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EDITORIAL

DEFERRED PAY

WITH the circulating powers of a choice morsel of gossip, it does not take long for the word to get around when the topic in question concerns an airman's pay—and leave. Canadian Treasury Officers at the R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters in London are thoroughly conversant with the speed by which news travels about the countryside concerning their activities.

McLEOD HAS SHOT DOWN THIRTEEN

Regina Fighter Pilot With D.F.C. and Bar Became Top-scoring Ace of R.C.A.F. at Malta

LIGHT Lieutenant Henry Wallace McLeod, D.F.C. and Bar, of Regina, is the top-scoring pilot of the R.C.A.F. In a little more than four months at Malta he has destroyed 13 enemy aircraft, probably destroyed or damaged many others, been decorated twice and promoted twice. He has just arrived in England for a well-earned operational rest.



F/L Henry Wallace McLeod, D.F.C. and Bar, of Regina, found Malta "a happy hunting ground" for Spitfire pilots. He spent 18 action-filled weeks in the George Cross island and is now back in England on an operational rest. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

In these hectic 18 weeks McLeod has also been shot down twice, shot up and damaged five times, shot down one German bomber when he had only one single cannon still firing, and at the height of his Malta career shot down six enemy aircraft in five days. No wonder he lost 25 pounds in weight.

McLeod landed in Malta in May of this year as a pilot officer. On his second day there he was flying as No. 2 to S/L Lord Douglas Hamilton when they attacked a large formation of tri-motored Italian Cant 1007 bombers. The C.O. and McLeod combined to damage one of the bombers, but an Italian fighter sneaked in to hole McLeod's fuselage and almost blow his tail-plane off.

A little later, McLeod was posted to another newly formed Malta Spit squadron and became in succession a flying officer, flight lieutenant and flight commander.

Almost always, he recalls, their scraps were against great numerical odds. His first "destroyed" was an Italian Macchi 202 which, McLeod insists, "went into the drink from sheer fright." His second, an Me.109,

exploded in mid air so close to a dramatic incident that it is him that bits of wreckage spat deeply engraved on McLeod's memory. Then came...

"The pilot was thrown clear," he said, "and his chute opened. After he had hit the water I circled him and he waved to me, apparently quite cheerfully. So I dropped my dinghy for him to show that I had no hard feelings either. He didn't make any attempt to climb into the rubber dinghy, but one of our rescue launches came out and picked him up and the reason became apparent. For he had a cannon shell through the chest, and he died in the launch."

The scrap which gave McLeod the greatest satisfaction was when eight Spits took on more than 70 attacking enemy machines. His main-plane was holed and his flaps blown off, but with the last burst of ammunition from his one still firing cannon he accounted for one of the attackers.

He was recommended for his D.F.C. after he had destroyed his first five, and for his Bar after the next six. He laments that he hasn't "Screwball" Beurling's "shooting eye," or many of his damaged and probables would have been certainties. Beurling, of course, has 29 to his credit, but he is a Canadian in the R.A.F.

To celebrate his last half-hour in the air over Malta, the day before he was to leave for England McLeod knocked down his 13th enemy aircraft.

F/L McLeod hopes some day to return to Malta, which he describes as the Spitfire pilot's "happy hunting ground."



PRIDE OF THE YANKEES

Presenting Gary Cooper in the starring role, "Pride of the Yankees" is designed to appeal to audiences of all types, delving behind the facade of a nationally famous sportsman to reveal the absorbing dramatic and romantic complications which influenced his life.

The story is a biographical drama of Lou Gehrig, played by Gary Cooper, an athlete whose amazing personality culminated in his becoming one of the few figures to arouse and sustain the interest and sympathy of the American public.

The sporting activity in the film serves merely to link the personal advancement of Gehrig from obscurity to the pinnacle of success. Under brilliant direction, the story of a great-hearted man has been recorded, a man whose entire life was dedicated to assisting those less fortunate than himself.

Gary Cooper's portrayal of Lou Gehrig has been hailed as his finest to date, while the appearance of Teresa Wright, of "Mrs. Miniver" fame, as his wife, adds considerably to the stellar value of the new film.

Walter Brennan, Dan Duryea, Ludwig Stossel, Virginia Gilmore, Babe Ruth and Harry Harvey are in the supporting cast.

Due for release in the very near future, this film will be shown at the Gaumont (Haymarket), and is recommended to all baseball fans as the greatest baseball story to appear on the screen.

MAFFRE BROTHERS ARE ALL AIR CREW

All four sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Maffre, of Montreal, are in the R.C.A.F. and all of them are air crew. Three of them are now serving overseas. There are no other children in the family.

Jim, the eldest, is with a Coastal Command squadron and has been overseas since the fall of 1941. He is a sergeant air-gunner. Also in Coastal Command, with an R.C.A.F. unit, his brother Ken, who is 23 and a year younger, is an observer. He has seen considerable action in shipping strikes against enemy convoys. He is a pilot officer.

Jerry, 22, is a commissioned pilot and is on instructional duties back in Canada, at Summerside, P.E.I. The fourth brother, John, not quite 21, is a sergeant pilot with a well-known R.C.A.F. fighter squadron in Great Britain. He was on the Dieppe show.

Ken and John have seen each other a few times since coming overseas, but they have not yet been able to include Jim in one of their reunions. The four boys, with their father, had their picture taken in Montreal in September, 1941. It was the first time they had all been home at the same time for three years.

CASUALTIES

For the week ending November 7th, 1942:

KILLED IN ACTION. A. Fleming, Sgt., Calgary; P. D'A. Scott, Calgary.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. R. Jones, Sgt., Abbots, Sask.; E. E. Rathwell, Sgt., Saskatchewan; Ont. E. R. Hamilton, Sgt., Ontario; B. C. I. R. D. McKenna, Sgt., Toronto; H. R. McMillan, Sgt., Saskatchewan; Ont. E. J. Randall, Sgt., Vancouver; R. H. Bradley, P/O, Vancouver; Ont. W. Gilmour, P/O, Glasgow; Scotland; D. M. Iversen, P/O, Springfield; Miss. J. Murphy, Sgt., Walkerville, Ont.; M. McL. Stewart, P/O, Grimsby, Ont.; D. T. Vail, Sgt., Boston, Mass.; A. H. A. Wright, P/O, Toronto.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION. P. C. McMillan, P/O, Toronto.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. A. L. Simpson, P/O, Birtle, Man.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. R. F. Hunter, P/O, Pincher Creek, Alta.; N. B. Hall, P/O, Calgary; J. L. Mitchell, P/O, Hamilton, Ont.; G. Murphy, Sgt., Halifax, N.S.; G. M. Robertson, P/O, Wapella, Sask.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. C. F. Clarke, Sgt., Calgary; D. N. Jenkinson, P/O, Toronto; J. M. Broddy, P/O, Port Rowan, Ont.; C. R. Branson, P/O, St. Catharines, Ont.; C. G. Branson, P/O, St. Catharines, Ont.; H. W. Lundy, P/O, St. Catharines, Ont.; R. J. McLachlan, P/O, Ottawa; E. M. D. Remilly, P/O, Alexandria, Virginia; F. A. Tait, Sgt., Dillie, Sask.; C. W. Wcl. Burns, P/O, Regina; R. E. Drysdale, P/O, Perth, Ont.; M. Jackson, P/O, East Couderc, Alta.; C. J. Masson, P/O, Tsounton, Mass.; H. A. Neal, P/O, La Grange, Cal.; J. W. Ellis, P/O, Toronto; L. R. Sinclair, P/O, Toronto.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. A. D. Adair, P/O, Fairlight, Sask.; D. G. Bunting, P/O, Winnipeg; L. F. Caska, Sgt., Brantford; J. D. Ernst, P/O, Kitchener; N. E. Ball, Sgt., Mazzeo, St. Catharines, Ont.; J. F. Halsey, P/O, Cranbrook, B.C.; A. W. Hixon, Sgt., Indian Point, N.S.

MISSING. E. G. Cavathan, P/O, St. James, Man.; O. E. Crutcher, P/O, Montreal, Ont.; J. C. Farber, P/O, Millie, Ont.; E. E. Evans, Sgt., Chicago; R. W. Whitley, P/O, London, Ont.; D. W. Bairns, Sgt., St. Hubert, Sask.; A. Daniels, Sgt., Salmon Arm, B.C.; H. T. F. Freeston, Sgt., Winnipeg; I. H. R. Knodell, Sgt., Petrolia, Ont.; J. King, Sgt., Montreal; W. C. McNally, Sgt., Montreal; C. B. Ratcliffe, P/O, Essex, Ont.; J. E. Smith, P/O, Bristol, Que.; J. Mack, Sgt., Montreal; L. M. Beaumont, P/O, Prince Rupert, B.C.; C. H. J. Byrd, Sgt., Montreal; P. B. Crake, Sgt., Montreal; L. T. Goodfellow, Sgt., Perth, Sask.; G. C. McDonald, P/O, Scotia, Sask.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. D. C. McDonald, Sgt., Wilmet Valley, P.E.I.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION. F. G. Davison, P/O, Glendora, Man.; J. B. Wadell, Sgt., Winnipeg.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. H. R. Hatfield, Sgt., Fredericton, N.B.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. R. E. Hies, Sgt., Calgary; J. H. Watt, P/O, Scudder Pelee Island, Ont.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. C. A. Westwood, P/O, Summerside, B.C.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. D. McC. Blott, P/O, Estuary, Sask.; R. A. Myers, Sgt., Toronto; A. M. Spear, Sgt., Boston, N.S.

FIRST GAME PLAYED IN Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY LEAGUE

LAC Jolley Starred When R.C.A.F. Station Team Beat Lancasters

Team from an R.C.A.F. station had defeated a Canadian squad from an R.A.F. Lancaster station 5-2 in the opening game of the district Hockey League.

The league is one of four R.C.A.F. groups operating in Britain. They are named, for security reasons, after the towns in which the games are played. Three other leagues are contemplated by the Y.M.C.A. sports officers, in charge of all overseas hockey for the R.C.A.F. and the Canadian Army.

There are six teams in the league which got under way first, including one from an R.C.A.F. night fighter squadron besides the one from Canada's first R.C.A.F. station overseas.

LAC H. C. Jolley, of Toronto, was the star of the opening game, with three goals and an assist. The Queen City more or less held the limelight in the scoring for P/O G. C. Semple, also of Toronto, got the opening tally, on a pass from Jolley, and gave the latter two more passes which meant goals and sewed up the game for the winners. To round it off LAC J. D. Lyttle, of London, Ont., netted one he received from the stick of LAC W. R. Zealand, of Coburg, Ont.

The orange-sweatered Lancaster outfit was fast but didn't show the combination of the Canadian station lads. Its big threats were Sgt. J. P. Kavanaugh, of Lake Lenore, Sask., who got a goal and an assist, and Sgt. H. E. J. Wilkinson, of Lachine, Que., and LAC R. C. Galbraith, of Winnipeg, who had an assist each.

The teams: Canadian Station: P/O O. C. Semple, Toronto; LAC H. C. Jolley, Toronto; Sgt. O. Waino, London, Ont.; Cpl. J. C. Baker, Toronto; LAC J. D. Lyttle, London, Ont.; LAC W. R. Zealand, Coburg, Ont.; Sgt. J. D. Barber, Toronto; Sgt. L. E. Deebank, Cornwall, Ont.; P/O W. H. Hewitt, Ormsby, Que.; Sgt. J. O. Morton, Fort William, Ont.

R.A.F. Lancasters: LAC M. E. McGowan, Vancouver; Sgt. J. P. Kavanaugh, Lake Lenore, Sask.; Sgt. E. Shaver, Ottawa; Sgt. H. R. A. Roche, Montreal; Sgt. V. P. B. Hill, St. Catharines, Ont.; LAC W. C. Galbraith, Winnipeg; Sgt. L. R. Whittemore, Cadillac, Sask.; Sgt. J. R. Ward, Woodstock, Ont.; Sgt. F. C. Weeks, Summerside, P.E.I.; Sgt. H. E. J. Wilkinson, Lachine, Que.; Sgt. A. Phil, Winnipeg; LAC T. D. McKenna, Farnia, Ont.; LAC O. D. Hewitt, Ormsby, Que. Referee: Sgt. A. L. Weller, Vancouver; Timekeeper: Sgt. Hugh Davidson, Fort Erie, Ont.; Canadian Station Coach: P. L. Jimmy Steele, Vancouver; R.A.F. Lancasters Coach: P/O A. H. Lerner, Winnipeg.

BROTHERS ON LEAVE

Howard and Jack Minchin, of Grande Prairie, Alta., are down from the north of Scotland on leave in London. They are radio mechanics, and have just been promoted corporals.

COMMISSIONED

The following have been appointed to commissioned rank, as announced by R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters:

Pilots.—H. R. Russell; D. G. Reid, D.F.M.; R. G. Middlemiss; A. T. Doucette; R. N. Earle; W. F. Kenwood; G. E. Molley; A. G. Hunter; C. E. Bennett; K. K. B. Geldner; L. T. Jackson; G. G. Bate; T. D. Wheeler; M. B. Stiebel; R. J. Bell; J. W. Belec; H. M. Laffamme; J. L. C. Brown; W. H. Duncan; N. D. Daggett; R. G. Fernyhough; W. M. Webb; G. H. T. Farquharson.

Navigators.—N. J. Lelshman; K. C. A. Smith; J. C. Kitchen; W. L. Dark.

Wireless Air Gunners.—F. C. Brooks; F. J. A. Cleverdon; H. A. Stazuk; C. D. Cooling; H. V. Spicer; J. V. Kelly; H. L. Crowe; J. H. Dunn; U. L. Brice; M. L. Usher; C. F. Jenkinson; G. L. Goodall; G. A. Paterson; M. P. Fraser; C. D. Perkins; C. S. Lenover; W. Moyle.

Air-Gunners.—W. A. Keogh; W. S. Tyler; F. W. Wade; R. J. Rioux; N. O. Cassibault; S. Bernard; J. A. B. Angers; C. C. Young; F. L. Cunningham; J. H. Stewart.

FREE SMOKES

If you can produce definite proof that you're posted overseas, there are 500 Canadian cigarettes waiting for you at Auxiliary Services, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, London. Besides smokes you can also get knitted comforts in the way of scarves, mitts, socks, balaclavas, and pyjamas. With regard to cigarettes, the amount issued to personnel posted overseas depends entirely on the supply. Last week, the offer stood at 1,000.

FLIER SAVED AS HE FALLS

DesRoches Almost Lost as His Wellington Shakes Pursuers

One of the crews of the three R.C.A.F. squadrons which carried out a daylight raid last week on North-west Germany had a harrowing adventure to report upon their return.

Three enemy fighters attacked the bomber simultaneously. It was only 300 feet up at the time. The wireless operator, now in hospital, fell to the floor of the aircraft, severely wounded in leg and body by cannon fire. The navigator, F/O Paul DesRoches, a Montrealer and himself slightly wounded, came back through the aircraft to bandage his comrade.

"Suddenly I slipped and fell against the hatch," said F/O DesRoches. "It opened and I went through—as my pal reached out his hand and held me. It gave me a second to realize what had happened, and I scrambled back. I think all the blood was drained back to my heart."

Four French Canadians and an Englishman make up this crew which belong to the new French-Canadian squadron. The skipper, P/O Ted Doucette, of Sudbury, Ont., swerved the bomber to starboard and the rear-gunner, Sgt. Pierre Trudeau, of St. Donat, Que., poured a burst into the leading Nazi pursuer. As it spiralled down, trailing black smoke, Doucette regained control of the battered bomber and climbed into the clouds. It went on to bomb its target, while the boys inside made their wounded pal as comfortable as possible.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

LAW Toffemire, of Arner, Ont., again makes the headlines this week. It appears she was walking home one night with one of her girl friends whom she usually holds on to quite tightly. Somehow she slipped and made a forced landing in the sewer, knocking three other pedestrians down at the same time. Maybe you should get yourself a pair of specs. Toffy, but three is not bad for a start anyway!

It comes to our ears that one LAW Eva Pickering, who calls Richard's Landing, Ont., home, refuses to have a drink unless a maraschino cherry is swimming around in it. Nothing like being particular, they say—is that where you got the nickname Cherrie? Oh, yes, by the way, who was that we saw you step out of a taxi with the other morning? Surely our eyes couldn't deceive us—wonders will never cease.

Have noticed Cpl. Helen Cotterill, of Hamilton, very closely watching the mail (spelled either way) these past few days. Couldn't be that she is expecting anyone from Canada—or could it? Just ask her!

Congratulations to Cpl. Mary Ward, of Shawinigan Falls, Que., who is now wearing a third hook, which makes her one first W.D. sergeant overseas. Don't you think you should do something about getting those new hooks christened, Serg.?

LAW Lynn Kendall, of Toronto, is on a week's leave. Have a good time, Kenny, but don't do anything we wouldn't.

Advertisement for the movie 'The War Against Mrs. Hadley' featuring Mrs. Hadley, too, will make history. She is a great entertainer with something to say, the voice of America awakening through gunfire. It is superior to many a million-dollar epic—a memorable entertainment. ERNEST BETTS, Daily & Sunday Express. Mr. Betts is referring, of course, to his previous prediction that 'Mrs. Miniver' would conquer picturegoers throughout the world. She did. And 'Mrs. Hadley' is doing the same. 2nd WEEK. The War Against Mrs. Hadley. with Edward ARNOLD, Fay BANTER, RICHARD BRY, JEAN ROGERS, SARA ALLOTT, VAN JOHNSON, SPRING BYINGTON, Etc., Etc. Directed by Harold S. Bucquet. Produced by Irving Asher (U.S.). EMPIRE LIC. SO.

GYPSY SQUADRON

By LAO J. SEELEY

THE weekly Quiz contests conducted by Charlie Rodgers of the Canadian "Y" in the comfortable "Y" hut, are very popular. The cigarette prizes are keenly contested for by our English cousins in particular, who turn out en masse along with a goodly number of the Canucks.

Glad to see Jones back in the Armoury again. His six month hospitalisation and convalescence, we agree, must have been a very trying period. It is reported that he took £40 on leave with him a few weeks ago. What he lost in weight he gained in a financial way apparently!

Now that the break period has come into its own again, the boys who do without breakfast can now break their fast before noon. The advent of the "Y" and "NAAFI" vans around the perimeter are welcome amenities to our Station life. It is recommended that the NAAFI serve only singleton orders to men lined up in the institute line.

Speaking of finance (which is about all we can do), news of advances of deferred pay for leave periods is most welcome. We predict that Scotland will, for the first time in history, lose out to London to Canadian air-men on leave.

Eade, the temperamental Corporal in charge of the Squadron's most important section, the Mail Department, continues to do a good job of work. His recent leave was in anticipation of an extremely busy Christmas season (we hope!). We don't wish you any hard luck, Corp, but we hope you're worked to a frazzle!

The Adj's recent dissertation on the conservation of "Paper, Airmen, for the use of," was a

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

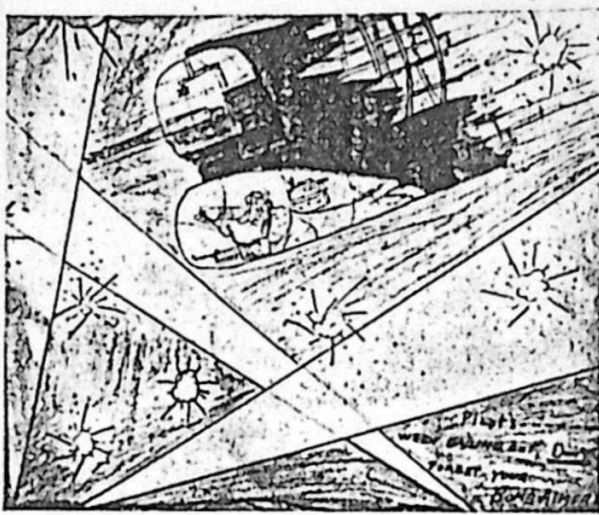
most delicately handled discourse, and one which would have done justice to Emily Post. . . Almost! We are reminded of a remark made by one of the men several months ago, with reference to "everything from the Vancouver Sun to the Halifax Daily Mail."

HOCKEY PROSPECTS

THE hockey season is under way, so far as this outfit, and a brother Canadian Spitfire squadron on the same station are concerned. An hour's work-out on a nearby rink one morning last week proved promising and great things are expected of the combined team of the two units in the forthcoming season.

The sky blue ladder of promotion is out again, and the week saw three scale the giddy heights: P/O R. M. "Rusty" Bragg, of Calgary, squadron engineer officer, was highest up to make a move to flying officer, while below, side by side, jumped Cpls. Fred Potts, of Montreal, and W. E. "Bill" Worrall, of London, Ont., straight into the sergeants' mess. Congratulations all around.

Kit Inspection LAC Henry G. Bellingham, of



By Sgt. Johnny Karloff.

Calgary, has been recalled from a recent attachment to another squadron to be posted to an ecenlon and, to replace him in the wireless section, comes LAC A. L. Bergeron, from a belle province de Quebec. Good show.

And of purely local interest: LAC C. E. "Charlie" Tetreault, of Montreal, has taken to heart the accolade "fightingest squadron" once given our unit—the tune of a "T"-shaped (his initial) cut on the forehead requiring a stitch and an eye conservatively described as "a beaut." LAC Johnny C. Baxter, of Vancouver, has belied his appreciable girth by finding his liquid capacity, which was considerable, but not enough.

MALLOY'S NINE WIN

DEFENSIVE strength of S/L "Nobby" Fee's softball team gave way in spite of the good work of their pitcher, Cpl. Bill Dasher, of Bridgeview, Surrey, Ont., and they lost 15-4 to S/L "Bud" Malloy's nine.

LAC Harry Fields, of Toronto, pitched a good game for the winners and batted strongly. The players from the squadron commanded by S/L Fee, D.F.C., qualified to play Malloy's outfit by scoring an impressive 11-2 victory. Bill Dasher played a big part in their win. AC L. A. Dale, of Shawville, caught a splendid game for the losers.

Line-up of the winners included: Cpl. W. R. Cain, Baigoni, Sask.; LAC Fern Delangis, Montreal; LAC J. C. McLaren, Vancouver; Cpl. W. G. Fleming, Halifax; LAC D. H. Good, Nanaimo; LAC R. H. Rixon, Courtney, B.C.; LAC A. P. Gorman, Toronto; and P/O O. R. Brown, Palmer, Sask.

Losers: LAC A. C. Reading, Toronto; LAC W. C. Clark, Radisson; Cpl. J. L. Barr, London, Ont.; LAC G. E. Powley, Weyburn, Sask.; Sgt. N. F. J. Galloway, Calgary; LAC D. H. Burns, Ottawa; LAC J. G. Pratt, Montreal.

LACs Bernie Winger and Dave Walmsley, both of Loughheed, Alta., met for the first time in two years in Beaver Club environs last week. The boys should know each other quite well. Bernie used to be in the class Dave taught in public school.

Wright used to be printer, photographer and General Pandrum on the "Ayr News" (Ontario). He hopes to take up news photography when he returns.

M. U. in Wales We understand LAC Hector Otto got lost in the fog a few days ago. Yes, it was dark, and "Hee" had company.

The Canadians paid a visit en masse, i.e. six of them, to a dance around here last week. A good time was had by all!!! LACs Don Northrup and Keith "Chieffe" Murray are heading south for 9 days' leave. London and Hayes, Middlesex, are their two main calling points, 'tis said.

After 19 months in the R.C.A.F. (12 over here) and eight months in the reserve at home, LAC Harry Sayers has finally got his "calling-up papers." As they were dated September 17, 1942, and gave only three days in which to report, Harry is wondering if they'll come over here for him. . . he hopes. If he has to report for training, no doubt he'll volunteer for the Air Force as a radio mech.

LAC Percy Passmore has a very stiff leg. It seems that coming to work 'tother morning his bike started to buck and, although a westerner, Percy "bit the dust"—or was it gravel? Anyway, he's "Peg-leg Pete" for a few days now.

Our little party was quite a success with 14 in attendance and LACs Bond, Webster, Sellors and Freeman "pouring." We'll say no more, for we all helped a little.

Tops of recent gatherings, though, was when eight Canadians enjoyed (and we do mean enjoyed) tea and supper at the home of a Mr. and Mrs. Munro nearby. Mrs. Munro is a faithful worker at our favourite V.V.S. canteen, and to say we had one of our best evenings in England is no understatement. So here, in writing, is our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Munro.

Well, I'm getting short of wind, so cheerio (I mean so long) for this week.

ON LEAVE

AFTER 70 operational flights in Beaufighters, Sgt. Pilot Lloyd Ripley, of River Philip, N.S., says he still would sooner fly a Beau than do anything else. He is just winding up a leave spent in Bristol.

We ran into wireless mechanic LAC Windy Wyndham, of Montreal, at the Beaver Club 'tother day. Windy was sitting unsteadily but happily in a cloud of smoke from a tattered cigar. Windy had been celebrating a reunion with his old friend Lennie Silver, of the R.C.A. He sends regards to Buddy Hellyer, one of the R.C.A.F.'s famed "Kraut Line" which won the Allen Cup last year.

LACs "Ginge" Davidson, of Georgetown, Ont., and Lyn Hawley, of Sutton, Que., spent part of their leave together in London. Then Lyn went a-visiting friends in Nottingham.

Just through O.T.U., Sgt. WOP-AG A. R. Ross, of Vancouver, now knows all about the innards of Wellingtons and Halifaxes, and Bomber Command has plans for him.

Sgt-AG Fred Ralph, who hails from the town of Syracuse in the States, expects a Coastal Command posting after winding up a four-day leave. Fred did "rather similar flying in Canada" for some months.

"I'VE been training English soldiers in glider flying," Sgt. Pilot Slim Moore, of Nanapanee, Ont., told this reporter, "and they're a good bunch. These airborne soldiers are anything but softies." The sergeant would like to

hear from Howard Connor, also from back home in Nanapanee. The address is "Care of R.C.A.F. Base Post Office," Connor.

"Boston bomber raids under cover of a fighter umbrella are good fun." We have the word of Sgt. Pilot G. W. Russell, of Red Deer, Alta., for it.

Sgt. AG Stan McPhadden, Bountyn, Sask., is a puzzle to us. Asked where he was putting in his leave, he replied, "The Captain's Cabin." (Plug for local nitery.) Then we asked him if he had married over here and he answered: "No, I'm really the quiet type." The man was serious, too.

His pal, Sgt. AG Jack Guymor, of London, Ontario, had bad luck on his leave. His entire kit disappeared while on a railroad journey, and Jack had to wear battledress for the rest of his holiday.

The boys spent their leave together, along with Sgt. WAG

Heward Peters, of Springdale, Nfld. They are all members of the same squadron. Sgt. Tommy MacPhail, a WOP-AG, who knows his way around Hudsons, Liberators and Catalinas, used to be a cub reporter on the Ottawa Journal. Tommy wrote the obituaries and telephoned the hospitals and fire stations, which job is where many another future news magnate began.

P/O Owen Smith, of Elmvale, Ont., would like to hear from P/O M. McIver, an observer chum. A former prospector and miner of the Yukon, Bob Westman, of Kenniston, Sask., is now a sergeant-pilot in a Wellington squadron. Bob has two brothers, George and Jim, in the Saskatchewan Light Infantry, and another, Bill, in the Royal Canadian Engineers. Yes, he intends to hit the north country trails again some day.

Another Coastal Command flyer, Sgt. AG Eddie Dubroy, of Ottawa, has just come through a spell with Whitleys. Eddie wants either Jerry or Wilf McEwan, of the R.C.A.S.C., to drop him a line.

Advertisement for Phillips' Dental Magnesia toothpaste. The ad features a large illustration of a tube of toothpaste and the text: "Now on sale in the Canteen", "Your 'regular' Toothpaste", and "Phillips' Dental Magnesia". It also includes the slogan "CONTAINS OVER 75% MILK OF MAGNESIA".

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WITH RADIO MECHS

LACs Bernie Winger and Dave Walmsley, both of Loughheed, Alta., met for the first time in two years in Beaver Club environs last week. The boys should know each other quite well. Bernie used to be in the class Dave taught in public school.

Asked what the lure of London was for him, Bernie darkly told us he "wouldn't like to say."

Dave visited Leeds as well, to round off his leave.

Another radio mech, seen wandering around the provinces is LAC Sid Denyer, who has been looking up friends in Grimsby. He comes from Belleville, Ont., a civilian suburb of Trenton and Mountainview air stations.

Last week LAC Beecher Watson, Grand Falls, N.B., reunited with Army buddies in Hastings.

A one-time radio serviceman, LAC Hugh Belth has found it a cinch to adapt himself to radio mech. work, expects to find it just as easy to re-adapt himself to his old work when the last curtain rings down on the Big Show.

LAC Harold Mason, a Torontonian, swears by the Lady Ryder voluntary hospitality service. They fixed him up with splendid hosts on his recent visit to Stratford-on-Avon, hometown of the Great Man of show business.

Advertisement for Palmolive shaving cream. The ad features a large illustration of a Palmolive shaving cream can and the text: "WHISKERS WIPED OUT BY THE OLIVE OIL SHAVE", "Palmolive shaving cream", and "Multiplies itself 250 times in creamy, strong-bubble lather that lasts at least 10 minutes; softens the beard in one minute; holds bristles erect for shaving. Still contains its generous pre-war quantity of skin-soothing olive oil. But—all glycerine is now needed for munitions. So there's none in Palmolive Shaving Cream and it may dry up unless you KEEP LID FIRMLY CLOSED 1/8 & 2/8 including Tax."

DISPOSAL CENTRE

CONGRATULATIONS to F/S H. S. Thompson on his well-earned promotion from the rank of sergeant. "Tommy," senior N.C.O. of the Accounts Section, has been over here again on to three years. Being a son of Edmonton, he longs for one of those crispy cold western days. Sgt. E. G. Steeves, a "blue-nose" from Moncton and the N.C.O. i/c H.Q. Orderly Room—and also spending his third winter over here—is the only member of our staff who is wedded to an English lass. What's more, she's a W.A.A.F. Another old-timer is Sgt. R. K. Whimsatt, wardmaster at ye olde butcher shoppe—Station Sick Quarters. "Wimpy," a gentleman from Toronto, wants to become a master of the keyboard. So far, his practising has resulted only in the evacuation of his mess-fellows.

On Sunday, October 25, our unit had its first station dance, due to the good work of our entertainment committee. We also had a variety show starring Cpl. "Jonah" Jones, R.A.F., who sang his way into the hearts of the audience; Cpl. Bassett-Spiers, whose fan-dance was nothing short of terrific; LAC Al. Itzenc, the one-man band who specialises in "Turkey in the Straw"; and F/L Perry Seaborn, whose antics at the piano were refreshing. The academy award goes to "Famous Players," who showed us what not to do while appearing before the public. Cast consisted of W/C H. J. Burden, F/L Seaborn, W/O Mike Berenson, Sgt. "Lil' Abner" Griffiths, R.A.F., Cpls. Power, Jones and Bassett-Spiers and LAC O'Neill.

DEMONS BLAST

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waves as it tried to get back to its base. Pilot of the second Hudson was F/Sgt. R. C. Dalgleish, of Comber, Ont. Some distance away F/S Ferguson, of Halifax, was fighting it out with the remaining Arado, and as the two other Hudsons turned they saw an aircraft plunge into the sea. Thinking it was the Hudson they flew back to base and reported that "S" would not return. However, the Arado had gone into the sea, and Ferguson, out for blood, went on to attack an enemy merchant vessel. His aircraft was damaged by flak and he had to land away from his home air-drome.

The duties of master of ceremony were kicked about between W/O Mike Berenson and LAC Johnny O'Neill. Due to the inclement weather the audience stayed for the entire performance.

Wednesday, October 28, our unit played host to the celebrated R.A.F. Dance Band, the "Squadronaires." After an excellent two-hour concert, the guys and gals took to the floor for a bit of rug-cutting. Among our guests were some 50 A.T.S. lassies and a mixed contingent of sailor folk. Sunday, November 1, we spent the evening at home, whiling away the hours with a touch of "houey-houey" and dancing.

Wonder whether our social aspirations will result in our ceasing to sip our tea from saucers?



Surrounded by trophies from some of the 29 enemy aircraft which he has destroyed this summer, P/O George Frederick "Screwball" Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. and Bar, was in a R.A.F. hospital somewhere in England. Beurling has just returned from Malta after escaping uninjured from a crash at Gibraltar in which several of the other occupants of the aircraft in which he was a passenger were killed. (R.C.A.F. Official Photograph.)

HEADQUARTERS

LAST week there was a corporal in the accounts section who very nearly became a sergeant, although it took the co-operation of many departments to convince him. First of all, Corporal, that repayment voucher was a phoney. F/S Cameron will tell you that "chevrons blue three bar" are not issued on repayment. You hesitated a little when you had them sewn on before D.R.O.s came out. However, Corporal, you proved that you could take it, and even though your heart was breaking you tore up the voucher, took the three down and told Cameron you didn't want the d— things anyway. If H.Q. wants to stay out of the cellar in the hockey league this winter they'd better hitch up their pants. Only fourteen men turned out for the practice last Sunday. With only a few more practices before the league starts we have about three men who show promise. So let's all give the next practice our full support.

We saw a cigar walking down the hall the other day—a big cigar. It was at least a fifteen-cener. Walking behind the stogie, a bit unsteadily, but nevertheless manfully, was LAC Maitland.

Our Service Police Informant informs us that Cpl. Harbinson is looking for a good pair of running shoes. Said shoes could help him balance his budget, for suddenly Harbinson found himself two-pound-ten short last week. What you need, Harbinson, is more grape nuts, not running shoes.

Three more boys from Headquarters will be spreading their wings in the near future. They are Sgt. Cummings, Collins and Joubarne, who successfully passed the air crew board last week. Collins and Cummings are trying out for pilots, while Joubarne is up for air-gunner.

In a recent poll in the United States, the word "I" is used over the telephone more than any other in the English language. We'll bet that the most overworked phrase in the M.T. Section is "Have you got a 658?"

WEDDINGS

VAN GUEN—COLEMAN.—AC Kenneth Van Guen, of Montreal, and Miss Beryl Coleman, of Birmingham, were married on Sunday. The wedding was the culmination of a childhood romance which took place thirteen years ago when Ken visited England with his father. They didn't see each other again until a few months ago, when they met at the bedside of Ken's brother, who was recuperating from a crash. The wedding took place in Birmingham, and Van Guen's gift to his bride was a gold watch flown over from Canada by a ferry pilot friend. MOSLEY—FOX.—P/O William B. Mosley, of London, Ont., was recently married to Miss Sue Fox, of Nottingham. The wedding took place in the 18th century village church at Coleby Grange. Best man was P/O Ben Brooks, of Longueuil, Que. The ceremony was attended by G/C Ernest McNab, D.F.C., and W/C Paul Davoud. A miniature Beaufighter decorated the wedding cake at the reception.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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MARBLE ARCH PAVILION, May. 8112. NOEL COWARD'S IN WHICH WE SERVE (U) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3 to 8.30.

LARGE DRAFT

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Nations air contingent, predominantly Canadian, was Group Captain J. C. Malone, of Regina, who is at present stationed at Halifax in his capacity of C.O. of No. 11 Movements Group of the R.C.A.F. Second in command was S/L M. Jones, of Montreal. Besides air and ground crew newly posted overseas, a sprinkling of old-timers included W/C A. C. P. Clayton, D.F.C., and Bar, of Victoria, former commander of an R.C.A.F. medium bomber squadron; P/O J. G. Robillard, D.F.M., of Montreal, a

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ODEON, Leicester Sq. Whl. 6111. HENRY FONDA, LYNN BARR, DON AMECHE in THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE with Edward Everett Horton. Friday next: Flanagan and Allen in WE'LL SMILE AGAIN
PARAMOUNT, Tottenham Court Rd. ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY? (U), Ray Milland, Betty Field. THE FLEET'S IN (U), Dorothy Lamour, Wm. Holden, Eddie Bracken. Commencing Sun., Nov. 15: Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in WHO DONE IT? (A), THE GREAT IMPERSONATION (U).
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CANADIANS IN WEST AFRICA P/O Gunn Has 300 Hours in Flying Boat as Observer

Back from West Africa while his aircraft undergoes an overhaul, P/O Observer L. I. Gunn, of Eden, Man., now has 300 operational hours in his log book. He has been enjoying some leave in London. To date he has no action to report. He has however, run into some other Canadians in the sector of the war-front in which he is stationed. Three fellow observers in West Africa with him were F/O Coons, from Ontario, F/S M. E. Taylor, and, F/S MacIntosh. A Canadian doctor, S/L Robinson, serving with the R.A.F., and a Montreal radio man F/O G. Nadeau, are other Canadians he has run into. P/O Gunn describes the swimming as the best he has ever had. The water is warm, about 80 degrees, and there is quite a surf. For the most part the men have to make their own amusement. Gunn is taking back some rugby and softball equipment with him. Some hunting is done, and the C/O has bagged a crocodile, though Gunn himself says he's had no luck. Most of the food is canned. The country is tropical, but the heat is not unbearable.

Other instructors looking forward to overseas action included: F/Ls J. C. Hebert, Montreal; D. A. Weir, Montreal; W. S. Quint, Calgary; H. C. Tronnor, Charlottetown; Paul Richer, Montreal; I. A. March, St. John's, Nfld.; A. E. Spurr, Halifax; A. C. Coles, Vancouver; A. J. Lewington, Oshawa; D. K. MacKay, Goderich; G. E. Bould, Halifax; F/Os W. L. Marr, Vancouver; Carl Wilson, Lindsay, Ont.; R. B. Fraser, Halifax; K. A. Jones, Edmonton; J. W. Rutherford, Calgary; L. Foster, Grimby, Ont.; A. M. Tooley, Winnipeg; K. McElnain, Brandon; W. M. Johnson, Ottawa; H. K. Hayward, St. John, N.B.; D. R. Drummond, Montreal; E. W. Clarke, Edmonton; K. A. Jones, Toronto; J. C. Elliott, Toronto; and K. R. Munro, New Glasgow, N.S.; Warrant Officers M. A. Marcoux, Quebec; W. G. O'Hagan, Montreal; F/S H. Hasle, Saskatoon, and Sgt. W. H. Boswell, Toronto.

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