kiel, Germany's principal ship repair centre. All the Canadians taking part regarded it as a particularly "good show." One of the heroes of the night was George T. Chretien, of Penstang, Ont., pilot of a Halifax. Although wounded by shrapnel, he pressed home his attack and nursed his flak-damaged aircraft back to England, where he made a perfect landing. He is now making a quick recovery from his injury. Sgt. T. E. Carlon, his navigator, heard him say, "I've been hit." Sgt. Jack Probert, of

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On October 19 the books were opened for Canada's Third Victory Loan. R.C.A.F. personnel can buy these bonds in amounts of 50 dollars and upwards. You can do so by either making a regular assignment to the "Receiver General" or by "out-right purchase."

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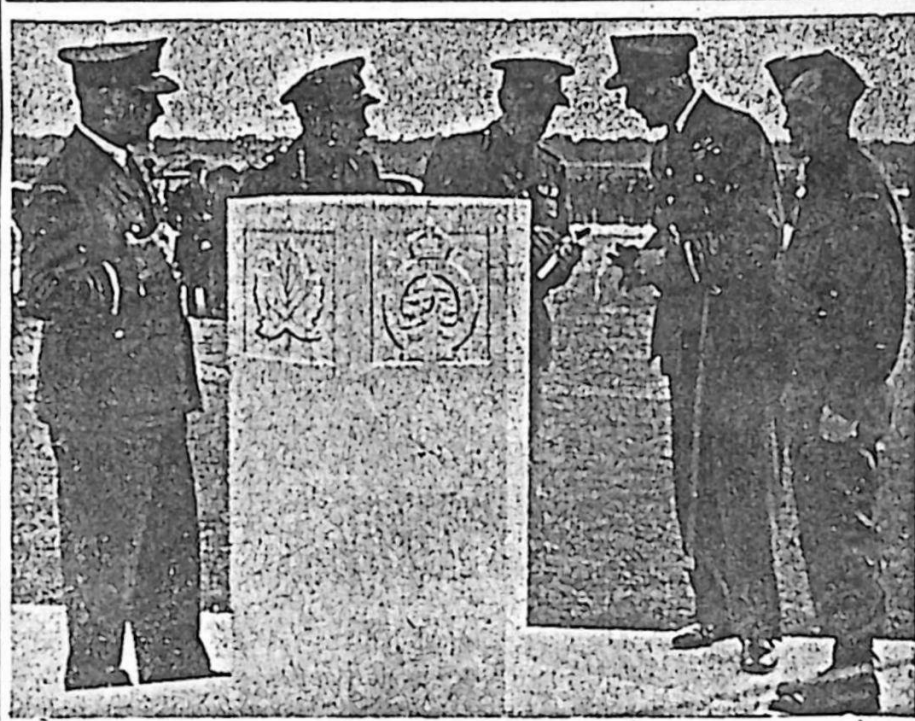
Not only will you be making an added contribution toward winning the war, but you will be making one of the best and safest investments in the world. The return on your investment will be 3 per cent. Canadian bonds have always been and will always be negotiable.

Air Marshal Harold Edwards, A.O.C.-in-C, R.C.A.F. Overseas, probably summed it up best as he bought the first bond sold to R.C.A.F. personnel overseas, when he remarked, "I heartily recommend the purchase of Canadian Victory Bonds as the safest and best means of creating an estate and building up an investment portfolio for the future."

GONGS AWARDED

The Air Force Cross has been awarded to W/C Ernest Moncreiff, of Winnipeg, according to an Air Ministry announcement.

A D.F.C. has been awarded to F/O Charles M. Palmer, of Dundalk, Ont. F/O Palmer joined in December, 1940, and has since risen from the ranks.



The memorial stone pays tribute to the co-operation of the Canadian Army and the R.C.A.F. overseas. The Army constructed a magnificent new aerodrome and presented it to the R.C.A.F. Left to right in the picture: Air Marshal H. Edwards, A.O.C.-in-Chief, R.C.A.F. Overseas; Maj-Gen. C. F. L. Hertzberg, Chief Engineer Canadian Army; Lieut-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, C-in-C. Canadian Army; Air Chief Marshal C. L. Courtney, Air Member for Supply and Organisation at Air Ministry; and Sapper S. P. R. Trenka, of Toronto, designer of memorial.

(Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

BEURLING OF MALTA IS LEADING CANADIAN ACE

Maltese Falcon Has Been Decorated Thrice and Has 29 Kills

Twenty-year-old P/O George Frederick Beurling, of Verdun, Que., has been in Malta five months. In that time he has destroyed for certain 29 enemy aircraft; won the D.F.M. and Bar; been awarded a commission; won the D.F.C.

To-day the experts believe this young Canadian in the R.A.F. will shortly exceed the record held by W/C "Sailor" Malan, who has knocked down 35 enemy machines.

In his most recent operation he got a ducking and three enemy aircraft in the same battle. Twice during his ops at Malta he has destroyed three hostile aircraft in one day. On one occasion he destroyed four in one day.

Composing his soul in patience is unknown to him. He has a cold, calculated hatred of the Hun. When not in the air he spends his time studying and pondering the enemy's weaknesses, working out new tactics and co-ordinating his cockpit drill to increase his flying efficiency. The main reasons for his success apart from his will are his phenomenal eyesight, an instinctive sense of positioning, unerring marksmanship and wonderful airmanship. He is writing a book on air fighting, about which few men on earth know more and still fewer have put their knowledge so magnificently into practice.

"Screwball"

Among his fellow fighter pilots he is known as "Screwball." Many stories about Beurling are probably true, but others are perhaps apocryphal. Perhaps the most famous one is also the most recent. Beurling, still a sergeant, was called in by his Station Commander, a Group Captain, in Malta. "Beurling," said the Grouper, "we are going to make you an officer." Beurling looked astonished. At the time he was dressed in a very old pair of pants which had become very old-spotted. His hair wasn't tidy. "But, sir," he said, "you can't do that. I'm not the officer" (Continued on page 2, col. 4.)

"GLIDERS!" SAID HE

F/O D. J. "Mac" MacLaurin is the hard-working engineering officer of the famous Demon Squadron and has his hands full seeing the engines of the Hudsons are always in tip-top condition for the Demons' ops. Recently he had more than his fair share of work and was slightly browned off.

The Demons were discussing the possibility of converting to another type of aircraft and "Mac" was asked: "If you could make the choice, what kind of aircraft would you choose?"

The terse but explicit answer was: "Gliders!"

CANADIANS BUSY OVER BISCAY BAY

In two brushes with Arados, agile seaplanes of the German air force, gunners in F/O F. D. Smith's crew have accounted for one destroyed and another damaged. F/O Smith hails from Vancouver and is attached to a R.A.F. squadron in Coastal Command.

On one occasion Smith's aircraft was attacked by two Arados, one of which was damaged in the ensuing combat. The R.A.F. aircraft was damaged and made a crash landing at its home base with injury to the tail-gunner only.

Sgt. Steve Lea, of Toronto, has been with crews which have attacked and damaged two enemy submarines. On one of these sorties he had another Canadian as a crewmate, F/S Curly Davidson, of Moose Jaw. Other Canadians with the squadron are: F/S F. C. Annand, Milford, N.S.; F/S Harry Tice, Hamilton; F/S P. W. Davis, Westmount, Que.; F/S B. M. Fitzgerald, Winnipeg; F/S James Lee, London, Ont.; W/O E. P. Acree, Rainy River, Ont.; P/O H. E. Sullivan, Englehart, Ont.

AIRMEN ELECTED TO CATERPILLARS

Five members of the French-Canadian Bomber Squadron have qualified for membership in the Caterpillar Club. They are Sgt. A. G. Rowe, of Toronto, Sgt. J. R. LaTremouille, also of Toronto, Sgt. J. D. Copeland, of Dundalk, Ont., Sgt. A. G. Cuthbert, of Montrose, Scotland, and Sgt. J. A. DeLorme, of St. Adolphe, Man.

The Wellington bomber flown by the crew had successfully taken part in the attack on Kiel and had come through the flak unscratched, but a few miles from base ran out of gas.

Sgt. R. S. Clinton, of New York, pilot, ordered the crew to bale out and then flew on to land safely at a nearby aerodrome.

Of the five who jumped four were treated well by friendly people, who fed them and gave them real hospitality. The other, Sgt. Copeland, was handed over suspiciously to the military police and brought to the nearest R.A.F. station.

Clinton and his crew were on their third operational.

MUSTANG PILOTS WRECK OIL TRAIN IN FRANCE

Hills and Champlin Blast Engine to Pieces and Riddle Cars

Striking in over the coast of Occupied France at tree-top level, two Mustangs of an R.C.A.F. squadron of Army Co-operation Command shot up a train of oil tankers. The engine blew up and the 10-odd tank cars were perforated with cannon and machine-gun bullets. The pilots were F/O H. H. Hills, of Pasadena, Cal., and P/O F. J. "Jimmy" Champlin, of Long Island, N.Y.

The two aircraft had just crossed the French coast when they located the train in a "cut." Hills attacked the train head on, and Champlin came in from the rear. The engine blew up under "Holly's" first attack, the narrow cut being filled from side to side with debris. "By the time I reached the

AIRWOMEN IN FIRST REVIEW FOR ROYALTY

Duchess of Gloucester Inspects W.D.s at Work

CHATS WITH GIRLS

First members of the R.C.A.F. Women's Division to serve overseas were inspected at their work in R.C.A.F. Headquarters, London, by Air Commandant H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester, honorary head of Britain's W.A.A.F. last week.

As Her Royal Highness drove up to the entrance of the R.C.A.F. building she was greeted by Air Marshal Harold Edwards, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, R.C.A.F. Overseas. A guard of honour under command of Assistant Section Officer Nancy Smith, of Calgary, was ready to pay tribute to her, and consisted entirely of members of the W.D.s who work at Headquarters.

The Duchess inspected the guard of honour and then toured the offices to see the uniformed Canadian women at work. In Air Marshal Edwards' office she was introduced to Section Officer Patricia Griffin, who is in charge of the Women's Division detachment at Headquarters. The Duchess was interested not only in the girls' work but in where and how they lived and how they found life generally in England.

While talking to AWI Peggy Douglas, of Winnipeg, and AWI Adelaide Child, of Toronto, she asked whether they had any relatives in England they could visit on leave. When she asked LAW M. A. Long, of Arden, Man., a similar question the Canadian airwoman was able to tell her she had relatives in Birmingham and also in Scotland. Her Highness found AWI M. S. Smith, of Seaforth, Ont., making up travelling claims, and was most anxious to know exactly how the claims were made up. Other members of the Women's Division with whom the Duchess talked at some length were Cpl. M. E. Ward, of Shawinigan Falls, Que., and LAW Jill Wigg, of Nelson, B.C.

The Duchess remained at Headquarters for about an hour. This was the first time the Women's Division had been officially inspected in England by a member of the Royal Family or by any highly placed W.A.A.F. officer.

engine in my attack from the rear of the train," Jimmy Champlin said, "I found that I was pouring my bullets into a cloud of steam. After our attack we could see black streams pouring from holes in the tank cars, but whether it was oil or black smoke we could not tell."

The train had just crossed a high trestle, and the pilots believe that in addition to the immediate damage, the explosion would have the effect of tying up the railway line for some little time.

After their attack on the train they found a pair of gas storage tanks, which they riddled with bullets.

"The people of the town were interested spectators of this attack," said Champlin. "They stood in the streets, within a block of the tanks, and watched us fill them with holes."

It was F/O Hills who, during the landing at Dieppe, had distinction of being the Army Co-op Pilot to bring an enemy aircraft, an F.W

SHORT FLASHES FROM THE SQUADRONS

FORMER ADJ. VISITS

RIVALRY betwixt ground crews of both flights grows, now that "Jackie Jackson" (P/O) (Rae) inaugurated a two weeks cleansing Bee on aircraft. Where and what's it to be, for the boys of the cleansing brigade, when they are recognised as top hands with soap and rag.

The next to come sliding off the mainplane is the visit of S/L Sinclair, former Adj. and father to this squadron. Was it that he missed the atmosphere of home, found only amongst the gramophone records, playing cards and cigarette butts in the pilots' room.

Can it be that P/O Turp has proved too good for F/O Stan Malouf, inventor of the "Do Nut" Engine, after the finale of that flying circus performed the other day?

A belated welcome is extended to our new Sgts. McLeod, Houghton and Glover. Welcome boys and keep the Pocket Book hid. Threats have reached your correspondent from cer-

tain corners of "B" Flight, in the last couple of days. I wonder if they would carry them out. SHIVER... SHIVER???

Now that Sgt. Simons the three foot man and Sgt. Seath have retreated from "Dog-patch" and established themselves in "Shanty Town" on the banks of the river Mud; it's hard to find the Long and Short of it these days. Is it true that Cpl. Marshall's nose is getting browner or has he just been used for ballast for the Tiger Moth these days?

The singing tenor of "B" Flight known as "Five Bob" Teddy Gladman better watch his "P's" and "Q's" these days. I've seen his Pop floating around 't'other day. "Look out Ted."

Everyone in the Squadron takes this opportunity to thank publicly the Red Cross and the Auxiliary Services for the "comforts," magazines, extra food, etc. It is most appreciated by all and a heartfelt thanks is extended to everyone.

There ain't anymore, so I'll say as our noble Postman Cpl. Gallant says when you go for Canadian mail these days, "YOU'VE HAD IT, CHUM."

WHISKY IS DEAD

By LAC J. SANCTON

UNDER an overcast sky and to the sobering refrain of a mournful tune from the lips of one of the pallbearers, Whisky one morning last week was laid to rest.

No ordinary dog was Whisky. For nearly a year, by the sheer force of his wire-haired personality, he held undisputed place as mascot-in-chief of Canada's premier fighter squadron. He will be missed.

Whisky held his position of "top dog" around here without difficulty. It was one of his many defensive sorties that led to his untimely end. He returned from his last dog fight, against vastly superior odds, a casualty.

Thus ended a memorable career of faithfulness and service.

All Four Doing Well

In the hands of the medical profession, in hospital at the moment and all looking forward to early recoveries from sundry ills, are S/P D. A. "Swiftly" Wright, of Uxbridge, Ont.; Cpl. J. G. "Gill" Phelan, of Montreal; LAC Dave Kerrigan, of Toronto; and ACI Tom Sutherland, of Winnipeg.

The above-mentioned will be returning to fun and duty sooner or later, but posted to other parts is a formidable list of this squadron's number. This column regrettably notes their names, but wishes them all sorts of good luck. The roll:

F/Sa James Coburn, of Edmonton, and Clifford J. H. Fisher, of Wadena, Sask., terminate their tenures of office as N.C.O.s i/c "A" and "B" Flights respectively upon embarking on the business of becoming engineer officers. As time-honoured "Old Original" members of this squadron,



As H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester made a tour of inspection of the Women's Division at R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters she took a keen interest in the work the girls were doing. Here she is talking with Cpl. M. E. Ward, of Shawinigan Falls, Ont. On the left is A/S/O Nancy Smith, of Calgary, who was in command of the guard of honour. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

overseas since June, 1940, they carry with them the best wishes of the entire unit.

"Gone also is another pair of permanent fixtures," Cpls. Argyll A. Packard, of Colborne, Ont., and Ralph R. Ashmore, of Belleville, Ont., to R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q. Coming over with the outfit two and a half years ago as AC-plonk G.D.s, they have taken in stride together everything that has come along, including their re-musterings to armourers. Their departure is universally regretted around here.

Hard on their heels went another armament corporal, E. M. "Pick" Pikula, of Windsor, Ont., after a brief stay. He will be known for four words: "Ave a go, Tiddler!" (It's a long, involved story.)

And two fitters and a rigger have departed to become flight engineers, namely: LACs H. "Dav" Davenport, of Saskatoon; G. D. Menzies, of Owen Sound, Ont., and R. J. "Punchy" Thornhill, of Toronto.

Finally, we lose two good pilots, with us only a short time, to the service of their own country, the United States Army Air Forces. They are: F/S Lucius Fisher, "Lucy" Foster, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sgt. R. D. "Bob" Hobert, of Woodland, Wash.

It's a good thing we get new arrivals. They include: P/Os A. A. Ince, of Toronto, R. G. Riddell, of Windsor, Ont., and J. A. Livingston, of Toronto, and S/Ps H. H. Nickel, of Stratford, Ont., F. B. Evans, of South Porcupine, Ont., and A. E. Gray, of Winnipeg.

Among the penguins (the birds who don't fly) are two new faces: F/O D. J. Neville, of Hamilton and Montreal, as an intelligence officer, and LAC J. W. J. "Joe" Keating, of Montreal, as a swift talker.

Also back in the fold is F/L E. P. "Ted" Wood, of Toronto, after completing a special course.

Two Ottawans share this week's promotion honours list by becoming corporals. R. J. "Bud" Sarazin and P. C. "Phil" Curry are the ones now carrying the extra weight on their arms as well as shoulders. Great gobs of LAC props are also being swung for the first time.

A bang-up party enlivened things around the officers' mess the other night when the boys of the air-sea rescue service were feted. Of particular interest to this squadron was the encounter one of its number, P/O T. K. "Ibby" Ibbotson, of Radisson, Sask., had with a fire extinguisher. P/O Doug Manley, of Wetaskiwin, Alta., shared the blame. That's all we are saying about it.

DISPOSAL CENTRE

SOMETIME during the month of September, somewhere in England (gosh, it feels important to withhold military secrets), a child was born. The new unit is doing well and hopes to be worthy of its old man, the R.C.A.F., some day.

Our C.O., W/C H. J. Burden, D.S.O., D.F.C., is organising his fifth new unit with this effort, so he knows what it is all about. Nursemaid-in-charge to the lusty infant is the Adjutant, F/L J. A. Haines, formerly of No. 1 Manning Depot. The Assistant Adj. is F/O M. Blair, also a No. 1 Manning Depot vet.

Our Equipment Officer, F/L P. M. Seaborn, reports to our unit with an extensive knowledge of stores procedure overseas. 'Tis a pity he won't issue himself a flashlight, to enable him to find his way back to camp at a more respectable hour.

F/L B. M. Sears, who is in charge of our Accounts Office,

TALENT WANTED

All musicians, magicians, singers, tap-dancers, comedians and other exponents of any of the theatrical arts who happen to be in the R.C.A.F. are invited to make themselves known.

It is intended to organise entertainment in the Air Force more thoroughly than has been the case in the past, and all entertainers are invited to get in touch with F/L Hogan, Auxiliary Services Officer, at R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

The formation of an R.C.A.F. Entertainment Unit is under consideration.

had the honour of reporting to the first Canadian squadron overseas.

The Medical Section is headed by W/C W. F. Brown who established a reputation for himself while S.M.O. at Canada's No. 1 Air Station, Trenton. Apart from his airman's, his only assistance at present come from F/L R. B. Langille.

Last, but not least of the officers, is F/L H. P. "Chubby" Dune, Officer Commanding the Wing. The reason for our saving him to the last is because he is O.C. and inventory holder of everything not mentioned above. We should mention a word or two about the N.C.O.'s and air-craftsmen, but this will have to be withheld until a future edition. Enough of this for now, lads; we'll close by sending our love to the R.C.A.F. W.D.s Cheerio!

FOG-HOGS—NO!

SINCE there has been very little happening to our squadron—except the weather—conversation has been returning to that old problem, the Squadron Crest—and, of course, a name for our squadron.

"Flying Yachtsmen" has that certain "elan" all right, but the guy who suggested the "fog-hogs" has something there too! Perhaps now that everyone goes around looking like an advert for "Scott's Emulsion," the suggestions will start rolling in. Isn't that Salt Spray too, TOO Stimulating! Unhuh!

Incidentally, it is rumoured round that there will soon be a special "Wings Parade" for the Maintenance Section, when the C.O. will award them their water-wings!

Last Sunday P/O Frizell (of "H" for Hello) and his Merry Men had a whale of a time with the Home Guard. The only trouble was that the bags of sawdust didn't wait till they struck the target to burst! Several neat hits were scored on machine-gun posts, etc., and one near miss was chalked up on a pretty little blonde with blue eyes and jade earrings, who wasn't in any danger really anyway—just then.

More comings and goings in the Squadron have brought us F/L Baggott, D.F.C., as our new Nav. Officer. Other new arrivals include LAC G. P. Hurst, of Carmichael, Sask., LAC H. E. Glassford, of Arnprior, Ont., LAC Field, of Longueville, Que., F/Sgt. G. K. Higgins, of London, Ont., AC D. A. McAlpine, of Dubuc, Sask., and, believe it or not, LAC D. G. MacDonald, of MacLenn, Sask. He ought to fit right in, with so many relatives hereabouts. Others leaving us include LAC Larry Joyce, of Winnipeg, LAC H. W. Fill, of Kamloops, B.C., and AC Doug Wooton, of Sherbrooke, Que.

Gossip in the Canteen.—It is conceivable that Sgt. Russell (of "B" for Beer) may be handing out the cigars soon. Rumour has it that Cpl. Robert Locke, of Winnipeg, may be "middle-ising" it in the near future.

F/L Jack Sumner, of Hamilton, has just rolled back from leave, on which little excursion he met our old friend and mentor F/L Don Lindsay, D.F.C., with his splendid new wife! Jack also had the fortune to meet his old bank manager from Hamilton. Good leave, Jack? Unhuh! Having said which, let's head for a bucket of suds! Slong, fellas.

WITH RADIO MECHS

ACCORDING to LACs Bob Feggans, of Hamilton, and "Tizz" Tisdale, of Victoria, a reunion of all Queens R.M. graduates is being organised and will take place around Christmas time. Interested airmen should get in touch with LAC Bill Burstow, via Canadian Base Post Office. We hear Bill is planning a Yule to remember. "Tizz" and Bob have been spending a leave together. Between dancing and ice-skating, they have been concentrating on the possibly light and probably fantastic.

What is this strange attraction that radio mech. badges have over school teachers? The latest of the many ex-pedagogues we have turned up is LAC Gibson McKeown, of Edwards, Ont.

A one-time stalwart of Winnipeg softball circles, LAC Bill Kostyniuk now lives amid feudal surroundings—a castle in the Old Countryside. "It's nice," says the erstwhile shortstop of the Senior Diamond Ball League, "but it lacks that Mid-West atmosphere."

In London last week, Bill met up with hometown Johnny Chermekora, also a radio mech. LAC. Just back from leave in Wales—which is becoming as Canadianised as Scotland—Johnny reports: "The hospitality up there is very good."

Sticking to Scotland as the standard destination of a Canuck on leave, LAC Bud Ufford of Lachine, Que., trekked up to Glasgow for fun and games last week.

In town on a 24, LAC Gord Goodwin, of Toronto, admitted the gleam in his eye was there at the prospect of a good time. But like a good Torontonian, Gord emphasised that he is given only to "respectable playing

LEAVES AND PASSES

MEMBERS of the same Wimpy crew, Sgts. Bill Pepper, of Ryley, Alta., pilot Norm Waters, of Lipton, Sask., observer, and Frankie Baker, of Wainwright, Alta., navigator, stabled the wimp in its hangar last week-end and came to town to forget. The three have just finished O.T.U.

Other O.T.U. graduates include P/O Gordon Cory, of Vancouver, another Wimpy observer; Sgt. Observer "Lofty" Wood, of Saskatoon, who can just crowd his six foot three into a heavy bomber; Sgt. Observer Harold Resvick, of Bateman, Sask.; Sgt. Observer E. A. Brown, also of Bateman, and—by now an astute observer of London life after black-out; and Sgt. WAG Al Larson, of North Gales, Sask.

After migrating to the metropolis like the other boys, Al went on to visit his Canadian fiancée's uncle who lives in Gloucester. Al has been posted to a Canadian squadron.

Oh Gord! Oh Toronto! Last week we mentioned that our M.U. in Wales received a letter from Group H.Q. congratulating our shop on the success of a special rush job. Well, this week another letter of congratulations turned up, this time from that "awe-inspiring" bureau the Ministry of Aircraft Production, better known as MAP.

LAC Hec. Otto, according to reports, is on leave this week and plans to entertain a Canadian schoolteacher who is over here on an exchange plan. In case you're wondering, the teacher is feminine. Right, Hector?

What Canadian LAC recently found his way from Stratham to Croydon and didn't know it? Hope you and your brother enjoyed yourselves, Percy!

The O.D. padre wants to see Doug, Wood, and Jim Bond! What's wrong, boys? Or maybe you forgot your last free issue of cigarettes.

Jack Allen went to a dance nearby the other night, "borrowed" Dick Fulford's young lady and won the lucky spot dance. Was it the girl that brought you the prize or was it beginner's luck, Jack?



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HEADQUARTERS

At last we are getting some action out of the entertainment committee. At last Tuesday night's debate the general feeling was that the headquarters staff should get together more often. So on Friday night, October 30, with the kind permission of the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, a Halloween Dance will be held for members of R.C.A.F. Overseas headquarters. Dancing will be from 7-11 at Victoria Coaching Station to the music of the R.C.A.F. Dance Band. This promises to be a smart affair, and we hope it is just the beginning of some real get-togethers this winter. Those responsible for organizing the dance are F/O Doughty, Cpl. Gordie Duff, LAW Inglis, F/S Trev. Williams, and Cpl. Rignall.

The recent reclassification of a number of ACs brings to mind that true story of a boy who wrote home telling his mother that he was now a leading aircraftman. That dear old soul wrote back saying, "Now remember your temper, son, and, above all, don't be too hard on the men."

From way up north in the wilderness we hear the voice of F/L West, who wishes to be remembered to the "boys"—class of '35. And the Alma Mater? Our own Royal Canadian Air Force, particularly at stations, Camp Borden, St. Thomas, Dartmouth and Trenton. We hear you, F/L West, we hear you!

We thank Cpl. "Clipper" Ross from the bottom of our



P/O B. L. Schauenberg, D.F.M., of Verwood, Sask., completed his first tour of ops. about three months ago and at present is stationed at an O.T.U. as flight wireless leader.

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hearts. We thank "Clipper" because he believes in us—our ideals. Cpl. Ross was the only man who turned up at the debate to support the men. . . . And the Women's Division won because there were thirty women there.

What we would like to know first of all this week is, "How is Cpl. Dolgy, the H.Q. Adonis, getting along with that sweet young thing that is so sugary to him every time she passes by, and, believe me, she passes by, as often as she can manage it. . . . Attaboy, Dolgy!

RHINELAND AND COLOGNE WERE RAID OBJECTIVES

Wellington and Halifax Squadrons of R.C.A.F. Took Part in Show

Crews of Canadian Wellingtons and Halifax squadrons bombed the Rhineland, including Cologne, last week. The target was a beautiful picture when we got there," said W/O S. F. Gannon, of Montreal, second pilot in a Halifax. "There was great activity in about a 30-mile ring—flak, searchlights, flares, and fires. The searchlights were roaming all over but there were no contacts. Twenty miles from the Dutch coast we

could still see the glow back there. It was quite a good show."

Those early on the target found little ground opposition. "I think they were caught with their pants down," remarked Sgt. "Scotty" Taylor, ex-gold miner of Kirkland Lake, Ont., who is rear-gunner in a Wellington. P/O Lloyd Parrall, of Lakeland, Ont., reported: "They were among the best fires I've seen. Sticks of bombs were dropping all over the place and lots of fires were starting up."

Another rear-gunner, Sgt. Aitken, of Imperial, Sask., saw two 4,000 pounders burst in the target area. "Two big red blobs seemed to grow out of the built-up districts where they

fell—about 500 yards apart," he said.

Intensely heavy flak and searchlight activity was drenching the sky when later crews arrived. P/O W. M. Palmer, D.F.C., of Dundalk, Ont., and his crew engaged in reconnaissance to estimate the extent of the damage. Their aircraft was hit by flak but no serious damage was done. When they left, seven vast fires were raging.

The gigantic Halifax that W/O Gannon flies in was skippered by F/S Matt Daggert, of Salmon Arm, B.C. Sgt. "Lofty" Rogers, of Toronto, was navigator; Sgt. Ed. Carleton, also of Toronto, and F/S L. E. Thomas, of Richmond, Va., were the air-gunners; and Sgt. E. J. Nickerson, of Moncton, N.B., the bomb almer.

Altogether, they encountered four enemy nightfighters. "But we were attacked only twice," explained F/S Thomas. "The first was an Me. 109, which got on us just before we went in to bomb. I gave him a short burst and he seemed to throw a flash at us which blinded me for a moment, but he peeled off. The next was an Me. 110 which attacked after we had bombed. But nothing hit us and it soon banked out of sight."

Also among the many Canadians who took part were Sgt. Gerry Lantagne, of Carraquet, N.B.; Sgt. Robert Williston, of Edmonton, P/O W. A. G. Hardy, of East Windsor, Ont.; Sgt. R. M. Reilly, of Montreal, Sgt. G. L. McCallum, of Holden, N.S.; Sgt. N. H. Weller, of Seward, Nebraska, and Sgt. G. K. Colopy, of Frobisher, Sask.

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KIEL IS BOMBED

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22nd trip together for F/S Sylvester Danahay, of Riverside, N.B., and Sgt. Howard Bond, of Darlington, Man. For four other Canadians it was their 17th trip together. They were: P/O J. R. McDonald, of Toronto; Sgt. J. D. Routledge, of Mission, B.C.; Sgt. R. W. Wright, of Saskatoon; and Sgt. J. C. Gibbs, of Bowmanville, Ont.

Sgt. G. H. Lancaster, of Michel, B.C., took his crew, including Sgt. R. B. Dion, of Penatanguishene, Ont., Sgt. J. S. Clifford, of Oakville, Ont., and Sgt. F. A. Oberst, of North Bay, Ont., out for the second successful night.

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE section listing various theatres and their current shows. Includes: Hippodrome (George Black's Surprise Musical), Palace (Tom Arnold and Lee Ephraim), Palladium (George Black's Gateway), Verba Lynn (Ben Lyon and Teddy Brown), Prince of Wales (George Black presents No Orchids for Miss Blandish), Princes (Wild Rose), Saville (Firth Shephard presents Fine and Dandy), Strand (Firth Shephard presents Night of the Garter), Victoria Palace (Lupino Lane in Twenty to One), Windmill (Revueville), Dominion (This Above All), and Warner (James Cagney Yankee Doodle Dandy).

Advertisement for the film 'YANKEE DOODLE DANDY' at Warner Theatre Leicester Square. Includes text: 'THE FILM IS A DANDY' and 'JAMES CAGNEY YANKEE DOODLE DANDY'.

Advertisement for the film 'COASTAL COMMAND' at Warner Plaza. Includes text: '"BEST FLYING FILM OF THE WAR!"' and 'COASTAL COMMAND'.