



## R.C.A.F. Algerian Internees are Freed

### SIX HAVE RETURNED TO GREAT BRITAIN

Anglo-American Occupation of N. Africa Brought About Their Release From French Confinement

#### EFFORTS TO ESCAPE ALWAYS THWARTED

ANGLO-AMERICAN occupation of North Africa meant the release from prison in Algiers of six R.C.A.F. internees. The six are: F/O Roy Green, of Montreal; P/O Jack Hardy, of Winnipeg; Sgt. W. W. Chisholm, of London, Ont.; Sgt. J. D. Shanahan, of Toronto; F/O L. J. Rymal, of Leamington, Ont.; and Sgt. Jimmy Templeton, of St. John's, Nfld.

Gone for ever are any romantic dreams they may have had of desert glamour. Instead, they are left with the memories of hot days and cold nights, poor food, inadequate water for washing and drinking, monotonous hours, with no recreational facilities and punishments for abortive efforts to escape.

#### Welcome Tidings

F/O Green and F/O Hardy told of how the welcome tidings came to them over a B.B.C. broadcast on the radio; the prison's lone luxury. The news was immediately put into the little news-sheet which was sent to patients in the hospital. The Camp Commandant flatly refused news and insisted that a senior Allied officer sign the communique before it was distributed. He and the French guards were afraid to listen to the B.B.C. While flying over Bizerta, Hardy and Green were attacked by a nightfighter. They picked out a small lake and forced landed. Eight and a half hours later the French picked them up and took them to hospital.

They eventually reached an internment camp at Laghouat, 225 miles due south of Algiers. The camp was 2 1/2 acres in size and housed 400 men.

#### Food Bad

"Our food," recounted Green, "consisted of a cup of alleged coffee at 6 a.m., a bowl of thin macaroni soup, a few lentils at 11 a.m., and another bowl of the same soup and a piece of meat at 5.30 p.m. Most of the chaps refused the meat as it was so bad they couldn't swallow it."

Hardy especially wanted to thank the Red Cross for the parcels, without which he did not know how they could have carried on.

Escape was always uppermost in the prisoners' minds. The whole camp participated in the work for one escape, and the work lasted for seven months. They worked night and day on a tunnel, and when it was completed 29 of them made a break, but were all rounded up in three days.

According to Sgt. Worth W. Chisholm, the desert nomads made a business of collecting rewards for the capture of escaping prisoners. They knew their desert well, and soon tracked the escapees down in the barren wastelands. Some of the boys had been in confinement for two years.

Chisholm's arrival in the Algerian internment camp was the result of a forced landing in the sea. A French fishing

#### "BULLY" HAS A BEEF

The most-jailed member of W/C W. W. Bean's squadron to date is "Bully," English bulldog mascot. Recently he climbed on a bus at the camp gate and, after spending the day transferring around the countryside, ended up in a cell about 15 miles away. After a series of frantic telegrams, a lat-man was sent to fetch him, and "Bully" was so excited to see a friendly face that he spilled the ink on the police sergeant's desk in a wild jump at his rescuer. The fine of sixpence has not yet been paid.

boat picked them up, but would not take them into the boat; instead, the Frenchmen towed their dinghy to shore.

Sgt. Jimmy Templeton spent 15 days in cells for an attempted escape. He worked on the tunnel mentioned by Hardy and Green. Electricity for night work was secured by stealing wire and running an extension from the barrack block to the Sgt. Chisholm tunnel.

They got safely through the tunnel to the desert, but their absence was soon discovered, and Arab guards took up the chase in pursuit of the escapees and the reward of 1,000 francs for each prisoner's return, dead or alive.

The cells punishment was severe. They were not allowed water to drink, wash or shave for five days, and their beds consisted of the softest piece of a cement floor they could find. The news of the Allied occupation came to them on November 3, and on Friday the 13th—"anything but an unlucky day"—they set off for Algiers, arriving back in England on November 23, just 15 days after the occupation.

#### OSHAWA XMAS GIFTS TO CHADBURN'S UNIT

Word that gifts of cigarettes and boxes of food are on their way from the people of Oshawa has been received by S/L Lloyd Chadburn, D.F.C., of Aurora, commanding officer of the R.C.A.F. fighter unit which has been adopted by the Motor City. In a cable from Mayor W. H. Gifford the adoption of the overseas Spitfire squadron by the city was confirmed.

"Ten thousand cigarettes and 190 boxes all addressed to you for distribution. Best of luck," read the message in part.

The legend "City of Oshawa" is being painted on the aircraft of the squadron in honour of the adopted city. Timed to arrive as Christmas gifts, the parcels from Canada are eagerly awaited by the members of the squadron, who come from every part of Canada.



Sgt. J. D. Shanahan, of Toronto, and F/O L. J. Rymal, of Leamington, Ont., find these chairs in England more comfortable than those they had in the internment camp in which they were confined in Algeria. Along with other British and Canadian internees they were released with the Anglo-American occupation of North Africa. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

### THREE MORE CANUCKS HONoured THIS WEEK

Badly Hurt, Sgt. Bruyere Grabbed Comrade Who Fell Out

"On 6th November, 1942," reads the latest Air Ministry citation to be released, "P/O Alexander Doucette and Sgt. George Bruyere were captain and wireless operator respectively of an aircraft detailed to attack an objective in N.W. Germany in daylight.

"On the outward flight the aircraft was attacked by three enemy fighters. Sgt. Bruyere was seriously injured, sustaining a broken leg and wounds in the chest, arm, forehead and left hand. A member of the crew, going to his assistance, stepped on the escape hatch and fell through, but Sgt. Bruyere caught him and assisted him back to safety.

"When the engagement with the enemy aircraft was terminated, P/O Doucette flew on and attacked his target. On the return journey Sgt. Bruyere, despite his critical condition, advised his colleagues on the operation of his wireless equipment.

"In extremely difficult circumstances both P/O Doucette and Sgt. Bruyere displayed indomitable courage and unwavering devotion to duty."

Doucette, who comes from Sudbury, Ont., has been awarded the D.F.C. while Bruyere, a Montrealeur, has gained the D.F.M.

Another D.F.M. winner, F/S Thomas Templeman, of Edmonton, "was the captain of an aircraft which attacked an objective in the Rhineland one night in June, 1942. On the return flight his aircraft was attacked by two Ju. 88's and severely damaged. In most hazardous circumstances, this airman displayed great fortitude," according to the official citation.

#### AID FOR THE AIDER

Here's a note of bitter irony. Cpl. Philip C. Curry, of Ottawa, electrician in the premier Canadian fighter squadron, was severely burned about the hands one recent Saturday afternoon.

Though in hospital, where he'll be for some time, he had already made sufficient progress in two days to see the point of a good joke played on him by Fate.

Monday morning's mail brought, from his late employers in Hull, Que., a large envelope containing a certificate of proficiency in all of things, First Aid to the Injured!

#### GRIDIRON FINAL IS TO BE BROADCAST

It looks as if the R.C.A.F. will be Dominion Rugby champions this year whatever way you look at it. On Saturday two R.C.A.F. teams will clash for the all-Canada championship. The eastern Toronto Hurricanes will meet the western Winnipeg Bombers at Toronto. The game will be broadcast on Sunday at 2.15 over the Forces wave-length instead of the usual National Hockey League game.

#### POWELL BEST TRAIN BUSTER

Train Busting Team of Powell and Tape Broken Up

Last week P/O L. W. "Pip-squak" Powell, of Edmonton, added four more to his total of enemy locomotives shot up. That total now stands at 16, all scored recently.

Powell spotted his first two trains in a marshalling yard in occupied France. Despite heavy flak he closed in and attacked successfully with cannon and machine guns. Coming out, he discovered two more locomotives and attacked from a low level.

This score makes him the leading Canadian fighter pilot in this particular type of attack on enemy transportation, a type which was carried out with particular intensity in recent months.

On many of his exploits Powell was accompanied by Sgt. W. H. "Bill" Tape, of Lethbridge, Alberta. The movement of Tape from S/L J. C. "Knobby" Fee's squadron broke up the team which was becoming known as specialists in "train busting." Tape had taken part in 10 train busting operations and had completed 40 hours of operational flying before being posted to the Middle East, where he arrived recently.

### SOLOES AFTER FEW HOURS

After some hours' dual instruction at an English E.F.T.S., Sgt. Lyon Kay, of Westmount, Montreal, soloed. He had hoped to become an operational fighter pilot, but now he is to be posted straight to a special course for the training of instructors.

Up until a few months ago, Lyon Kay was an exceptionally capable flier on S/L Keith Hodson's R.C.A.F. fighter squadron. He had been trying to re-muster to air crew even before leaving Canada, but the authorities would not release tradesmen for flying duties at that time.

Sgt. Kay had been in the air before he re-mustered to air crew, but as a passenger. F/L Ian Ormiston, D.F.C., and S/L Vaughan Corbett, D.F.C., used to take him up for flips in the squadron "Maggie."

Sgt. Kay also gave credit for his solo performance to his Fleet Air Arm instructor, who gave him every encouragement and assistance.

### DEVASTATION SHOWN IN GENOA RAID FILM

Canucks Who Were There Saw Newsreel, "Live" Raid Over Again

Nearly a fortnight after taking part in a raid on Genoa two R.C.A.F. members of a Lancaster crew made the same trip again, getting a greater thrill out of the second trip than they did out of the first.

It happened this way. On Sunday, November 15, Sgt. Erwin E. Osler, a bomb-aimer from Regina, and F/S Paul Fortin, wireless operator, of Flin Flon, Man., and Montreal, flew with a raiding bomber to Genoa. They had a cameraman of the R.A.F. Film Unit along that night, formerly a cameraman in a British film studio. He and his camera were fitted into the underside of the Lancaster.

Throughout the raid he took shots of the devastation below, and so good were the pictures he obtained that they were released in London newsreels this week and are to be given a world-wide showing.

On the day they were released the two Canadians in the crew with which the cameraman flew were on leave in London and had the unusual experience of repeating the raid.

### ITALIAN TOWN BOMBED AGAIN ON SATURDAY

R.C.A.F. Crews Say Damage Is Bigger Even Than Previous Week's

#### TWENTY HUGE FIRES

Bigger fires than after previous week's raid on the same target were left burning in Turin by R.A.F. bombers on Saturday night's raid, according to R.C.A.F. air crew taking part in the operation with R.A.F. squadrons.

Flying through thick cloud over France, the big bombers met clear weather over Italy and readily identified their target through smoke clouds.

One Halifax crew, captained by Sgt. Jack Bissett, of Winnipeg, included four other Canadians, Sgt. Bob White, of Perth, Ont., the navigator; Sgt. Frank Zulauf, of Millerton, Ont., bomb-aimer; Sgt. Leo McKinnon, of Favelstoke, B.C., the wireless operator, and Sgt. R. A. Shannon, of Winnipeg, the rear-gunner.

#### Great Trip

"It was a great trip," said Bissett, who wears a rabbit's foot charm received from his father recently, and who has made three operational trips. "We didn't have any trouble with our engines, and we didn't have to wait for our parachutes. Their flares were already lighting up the city. As we came over the Alps we also saw the flashes of the first bomb bursts."

"Incendiaries were dropping all over, almost in a pattern like the spokes of a wheel. By the time we left they had started at least twenty huge fires. After dropping our own bombs, we made a circuit of the city to look it over through the heavy smoke pall. Light and heavy flak were pouring up."

"We saw whole rows of buildings on fire, seething as though they were bubbling with molten metal," said White.

"I got a shock while pressing my face against the perspex for a good look, when flak recalled by a few inches away," recalled Shannon.

"As I watched the pictures I thought I was doing the run all over again. It was a real thrill," said Sgt. Osler. "I felt like getting up and yelling that the pictures had been taken from our 'kite.'"

The shots are clear and steady, except as the big bomber turned to make her run on the target. Streets are clearly visible in the glow of many fires in the first glimpse. Bombs can be seen falling away to earth. Searchlights stab up like white-hot poker and ack-ack fire, while not plane, is clearly visible. The plane turns to make the bombing run, steadies away and goes dead for the target. A stick of bombs falls gracefully away to end in a terrific explosion. As the bomber turns away, the blazing city passes from the camera's eye.

The picture is run through three times, first at normal speed, then slowly, and once again to show how swift and concentrated is the work of Bomber Command. It is rounded off by shots showing the bomber warming up and taking off, natural sound effects, a view of the mountains en route and explanatory commentary. Under the circumstances, the thrill the two Canadians got out of seeing it the opening day can be imagined.

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WITH RADIO MECHS

In town celebrating the birth of a daughter, Karen, LAC Clarke Ross, of Toronto, told us he intended to stay with radio after the war.

Another confirmed crystal-set gazer, LAC Reg Batchelor, used to report on a Trenton paper. "But I'll stick to radio," he says.

LAC Bill McKim, of Niagara Falls, who made this column last week, returns to it on account of his leave being extended to 14 days after he had returned to his station.

Sugar words are right for LAC Thomas, of Sudbury, and "half a dozen other towns," who has just clicked for aircrew.

LAC Lloyd Christoff, Roblin, Man., has been in town taking a course and having "a helluva good time."

An ex-bank clerk, LAC Tom Kennedy, High River, Alta., is the first of the few we have met who intend going back to the game.

LAC Bernie Kennedy, a Montrealer, and no relation to Tom, bears a name that should be familiar to airmen from the Canadian metropolis.

Wiltshire M.U. Main item of news this week is the claim of our section C.O. that he dislocated his jaw eating a Naan "wad."

We call Gordie McPhee and Johnny Strain the Katzenjammer Kids. Like their comic-strip originals, Gordie is fair-haired and Johnny dark, and they are inseparable friends.

LAC Johnny Strain made quite an impression on the Edinburgh lassies on his last long leave. He hints that he left several broken hearts.

LAC Don Wilson is a most ingenious R.M. He has invented a contraption which enables him to turn out the lights while in bed. Now he is working on a device to wake him up in the morning.

LAC Ken Summers hopes Jake Sobiech, of Preston, has improved his bridge for the trip home. The same goes, he says, for Jack Stanley.

LAC Ken Sread has gone down to Bushev, Herts, on a "48." He is visiting relatives of friends in Canada.

M.U. in Wales Our friend LAC Vance Webster has left us for the pre-commissioning course and our party for him seemed a real success.

LACs Bill Sellers and Joe Freeman are the latest boys to be enticed southward to London for leave. No doubt H.Q. will have seen them by the time this appears in print and the duo will be richer, temporarily, as a result of their visit.

LAC Keith Knox saw the request from his friends Bob Monk, Red Moody and the "ubiquitous" Eason in last week's Wings Abroad. He requests that they write him c/o Base P.O. as he has been moved from his previous address to this M.U.

That's all I have to contribute this week, but a couple of the chaps thought the following P.S. should be added. LAC Percy Passmore is the actual contributor. In my opinion, the same goes for him in the following paragraph:

P.S.—Our reporter (thanks, Percy, that takes me back to "Civvy Street") has been seen in public with a civilian lady (thanks again, Percy, she is a lady). We wonder if he's extending his staff and starting a column for "Advice to the Love-lorn," etc.

Well, Percy, or should I say Passionate Percy Passmore, if I do start such a venture I shall be only too glad to give you some advice, for you need it from all accounts.

So long, gang, till next week.

TWO AND SIX XMAS CABLES

Standard E.F.M. Service is Suspended From Dec. 7 to 27

Canadian servicemen in Britain can cable Christmas greetings back to Canada for the usual two shillings and sixpence under an arrangement announced to-day by Western Union and Commercial Cable.

Servicemen may select one of six prepared messages and send it, with an address and signature, anywhere in Canada.

Standard E.F.M. service for men in the Canadian forces will be suspended from December 7 to 27, when the holiday greetings may be cabled.

Signatures will be limited to three words or two initials and one word, the last word in each case to be the sender's surname.

Cables may be dispatched from any Western Union or Commercial Cable office, from the Salvation Army hostels, Y.M.C.A. hostels and the Beaver Club, or, if you cannot get away from your station, select your message as listed below and mail it to the nearest Canadian Services Club, together with your money (2s. 6d.).

The six prepared messages are: (a) A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. All well.

(b) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. All well.

(c) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all at home. All well.

(d) Love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all at home. All well.

(e) Love and best wishes for a Happy New Year. All well.

(f) Every good wish for the New Year.

WOI DEL WARD BACK FROM DESERT FLYING

After completing over 30 operations in the Middle East, in the course of which he was forced to bail out of his bomber over the Egyptian desert and walk back to safety through enemy lines—to find he had been listed as missing for six days, it is no wonder that WOI Del Ward had to confess on his London leave that he was "bored rigid."

A Wellington pilot, Ward has flown both the Tobruk "Milk Run" and the Benghazi "Mail Run," as those almost nightly raids were known to the aircrews who "worked" them.

After the war Ward plans to stay in the Air Force "if they'll have him," or get into civil aviation. He comes from Cupar, Sask.

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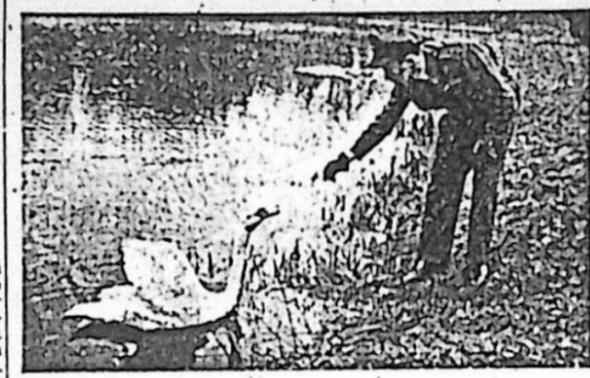
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"Popeye," the beautiful swan, is the unusual mascot of W/O Paul Davoud's R.C.A.F. nightfighter squadron. Here P/O John R. Spaetzel, of Kitchener, is offering him a tasty morsel. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

W/C FERRIS' SQUADRON SHOW CLASS IN HOCKEY

Dynamiters, Army Co-op., W/C Franks' Squadron Also Gain Victories

W/C "Tiny" Ferris' squadron is setting the pace in early season R.C.A.F. hockey. On Tuesday of last week they defeated Winco Bradshaw's contenders 2-1 to give them their first straight victory and place them at the top of the Western League.

The game had zest and speed and caused one bewildered spectator to remark, "Cor! I thought I had seen hockey afore to-day, but, by gum, I havena."

McKillop, assisted by Jameson and Harrison, tallied in the second period to put the Ferris squad ahead. A few minutes later Bob Keeley finished off a play with Robertson and Davey to put them two up.

Bradshaw's boys fought back, and after 10 minutes of play MacDougall, on an assist from Adilman, put the puck past Brookman, in the Ferris goal, who had been making some spectacular saves throughout the game.

W/C Franks' defeated W/C Carscallen's air crew aggregation 5-2 in a match immediately after the Ferris-Bradshaw game. By the end of the first period Dadsen opened the scoring on a pass from Kalles.

In the second period Blue tallied to bring the Carscallen team on equal terms. Wilson, ace centre man of Franks' team, scored twice in this middle canto and scored another on a pass from Kalles. Shearer and Blue combined for a Carscallen team goal, and then Whitelaw and Cresswell aided Oliver to mark up Franks' fifth counter.

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HARD-HEADED TYPE

A yarn is being circulated at the Wiltshire M.U. that one of their orderly officers asked a Canadian airman why he hadn't cleaned the floor.

The lad pointed at the broom and said it didn't have any "hair."

Whereupon the officer lifted his hat, pointed at his bald pate, and said: "I'm bald too, but I still work."

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THREE GIVEN HIGHER RANK

Patterson, Ellis and Bean Add or Thicken Ring on Sleeve

Well deserved promotions have come to three R.C.A.F. officers in the field.

That of Wing Commander to Donald Stewart Patterson, of Montreal, Officer Commanding the Middle East Detachment of the R.C.A.F., is in keeping with the increase in number of Canadians in that theatre of war.

His Cairo office is continually crowded with Canadians, whose welfare problems he has been handling.

Dick Ellis, of Montreal West, has been raised to the rank of Flight Lieutenant and given command of a flight in the R.C.A.F. fighter squadron commanded by S/L John Clark "Knobby" Fee, D.F.C., of Calgary.

Ellis has shared in damaging nine locomotives, and in one sortie, flying with W/O D. McCrimmon, of Sylvan Lake, Alta., attacked and shot up five railway engines. In addition to his scores on enemy rail transport, he shares a Dornier 217 destroyed.

S/L Wilfrid Winter Bean, of Kitchener, has been promoted to Wing Commander and placed in command of an R.C.A.F. Coastal Command squadron.

He succeeds W/C R. R. Dennis, of Ottawa. He has served with his present squadron as a flight commander ever since its formation in the fall of last year.

Rugby Heavyweight Now Flies As Flight Engineer

From flying wing in the famous Hamilton Tigers to flight engineer in a Catalina flying boat sums up the career of 215th "Tiny" Moffat in its latest stage.

"Tiny," who also used to play senior basketball, has just finished a "Cat" course and is now ready for operational flying.

Another sports figure of note, Sgt. Walt Creighton, of Winnipeg, has been taking the same course and graduated in the same group as "Tiny." He played left wing in the winning team of the R.C.A.F. Overseas hockey league last year.

The two, along with Sgt. Bill Winter, another graduate, have been spending a London leave together prior to beginning their operational careers.

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FILM LOG

"WENT THE DAY WELL" (revised)

One of the best propaganda pictures yet produced, but, unlike most propaganda subjects, this one is thoroughly entertaining.

It is based on the invasion subject—what could happen here. A group of German paratroopers are dropped in England and proceed to a small country village where they are to set up apparatus to interfere with communications.

They accomplish this by dressing in the uniforms of the Royal Engineers, and are accepted by the villagers as their face value until the inevitable slip is made and detected by the daughter of the vicar.

Things happen suddenly from then on; the Nazis take over the village, holding the innkeepers as hostages in the church. Cruelty, inhuman treatment and death is meted out by the invaders, but in spite of the dangers involved several villagers escape from the church and hold out against the enemy soldiers until the army arrives.

"The Next of Kin" was a warning against careless talk. "Went the Day Well" might be called a warning against just plain carelessness.

"Holiday Inn" (Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire) is in its fifth record month at the Carlton and, according to current reports, is likely to be running at Christmas time. Music and dancing by the two masters of their respective fields. Sufficient comedy to make it light and sufficient drama to make it interesting.

There is still time to catch Abbott and Costello in "Who Done It," which is showing at the Leicester Square Theatre. Their wackiest and best picture.

In pointing out the highlights it would not be right to miss mentioning "Yankee Doodle Dandy," another West End performance which will run into Christmas-time. Warner Bros. have a right to be proud of this picture.

"Road to Morocco," the funniest, wildest road they've ever travelled, continues at the Plaza, starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

Monty Woolley of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" fame opened at the Odeon last week and is well worth seeing. Do not expect to see a reproduction of Monty Woolley's character in "The Man Who" in this he is a shepherd, not a wolf.

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G/C GRIFFITHS, D.F.C.

Canadian Has Fought and Travelled In Most Countries Now in the War

A CANADIAN commands one of the R.A.F. stations in Malta. He is G/C John Francis Griffiths, D.F.C., who was born in Niagara Falls 37 years ago. He attended R.M.C. and joined the R.A.F. in 1928.

Griffiths' service career covers many countries and since the war began he is believed to hold the record for the number of countries over which he has fought and flown and in which he has held appointments.

In early 1928 he went to India, and served as station adjutant at one of the R.A.F. airfields there. He was with an army co-operation squadron at Quetta and went through the first earthquake there.

Later he returned to Britain for a course in Russian. Then he spent a year in Estonia, Finland and other Baltic states, studying languages and qualifying as an interpreter in Russian in 1934.

After these activities, took a torpedo course and went to a torpedo bombing squadron in Scotland.

In November, 1934, he married Tamara Wender, a White Russian from Moscow living in Estonia. She is now living in California with their two children.

During the Abyssinian war Griffiths took a squadron of Westland Wildbeests to Malta. He returned to Britain in 1936 and in April of 1937 he was posted to a bomber squadron.

He engaged in research work on astro-navigation and took a prominent part in the early development of the Wellington bomber.



G/O J. F. GRIFFITHS

With the outbreak of war he took command of the same squadron. They took part in all the early daylight raids on the German North Sea coast leading up to the Heligoland light operation of December 13, which Griffiths led. The German fleet was reported at sea by a British submarine, and Griffiths' squadron went to attack it.

They caught the fleet by surprise, but were too low to bomb, so they flew along the line of ships in tight formation. Suddenly every ship opened up on the British planes at 700 yards

# SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

## OLD HOME WEEK

By LAC J. SANCTON

If we had only known, an old home week could have been arranged to do honour to the numerous old members of the celebrated Canadian fighter squadron commanded by S/L Keith L. B. Hobson, D.F.C., of London, Ont., who returned here for visits recently. They were as varied as they were welcome.

To head the list, came two brand new shiny P/Os, until nearly two months ago flight sergeants i/c this unit's "A" and "B" flights, Jim Coburn, of Edmonton, and Cliff Fisher, of Wadena, Sask. Down to Piccadilly for seven days to buy uniforms and show themselves at the old stamping ground, they returned for the technical side of their training as engineer officers. Despite such remarks as "Mutt and Jeff" and "Hey, Cliff, that hat isn't operational yet!" from the friendly cynics, both will do justice to any parade square or other gathering place.

Hard on their heels came Cpl. Argyle A. "Pack" Packard, of Colborne, Ont., and Ralph R. "Ash" Ashmore, of Belleville, Ont., armourers pursuing higher education in that trade. They claim to be the second and third R.C.A.F. men, respectively, to wear bomb disposal badges.

The four above mentioned are "old original" members of the outfit, having come over with it two and a-half years ago. A fifth put in an appearance, Cpl. Fred D. Murphy, of St. Thomas, Ont., presently labouring at R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q. as a telephone operator. He is believed by this time to have acquired a third hook.

Also down from headquarters one Sunday afternoon was F/O Thos. S. MacKay, of Vancouver, erstwhile squadron I.O., combining business with pleasure. His is always a welcome and smiling face.

It's seldom we see a warrant officer now, but exercising his slightly U/S leg by walking around the perimeter track to check up on old familiar faces the other day came W/O C. R. Golden, of Melfort, Sask. Last spring, prior to a flying accident, he was on the effective strength of the squadron as a sergeant pilot.

### Hockey Merger

With the second hockey practice of the season in combination with S/L Mallov's men, our aggregation may be said to be coming operational. Those on the ice for this work-out included F/O Dave J. Neville, of Hamilton, Ont., as mentor; Sgt. Cy. Cohen, of Regina; Cpl. R. J. "Bud" Sarazin, of Ottawa; and three Torontonians, LACs D. W. Duncan and R. E. Lewis and ACI G. A. Cook. Cpl. Ernie W. Miller, of Quebec City, was on the sidelines, too stiff from a football game the previous day to play.

Probably biggest excitement of the week was painfully provided by Cpl. Philip C. Curry, of Ottawa. Working alone in the



Sgt. Lyon Kay prepares to help F/L Ian Ormston, D.F.C., into his parachute harness. Kay was then a fitter on the squadron, but now has soloed in five hours at an E.F.T.S. Ormston is back in Canada. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

## MAILMAN MORROW

LAC B. A. "Slim" Bolan, who toils for S/L Keith Hodson's crack fighter squadron, returned from a recent leave in the best of form, as witnessed by the epigram he put up outside the squadron mail room in tribute to LAC J. Clarence Morrow, postal orderly from Barrie, Ont. It read: "Give your mail to Morrow to mail to-day!"

electrical section he somehow managed to severely burn both hands up to the wrists. He'll be out of action for some time to come. One wag has remarked: "He was caught red-handed!" Meanwhile, out of hospital after lengthy stays are Cpl. J. Gill Phelan, Montreal, and LAC Dave Kerrigan, of Toronto. They received major injuries to legs and stomach, respectively, and both are now away making the best of 21 days' sick leave.

Expected for several weeks and through at last are the promotions of Sgts. E. B. "Red" "Whizzer" "Snapper" White, of Saint John, N.B., and R. G. "Bob" Fair, of Montreal, who become flight sergeants i/c the two flights. Bob had his new rank but a day or two, however, when he was posted, we hope temporarily. Being an "old original," Bob leaves but 15 of that ilk behind.

At the same time, the R.C.A.F. shadow roster has provided us with still another "Sh!-Cpl." LAC Roy Goodbrand, of Calgary. Roy is noted hereabouts for his famous original sayings.

Signs of the times: Recently 10 of our boys in blue did their D.I.s in a potato patch, excavating for tubers. A few days later another crew were to be found, with woodsmen's saw and axe, harvesting cordwood.

## PROMOTIONS FOR FRENCH CANADIANS

Sgt. Pierre-Paul Trudeau, rear-gunner, of Outremount, Que., who was credited as the first member of the French Canadian Bomber Squadron to have shot down an enemy aircraft, has been promoted to P/S. It was also announced that Sgt. J. E. "Bo-Boule" Tremblay, of Montreal, is a F/S too now.

In the ground crews five corporals have been promoted to the rank of sergeant. They are Sgt. J. R. Cantin, airframe mechanic, of Quebec City, Que.; Sgt. G. E. Robichaud, armourer, of Shippegan, N.B.; Sgt. Paul Laroche, electrician, of Hull, Que.; Sgt. G. Guerin, instruments maker, of Sherbrooke, Que., and Sgt. J. E. Dore, storekeeper, of Ste. Agathe des Monts, Que.

## W/C A. C. P. CLAYTON

WING COMMANDER A. C. P. Clayton, who was selected for the responsible post in the United States as chief instructor for an O.T.U. Alomogordo, New Mexico, in May, 1942, has just recently returned to this country to take over command of the first Canadian Bomber Squadron which was formed in England in May, 1941.

W/C Clayton has carried out 57 operational flying trips against the enemy and was twice decorated for his exploits. He was awarded the D.F.C. in December, 1940, for his brilliant record of bombing operations over a period of time and, in



D.F.C. AND BAR

1941, was awarded a Bar following a daylight raid on the marshalling yards at Lille, in which his Canadian Squadron returned with an average of 28 holes in each aircraft, but although his aircraft was badly damaged on this and other occasions, he always escaped personal injury.

The Wing Commander's log book reads like the index to an atlas, and among the trips that stand out in memory are several to Mannheim, half a dozen to Brest, four Berlin trips, docks at Kiel, Essen, Hamburg, Paris, Stettin, Leipzig, Magdeburg, the channel attack on the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau and many others of as great importance.

W/C Clayton was born at Victoria, B.C., Canada, in 1916, and educated at Vancouver, and in 1933 joined the R.A.F. with the rank of Pilot Officer. He was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander in April, 1942, upon assuming command of a Canadian Bomber Squadron in England, and held this position when posted to the United States shortly afterwards.

The Wing Commander is known as "Pitt" to his many friends, and is very well known in this country, particularly in the R.A.F. where he holds an outstanding record.

Our best wishes go out to W/C Clayton in his new post; and we have no doubt that the good reputation of his present Squadron will increase under his command.

"Good show, 'Pitt,' from your many friends, and best of luck."

## McADAM IS HOST

By LAC M. J. SEELEY

A NICE gesture on the part of Ken McAdam and the Canadian Y was greatly appreciated after Tuesday's double-header, when the players of all four hockey teams were guests of Ken for supper in the local Association Canteen.

The Squadron's Postmaster-General states that in future WINGS ABROAD will have to be spoken for in advance. By the way, have you noted that since Eade and Haupp have taken up chambers in the S.W.O.'s house, a sign on the door reads:

"Messner Col. Eade, Secretary-Treasurer Happy Dav. Gilbert and Sullivan once spoke of the 'Cloth untrue, a crooked cue, and elliptical billiard balls' in connection with the punishment fitting the crime, if we recall correctly!



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## CHANGEOVER

By F/O N. ALTSTEDTER

WING Commander W. W. (WILD) Bean, of Kitchener, has taken over command of the Squadron from W/C R. R. (tonnie) Dennis, of Ottawa, who intends to enjoy a winter Christmas.

F/L Jimmy Stronach, the blonde bombshell from Barria, has been appointed chief of "B" Flight. His opposite number in "A" Flight, S/L Gus Hobbs, of Calgary, has completely recovered from his recent illness and is again able to take part in all activities.

Recent promotions to the rank of corporal have included Sgt. Ed. of Sioux Lookout; Sgt. Walt Gray, of Kirkland Lake; and Alex Field, of Grande Prairie. One of the mainstays of "B" Flight, Jack Brown, of Vancouver, is being congratulated on his promotion to sergeant.

Members of the squadron taking the flight engineers' course are Cpl. Shorty Grayson, of London, Ont.; Cpl. Bob Bebenese, of Chatham, Ont.; LAC Frost of Lloydminster, Alta., and LAC Gibbs, formerly of No. 6 B and G. School at Mount View.

Those on leave in London recently have found the queuing problem difficult to cope with. Loudest of the complaints was that of Cpl. Turner, of Vancouver, who said it took him his twelve hours to get a wash and a shave. He was passing through the city on duty. Wishes of the best of luck on their meeting with the selection board have been given to Cpl. Doak, of Bolsetown, N.B., AC Slim Taylor, of Toronto, and AC Johnny Catto, of Vancouver.

## ON LEAVE

tea and whisky." He passed through town last week. Most thrilling Air Force experience as far as Sgt. WAG Michael Steffanick, Kindersley, Sask., is concerned was hunting the Admiral Scheer in a Hampden bomber. "The Scheer got away," grinned Mike, "and so did we." He has been holidaying in London "to see American films."

Three sergeants who were recent visitors to the Beaver Club's new dance cafeteria are Pierre Goyette, Sorel, Que., the Canadian naval vessel that Leon Roberge, Edmonton, and Marcel Perron, Sherbrooke, Pierre and Leon spent their leave together. All are in the flaming Wellington not long ago. He and his crew-mates all landed unscathed save for minor injuries. Cy still talks about the folks who found him flights, when his big plan had giving him "the conventional to limp home on one engine."

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HEADQUARTERS

SHORTY IMESON seemed to be the only one who was goal-conscious in Sunday's game against the Army Co-op. mob who defeated us 3-2. "Imey" was definitely available in those scrambles around the enemy net and slipped our only tallies past their goal tender when he wasn't looking.

Delving deep into "The Causes of War" last week were LAC Wally Perchaluk, LAC Murd Smith, LAC Sid Aitken and Cpl. Johnny Badger. The occasion was a radio show to be broadcast to Canada.

W/C Scott Commands R.C.A.F. Ceylon Unit

W/C John Charles Scott, of Galt, Ont., has been promoted in the field to take command of an R.C.A.F. flying-boat squadron in the Far East. It was announced last week from R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters.

Queen's ice rink last week had been brought to light on Sunday we might have taken the Army Co-operational squadron to the cleaners. Among those there were: LAC Dionne, Cpl. Bevington, Cpl. Keddy, Cpl. Clarke, LAC Shepherd, Cpl. LaRiche and LAC Joubarne.

D.F.M. HOLDER REPAIRED SET WITH CHEWING GUM

F/S Macdonald Once Led Debert Route Marches Playing Bagpipes

"I guess it was the chewing gum effort," said F/S Donald M. Macdonald in explaining his D.F.M. But the records show that the incident he was referring to was only one example of a resourcefulness he has shown on many raids.

It was in a sortie to "Happy Valley"—the Ruhr—that Macdonald repaired a radio that had gone unserviceable with a wad of chewing gum. The set had started acting up on the trip to the target and, coming back, it failed completely. A wire had worked loose. Macdonald used his chewing gum to hold it in place. The trick worked and he was able to provide the navigator with some useful bearings.

A giant piece of flak tore through the rear turret. They yelled to the Aussie and got no answer. Macdonald heard Lavallee yell, "My God, they got my pal. I don't give a damn if my grandmother is in Paris!" He heard the chatter of Lavallee's guns and a searchlight blinked out.

shot up, but he was unscratched. He had not answered because the piece of flak had singed his eyebrows and left him momentarily speechless.



F/S Donald M. Macdonald, D.F.M., of Fort William.

Mac is proud of his Scots ancestry, and spells his name with the small "d" of the Highlanders. He and his brother Ian, who is with an R.C.A.F. bomber squadron overseas, are accomplished pipers. Airmen who spent spring '41 at Debert will remember route marches through the red mud behind his skirling bagpipes.

At present he is an instructor in an O.T.U.

MALLOY'S SQUADRON FORMS SWING BAND

A swing band is being organized by the ground crew of an R.C.A.F. squadron under the command of S/L "Bud" Malloy, of Halifax, N.S. Instruments have been purchased and practices will commence shortly under the direction of LAC Don Deakin, of Port Arthur.

Some of those lined up to play in the band are: LAC A. M. Ramey, of Bridgewater, N.S., who handles the piano accordion, "Stub" Wing, of Foster, Que., a clarinet and sax man, and Don Deakin, leader and traps specialist.

The men plan to play for station entertainment and dances and will occasionally perform for nearby R.C.A.F. units.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

FIRST of all, let's get the annual leaves out of the way. LAW Mae Jamieson, of Westmount, Que., reports a rather unprofitable week spent mostly in bed trying to shake the flu. However, she did manage to get up to Glasgow to visit relatives although still feeling pretty much under the weather.

Then LAW Marlon McLeod, of Winnipeg, and Margaret MacKinnon, of Moosomin, Sask., went off to Bournemouth for their vacation, but finished up at East Grinstead. Don't know what's at the latter place, but we noticed a knowing glance pass between Marlon and LAW Tofflemire, of Arner, Ont., when it was under discussion. Anyway, we're glad you liked Bournemouth.

And there's the funniest story attached to a telegram which the aforementioned MacKinnon sent home to her folks—one of those number types, you know. Well, it seems Mac got her numbers mixed up somewhere, because a few days later she was rather startled to receive a cable from her dad which read something like this: "What do you mean 'Sorry about the damage' which all goes to prove that one just can't be too careful these days."

Sgt. Mary Ward, of Shawinigan Falls, Que., is back to work after having spent some days at

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home nursing a burn caused by a mustard plaster supposed to cure her of the flu. Sometimes, it would appear, the cure is worse than the ill.

And we mustn't overlook LAW Hazel Kendall, of Toronto, who was almost too shy to appear on parade last week with a somewhat enlarged chin and cheek. It does seem a shame to lose teeth at your age, Kenny, but no doubt the dentist will have an answer. Of course, Cpl. Cotterill, of Hamilton, and LAW Long, from Arden, Man., couldn't stand by and see their pal suffering, so they both developed colds just to make everybody happy and cause no hard feelings.

Oh, yes, we're wondering if Cpl. Pat Boreham, Peterborough, Ont., has seen her Uncle Percy lately? Give him our kindest regards when you do, Pat.

THEIR LOVE STORY

Advertisement for the movie 'THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES' featuring Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright. Includes text: 'This one is a honey!', 'Richly packed with human incident and fast action!', 'This gentle happy picture'. Distributed by RKO Radio Pictures.

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PALACE, Oct. 22/2. Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri., 8.0. TOM LLOYD and LEE SPIRIT present JACK HULBERT, CICELY COURTHOUSE in FULL SWING Wed. and Sat., 2.0 and 6.15.

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SAVILLE, Tem. 4011. Even. at 8.30. Mat., Wed. and Sat., 2.0. FIFTH SHEPARD presents FINE AND DANDY

SAVOY, Tem. 6254. Even. (ex. Mon.), 8.45. Mat., Wed. Thurs. and Sat., 2.15. FIFTH SHEPARD presents THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

SYRANO, Tem. 2550. Last week. Even. 8.45. Mat., Thurs. and Sat., 2.15. FIFTH SHEPARD presents NIGHT OF THE GARTER

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CINEMAS

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DOMINION (O-B), Tottenham Court Rd. WENT THE DAY WELL! (A) WINGS FOR THE EAGLE (U)

EMPIRE, Leicester Sq. Cont. from 10 a.m. MICHAEL REDGRAVE, BARBARA MULLEN THUNDER ROCK (A) with James Mason and Lilli Palmer

GAUMONT, Haymarket, WHI. 5555. GARY COOPER with Teresa Wright THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES (U) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 9.30. Sundays: continuous from 2.30.

LEICESTER SQ. THEATRE, WHI. 5252-4. ABBOTT and COSTELLO in "WHO DONE IT?" (U) Performances at 12, 1.25, 4 and 8.30. Commencing Friday: KING ARTHUR WAS A GENTLEMAN

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