



Bombing Offensive Switched to Italy

CANUCKS TOOK PART IN POUNDING GENOA

W/C Fraser's R.C.A.F. Halifax Squadron Participated in Second Raid on Fascist Port

ALPS WERE COMPARED TO OUR ROCKIES

WHEN the bombing offensive was switched to Italy last week, Canadians took part in the surprising and devastating attacks on Genoa.

Crews of the first R.C.A.F. bomber squadron to be formed in Britain, now commanded by W/C Len Fraser, D.F.C., of Vancouver, took part in the second night's operation. Returned from their 1,500 mile flight, they were tired but highly pleased with what they had accomplished.

"Our bombs went right into a factory. We saw them hit right on the button," said F/L H. G. Stockley, of Vancouver, who captained a Halifax. Describing the trip, he added: "It was cloudy all the way, but above the clouds it was like daylight. When we reached the Alps it was clear, and were those mountains beautiful. They looked just like the Rockies, and I could almost imagine I was flying home. On the tops of the mountains were little lights, although I don't see how people could live up there."

The rest of his crew included P/O R. L. Turnbull, of Digby, N.S.; P/O W. M. Palmer, of Woodstock, N.B.; and Sgt. C. O. Henderson, of Macrorie, Sask.

Others Taking Part

Other members of the squadron taking part in the raid were: P/L N. M. Coull, of Montreal; P/O Charlie Palmer, D.F.C., of Dundalk, Ont.; P/O G. A. Sweeney, of Toronto; P/O K. A. Dechar, of Kitchener; P/O Bill Colledge, of Vancouver; Sgt. J. V. Karieff, of Toronto; Sgt. B. C. Dennison, of Cardiac, Man.; Sgt. J. S. Probert, of Montreal; Sgt. G. E. Mitchell, of Souris, Man.; F/S J. Stewart, of Calgary; and Sgt. J. Anderson, of Hamilton.

P/O F. E. "Lucky" Luxford, of East Angus, Que., found the flak very light. "I guess we really pinned down the target to-night," he said.

The Alps reminded Sgt. Albert Hunter, of Vancouver, former West Coast sailor, now captain of a Halifax, flying in an R.A.F. squadron, of the Rockies, too. "One peak reminded me of Mount Asiniboine," he added. "It was not so impressive as Asiniboine," he continued loyally.

ARMY CO-OP AIRCRAFT SPRAY FRENCH TARGETS

Amiens Marshalling Yards and Freight Train Were Targets

Several groups of Mustangs, accompanied by Spitfires, both of Army Co-operation Command, including aircraft from R.C.A.F. squadrons, carried out strafing operations over France one morning last week, attacking numerous targets of military importance.

W/C R. F. Begg, commanding officer of an R.C.A.F. Army Co-op squadron, of Vancouver, together with P/O C. Stover, of Sarnia, made a highly successful attack on a freight train.

"The train," W/C Begg said, "took evasive action by stopping dead in between a double row of trees. So we both came down to tree-top level, flew between the autumn foliage, and had the satisfaction of seeing our bullets explode on the engine. Our first bursts were fol-

BERRIGAN WAS ON 1st GENOA PARTY

The first trip to Genoa was the sixth operation for F/S L. T. Berrigan, of Dunedin, P.E.I., who is the tail-gunner of a Lancaster with an R.A.F. squadron. From this raid not a single aircraft failed to return.

Berrigan reported slight flak going in over France. They flew most of the long journey above 10,000 feet. They were, of course, above the clouds when they got to the Alps, which he described as the "prettiest sight I ever did see." Every rock and cranny stood out in bold relief. In the distance the lights of Berne were a-twinkle, a strange sight in blacked-out Europe. On the way in they saw a night-fighter, but it didn't bother them.

Berrigan said he could see the fires 140 miles away. It looked like a mountain of fire. The dock area was ablaze and there was one solid cone of fire, which made him think some munitions works had been hit. Smoke billowed up to 10,000 feet. "It was just as good as Cologne," said Berrigan enthusiastically.

Berrigan was also on the daylight raid to the Schneider works at Le Creusot. As they hedge-hopped in the French people waved handkerchiefs, or perhaps tablecloths, at them to cheer them on their way. When they reached the target they found a fairly large town with a swastika marking the middle of the square.

NICKY A FINE FOUR-LEGGED NIGHTFIGHTER

Belongs to S/L G. H. Elms But is Proud Mascot of R.C.A.F. Squadron

"The only operational night fighter dog in the R.C.A.F." is the impressive title conferred by S/L George H. Elms, of Whitby, Ontario, on his beautiful pure-bred Borzoi (Russian wolf-hound to you).

Elms is flight commander of an R.C.A.F. night fighter squadron on operations in England, and Nicky is his personal and prized property when he isn't acting as unofficial squadron mascot. With all the grace and sleekness of his breed, he possesses none of the uncertain temperament often found in the Borzoi, and is "everybody's pal."

Actually it's doubtful whether you could class Nicky as "operational" because when there's a scramble and an aircraft takes off after an enemy raider, there's neither time nor place for pets or mascots, however popular and however fond of flying. But anyhow, Nicky does fly—and how he loves it!

You should see that dog bank with the aircraft," exclaims his proud owner. "He has a perfect sense of balance aloft, and never seems to get air-sick like so many other animals."

S/L Elms hopes to take Nicky home to Whitby with him after the war, and perhaps show him. He admits only one fault in his pet and that is his fear of cats. Elms is one of three members of the old City of Toronto No. 110 Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, still on operations overseas, the others being W/C F. W. Hillock, both commanding R.C.A.F. squadrons in Britain. After serving with several other squadrons and forming an Army Co-operation squadron, he returned in August of the year as a flight commander to his present squadron, with which he had previously served for a short period.

R.C.A.F. SPITS DISRUPT HUN RAIL SYSTEM

Fee and Chadburn Units Wreck 16 Engines in Nine Days

Last week Spitfire pilots of two R.C.A.F. squadrons shot up 12 railway engines in occupied France. The squadron commanded by S/L "Nobby" Fee, D.F.C., of Calgary, attacked eight, while pilots of the squadron led by S/L Chadburn, D.F.C., of Aurora, Ont., accounted for the remainder. In the past nine days these two units have shot up sixteen railway engines, twelve of these being bagged by S/L Fee's squadron.

Dick Ellis, of West Montreal, and W/O D. McCrimmon, of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, accounted for five locomotives in one sortie. They shared the first one, which blew up, then each took two of four more locomotives that they found at a station.

Blockhouses on the cliff were left smoking after an attack by P/O R. A. Buckham, of Vancouver, a flier from S/L Chadburn's unit. Buckham also saw a locomotive explode in steam and orange flame after an attack on trains at a freight shed.

P/O R. J. Turp Kings, Ontario, and F/O P. G. Blades, of Victoria, blew up a locomotive in an attack with cannon and, going down the line, destroyed a second engine.



S/L G. H. Elms, of Whitby, Ont., has a grasp on Nicky, the only operational dog with the R.C.A.F. This massive Russian wolfhound may not keep a log book, but if he did it would show a number of hours flying time with a Canadian night-fighter squadron. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

SEVEN MORE AWARDS ARE WON BY R.C.A.F. FLIERS

Immediate D.F.C. is Gained by P/O McElroy in Malta

Seven more names have been added in the past week to the growing list of R.C.A.F. personnel who have won awards. Four received the D.F.C. and three the D.F.M.

An immediate award of the D.F.C. has been made to P/O John Fred McElroy, of Port Arthur, for his outstanding achievements in the recently intensified "Battle of Malta."

On October 12 P/O McElroy engaged a Ju. 88 and six enemy fighters single-handed, shooting down one of the Me. 109's. Three days later his section attacked a formation of Ju. 88's, and he probably destroyed one and damaged another.

Since arriving at Malta in mid-June, McElroy has compiled a score of five and a-half enemy aircraft destroyed, in addition to a number of probables and damaged, several of the latter of which are unlikely to have reached their base.

P/O K. C. Murphy, of Ottawa, is a navigator-bomb aimer. He has participated in sorties against the enemy's most highly defended areas, and recently has acted as captain of aircraft. W/O K. C. A. Smith, of Saskatoon, gained his D.F.C. for outstanding work as a navigator, too.

W/O J. E. Cox, of Kingston, is the other D.F.C. As pilot he has several times flown his damaged aircraft safely to base. On one occasion an engine failed when flying very low over the sea, but on the remaining engine he returned safely to an English aerodrome. He also has been directly responsible for the saving of another crew who had been forced to take to their dinghy.

The D.F.M. went to F/S G. T. MacKenzie, of Toronto, who has participated in many attacks against the enemy. On the night of July 28 he took over the controls of a badly damaged aircraft from his wounded captain. By his courage and skillful handling he saved a valuable aircraft.

F/S H. F. Tice, of Dunville, Ont., also took part in numerous raids. He is a wireless operator of exceptional keenness and energy.

The other D.F.M. was won by F/S J. E. R. Pichette, of Chandler, P.Q. He has since been commissioned and is at an O.T.U. As an air-gunner he has always displayed supreme coolness in the face of the toughest enemy defences. On one occasion he took part in a daylight attack on two enemy battle cruisers.

BEURLING GETS D.S.O.

Immediate award of the D.S.O. to P/O George F. Beurling, of Verdun, Que., has been announced by Middle East Headquarters of the R.A.F.

In addition, this amazing 20-year-old Canadian has in five months won the D.F.C. the D.F.M. and Bar, been commissioned, and shot down 27 aircraft in the summer Battle of Malta. He had two before he reached the George Cross Island, so his total now stands at 29.

He always seems to do things in a hurry. In his last engagement he shot down three enemy aircraft, saved the life of his flight commander, was wounded in the heel, had his control column shot away, baled out, and was rescued from the Mediterranean.

At present he is a thoroughly "browned off" fighter pilot in hospital at Malta, where he is making a rapid recovery—naturally not as rapid as this impatient young Canadian would like.

CANADIAN MALTA ACES DESTROY MANY PLANES

Three Immediate Awards to Fighter Pilots of R.C.A.F.

Three members of the R.C.A.F. are included in the six fighter pilots who have just been granted immediate awards of decorations, as announced by R.A.F. Headquarters, Middle East. They are F/L Henry McLeod, D.F.C., of Regina—who receives a bar to the D.F.C.; F/L Edwin Glazebrook, of Outremont, Que., who gets the D.F.C.; and F/S Ian Roy MacLennan, address unknown, who is awarded the D.F.M.

F/L McLeod has destroyed 12 enemy aircraft, has several probables to his credit and a large number of damaged. In the first week of the renewed offensive on Malta he shot down three Ju. 88s, two Me. 109s, damaged another bomber and several fighters.

In one battle at dusk six Ju. 88s were intercepted by the

RAIL CENTRE OF RUHR HIT IN DAY RAID

French Canada's Bombers Roar Over Germany Return Safely ELUDE FIGHTERS

The French Canadian bomber squadron took part in a daylight raid for the first time last week. The target was an important railroad centre in the Ruhr, and the result was another transport headache for Hitler.

"I was very pleased to see Germany in full daylight," said F/S H. Mohin, a navigator. "I also saw five enemy aircraft and immediately notified my pilot. We disappeared in the clouds and I didn't see the fighters afterward."

It was a real party in the briefing room when the news came in that all the crews were safe and the target bombed. Every crew had seen some enemy fighters over the Channel and the French coast, but none had been attacked. They succeeded in avoiding them by "cloudhopping."

Sgt. Pilot L. F. Causley, of Montreal, said it had been a "piece of cake" to reach Germany, "but it was not so easy to come back to base. We met a big storm over England and it didn't look too good for a while. But we made it."

First Daylight "I had never been in a daylight raid before," admitted F/S Jacques Chalette, also of Montreal, "and I must confess I was a little afraid before we left. But I enjoyed the trip. There were just enough clouds to elude the enemy fighters."

Said the chaplain, F/L Daniel Barnabe, of Ottawa: "I knew everything would be fine. The squadron is under the protection of the Little Flower of Lisieux and she helps us all right. Today again I blessed all the kites and I knew all the boys would come back."

Among those who took part in the raid were S/L Georges Roy, of Westmount, Que.; F/L Jean "Rocky" St. Pierre, of Outremont, Que.; P/O Don Lariviere, of Pembroke, Ont.; W. C. Davidson, of High Bluff, Alta.; F/S W. F. Bauer, of Waterloo, Ont.; Sgt. J. P. Bedard, of Ste. Helene de Bagot, Que.; Sgt. J. L. R. Simoneau, of Montreal; Sgt. J. M. Seguin, of Ottawa; F/S J. P. A. Boyer, of North Bay, Ont.; F/S Hurley Roy, of Montreal; Sgt. J. L. Lyburner, of Montreal; Sgt. R. N. V. Burke, of Port Credit, Ont.; Sgt. W. D. Brown, R.A.F.; F/S J. M. Daoust, of Montreal; Sgt. C. Atkins, of Toronto; F/S J. P. Raymond, of St. John's, Que.; Sgt. A. R. Penbrun, of St. Boniface, Man.; F/S A. G. Martel, of Montreal, and many others.

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EDITORIAL

VICTORY LOAN

WHEN it was decided to prepare an editorial in support of the Victory Loan campaign for this edition of WINGS ABROAD, there were a number of things that could have been said. It could have been pointed out, for instance, that Victory Bonds are a good investment, returning a good rate of interest. It could have been pointed out that taxation will not raise sufficient money to buy the planes, tanks, guns and other essentials needed for this war. It could have been pointed out that without the loaning of money to the Canadian Government, it would be impossible to finance the war.

But British papers last week carried the finest editorial of all in support of Victory Bond purchases. It is the story of F/O B. D. Campbell, of Montreal, whose action should be an example to every member of the R.C.A.F. F/O Campbell got into the war early. As long ago as early in 1941 he was flying Hampden bombers with a R.A.F. squadron. One night in July, 1941, F/O Campbell's aircraft was shot down. He was taken prisoner. Since that time he has been in a German prison camp.

F/O Campbell hit the news this week again when it was announced in Canada that from the heart of Germany he had instructed his mother to invest his savings in the present Victory Loan. He has also instructed his bank in England to transfer funds on deposit here to Canada to be used in the same way. Altogether F/O Campbell has purchased close to \$2,000 worth of Victory Bonds.

F/O Campbell has seen a side of the war that none of us over here have seen. He is at this moment facing the threat of reprisals which Hitler and his gangsters last week uttered against all men prisoners of war. He may at this moment be one of the Canadians who are in chains. To him the winning of the war is vital. It means freedom. Before he was taken prisoner he had done his full share to bring victory. Now that he is no longer able to fly bombers, he has struck another blow with his \$2,000 loan to the Canadian Government.

We can only win this war by concentrating all our efforts on victory. There is no comfortable, easy way. That is why your dollars are wanted.

There is no sacrifice in buying Victory Bonds. They are an investment. The money represents savings that accumulate interest at the rate of 3 per cent. When the war has been won, and you have plans for the future, Victory Bonds will make a tidy little nest egg. It will be all to the good to have money available to enable you to set yourself up in business or to put you in a position where you can afford to find the kind of a job you want.

If by savings you have acquired some ready cash that you cannot get home to Canada, you could do no better than to put it into a Victory Bond. Or if you would rather save on the instalment plan, make an assignment to the Receiver General. It will be deducted from the credit on your pay-book.

There is every facility being offered for purchase. F/O Campbell had to buy his bonds the hard way. He has set us all an example. Make your loan to the Government to-day.

THEY CALL HIM "WHISKEY"

Polish Pilot, Who Wants to Visit Canada, is Liked and Respected by R.C.A.F. Fliers



F/O Wlejski is quite happy amongst his pals of an R.C.A.F. fighter squadron. They like him, too. For obvious reasons his name has been translated from Polish to Canadian and he is known as "Whiskey." Left to right in front of the Spitfire: F/L Hill, P/O Fowler, P/O "Whiskey" and P/O Olmsted. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

"Whiskey" grinned with a twinkle that was taking him deep into France. We shouted at him and shouted some more, and by the time he was down to about 15,000 feet. "Make it a good story. Say 10,000 feet," urged "Whiskey." "Well, somewhere about there he came to again, and we all

came home. That's all there was to it," said the young Canadian.

"Sure, 'Whiskey' thought he was going back to Warsaw," said another pilot. "I am a lucky guy to be with the Canadians, eh?" said the young Pole once more. The Polish pilot is 27 and was active in aviation in his native country before the war. He left Poland after the fall of Warsaw and escaped to Paris. Only he did it the hard way. He made the trip by way of Africa. He went through Turkey to the Mediterranean. In France he instructed in flying, and after Paris fell he came to Great Britain and joined a Polish squadron. He did two sweeps with them before being sent to the Canadian outfit he now flies with.

His mother and father are still in Warsaw. So for the time being his nickname is enough. "Whiskey" has overcome his difficulties on the intercom by standardising his replies. To all messages he answers "Hokay—hover."

He was in London recently, and came back with the observation that on the streets one saw so many different nationalities. "Frenchmen, Czechs, Poles. Not we Germans—nothing but foreigners," he reported. He has never been to Canada. Would he like to go there for a visit after the war? His dark face was lit by his great smile. "Yah—I have uncle in Toledo."

THEATRE NOTES

There is a theatre in the West End which has taken as its slogan: "We Never Closed," and a rightful claim they have to this distinction. Eyebrows rise, and people who do not know give forth with silly giggles at the mention of The Windmill, but it is only because they do not know. The artists and company of the Windmill are continually putting themselves out to give performances which will entertain, succeeding as very few actors and actresses in London are able to do. "Revueville" is in its 158th edition, and consists of 18 separate acts, some full length and some short comical sketches and satires. The show opens with the chorus in a well-presented dance and song number, followed by Johnnie McGregor in a skit called "Ironworks," in which he is making application for a job which will bring out laughs from deep inside you. The third number is a "Can-Can" dance which features Gerry Oldham and the Windmill Girls. "Sansons" is a character piece done by Eric Woodburn; "Sansons" was the public executioner of Paris during the Revolution. Another humorous scene called "Housekeeper Wanted" is done by Eric Woodburn and Pam Trevers, and will go a long way to dispelling the gloominess of a last-day-of-leaves. "Musical Comedy Reminiscences" is equal to many of the acts presented on much grander scale in other more pretentious stages, and this excellent scene is followed by "Speakeasy," which is a take-off of that notoriously famous play "No Orchids for Miss Blandish." "Under the Clock" is an extravaganza of dance and song, and might as easily have opened or closed the bill instead of being mid-way through the show. "The Dream" is a semi-ballet number of exceptional beauty, and West and McGregor, as an anti-climax to the show, do a straight talking act as two old women, one of which has written a play.

I was told that the Windmill does not cater for those who are looking for talent and outstanding ability, but go all out to bring laughs and pleasure to the discerning few. We liked this kind of show at home, and are fortunate to find it over here. When the American troops discover the Windmill there will be a fight for seats and the queues will be discouraging. The Windmill changes shows once every five weeks, and thus gives you a reason for going each time you are in town on leave.

CASUALTIES

For the week ending October 23, 1942:

- KILLED IN ACTION:
A. S. Leimer, P/O Dundas, Scotland.
KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE:
J. C. Black, P/O, Regina; C. M. Chubb, Sgt., Dauphin, Man.; G. C. English, P/O, Regina, Sask.; W. H. Hargrave, P/O, Regina, Sask.; D. B. McGregor, P/O, Regina; W. J. Merrithew, P/O, Red River, N.B.; A. R. Thomas, Sgt., St. Andrews, N.B.; A. H. Uppshart, Sgt., Vancouver.
DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE:
W. S. Brockington, Sgt., Shorncliffe, Ont.; G. O. Duineld, Sgt., Montserrat, Que.; A. W. Eden, P/O, Red River, Sask.
WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE:
L. Blait, Sgt., Kenora, Ont.; R. A. Fraser, Sgt., Hamilton, Ont.
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PREVIOUSLY KILLED IN ACTION:
J. A. Stevens, P/O, Albert, N.S.; J. Bradshaw, Sgt., Winnipeg; M. R. Chubb, P/O, Winnipeg, Ont.; H. W. Clarke, P/O, Winnipeg; R. D. Glover, Sgt., Fort William, Ont.; J. J. Lynch, Sgt., Spruce, N.Y.; S. A. Morrison, Sgt., Montreal.
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PREVIOUSLY KILLED IN ACTION:
C. H. Lomas, P/O, Toronto; R. C. Roberts, P/O, Montreal; H. A. Wilkins, P/O, Regina.
MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION:
W. H. Jackson, Sgt., McCreech, Man.; M. Gordon, Sgt., Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. A. Greenwood, Sgt., B.G.; L. D. Jackson, P/O, St. John, N.B.; S. L. Reid, P/O, Winnipeg, Que.; J. A. Thompson, P/O, Winnipeg, Que.; A. W. Turner, Sgt., Hurdmans, Ont.
MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE:
C. J. Pearson, Sgt., Vancouver; E. R. Watson, Act., Goderich, Ont.
MISSING:
R. L. Baltzer, P/O, Hargrave, Ont.; L. D. Bowman, P/O, Midland, Ont.; Y. R. Cillis, P/O, Toronto; T. H. Clark, Sgt., Montreal; H. C. Ford, Sgt., Chilliwack; B. C. J. M. W. Fortin, P/O, Montreal; F. A. G. W. Gertz, P/O, Abbotsford, B.C.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

JUST for a change—they say it's as good as a rest—our column will deviate from its usual chit-chat about the activities of the W.D.s and will be written in a little more serious vein.

Last Friday, October 23, the W.D.s celebrated their first birthday—yes, one year old. Just a year ago the first officers' course arrived at Haverhill College, Toronto—the pioneers of what has since grown to be a vast organization and one that is still increasing in both numbers and importance.

We wonder if they—and the people of Canada and Great Britain—realized then that in just one year some of us would be serving overseas as well as at the many flying stations of the mighty B.C.A.T.P. that are scattered across our great Dominion.

It's difficult to conceive all the progress that has been made in such a short space of time. Less than six months after its beginning another Manning Depot was opened at Rockcliffe in addition to the one in Toronto and recruits are now being put through their basic training between these two depots at the rate of about a thousand a month, as the women of Canada answer the call of their country.

A marvellous life—this one led by the girls proudly wearing Air Force blue. True, they sacrifice many comforts enjoyed in civilian life when they don their uniforms—but not one of them would leave the service they have learned to love.

It is surprising how quickly we adapt ourselves to this new way of life. Our work may be similar to our previous employment or it may be very different, but always we are ready for any task that has to be done—it may be putting dope on planes, keeping records of flying time, cooking food, plotting the course of aircraft on actual operations or pounding a typewriter—and we'll do it cheerfully, too.

A few of us are to-day serving at R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters—and, believe me, we're really trying to do a job. And when Air Marshal Edwards, A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas, authorised our first birthday party, you may be able to realise at least in part, how very proud we were to be one year old, and at the same time to accept his kind wishes as well as those of Air Commandant Forbes, Director of the W.A.A.F., and W/O Crowther, one of the four W.A.A.F. officers who came to Canada to assist in the formation of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F.

R.C.A.F. BAND MAKES DEBUT AT TRAFALGAR

Versatile Unit Led by F/O Martin Boundy of London

The R.C.A.F. Overseas Band played its first engagement in London last Monday when they gave a short concert for headquarters personnel. Their big bow came Tuesday when they took the platform at Trafalgar Square. Their music was a credit to the R.C.A.F. and to their conductor, F/O Martin Boundy, L.R.S.M., of London, Ont. They compared favourably with famous British bands that had played there at other times.

The band will be staying in London a week to aid in a huge metals drive. On Friday they will supply dance music for the R.C.A.F. Headquarters Halloween dance. They will also be present at an inspection by Air Vice-Marshal Curtis, Deputy A.O.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas.

There are at present 38 men in the unit, headed by W/O Mark Thompson, of Toronto, drum-major. Twenty-five were recruited from the famous

CANUCKS WERE ON MILAN DAYLIGHT

Although no aircraft from R.C.A.F. squadrons took part in the daylight raid on the Italian city of Milan on Saturday, many R.C.A.F. air crew were included in crews that made the highly successful raid. A few Canadians known to have taken part in the operation are: W/O J. H. Willan, of Edmonton; F/S C. C. McAlpine, Moose Jaw, Sask.; F/S C. D. Perkins, Fonthill, Ont.; Sgt. R. G. Clarkson, Toronto; Sgt. A. E. Foote, Toronto, and Sgt. T. Campbell, Artharette, N.B.

In Thursday night's raid on the industrial and seaport city of Genoa, numerous Canadian air crew also were in the R.A.F. squadrons involved. Among them were: Sgt. F. W. Campbell, of Pembroke, Hants County, N.B.; F/S L. G. Allin, Toronto, and Sgt. J. W. Elinson, Wynard, Sask.

burgh and off on seven days' sick leave. Nice going, "Parky." Sgt. Pilot Bill Webster paid a visit to his dad, LAC V. Webster, of this unit, last week. Bill is stationed in Scotland. His dad was a pilot last war and an R/M this one.

LAC Hal Sjoquist has joined the ranks of the air-testers now. Best of luck, "Sultcase." Latest addition to the hometown baseball gentry we are always finding out is LAC Sandy Packer, a six-footer from Kenaston, Sask.

LAC John Symons, of Dauphin, Man., would like a couple of aircrew buddies to park on a cloud for a minute and drop him a line. They are Sergeant-Pilots Jack Hughes and Angus Mulligan, another Dauphin man, Jack chauffeurs a Spitfire.

WITH RADIO MECHS

Here's a credit line for Bud James, who tells us of 15 more radio men bused somewhere in the west counties.

George Spurgeon is out there. He used to drive a hack on the run starting from the Royal York, Toronto. George is having a little trouble, "teething." Store boughten, eh, George?

Then there's Tommy Upham, also of Toronto. "Johnny on the spot," that's him; especially when the spot happens to be a nice quiet Wimpy interior where a man can catch up on his sleep. One of these days he'll wake up and find himself on a bombing run over Berlin. Coo—that wouldn't arf shake 'im.

Also to be found laying around: Gerry "Jankers" Butler, Roy Inkster and Jim Cameron, all of Toronto; Bill McKim, of Niagara; Jim Peever, of Eganville, Ont.; Sandy Packard, of Saskatchewan; Vance Lidwell, of Detroit; Bill Thistle, of Montreal; Red Torrance, of Ottawa; and Al Maskell, of Winnipeg.

And that's all the gleanings from this tract of the Corn Belt, fellows.

Four new Canadians, namely LACs Lawrence, McEown, J. A. Knox and K. S. Knox, have arrived at this M.U. in Wales. There's a couple of others, too, but we didn't get their names in time for this issue. Anyway, here's a welcome to all six of 'em.

LAC Hale is heading for Bournemouth and London this week. Gone south for the rainy season, apparently.

LAC "Gooch" Guy, sometimes called "Earl," is also heading for Bournemouth. A lady is the attraction, we hear.

LAC John "Parky" Parkin is back from sick bay in Edin-

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F/L STOREY LEAVES

By P/O F. P. MARSH

THE situation is as follows, fellows, and we owe you an apology for our seeming negligence to the squadron column but promise to "dedigitate" from hereon.

Once again we settle down to our daily routine after a sad farewell to our very good friend, adviser and confidant, F/L "Doc." Storey. "Doc." shall always be remembered with fraternal interest in the welfare of every individual. The only consolation we have in his parting is the realization that his new job is in recognition of his fine service and that it brings him a well-earned promotion. Our welcome mat is out for you, "Doc." 24 hours of every day, and we all join in the hope that you will take advantage of it very soon.

Amongst new arrivals to the squadron we are glad to welcome our new "Doc." F/L P. T. Green, of Toronto. Although the "Doc." hasn't got much overseas time in yet, he has things pretty well lapped and we await further developments with bated breath.

After bringing more glory to the squadron, P/O Stan. Cybulsk, who has just been awarded the D.F.C. (for which we give our sincere congratulations, Cy), has left us, taking his crew, F/O Joe Sullivan, P/O Bill Crawford and P/O Lloyd Mann, with him. Best of luck, lads, and don't forget to drop in and say hello some day.

Speaking of glory, orchids to F/S Jack Coombs and his ace crew of the Wireless Section. It is now four months since our last W/T failure, and not a bad record either. Nice going, gang, keep up the good work.

Anyone who says that fate doesn't play dirty tricks is "nuts," according to F/S Hooker. After completing 63 operations without receiving so much as a scratch, he has just returned from three days in the hospital after a bus accident. Who says it's safer on the ground? We also hope to see Sgt. Bernie Gagan make a speedy recovery and get back in the fold with us again.

Our three old friends from "Down under," Sgt. Colin Moir, Glenah, New South Wales, Sgt. John Staunton, Murwillumbah, New South Wales, and F/S Angus Henry, Hobart, Tasmania, are still making their presence felt in the well-known style of the Anzac.

More new arrivals to swell the ranks of our air crew are: P/O E. K. Kendel, MacNutt, Sask.; P/O S. Spector, Montreal; P/O B. A. Watts, Toronto; P/O H. M. Rudeen, Park Bank, Sask.; W/O S. F. Gannon, Montreal; Sgt. H. M. Duke, Victoria, B.C.; R. E. Vanderbeck, Brooklyn, N.Y.; P. C. McDuffee, Grand Rapids, Mich.; D. R. Sanderson, Calgary, Alta.; C. M. Downtown, Lillooet, B.C.; H. H. Sealy, Toronto, Ont.; S. E. Beauchamp, Winnipeg, Man.; J. D. Bittner, Chicago, Ill.; P. J. Cozens, Toronto, Ont.; W. C. Blight, Newmarket, Ont.; C. G.

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES



Air Marshal Harold Edwards, A.O.C.-in-C, R.C.A.F. Overseas, personally launches the Victory Bond campaign for members of the R.C.A.F. in Great Britain. He is pictured here subscribing for the first bond, thus setting an example which undoubtedly many other Canadians will follow. With him is S/L A. B. Matthews, who is the representative of the R.C.A.F. Overseas for the Third Victory Loan. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

Anderson, Fir Mountain, Sask.; J. Papowski, Edmonton, Alta.; A. Elliott, Toronto; S. J. Gergely, Toronto; R. M. Jupe, Montreal; R. H. Welsh, Sherbrooke, P.Q.; F. D. Billingsley, Glenwoodville, Alta.; and Sgt. A. G. Olson, Winnipeg, Man. Shades of old times on camp last week, caused by a flying visit made by F/O "Hardrock" Doug. You'll, whom we hear is doing a super job as "Gen." man at O.T.U. Glad to see you, Doug, drop us a line from Sudbury when you get home, or is your probable repatriation just a rumour.

"JERK, THE ERK" IN the past few weeks the squadron has said good-bye to a number of its old chums, among them being ACs Orobko and Passmore, two famous "key-punchers," "Chuckles" Day, "Hoppy" Hopkins, "Mac" MacMillan and "Dizzy" Deans, all M.T. personnel. Also LAC Rotman, who sincerely hopes that Ireland is all it's cracked up to be. Leaving us for training course have been "Frenchy" Robin, and AC Burton, who we hope will sport his Flight Engineer

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services are available at 20 Lincoln's Inn Fields for all R.C.A.F. personnel while in London. Through the co-operation of the Canadian Army General Hospitals in England, it is possible for medical officers at R.C.A.F. H.Q. to have full diagnostic procedures and treatment carried out. A night service for emergency illnesses is maintained (phone Chancery 6800). It is to be emphasized that all R.C.A.F. personnel are entitled to these services, and all calls regarding medical complaints or treatment are welcomed.

brevet in the near future. Among our R.A.F. chums to leave, are "Andy" Arderton and ACs Petts, Slatter and "Dicky" Gear. From the Orderly Room have gone Cpl. "Kins" Kasperski, and one of the original members of the squadron, Cpl. "Cherub" Howes, who is going to make the best doggone Air Gunner in these parts. AC Draper has followed Howes for his AG's course. The Squadron has lost Warrant Officer Murphy, an ex-110 man. "Murph." has gone on an Officer's Training course prior to his commissioning. To all these men the Squadron extends its well wishing for their future successes.

Flash—The "erks" of this Unit listened with awe and admiration to the ring of authority in the voice of the latest Flight Sergeant posted here, in the local "hash house" the other night. Tech. tch. Flite.

An all-Canadian wedding was held on Oct. 11, in the Parish Church, Sutton. The bride was Miss Patricia Oldfield, formerly of Toronto. The groom, Cpl. David Skinner, another ex-110 man, from Hamilton. According to Dave's leave form, he is spending his honeymoon in an Edinburgh Service Club. "We had our doubts." It's quite easy to see which Flite has the "omph." "A" Flite does it again, and we all wish P.O. "Smoky" Stover the very best, and just how does it feel to be a married man "Smoky?" And still another "hitching" is rumoured, is that straight gen "Freddy?" Congrats also to LAC Reynolds, he too has joined the growing list of "Come to Canada with Me" boys. That's all for this "sweep," cheers, "Jerk, the Erk."

CAFFEINE KID

SGT. HERB JACKSON, of Cambridge, Mass., is getting himself quite a reputation as the best ill coffee-maker this side of the River Charles—at least the crew of "J" for Johnnie think so. Since Herb discovered that coffee wasn't rationed over here, he's been known as the Caffeine Kid. So when you hear that Banshee shriek aboard "J" for Johnnie, don't be alarmed, it's just Herb practising on his Bosun's Pipe. Others in the crew are W.O.I. Casey, Parliament of Cannington, Ont.; P/Sgt. Chief Holly of Whiteby, Ont.; Sgt. John Kelly of Revelstoke, B.C.; LAC Tom Matcett of Belmont, Man.; and Sgt. Hal Bowman of Cornus Christi, Texas. Sgts. P. G. Marshall, A. J. Lunn, and J. B. Horsburgh complete the ship's company. And oh yes, F/L

Jack Sumner is the Skipper!

(Just call me Skippy.) Promotions this week include the elevation of Cpl. Toddy Todd to the rank of Sgt., while LAC Lefty Whiting, the most popular man in the squadron, is now a corporal! Don't forget to christen those tapes, fellers! (and don't forget yours truly when the next mail comes in, Lefty!)

Latest arrival on the station is AC "Lefty" Grove of Woodstock, Ont. These -Durned Easterners!

Great joy was experienced in the Discip's Office this week, when several crates of sweaters, pyjamas, socks, gloves, and sundry other manna arrived from the Canadian Red Cross. One Mysterious Item on the invoice was that "100 Tuck-Ins" Nobody knew what a "Tuck-Ins" was, and anyhow it didn't sound like anything a real He-Man in the Air Force would ever use. However, it turned out to be a very handy roll-neck flap to wear over a "V" neck sweater. Gosh, what won't they think of next!

Since the Doc got "strafed" at Cubical Bridge last week, F/O J. L. Witbeck, our Engineering Officer, has complained that it is getting harder and harder to get approval for a rum issue! So maybe that's why nobody fell in the drink this week. Anyhow, the Doc says rain-water is good for you—internally speaking, no doubt.

PADRES ON PARADE

By LAC J. SANCTON

CHURCH parades currently figure prominently in the life of the famous Canadian Spitfire squadron commanded by S/L Keith L. B. Hodson, D.F.C., of London, Ont. Their effects are manifold and far-reaching. First big wave to roll over our otherwise placid existence came the Sunday morning a couple of weeks ago when a LAC was "requested" to leave the parade ground after being viewed with disdain by the discerning eye of the station commander. The whole squadron sat up and took notice.

The dash and presentability of cherished Canadian uniforms, faded and threadbare though they be, was being questioned. The comfort and individuality enjoyed by wearing tattered and pulped Canadian silver-grey woollen shirts was threatened. Coiffures which incorporated curls and flowing tresses were being challenged.

The following week was a flurry of clothing parades, and haircutting. Last week, following the now not-so-novel church parade, G/C R. L. R. Atcherley, O.B.E., A.F.C., sent a message to those of the squadron who took part, to say it was "a very good turnout!"

Three Padre Visitors

Totally unrelated to this new influence of religion on our everyday life are the visits here last week of three chaplains. First came F/L J. E. Doucet, of Moncton, N.B., Roman Catholic padre. While here he brushed up on his French in a long chat with F/S Maurice Jacques, of Montreal, squadron disciplinarian. A few days later the two popular Church of England padres, W/C G. O. Lightbourn, of Toronto, and S/L F. K. Belton, of Vancouver, put in an appearance at dispersal. Lay visitors of the week included: 2nd Lt. L. F. Foster, United States Army Air Corps, of Los Angeles, Calif., less than

a month ago a F/S-Pilot with this unit, and two former ground-crew men, Cpl. E. J. "Joe" Poirier, of New Glasgow, N.S., now with the French-Canadian squadron (though he cannot speak a word of French despite his name), and LAC R. R. J. "Ray" Lauzon, of Windsor, Ont., about to start the flying part of his pilot's training.

And LAC Cecil V. Hurley, of Kingston and Ottawa, photographer, who left us a couple of weeks ago, reports back that he, also, has wound up with les Canadiens-Français and received a warm reception from the old gang who used to be here.

On a similar day, P/Os T. K. Ibbotson, of Radisson, Sask., and Doug. Manley, of Wetaskiwin, Alta., paid a visit to the base of the Air Sea Rescue Service. They spent most of the time aboard Air Force high-speed launches and Navy rescue launches.

Hockey Star is I.O.

After a stay of only a few months, F/O T. S. MacKay, of Vancouver, our very affable intelligence officer, has been posted to R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q. As reported last week, F/O D. J. "Dave" Neville, of Hamilton, Ont., is his successor. F/O Neville is perhaps better known to Eastern Canadians as a member of the Montreal Royals hockey team, with whom he played for eight seasons.

Three newcomers now on the "available list" are P/O L. G. Coons, of Morrisburg, Ont., and S/Ps W. J. "Jock" Kinnaird, of Edmonton, Alta., and C. B. Cohen, of Regina, Sask. Hello, P/O R. M. "Rusty" Bragg, of Calgary, Alta.—we mention the engineering officer's name just so he will buy a copy of this paper. . . . LAC Harry W. DeLong, of Norton, N.B., has shaved off the celebrated moustache which was so carefully nurtured week after week on his face and in this column. . . . LAC M. L. "Mel" McKenzie, of Hamilton, Ont., and ACI Jack B. Francis, of Vancouver, have been bitten by "bar-files."

bank, more affectionately known as the . . . of the world. The Manager of the "Yanks" (Dental Section) is Capt. L. H. Lang, who used to hold forth at No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal, where his home is. F/L P. M. Seaborn, the officer in charge of our Equipment Section, has slowed down so that on occasion he can be seen even breathing in normal time. This reason is one F/O S. T. Jones, a recent export from Rockcliffe, who has taken over as Junior Equipment Officer.

DISPOSAL CENTRE

TO the stout-hearted few who stumble across this, our latest communiqué, we men of P.D.C. say hello! Seldom does a day pass that does not see our gates open wide to passing strangers—strangers who tell of setting sail from a distant land, where the sun shone most every day and when dusk fell the streets took on a new and magnificent brilliance. Poor fellows. . . . They told of store windows bulging with a maddening display of fruits, meats, etc. . . . The Officers' Mess is sheltering a portion of the new arrivals here, among whom are S/L Wilson, C.S., who until recently held the position of Chief Surgeon at T.T.S., St. Thomas. His junior "partner in crime" is F/L C. B. Church, late of Moss-

ON LEAVE

ONE of the very few Ausales in the R.C.A.F., Sgt. AG Henry Dell seems well satisfied to remain in it. He joined up in Oshawa and is now attached to a Wimpy squadron. Asked to explain the dazzling air-gunner's wing he was sporting, he candidly admitted that despite his name, and LAC R. R. J. "Ray" Lauzon, of Windsor, Ont., about to start the flying part of his pilot's training. Five ops behind him, Henry is now on leave with other crew-member chums, among them Sgt. Pilot Bernard Helmtz, of Regina, the crew skipper. The boys were also going around with Moose Jaw. Buzz Freeman, of Moose Jaw. Cpl. George Leonard, of Kingston, has just returned to air crew. Under training as a pilot, he is hoping to become a fighter. George has spent two and a half years over here, the last few days of it on leave in London. Newcastle has a real booster in the person of LAC Gordon Dalman, of Winnipeg. Between good beer and a hundred-percent heart interest he is all for the town. Gord also staged a reunion with LAC Bob Slezland, another Winnipegger, now attached to the R.A.F.

Sgt. AG "Lucky" Herrington, who hails from Hollywood, California, is spending his first holiday in London town. Two other Yanks in the R.C.A.F. would like to hear from are F/S Edward Martin, of New York City, and F/S Jack Moore, of Illinois, care of the Base Post Office.

Glory to the senior N.C.O.s for starting the social ball rolling with a Sergeants' Mess dance on the eve of October 10. Headed by the CO W/C H. J. Burden, D.S.O., D.F.C., a good number of officers attended. We are pleased to report that F/S Emmy Hayhurst, WAAF, and WO1 Teddy Barrett climaxed a whirlwind courtship by announcing their engagement to other night. Sgt. Griffiths, of the R.A.F., humorist and one of the most popular "attachments" on camp, has developed a man-sized boil on one cheek (of his face). Latest reports tell of Medical Sergeants "Wimpy" Whimsitt and "Slasher" Morton debating whether to use a potato-masher or a shoehorn to get quick results. Cpl. K. Jones, of the R.A.F. and the Equipment Section, sang his way to the top of the Padgate Musical Festival the other evening.

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Dear O.O.O.'s, A little while ago the above address was handed me by the father of one of the members...

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