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R.C.A.F. PERSONNEL IN ISLAND DEFENCE

British Columbia Fighter Pilots Have Number of Awards to Show for Their Prowess

S/L WOODS C.O. TOP-SCORING SQUADRON

CANADIAN fighter pilots have played an outstanding part in the magnificent defence of Malta during the summer. The squadron in which P/O G. F. Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. and Bar, is serving is commanded by S/L "Timber" Woods, D.F.C. and Bar, of Vancouver, a Canadian in the R.A.F. It includes F/L Frank E. Jones, D.F.C., of Vancouver, F/L John McElroy, D.F.C., of Kamloops, B.C., and P/O Jack Williams, D.F.C., of Chilliwack, B.C.

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"There was no stopping than gury, he said. "We went out one day protecting a convoy and between us we destroyed a did not have much petrol left. It told Beurling we would return limmediately to base. He began to complain bilterly about the complain bilterly about the complain bilterly about the way of the same to the complain bilterly about the way of the same to the complain bilterly about the way of the same to the complain bilterly about the way of the same to the complain bilterly about the way of the same and in attacked again and got the same to the same and in attacked again and got the same to the same and in a tatacked again and got the same to the same and in the same of the same of



F/O Geo. Pepper, D.F.C., of Belleville, Ont., and P/O J. H. Toone, of the R.A.F., examine part of the wreckage of one of the three Nazi raiders they shot down Saturday night. This combination have now bagged a total of six enemy aircraft for certain.

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

GOOD ENOUGH! .

When Reported

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CANUCKS FLY

Americans in the R.C.A.F. are following the lead of the Eagle squadron and transferring to the U.S. Army Air Forces. Recently an R.C.A.F. and the following conversation took place.

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Pepper and Toone Display Perfect Teamwork Saturday Night

PILOT A CANADIAN

F/O George Pepper, D.F.C., of Belleville, Ont., and his English observer, P/O J. H. Toone. D.F.M., of Trowbridge, destroyed three of four enemy raiders destroyed during that night. F/O Pepper thus becomes the second night-fighter pilot to bring down three enemy aircraft in one night over Britain. Pepper and his observer have been described as "the perfect team." They have destroyed six for certain, with others "probably destroyed." "On our first sortle we saw the twin fins of a Do. 217," said F/O Pepper in describing his combat. "I closed in and gave him two bursts of three or four seconds each. His starboard engine caught fire, and he dived to starboard. I gave him another long burst at very close range and then the whole fuselage of the Do. was left blazing. It fell into the sea burning furiously."

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PILOTS POSTED By LAC J. SANCTON

OPL P. Crampton Curry, of Ottawa, chief volt chaser on S/L K. L. B. Hodson's crack Spliffire squadron, reports that at T.T.S., St. Thomas, LAC F. L. "Roy" Carraway, of Calgary, was known as "Shirley Temple." And it was Roy who told us Phil's other name was "Crampton."

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Comedy relief is necessary if some of the harsher news in hand is to be duly reported. To wit: F/S Mehew "Zip" Zobell, of Raymond, Sask., and S/P W. A. "Al" Laing, of Moncton, N.B., both able pilots and well liked hereabouts, have been posted to continue their activities farther afield.

"Zip" joined us some months ago as a brand-new sergeant. He's had a busy career with this squadron, operationally and otherwise, including the Dieppe show, following which his picture appeared on this page as a bandaged casualty examining the machine-gun builet holes in the perspex of his kite,

"Al" was just getting busy on ops, when posted. At O.T.U., before coming here, he suffered a broken vertebrae which was discovered some time later and necessitated a long hospitalisation. It was believed at first he was to be repatriated, but recently rejoined the squadron in a state of good repair.

Both go with a general wish of good luck and bappy hunting.

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Incoming Christmas mail will be handled in the normal way, although an attempt will be made to increase the postal staff.

The squadron is becoming a regular matrimonial bureau these days. P/O Jack Endersby nas told "yours truly" that the strength NINA, and that the date is set for some time in January. All the best, Jack. Also, our mainstay of the Armament Section, W/O J. A. Richardson, Berwick-on-Tweed is planning to say "I do" in the near future.

With A Canadian quartet, consisting of a Saskatchewan hotel friends, man, a Montreal chemiet, a Cornwall paper-tester and a Camlachle. Ont., machine salesman, are teamed up in a heavy bomber. They are: Sgt. Pilot were not available for the last issue, are LACs Adams and Hendondon. Skillen, Sgt. Bomb-Almer Hugh damphell and Sgt.-WOP Joe Collinson. The fifth crewman is an R.A.F. gunner.

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"The Many Aim, Fire!" The mere mention of these words brings a rush of colour to the face of our beloved (?)
Cpl. Peeriess, Vancouver. The seene centres in the station ride range; the time 18.00 hours. All is quiet until the word "Fire" (meaning to shoot, of course) is shouted, and the three marksmen let go. All the boys scored except the above-named N.C.O., who very neatly took a chip off the wall! After no fewer than fourteen attempts, with the same brilliant success. Ernie decided that it must be the gun, so asks the N.C.O. in charge of the range to fire one round. Which he did, and neatly planted in the word." Which he did, and neatly planted in the console himself with the face that it at least is quite a saving on the targets, and with all this paper shortage, probably just as well. Or, as our other Vancouver Cpl. puts it, "We are pald to be clerks, not snipers!"

Seems as if the N.C.O.s of this section take the brunt of the jokes. However, it all adds to the general confusion. Cpl. Rutherford, also of Vancouver, was the next vicilm. One morning at "break," while feeling quite spry (Marvellous what one night in camp per week does for sweets.

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