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EDITORIAL CHRISTMAS AFAR

THEY will be lighting the candles on the Christmas trees this week in Penetang and Temagami, in Prince Rupert and Peace River, in Toronto and Montreal. The holly wreaths will be hanging in the bright windows and the mistletoe will be lurking in the doorway. The carol singers will be around, too; they have no blackouts to worry them.

They will be gathering round the tables for turkey and cranberry sauce and maybe ice cream. They will be wishing each other a Merry Christmas, just as people have wished each other a Merry Christmas for almost 2,000 years.

But across the great oceans their thoughts will be wandering swiftly—across the Atlantic here to Britain, across the Pacific to New Guinea and Australia, across the South China Sea and the Bay of Bengal to Ceylon and India, across the Indian Ocean and through the Mediterranean to Libya and Tunisia and Algiers, to Malta and Gibraltar. Their thoughts will be reaching out to the sons of Canada, who would have been around those tables eating roast turkey were they not spread around the globe fighting in the uniform of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Those of us who are away from the family Christmas tree this year would not wish the celebrations to be any the less cheerful on that account; but we know, and all of our people back home know, that our thoughts will be right there among the tinsel and the holly-wreaths this week. And they know back home, too, that in the heart of every Canadian from Colombo to the Shetland Islands is the determination to toil and fight so that there are no empty spaces at the Christmas dinner table in 1943.

In the meanwhile, the R.C.A.F. Overseas can wish itself a Merry Christmas in 1942, and WINGS ABROAD takes pride in sending greetings to all its growing band of readers. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, then from "Mac," "Dink," "Balge," Jimmy and Joy.

TORONTONIANS WIN MOST DECORATIONS

Toronto leads the cities of Canada with the number of decorations won in service with the R.C.A.F. and the R.A.F. during the present war, R.C.A.F. headquarters revealed last week. Twenty-eight fliers from the Queen city have won Air Force awards since September, 1939. Winnipeg and Montreal tie for second place with a total of 17 each. This was added.

The breakdown of awards into cities and provinces made by the R.C.A.F. authorities was not claimed to be final because, as it was pointed out, the origin of some award winners, especially those who have been serving in the R.A.F. since a long time before the war, was not available at the time of writing. However, the figures obtained by the breakdown gave a rough idea of the manner in which the several hundred air force awards were distributed across the Dominion.

One hundred and seven have gone to natives of Ontario, 45 to British Columbians, 41 to Albertans, 32 to men from Saskatchewan, 28 to fliers from the Quebec province, 26 to men from Manitoba. Of the 23 awards won in the Maritimes, 16 are for Nova Scotia, five for New Brunswick and two for Prince Edward Island. In addition, 13 United States citizens serving with the R.C.A.F. have been decorated. Thus the prairies total 99 awards between the three provinces.

Among the cities, Vancouver presses closely behind Montreal and Winnipeg with a total of 15 awards. Edmonton, as might be expected from a city so intimately connected with peace-time flying, has 14; Ottawa has 12. Calgary has eight, Victoria seven, Regina seven, Hamilton and Quebec City five each. London, Halifax and Saskatoon have four apiece.

FLY WITH COASTAL

Six Canucks are among those who have just finished training to fly as observers with Coastal Command. They are Sgts. Frank Senior, Verdun, Que.; Harry Widdifield, Chuck Sivell, Becraft, Wiggle, all of Toronto; and Walter Tuttle, Amherst, N.S. Frank grew up in the same neighbourhood as Beurling, the fighter ace, but "only knew him to see him."

BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS—G/C McCARTHY

Senior Catholic Chaplain Expresses Sacredness Of Season

By G/C the Rev. W. V. McCARTHY.

I gratefully avail myself of the courtesy extended by WINGS ABROAD to send a brief but deeply sincere message to all R.C.A.F. personnel overseas.

The word "Christmas" conjures up in our minds the most sacred memories associated with the Christian religion, for it recalls (a) God's greatest gift to men, His Son, and (b) the divine promise of "Peace on earth to men of good will." The word "Christmas" also lets loose a flood of happy memories recalling childhood and home and loved ones, and "we dream dreams and see visions."

Because of a world ravaged by war "you can only dream of a white Christmas" this year and see in spirit those who are most near and dear to you. But war and distance are powerless to conquer love. And so borne on the wings of love you will, I am sure, be very close both to the Son of God, who gave Himself



G/C the Rev. W. V. McCarthy

to you the first Christmas, and likewise to those "who keep the home fires burning."

Because of "man's inhumanity to man" the divine promise of "peace on earth" has been made void, to a great extent, because so many men are not of "good will." You, my dear airmen, are consecrated in a cause which has for its object the destruction of "man's inhumanity to man," and the procuring of Christ's peace to the world. Looking back upon your efforts during this year of 1942 we can humbly and gratefully exclaim "Well done." Much.

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Christmas Message From D.A.O.C.=in=C.

TO all the men and women of the Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas, the warmest of greetings go out from the Headquarters Staff. We wish you, wherever you may be serving, the happiest Christmas that your duties permit. For the New Year, we join with you in the prayer that our newly strengthened hopes of early victory may be realized.

The year behind us has been one of mighty expansion and achievement for the Royal Canadian Air Force. Many thousands of you are spending your first Christmas overseas; you have come to these islands to man and reinforce the rapidly growing list of our Canadian air formations. In many cases you are replacing men who are carrying the R.C.A.F.'s proud record into new and distant theatres of war. For, within this year, many of you have gone forth to serve on every major and minor front where the air war is being fought.



Air Vice-Marshal Curtis, D.S.C. and Bar.

Within that year, too, more than 200 of you have been upon your tunics the proud emblem of gallantry in the skies and so have brought new lustre to the record of the R.C.A.F.

In the New Year may still greater glory be added to that record, and may you fulfil, with ever-increasing effectiveness, the high duties you have undertaken, and upon which so much of Canada's future depends.

W. A. CURTIS, Air Vice-Marshal, Deputy Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

CANADA IS REPRESENTED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Nine R.C.A.F. Men Receive Awards From King At Investiture

Canada was well represented at the latest Buckingham Palace investiture when seven Distinguished Flying Crosses and two Distinguished Flying Medals were awarded to members of the R.C.A.F.

One of the first to receive his "cong" from the hands of the King was P/O Harry Malkin, of Verdun, Que. Although wounded by a nightfighter, this skipper of a Halifax bomber kept control of the plane to enable his gunners to drive off the attacker, and on reaching base he made a masterly landing.

F/L Angus MacLean, of Beaton's Mills, P.E.I. was also captain of a Halifax, and during a raid on the Ruhr he went in to bomb his target after his kite was shot up and thrown into an inverted spiral dive, from which he recovered. On the return

trip he was attacked by an enemy night fighter and further damage done. MacLean was an instructor in Canada before coming to England early this year, and is now a test pilot, flying "everything from Spitfires to Lancasters."

P/O Ken Smith, of Saskatoon, won the D.F.C. as a warrant officer. He started his ops as a Wellington pilot, but finished as a Lancaster skipper.

A native-born Englishman appeared in the uniform of the R.C.A.F. to receive his D.F.C. in the person of WO J. E. Cox, now of Kingston, Ont. As a pilot he has several times brought home damaged kites, and is directly responsible for saving another crew which had taken to its dinghy in the North Sea.

P/O Dave Cumberland, of Britannia Beach, B.C. was awarded the D.F.M. for his outstanding work while an N.C.O.

F/O Joseph P. McCarthy has been home to Toronto and back since winning his D.F.C. He

HAPPIER YULE SOON COMING —G/C McNAB

Chief Protestant Padre Tells What Christmas Means to Men

By G/C the Rev. John McNab.

A Christmas shopper in the crowded aisle of a departmental store, had all her parcels scattered by a careless passer-by. Picking them up she was heard to remark, "That is just like Christmas, it turns everything upside down." How true that statement is.

The birth of Jesus is spoken of as a watershed of history, since His coming heralded new life and new light for all peoples. God sent His son for the world's Salvation. Angelic voices sang a joyous Chorus of peace and good will. Humble folk like the Bethlehem shepherds, left their regular work to pay homage at the cradle of the Christ-Child.



G/C the Rev. John McNab.

Two thousand years have passed since the Wise Men saw the Star of Hope. In the midst of the most stupendous war of the ages, many are wondering if Christmas has any meaning. The lines of the Carol haunt our thoughts:

"For with the woes of sin and strife, The world has suffered long."

There are pagan forces that seek to blot out the spirit of Him, whose entry into time and space, was to bring liberation from sin and strife. Yet in 1942 Christmas should remind us that Christ seeks to save humanity from all the forces of devilishness and cruelty that our forces oppose.

The Spirit of Christmas will eventually turn things upside down and will bring the New Order and the New World that this tired old Globe so tragically needs. May you all enjoy a very Happy Christmas and may we see even more joyous Christmas Days very soon.

EDITORIAL JOYEUX NOËL

"PAIX sur la terre aux hommes de bonne volonté." Qui d'entre nous, officiers, nous-officiers et aviateurs, qui d'entre nous, à quelque distance que nous soyons de notre "clocher," qui d'entre nous, Chrétiens avant tout, ne peut se rappeler ces paroles à la veille de la grande fête de Noël?

Où, dans quelques jours, ce sera la Noël. Les cloches, pour une fois encore sonneront à travers le monde pour annoncer la naissance du Christ. Jour de prières, jour de reconnaissance, jour de réjouissances.

La guerre malheureusement, cette année encore, endeuillera cette fête si solennelle. Mais ce que les prières devraient être plus ardentes pour demander à Dieu sa protection et sa victoire. Et ce que les réjouissances devraient être plus vives parce ce Noël—le dé de cette guerre—nous rapproche de cette paix que nous voulons tant, avec le maintien de tout ce qui nous est cher: libertés, langue, religion.

Mais ce Noël sera encore gai. Oui, il sera gai. Un tel jour peut-il être empreint de tristesse pour quiconque a su accomplir son devoir? Noël! Mais c'est la fête par excellence des "hommes de bonne volonté," des combattants, des braves. C'est la clôture d'une autre année, d'une année qui a apporté ses joies et ses peines, mais—c'est Noël—oublions les peines pour ne nous rappeler que les joies.

Une année nouvelle va bientôt commencer. Que nous apportera-t-elle? Dieu seul le sait. Ce sera une dure année encore. Nous le savons tous. Ce sera l'année de la marche définitive vers la Victoire, ce sera l'année où tous nous levrons être unis plus que jamais pour combattre à l'unisson. Les sacrifices seront nombreux encore, mais les sacrifices ça nous connaît. Avec tous les Canadiens de langue française—et ils sont en grand nombre dans l'aviation canadienne outre-mer—"Joyeux Noël!" s'écrie donc: "Joyeux Noël! Bonne et heureuse année! A la Victoire!"

WOMEN'S DIVISION

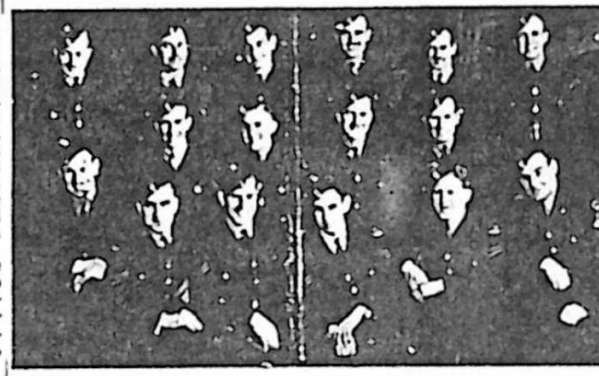
FOR most of us this will be our first Christmas spent away from home. A few of the veteran W.D.'s were wearing Air Force blue last year at this time, and among those serving overseas are: Section Officer E. A. P. Griffin, Winnipeg; Cpl. Helen Cottrell, Hamilton; LAWs Jessie Gough, Newcastle, N.B., E. D. Hians, Montreal, Mac Jamieson, Westmount, and Hazel Kendall, Toronto. But although they were at the training depot in Toronto they probably got special leave to go home for Christmas. And so here we are, in London, with 3,000 miles of blue Atlantic separating us from our homeland—and it's Christmas!

Well, we shall make the best of it. Some of us will be working on December 25th because the war doesn't stop even for such special occasions as this. Our R.C.A.F. boys will be flying that day, whether they be at training schools of the B.C.A.T.P. scattered across Canada or at operational stations in Britain, Malta, North Africa, or Ceylon, where their daring deeds have won decorations for many of them. But no matter where we are, be it Canada or one of the many theatres of war, at headquarters or on a station, we are all working toward a common goal—victory. And this same spirit which characterises our work will ensure a "Merry Christmas" for each and every one of us, far from home as we may be!

There will be many homes in Canada with one or more members of the family absent from the Christmas dinner table. As we open our letters, full of good wishes, and our parcels, overflowing with goodies, which have reached us—thanks to the Navy—we shall be "dreaming of a white Christmas" as our thoughts turn back to past Yuletide seasons. And our loved ones will be thinking of us; they will be praying for our safety and the speedy termination of the war so that we can return to them to enjoy the peace for which we have striven.

And now, from all members of the Women's Division overseas to all men and women in Air Force blue, wherever you may be this Christmas day, our warmest greetings for a Merry Christmas, and may 1943 shower you with all the blessings you deserve.

CHRISTMAS No. 3 IN BRITAIN Sixteen M.T. Men at R.C.A.F. Headquarters Came Over With Original Canadian Units



These M.T. men from R.C.A.F. Headquarters are seeing their third Christmas in Britain. Front row, kneeling: Cpl. M. L. Jefferies, Holland, Man.; Cpl. J. Dumais, Charney, Que.; Cpl. R. A. Wilson, Winnipeg; Cpl. H. G. Cunningham, Toronto; Cpl. T. J. Searle, Winnipeg; Cpl. D. Whyte, Winnipeg. Middle row: Cpl. J. G. Hill, Toronto; LAC E. C. Millson, Toronto; LAC H. R. Davis, Hamilton; Cpl. A. J. Hewitt, Toronto. Back row: Sgt. J. Weinmaster, Winnipeg; Sgt. A. E. Breton, Montmar, Sask.; F/S J. E. Reeves, Caron, Sask.; Sgt. J. C. McConnell, Morewood, Ont.; Sgt. J. R. Burridge, Montreal; Sgt. J. T. Weatherall, Overbrook, Ont. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

mases they have spent on squadrons and are counting on another good one in London. All three outfits spent a traditional R.C.A.F. Christmas; that is, they had plenty to eat, smoke and to be refreshed with, and the officers donned waiters' clothes to serve the men. For the No. 1 Fighter lads,

their first Christmas was reminiscent of home. They spent it in the north of Scotland, snow-bound for a week under 18 feet of snow. G/C McGregor, D.F.C., was C.O. However, there was nothing "cold" about their party. The 110 boys had two first-rate Christmas "do's" arranged by

S/L Padre M. J. McNeil. Likewise the 112 chaps had their Christmas parties "somewhere in England."

Among the boys of the old 110th unit who will spend an entirely different type of Christmas this year are Cpls. Brule, Bullman, and MacDonald, who are in the Middle East. Sgt. J. M. McRae, of Winnipeg, who was with the 112th will spend his Yuletide in Ceylon.

Of course, what stands out most in the memory of their three years in England is the Battle of Britain. The boys drove all through the blitz and they saw the skies filled with aircraft of both sides. The crash truck was continually on the move.

None of these men suffered any injury in the Battle, but LAC Etienne, a driver from Huntingdon, Que., had a narrow escape, when he fumbled out of his vehicle, and a second later a lot of cement fell down and flattened it.

These M.T. drivers would like to pay tribute to Sgt. Les Burke, of Haliburton, Ont., who only a month after he arrived here in 1940, became involved in a motor accident and died from complications which set in. Les is remembered as "one of the best."

Three of these 16 men have married since their arrival. Sgt. J. Weinmaster took unto himself a Welsh bride, Cpl. M. L. Jefferies convinced a girl in the W.A.A.F.s to change her name, and Cpl. T. J. Searle married an American girl in England. Rumour has it that wedding bells will ring for another one of the section, and very soon.

Greetings From C.A.S. and A.O.C.-in-C.

MESSAGE CABLED BY A/M EDWARDS

CAIRO. I AM just returning from a tour that has taken me halfway around the world. I have made that tour because I decided to convince myself of the truth of two statements I have often made to Canada: that, wherever you go, you will find the men of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and that since you will find them everywhere in numbers, provision for their personal and operational problems, and for their welfare, must be made by the R.C.A.F.

On both those points I have now conclusive evidence. Our comrades are operational from Cairo to the changing desert front in the west, from Cairo to Iran in the east, and thence south as far as the war is being fought, deep into India, out into the furthestmost islands of the southern ocean.

Made Recommendations

On these scores I have made my recommendations to Ottawa, and you will know of them in due course. Meanwhile, I would ask you of the R.C.A.F. in Great Britain to join with me in wishing each man overseas—for now we have a new definition of "overseas"—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We who were their comrades in the British Isles, in whose squadrons they served or at whose Headquarters we worked in their behalf, say to them: "Season's Greetings."

And to each man still in Britain, let me say: I am returning to find a glorious record further enhanced by your achievements during my absence. You have fought gloriously in the battle over France and over Germany, and over this land and the seas beyond all of them. Some of you have newly arrived from Canada; some are spending their third Christmas here. But whichever it is, I offer my congratulations.

Here, in the east or elsewhere abroad, you are all part of R.C.A.F. Overseas. To you all again I say: The merriest possible Christmas and a victorious New Year.

H. EDWARDS,
Air Marshal, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
R.C.A.F. Overseas.

McELROY ENCOUNTERED LONG ODDS IN MALTA

Now Returned to England For Rest From Ops. As Instructor

F/L John Frederick McElroy, 22-year-old pilot from Kamloops, B.C., has just finished two weeks leave in London—a leave justly earned and worth celebrating.

For "Mac" is not long back from Malta, where, in five months, he participated in more than 100 "scrambles," shot down five enemy aircraft, plus some "probables," and won the D.F.C.

The gong was won on the day he got mixed up in two sky battles within an hour and shot down two Me.109s. In the first fight, five Spitfire pilots ran into 14 Me.109s and in the general scrap "Mac" got himself a Jerry.

On the way home he got on the tail of a Junkers 88, but before squirting at it he looked behind and saw six more Messerschmitts after him. They were diving at him, so he turned and went right into them. This scrap lasted three or four minutes, although it seemed like hours.

"I got my sights on one of the kites and let him have it fair and square and then turned to engage another plane. But the Jerry had had enough and they broke off the fight and headed for home," said McElroy.

Four days later he and six of his mates took on the incredible odds of 10 Ju.88s and 50 Me.109s. Within a few minutes Mac had damaged an "88" so badly it was counted as a probable, but before he could continue the good work his own fighter was hit and he found himself in difficulty.

He couldn't bale out, as his cockpit was jammed and the plane was full of smoke. The Spitfire went screaming down and "Mac" only got it under control in time to make a crash landing on the extreme edge of a strange aerodrome.

His only injury was a minor shrapnel wound in the leg, which was not enough to stop him going up next day and with four others taking on 25 Junkers and Messerschmitts. "Mac" again had to crash land.

The results of these three battles are illuminating, for McElroy's squadron claimed seven Ju's, eight Me's and some probables shot down.

Fellow Canadians in his squadron included the famous "Screwball" Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. and Bar, of Verdun, Que.; F/L Jones, D.F.C., S/L "Timber" Woods, D.F.C. and Bar, and F/L "Buck" McNair, D.F.C.

McElroy is having an operational rest at present while serving as an instructor.

LANG, FIGHTS OFF JUNKERS

With 17 operational flights in a Lancaster four-engined bomber behind him, F/S Newt Brydon, Berwick, N.S., still thinks that the most exciting moments of all happened one night when his big aircraft was returning from a raid.

Somewhere off the Danish coast a Ju.88 appeared out of nowhere and attacked him. The German fighter rushed in three times, while the Lancaster pilot, Sgt. R. M. MacFarland, Chilliwack, B.C., took evasive action. But several cannon shells held the dodging giant before the counter-fire of its rear-gunner, F/S J. S. Patterson, St. John, N.B., drove the Ju.88 off. Fortunately no one in the Lancaster was hurt.

Another shaky experience, he recalls, occurred one night when his bomber was one of many that were thundering over the Alps in Italy. Quite suddenly they encountered such bad weather that the pilot had to turn back.

Altogether there are five Canadians in Brydon's crew and a number of others in the R.A.F. squadron of which he is a member. The other two Canadians in his crew are F/S J. C. Brown, Vancouver, the navigator, and Sgt. C. A. Baxter, Cupar, Sask., the wireless operator air gunner. Brydon himself is an air bomber.



Air Marshal Edwards



Air Marshal Breadner

"N FOR NUTS" POISON TO ATTACKING JU.88s

Sgt. Burton and His Crew Knocked Off Two For Certain

Ju.88s would be advised to give Sgt. James R. Burton, of Billings, Man., and his crew of "N for Nuts" a wide berth. Two of them that didn't just aren't any more.

Last August, Burton, who is in the R.C.A.F., and his crew were attacked by a Junkers as they were returning in their Halifax from a night raid on western Germany. It was their second operational flight, and it was first blood for P/O Pay, the English rear-gunner, who shot down the enemy in flames.

More recently, while on anti-submarine patrol with an R.C.A.F. squadron, Burton, again flying an "N for Nuts" Halifax, was attacked by two Ju. 88s. One was driven off, smoke pouring from it after Pay and the Australian mid-upper gunner, Sgt. Horn, had pumped lead into it. The second one made three attacks before it was shot down into the sea by the Australian.

Circled Convoy

The Halifax was circling the convoy when the Ju.'s made their attack. There were actually three of them, but only two attacked the British bomber.

"Pay gave the first one a burst as he came up to attack us on our tail and to starboard. He peeled off and went down in smoke," said Burton afterwards. "The other one that attacked us came in on our beam three times. The last time he acted like he was a bit afraid, and Horne got him. A lot of smoke poured from him and he glided down into the sea. I rather think he was trying to make a crash landing on the water, but we could not see what happened to him because of the spray, and we were also being shot at by the ships of the convoy."

Besides Burton, there are two other R.C.A.F. men in his crew: P/O W. Lytle Moyle, wireless operator from Vancouver, and Sgt. Hugh Clee, also of Vancouver, flight engineer.

CHRISTMAS COVER BY JIMMY DUVAL

The coloured Christmas cover of WINGS ABROAD was designed by Cpl. E. P. "Jimmy" Duval, of Calgary. Jimmy was editor of the original WINGS ABROAD when it was a squadron bi-monthly paper. He is at present on the staff of the enlarged WINGS ABROAD.

In his art work he was assisted by P/O Ken Coleman, of Press Photography. Also, every co-operation was given by F/L Bert Johnson, P/O Cec. Southward and the airmen of the Photography Section.

A/M EDWARDS IN FAR EAST

He Meets Four Canucks At Advanced 'Drome Near Burma

Air Marshal Harold Edwards, A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas, recently chatted with four airmen who claimed to be "the Canadians closest to the Japanese forces."

They are Cpl. H. W. Webb, of Milestone, Sask.; LAC F. B. Brown, Hamilton; Sgt. L. E. Ward, Winnipeg; and F/S C. McKay, Bellwoods, Ont., all at the most advanced R.A.F. aerodrome along the Burma frontier. Cpl. Webb, just rounding out two years' service, told the Air Marshal: "Much as I'd like to see Canada again, I'm perfectly willing to stay here as long as the war in these parts stays active."

Air Marshal Edwards visited a series of front-line fighter aerodromes in the course of a Far East tour of R.A.F. establishments where there are many R.C.A.F. personnel. Earlier in the week he had inspected

AIR COUNCIL SENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS

OTTAWA. THE following Christmas message from the Chief of the Air Staff and Air Members of the Air Council is directed to all members of the R.C.A.F. Overseas:

Once again Christmas bells ring out their message of good will—this year in a world still torn by war. But though our most deadly foes are pagans for whom Christmas has no meaning, to us enlisted in the great crusade it has a deeper meaning now than it has ever had.

We can draw strength and confidence from the record of what has been achieved since last Christmas. Then the foe had the initiative, now it is ours. Then our production had only begun to gather its present vast momentum. Then the United Nations had not pooled their resources as they are now pooled. Then Hitler, though checked at Moscow, was exultant over the perfidy of his ally at Pearl Harbour. He promised his subjects not to take flight like the Kaiser.

Not Found Wanting

It is not for us to vaunt the part played by the R.C.A.F. in effecting this result, but at least we have not been found wanting. At all levels—tarmac to stratosphere—the R.C.A.F. has its full part at home and overseas, from the Ruhr to the Nile, and far beyond Suez. You who man the planes and keep them manned have done deeds of heroism which will forever point to the stars.

At Christmas, while thinking of home and friends, none of us can fail to remember our splendid comrades in arms—the men of the R.A.F., R.A.A.F., and R.N.Z.A.F.—and especially those who are now in Canada. They have come to our Dominion from all parts of the Empire, and by their presence they reaffirm the determination of the British Commonwealth to fight on till a decisive victory is won. We hail them as fellow fighters and join in the welcome which has been given them by all Canada.

Facing the future with stern will to do, let us be of good cheer knowing that with great allies we fight at the most momentous crossroads in history. It is for us to fight well, recognising our duty to King, Country and Commonwealth, in a cause where duty is the door to greatness, honour is measured by sacrifice.

To all ranks of the R.C.A.F. and to those associated with it, the Chief of the Air Staff and the Air Members of the Air Council send their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and continued success in the year 1943.

L. S. BREADNER,
Air Marshal, Chief of the Air Staff.

bomber aerodromes whence attacks on the Japanese in Burma are launched from rough but adequate bases far out into India's "blue."

The Air Marshal travelled in a Hudson escorted by fighters, one of them piloted by F/O R. Mendizabal, a Sarnia, Ont., man, and a veteran of the campaigns in Singapore and the East Indies. In conversation with Air Marshal Edwards he refused to claim any victories over Japanese pilots, although he said he had seen plenty of them.

SHILLING BET SAVES LIVES BOMBER CREW

Attacked by seven Arados in the Bay of Biscay, the safe return of a four-engined Halifax bomber and its seven-man crew can be traced to a shilling bet.

The bob was won by F/L Floyd "Lucky" Luxford, of East Angus, Que., a bomb-aimer.

In a mess argument about enemy aircraft one day, "Lucky" made an assertion about the speed of Arados. It was disputed by some of the lads there.

"Bet you a bob on it," said "Lucky." The bet was about the Arado, and its particulars were looked up in the aircraft recognition files. "Lucky" was right.

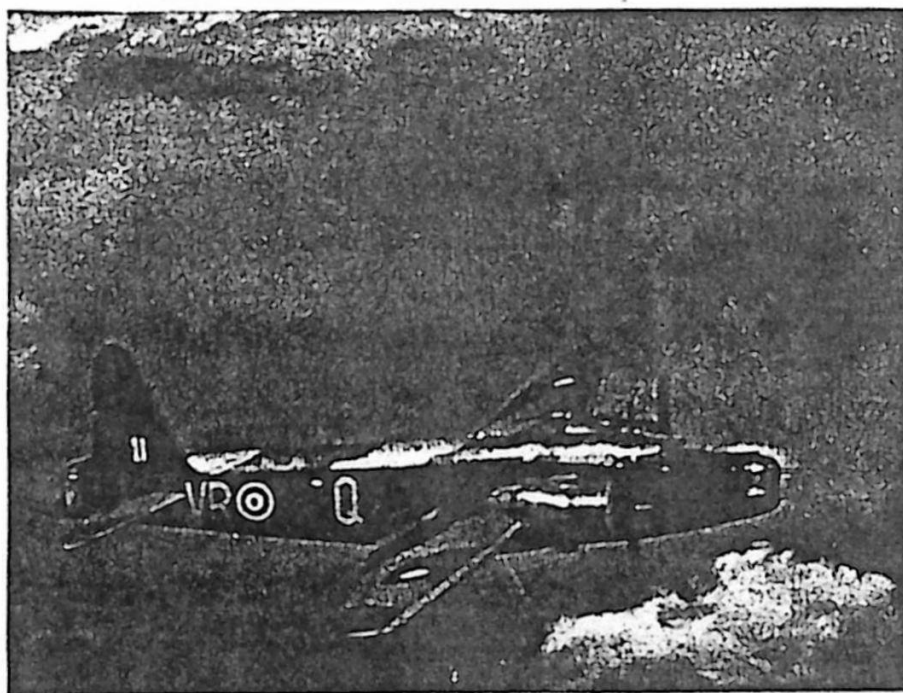
A few days later his squadron, the first R.C.A.F. bomber squadron, sent out three Halifaxes on a "small force" attack on shipping at Bordeaux.

As "Lucky's" aircraft turned for home and re-crossed the French coast, it was attacked by two waves of Arados, three and then four zooming in with spitting guns. It was daylight by this time and the lone Halifax didn't seem to have much chance, though the gunners were working steadily and the pilot was weaving the bomber for all he was worth.

"Lucky," who was working the mid-upper-turret guns, was trying to tell the skipper something, but each time the inter-communication system went dead as soon as he spoke. Suddenly it came on long enough for him to say:

"These Arados can only do 193."

"Whee!" called back the pilot, as he opened up the engines and left the baffled Arados far behind as he roared home.



A Vickers Wellington III Z1572 VR-Q of 419 (Moose) Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force

GRAND SEND-OFF FOR "Y" LADIES

BY LAO M. J. SEELEY

A VERY Happy Christmas, fellow Canadians. Knowing full well that most of us will be engaged on operational duties, my wish may seem mere rhetoric, but I assure you that the greeting rings true. Miss S. M. Prilwich and her four other ladies of the British "Y" Hut were given a grand send-off at a gala party recently. Chuck Rogers, of the Canadian Y.M.C.A., with a new staff, will take over the hut on the day before Christmas. He presented the girls with dainty leather handbags and expressed the appreciation of the boys for all the many kindnesses and assistance given them during recent months.

Miss Prilwich, Sheila Turner and Frances Judd will be opening another "Y" Hut at a nearby camp. Hanna Wood and Marjorie Briggs will stay on here and join the Canadian staff.

Little Acorn

"Blitz" Coventry, a sprig wireless corporal, who was taken to the country for the first time at the age of seven, saw a spider spinning a web between two tall reeds. "Father," he called, "come and see this bug putting up a wireless." Big oaks from little acorns grow, eh?

Jack Henderson says that a quid note's purchasing power over here is equivalent to a two-dollar bill back home. No truer words were ever spoken.

Shillinglaw and Davis, both from the Armoury, and Toronto, attended a village tea for which the tickets were sixpence each. The profits were to go towards providing comforts for the troops. "Shilling," after accounting for ten cups of tea, eight sandwiches, three plates of bread and jam, five jam tarts and four small buns, when passing his cup for the eleventh time, turned to Davis and said, "I think more Canadian airmen should encourage a thing of this sort; it's for a good cause." Oh, yeah!

Being in a reminiscent mood, we've just been looking over last year's Christmas menu. Here it is: Ale, cream of tomato soup, turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, yellow bantam corn, sausage dressing, brown gravy, sweet pickles, cucumber relish, stuffed celery, stuffed olives, plum pudding, brandy sauce, Christmas cake, nuts, candy, fruit, tea, coffee.

All we can say is that we hope this Christmas brings the same.

BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES TO U.S. ARMY

BY LAC ED. CANCELLA

WITH baseball temporarily suspended due to the unseasonable weather, the squadron has turned its attention to basketball, table-tennis, and of all things, darts! A good percentage of the air crew and ground crew personnel are participating, and our Winco, W/C Fred Rump, is developing into a really deadly dart thrower! (We wonder where he acquired his skill.)

The basketball team played its

OSHAWA SQUADRON SENDS GREETINGS

To the pilots who have come through with flying colours from endless operations, to the men who were with us in the past, to the men who have helped to make and service this squadron in wind, snow and rain, to all members of the R.C.A.F. wherever they are, the "Best Wishes for a Pleasant Yuletide"—this is the message of S/L L. V. Chadburn, D.F.C. To the City of Oshawa and Mayor W. H. Grifford, who made possible that city's adoption of this squadron, the entire personnel send their best wishes and season's greetings.

First game of the season against a team of neighbouring U.S. Army lads, and although we were beaten to the tune of 25-15 our team shows promise of being assured of future victories—with a bit more practice! The performance throughout displayed some smooth passes, and showed some clever ball-handling. LAC Ken Wellar was our big scorer, and a fine performance of steady playing was turned in by F/O Al Bishop, Erskine, Alta., Sgt. Bill McKinley, Hamilton, LACs George "Robin" Hood, Toronto, Jack Schneider, Winnipeg, and AC1 Paddle Barrie, of Renfrew, Ont. Congrats are in order for Sgt. Ron "Goose" Benn, Windsor, on his recent appointment to P/O. We hope he is quite comfortable now in his new billet at "Shangri-La"—(Officers' quarters, for information of us erks).

Recent promotions in the ranks find Sgt. "Taffy" Turner, R.A.F., answering to "Chiefie," while LACs G. B. Moore, Peterboro; Ed. Norton, Starbuck, Man.; Dick Lyster, Camrose, Alta.; and F. W. "Lefty" Grove, of Woodstock, Ont., are filling the Corporals' ranks.

If any member of the Squadron is interested in becoming a member of the A.O.O.R.S.—(Ancient Order of Rope-swingers)—please contact Cpl. Alk. Nash, Moose Jaw, LAC Jack McDonald, St. Hyacinthe, or LAC Hal Glassford, Arnprior, Ont. It is the policy of the club members to meet in the dead of night, and swing on the ropes outside the gym.

Doc Sheard, please take note. The crew of "A" for Apple have finally gotten away on leave, and the Captain, F/S "Cookie" Cook, Syracuse, N.Y., has left his forwarding address as "The Crackers Club," London.

The rest of the crew includes P/O Ron Benn, Windsor; F/S Joe Kilgour, Cornwall, Ont.; Sgts. Joe Irving, Meaford, Ont.; "Red" MacFie, Dunchurch; Terry Reeves, Fergus, Ont.; and Cpl. Bob McKelvie, Sackville, N.B., who have all trekked Londonwards. The R.A.F. members of the crew are meanwhile, homewards bound. F/S Snelus, D.F.M., and Sgt. Ron Blades. It is rumoured that Sgt. Ron Blades has been "genning" up lately on how to pop the question, and we certainly wish you luck, Ron.



W/C S. Blanchard, of Edmonton (centre), is snapped with his two flight commanders. On the left is F/L C. S. Dowle, D.F.C., of Lander, Sask., and on the right S/L Leslie Crooks, D.F.C., of Bishop Auckland, Eng. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

WITH THE RADIO MECHS

WILTSHIRE M.U.

By Louis Ziff

THIS unit welcomes four new Canadians, LACs Jack Norris, Frank Ouellette, Charles "Chuck" Balson and Douglas Samson. All arrived recently in England.

Jack Norris comes from Port Arthur, Ont. Despite the tribulations he has gone through as an R.M., he is eager to become an electrician after the war. Incidentally, he hopes Frank Madigan will send him more Gen.

Frank Ouellette comes from Windsor, Ont. He worked as a construction welder in the piping days of peace and intends to go back to his old job. He sends Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to LACs Ted Jamieson, J. O. A. Rougier, Newton Wiley and Bud Murray.

Douglas Samson was fresh out of high school when he joined and doesn't know what he wants to do when the war is over. He sends special wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to his friend, Sgt. Pilot Ferris, in Scotland.

"Chuck" Balson was formerly a postal clerk in Toronto. He intends to go to bed for three months as soon as peace is declared. "Chuck" sends Bob Bennet and R.M.s in Haris his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LAC Johnny Strain has just received word from his friend, LAC Alfie Jones. Alfie was surprised to learn that so many of the old gang at McGill with whom he took his course were still together in Wiltshire. LACs Pyatt, Odell, Ziff, Strain, Wilcox, Spread, Taylor and McPhee have been together since January 6 of 1941 when they first came to McGill. Alfie says he has two of the old gang with him, Mike Kesterton and Matt Lenett.

Wiltshire M.U. sends its best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to its many friends in all parts of Britain.

NORTH WALES M.U.

By LAC Harry Sayers

FOR our Christmas contribution, an account of our Christmas party should fill the bill more suitably than anything else—so here goes!

December 11 was the great night, and the guest of honour was our popular district chaplain, F/L Sergeant, a most welcome guest.

The affair started off with a grand meal supplied by our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Price. It included soup, roast chicken, Brussels sprouts and potatoes, followed by Christmas pudding with rum sauce, and concluded with cheese and crackers, cake, marshmallows and sweets. What a meal—and the glass of sherry helped it along, too.

Afterwards, those who could grouped themselves lethargically around the piano, where, with "Mac" McEown tickling the ivories, we managed to sing a few songs, old and new. Then came the main feature of the evening, the initiation of six new members into the "Royal Order of the Moose," conducted by "Milady" the Low Priestess, William Q. (for Queen) Sellers and His Feebleness Vic (for Victory) Neilson. First candidate was Padre Sergeant, followed in quick succession by LACs Earl Guy, Ted Dopson, Danny Daniels, Keith Knox and Joe Freeman. As it was a secret ceremony, we dare not divulge the details, but the reactions were all that could be expected. Several of the chaps then displayed a few tricks, some good and some—well, they were tricks once.

The Padre said a few well-chosen words at the dinner table, reminding us of what Christmas means and thanking us for asking him. Needless to say, we are grateful to the padre for coming and we certainly enjoyed having him.

The following LACs were also in attendance: Adams, Allen, Bond, Delavigne, Henwood, Hurd, Fulford, Foxton, Franklin, Gallagher, J. A. Knox, Lawrence, Hale, Norris, Wallis, Wasson, Wellman, Parkin, Whitehouse, Wilson and Sayers. Unable to attend, due to duties, courses, etc., were LACs Doy, Ford, Passmore, Otto, Sjoquist.

WITH THE R.A.F.

AN old-fashioned Christmas in the English countryside with the girl friends sounds ideal; that's how Sgt. WOP-AG Walter Whitty, of Westmount, Que., is spending the holiday. A former "Demon" flier, Walt does his doling in a Hudson with an R.A.F. squadron at present.

He spent part of last week with a crewmate, F/S Obs. John Smith, Glace Bay, N.S. Both boys hope to continue with aviation after the war. Asked what his occupation was in Civvy Street, John replied: "The life of Riley."

Other Canucks in their squadron include P/O Harry Zumar, of Ottawa, F/S Harry Colmer, of Bowmanville, Ont., an observer; and Sgt. Jules Gendron, another WOP-AG and an Acadian.

Another chap, Sgt. Eric Twinnam, of Russell, Ont., asked if he would keep on flying come peace, cracked: "I'm not even going up on a soap-box after the war." Eric has just finished O.T.U., where he learned to pilot a Beaufort.

Sgt. AG Gordon Dunn, of Sherbrooke, Que., is also just out of O.T.U. Now he will take up the duties of air-gunner on a Wellington bomber.

Two other air-gunners who are about to begin their operational careers are Sgts. Vince Perdue, of Peterboro, Ont., and Cliff Maunder, of Lindsay, Ont. Big bombers are their business from now on.

A "converted" radio mech., Cpl. Andy Rathle, of Vancouver, is training to become a pilot. Later on Andy is going to take up law at the University of British Columbia.

A friend of his, a "converted" air-gunner, LAC Emerald Ross, of Gravelbourg, Sask., is taking the same course. Emerald wants to stay with the Air Force after the war. "They may need me to occupy Europe," he says.

F/S C. H. Short, of Orillia, Ont., is instructing hopeful young men in the piloting of Tiger Moths.

A pleasant Christmas with English friends in Warrington is Sgt. AG Gene Porter's Yule programme. His post-war ambition is to become a trombonist in a dance band.

A Liberator WAG, Sgt. John Ford, of Redlyn, Sask., is just beginning operational flying. He swears by the big fellows.

Members of the crew of a Stirling heavy bomber, Sgts. Harold Sobel, of Toronto, and Len Nutik, of Montreal, have been on three raids to Turin already. Harold is an air-gunner and Len a wireless air-gunner. Another Canadian in 'heir squadron, F/S Rex Roe, of Vancouver, skips his aircraft.

After finishing a tour of ops., F/S "Mac" McWilliams, of Cape Wolfe, P.E.I., says that his worst moment occurred when the Stirling he flies in was on its way to Turin not long ago. It was flying among the Alps when it happened on an air pocket. The giant aircraft was tossed around like a plaything.

Mac began his ops. auspiciously with the 1,000-bomber raids on Cologne, Essen and Bremen. He has been to Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Lubeck and many other Axis cities as well.

In the lapel of his tunic Mac wears a tiny gold cross, a gift

"BLACK BULL" DREAM OF XMAS

BY SGT. GEO. BAIN

AND when the messes had closed and "time, gentlemen," had been called through the local, all the air and ground crews, officers and airmen toddled off to their beds. And because it was that time of year, they all dreamed of what Christmas might bring.

F/S Leatherborrow, of Montreal, saw himself standing in an empty Maintenance hangar. Outside, at dispersals, were bright new Wellingtons, in each of which was a notice: "This aircraft is guaranteed complete serviceability for life."

In one corner of the hangar were Cpls. Jervis, of Niagara Falls, Hill and Bob Stevenson, of Victoria, B.C., and LAC "Scott" Melkiejohn, Regina, playing cards and smoking cigars.

LACs Bill Revie, of Hamilton; Stan Hacker, of Midland; Alf Sale, of Vancouver, Kob, of Brandon; and Doucet, of Quebec, who had long since forgotten how to repair Wimpys, were entertaining a party of W.A.A.F.s at tea.

In "A" Flight Room, F/S Frank Sicard, of Montreal, found himself with a board of all serviceable aircraft, all daily inspections done, and seven crews volunteering for night duty. He smiled benevolently and gave them 48's. Sgts. E. Hill, and L. Grimson, agreed that the Flight's newcomers, Menard, Oudrette, and D'Amouris, should have leave and sent them off for the week.

S/L W. E. Allison saw himself in the crew-room with all crews complete and the weather fine. Sgt. Bernie Dugas had completed his night-flying detail, and Phil Heden's crew had done its last cross-country. George Souch said the weather was fine and Larry "Snoos" Copenhaver came over to say how much he had enjoyed dinner in the Mess.

In "B" Flight, S/L John Comar found his right-hand man, F/L "Klass" Klassen with his moustache neatly trimmed and his hair cut like a Kingston grad's. In the crew-room Sgt. Eddie Cox was telling of the latest course (his 15th) from which he had just returned.

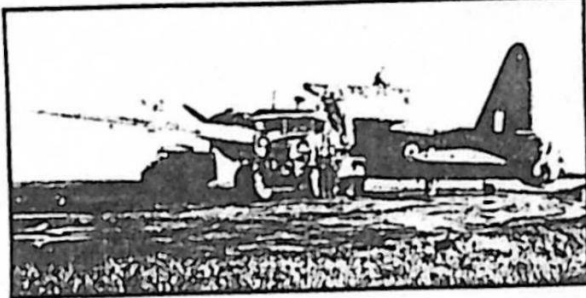
Sgts. Bule, Forbes, Mahon, Sanderson, Kimmery, and McGillivray were listening attentively. F/L "Doc" Kyle wandered from flight to flight looking in on happy, robust air crew. In all his pockets were bright, new pills which would guard against coughs, colds, chilblains, rust, and a variety of other ailments.

And through the hangar, happily smiling, walked W/C Carscallen, followed by an unending string of wolf-hounds, each one bigger than the next.

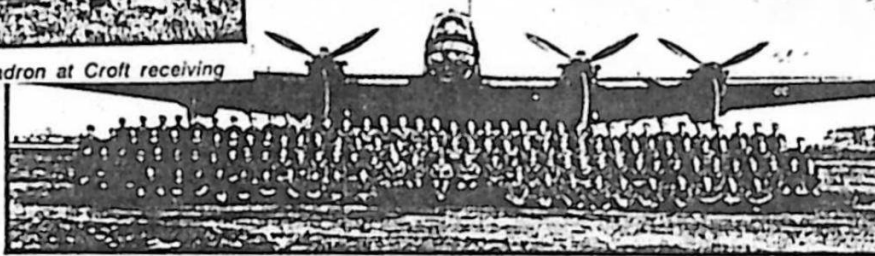
Of course, Christmas 1942 may not be quite like this... after all it's an austerity Christmas.

of G/C McCarthy, chief Roman Catholic padre of the R.C.A.F. Overseas.

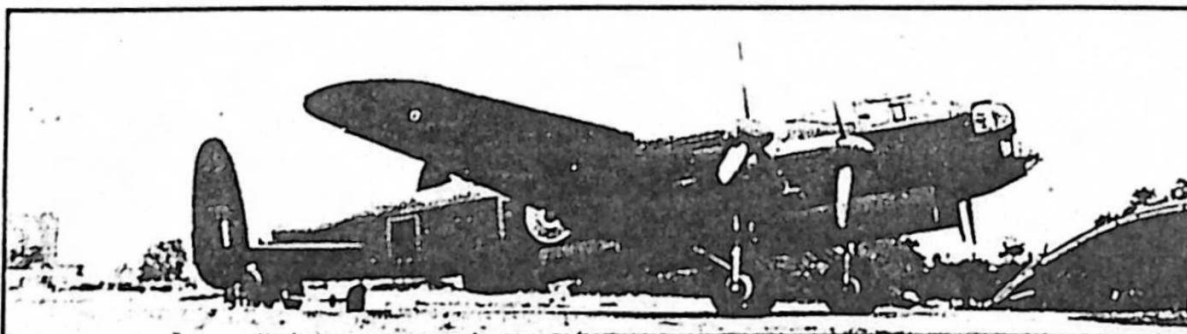
His pilot, P/O F. F. Hamilton, D.F.M., comes from Saskatchewan, as does the bomb-aimer, Sgt. Earl Everson, F/O Tony Pierce, the observer, is an Ontario man. Mac himself is a wireless air-gunner.



A Vickers Wellington of 427 Squadron at Croft receiving attention from the crew.



A group picture of 78 Squadron in front of a Handley Page Halifax at Croft Spa in 1942.



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TED WEAVER'S BUDGET OF NEWS FROM CEYLON

Change C.O.s, Promotions, Sports, Trappers And Concerts

From LAC Ted Weaver, stationed with an R.C.A.F. squadron in Ceylon, comes a budget of news about the boys in the Far East. His letter is dated November 1, which is not exactly modern news history, but in view of the distance travelled, is extremely welcome.

In a ceremonial parade W/C John Plant turned the squadron over to its new C.O., W/C J. C. Scott. W/C Plant remarked that he regarded the squadron as the best in Ceylon and that he would never forget that he was once its Commanding Officer.

The old song "There'll Be No Promotions," does not seem to apply to the squadron, as the list of promotions since the unit's arrival in the Far East shows.

"Honest Bill" Copley has been commissioned as a pilot officer. Three air observers also discarded the stripes to take up the thin ring. They are: P/Os A. Vineberg, S. S. Williams, and G. Vivian.

There are also four new Warrant officers, viz., L. E. Pattison, W. J. Jackson, H. Vernon, and D. S. Martin.

Sgt. C. J. Chapman has added a crown to his three stripes. And the following got their third hook: W. J. Moor, R. C. Plant, G. M. Gillross, and P. A. Lyon.

Two Strippers

Another group took on two stripes: T. K. Mowers, A. L. R. Hewitt, E. N. Walker, G. L. Swain, H. Kapinsky, L. J. Sawyer, J. E. Samal, A. Knowles, E. H. Chismore, R. F. Quirk, G. Trudeau, C. A. Gaston, J. M. Gibson, L. S. Attwell, L. Dion, R. G. Pearson, and G. R. Satterfield.

The squadron has laid out a softball diamond and are now engaged in some hard and vigorous games. They are quite happy about it all, especially as the diamond is their own work and for the fact that all the equipment had to be made on the island.

Nevertheless, the chaps are looking forward to receiving some ball bats, gloves, footballs, tennis balls and racquets, golf balls and playing cards from Britain, as nearly all of them are at a bit of a loss when it comes to playing soccer or cricket.

One of the electricians has received the nickname of "The Mad Trapper," as he was seen setting forth with a trap of his own making, to return later to the section with a squirrel's tail in his topee. What about it, Sgt. Sym?

The squadron had its first dinner concert, which was really a hang-up affair. Among the best of the many good turns were the touches of comedy supplied by "Pop" (Mickey Rooney) Harding and J. Batchlor, whose singing and dancing to "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" was super, although he still tells us the floor kept on moving. Some of the other performers were: Harold Kapinsky, Pete Warden, John McIntyre, Joe Croaggs, George Carter, "Sailor" Jones, Bill Crichton, and Frank Theberge.

Canucks in Ceylon Star in Big Meet

E. R. McEwen, Senior Canadian Y.M.C.A. Supervisor of the R.C.A.F. Overseas, has received a couple of letters from Cpl. Stan Latawiec of Winnipeg, who is at present stationed in Ceylon with an R.C.A.F. squadron.

According to Stan, the Canadian boys are just as sports-minded in the Far East as they were at home. At a track meet held for Australian, R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. personnel, LAC McManus, of Winnipeg, took the high jump and the hop, step and jump, while Latawiec won the 40 yards dash and the shot put. The Canadians also took first place in the tug-of-war.

The Y.M.C.A. supervisor sent Latawiec some sport equipment, which was acknowledged. He has also received a cable requesting more and is attending to the additional order with due promptness.

DANCE IS PLANNED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

BY "CHANG"

WE send Christmas greetings and our best wishes for a successful New Year to our old comrades of this squadron, who fought in the Battle of Britain, and who are serving in India, Africa, Alaska, Canada, Scotland and England. To our comrades in Nazi prison camps may 1943 bring their freedom and our reunion.

This is our squadron's third Christmas in England, and for a few of the present members their third Christmas with S/L Hodson's squadron overseas. They are P/O R. M. Bragg, F/S M. Jacques, F/S W. Cantelon, F/S J. Moffat, Sgt. W. Gunn, Sgt. F. Potts, Cpls. Martin and Brower and LACs L'Abbe and Fraser.

The occasion will be celebrated by F/L G. B. Murray, D.F.C., P/O E. L. Gimbel and P/O S. C. Osburn by meeting at the Den, and if you have never been at the "Den" during one of these occasions you have missed something.

Our new mascot, "Spiffire," a dandy pooch and successor to "Whisky," who recently met an untimely end when he bit off more than he could chew in the form of the group captain's Great Dane, is receiving a swell collar for Christmas. On Christmas Eve there will be a large dance at the Old Mess Hall, for all ranks and with all the trimmings it will close down at about two o'clock in the morning. At the Turrets, there will be a special stage show, and it promises to be a whopping success. Movies will be shown before and after.

Aspirins and bromos may be obtained on parade at eight-thirty Christmas morning.

POSTMAN'S HOLIDAY FOR BOMBER CREW

Canadians on leave in London do some strange things, with variety ranging from spending pounds like dollars to sleeping in odd and assorted places, but this bomber crew has made a record.

P/O Art Moody, Margaretville, N.S.; P/O W. J. Maitland, D.F.M., Vancouver; P/O Bernie Adilman, Saskatoon; and F/S W. Fieger, Drumheller, Alta.; with the assistance of Ken McAdam, Ottawa, Y.M.C.A. supervisor, as commentator, made a recording of a bombing run over Germany complete with sound effects and perfect reproduction of what happens in a bomber from briefing to "Over target."

The boys are very proud of this display of talent and are considering making a career of recording their voices—another Amos and Andy program perhaps.

worth, Sgt. Port Colbourne, Ont.; J. D. MacLeod, P.O. Ottawa; M. J. O'Sullivan, P.O. Montreal.

MISSING.
P. Carruthers, Sgt., Ottawa; J. F. Cooper, Sgt., St. Anne de Breupre, Que.; J. E. Evans, Sgt., Akron, Ohio; H. C. Hayward, P.O. Bennington, Vermont; D. R. Philip, Sgt., Rochester, N.Y.; R. A. Salchenberger, Sgt., Bannockburn, Ont.; J. W. Winton, P.O. Edmonton, C. R. Wright, Sgt., Toronto; C. R. Bee, P. S. Leamington, Ont.; P. S. O. Brichia, P. S. Myrtle, Ont.; R. E. Brown, Sgt., Vancouver; F. E. Davidson, Sgt., De Bert Station, N.S.; G. L. Olson, Sgt., Arlington, U.S.A.; Y. A. Drew, Sgt., Halden, Ont.; H. B. Einarson, Sgt., Weymouth, Sask.; C. I. Fee, Sgt., Omerose, Ont.; C. C. Good, P.O. Ottawa; J. E. Land, P.O. Hamilton, Ont.; J. J. Lawrence, P.O. Montreal; L. J. Lemoine, P.S. Ottawa; F. E. E. Lyons, Sgt., Toronto; C. G. T. McGregor, P.O. Gloucester, Ont.; S. McMoray, Sgt., Saskatoon, Sask.; A. T. Perstin, P.O. Downsman River, Man.; W. D. Probert, Sgt., Moose Jaw; C. W. Reaume, P.O. Dryden, Ont.; S. B. J. Reid, Sgt., Dryden, Ont.; S. B. J. Reid, Sgt., Leithbridge, Alta.; D. W. Gibson, Sgt., Lethbridge, Alta.; G. E. Sloan, Sgt., Ross, P.O. Toronto; C. E. Sloan, Sgt., Wallburg, Ont.; H. D. Van-Norman, Sgt., Calgary.

MISSING BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.
F. W. Henderson, P.O. Ottawa; J. F. Maguire, P. L. Colomay, Sask.



Probably if they call "Taxi" in Ceylon to go to the Christmas festivities this is what will happen. In the rickshaw is F/O A. H. Hill, of Winnipeg. On the right are F/L E. R. Emond, of Ottawa, and F/L A. W. "Doc" Riley, of Winnipeg. With them are some R.A.F. officers. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

ON LEAVE

LIGHT-SERGEANT S. E. Murray, of Warren, Man., managed a brief reunion with his brother, LAC G. E. Murray, a radio mech, in the Beaver Club last week. A Beaufighter skipper, the flight would admit only to having had "a few ops." He will visit London friends over Christmas.

If Sgt.-AG Otto Steinberg will write his cousin, Cpl. M. F. Steinberg, care of the R.P.O., the corp. will be very glad to set up a correspondence, once he knows where his air-gunner cousin is. The corp. is a scion of the Steinberg chain-grocery family of Montreal, but was a commercial traveller in civil life and intends to return to it.

LAC Harry Freed, a Vancouverite, will be staying with English civvy friends in Harpenden for the holiday season. Season's greetings to servicemen from the towns near Crows' Nest Pass, B.C., is the only message that AC1 Jack McPhee feels inclined to give the world at present.

Now on recovery leave after a "ditching" in the Channel that led to a serious illness, F/O L. S. Sharp, of Crossfield, Alta., is spending his three weeks at London, Perth and Edinburgh. A wireless operator-air gunner, F/O Sharp was recently commissioned. He flies with an R.C.A.F. bomber squadron.

WITH RADIO MECHS

(Continued from page 4.)

Calgary, on behalf of the LAC of that name. LAC Ray Laderoute spent a London leave not long ago. His interest in the town? "Eating."

Up to Aberdeen to see P/O Lyal McGill trekked LAC Cy Buckingham. Lyal was on duty, so Cy turned right around and came right back to London for the rest of his free time. Back in Brandon, Man., the boys knew each other for the last 17 years.

D.U. IN MIDS

By LAC B. Underwood

THIS being our first article, we would like to introduce ourselves, at the same time conveying season's greetings to any of our pals who may read this.

HOCKEY BOOMING IN ALL THREE LEAGUES

With all three R.C.A.F. hockey leagues running in high gear, the teams are beginning to settle into their stride and get into improved playing condition. The Dynamiters appear strong in the Central League and are as yet unbeaten. S/L Malloy's and S/L Hodson's fighter-combine team are likely contenders for the play-offs in the south. W/C Ferris's team continues to lead in the Northern League.

Northern League

W/C Blanchard's team shut out W/C St. Pierre's Flying Frenchmen 2-0 in a recent Northern League hockey game. Fife accounted for both goals, the first on an assist from "Ace" Bailey, the team's captain, and helped on the second by Gauchier.

The game, played at a fast clip, was scoreless until five minutes of the third period had elapsed, when Fife counted. Three minutes later he repeated.

There were four penalties in the match, but they had no bearing on the scoring. Belanger, captain of the Frenchmen, was sent off twice and Hobson once. MacKinnon was given an enforced breather for the Blanchard team.

W/C Blanchard's line-up: Vatch, Potheary, MacKinnon, McGavoch, Simpson, Welsh, Fife, Gauchier, Bailey, Korchenchsky, Erret, Warren.

Coach: F/L "Happy" Halton. W/C St. Pierre's line-up not available.

Flash!

According to a wire from Bill Rutter, W/C Ferris continued his advance in the northern league over the week-end by a 2-1 win over W/C Hillock's team.

Central League

In a Central League game recently the Dynamiters continued their winning streak by defeating the Musketeers by 10 goals to 2. The smooth passing attack of LaForce, Jolley and Semple accounted for seven of the Dynamiters' tallies, irrespective of the one-sided

score. W/O Dewan did some sterling net-minding for the Musketeers. For the losers P/O J. F. Reilly scored both goals.

Line-up of teams: Dynamiters: F/S W. M. Howe, Sgt. L. E. Deebank, Sgt. J. A. McMillan, P/O G. C. Semple, LAC J. D. Lytle, LAC C. S. LaForce, LAC H. C. Jolley, LAC J. G. Morton, LAC S. McLaren, Manager F/L J. C. Steele.

Musketeers: W/O D. J. Dewan, F/S A. E. Barnard, Sgt. R. Baht, Sgt. J. Golds, F/S L. Fleming, P/O J. F. Reilly, Sgt. W. Peacock, F/O D. N. Weatherall, Sgt. R. McGregor, LAC J. Wright, LAC J. Little.

Referee: Sgt. N. J. Smith.

Southern League

In the Southern League S/L Malloy and S/L Hodson's fighter-combine team and W/C Begg's Army Co-op. outfit top the league standings with two wins and no losses.

The fighter-combine team scored a recent 5-1 decision over R.C.A.F. Headquarters, with LAC Neil Galbraith netting four goals and LAC Carl Kerr one more for the winners.

W/C Begg's team scored a 2-1 win over a Canadian depot on goals by Cpl. Joe Shiblecky and P/O George Burrows.

S/L Kelly's fighter team squeezed out their first win over Headquarters 2-1. LAC "Red" Dale netted both goals, while LAC Tuxford tallied for the losers.

S/L Kelly's team stands third in the league with a win, a loss and a tie. R.C.A.F. Headquarters fourth with a victory and three defeats, and the Canadian depot trails with two defeats and a tie.

H.Q. Trounce W/C Begg 7-2

Paced by Art Kilrea Headquarters scored a decisive 7-2 victory over W/C Begg's Army Co-op. team last Saturday morning. Kilrea laid the ground work for most of the H.Q. tallies and the team showed a decided change of form. Tuxford and Spence scored two each, Ineson, Anderson and Millson added three more to end the game 7-2.

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DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION.

W. C. Keenan, Sgt., Santa Rosa, Calif.; G. H. Howe, P.S. Pembroke, Ont.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION.

W. E. Kings, P.O. Alton, Ont.; P. C. Hubbard, P.S. Verdun, Que.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

A. D. Cooper, Sgt., Winnipeg; C. M. Frame, Sgt., Verdun, Man.; L. Gilchrist, Sgt., Lismalou, Que.; J. D. Grant, P.S. Vancouver; K. M. Grant, Sgt., Armidale, N.S.; C. W. Keiner, Sgt., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; W. G. Keogh, Sgt., Tullahoma, Tenn.; P. S. Hinds, Sgt., Matville, Sask.; J. A. M. St. Pierre, Sgt., Montreal; H. E. Wells, Sgt., Worcester, Mass.; F. H. Doolan, Sgt., Bradwardine, Man.; R. A. Jackson, Sgt., Perth, Ont.; C. B. Robb, Sgt., Espana, Sask.; W. H. Robb, Sgt., Shubucadine, N.S.; A. J. Teron, Sgt., Winnipeg; P. N. Tompkins, Sgt., Wellington, Texas.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

R. J. Bewes, Sgt., Glenside, N.B.; J. M. Kassaner, Sgt., Chicago.

WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

J. D. Lewis, P.O. Caldersboro, N.C.

MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.

Y. P. Allenby, Sgt., Bonaville, N.Y.; C. B. Becheron, Sgt., Westmont, N.B.; J. L. Blair, Sgt., London, Ont.; J. H. Charbon, Sgt., New Liskeard, Ont.; G. E. C. Gidson, Sgt., Penitence, B.C.; R. Crabek, Gennette, Sgt., Penitence, B.C.; Sgt. Nordes, Alta.; J. B. Hizzinson, Sgt., Montreal; W. Kinson, Sgt., Penitence, B.C.; D. C. Kirk, P.O. Westmont, Que.; J. J. Labossiere, Sgt., White, Alta.; A. B. McLellan, Sgt., Prince Rupert, B.C.; Sgt. Milligan, F.S. Edmonton; D. Murray, Sgt., Boniface, Man.; L. Puch, P.O. Frank, Alta.; J. C. Seaton, Sgt., Winnipeg; G. A. Sherrin, Sgt., Sashbury, Sask.; J. H. Woolgar, Sgt., Winnipeg; G. L. R. Ellis,

LAND AT BASE SHORT OF GAS

When they landed at base with only 15 minutes supply of gas left, following a long-distance attack on Germany, the five other crew members of a Wellington bomber, four of them Canadians, had a lot to say in praise of their navigator. However, the latter, F/S J. W. May, was a bit dejected. He didn't want to turn his log in. "It's the worst job I've ever made of a log," he said.

"You got back to base, so what are you kicking about," came a chorus from around the table.

F/S Billy Kennedy, captain of the Wimpy, told how variable and contrary winds drove them off track and how they flew over two other airfields, expecting they would have to land there, before they finally found they had enough fuel to get them to their base. He gave credit to the skill of the navigator for their safe return, while the navigator insisted it was the skipper's careful conservation of petrol which was responsible. These two have been on more than 20 operations together.

The other Canadian crew members were P/O G. J. Williams, of Lindsay, Ont., bomb-aimer, who has been with Kennedy and May for several recent operations, and Sgt. Frank J. Higgins, of Amherstburg, Ont., second pilot, who was doing his first op.



The "Solid Four" harmonise for the folks back home at the Christmas broadcast recently held at R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters. This talented quartet have done much to lighten the leisure hours of Canadians in Britain. Left to right: Cpl. Bill Wilkinson, of Toronto; Cpl. "Scotty" Barnes, of Toronto; Cpl. Bill Hancock, of Toronto; and LAC "Slim" Lewis, of Winnipeg. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

SGT. MENEMY WAS MAKING FIRST OP

In speaking of his first operational trip, in a Halifax to Western Germany and the city of Frankfurt, Sgt. G. S. Menemy, of Hamilton, said that the target stood out clearly and he saw quite a few good fires and bombs from other aircraft exploding.

The raid also held novelty for P/Os L. N. Brown and C. F. Amies, both of Edmonton and in the same R.A.F. Halifax squadron as Menemy. It was their first night operation and they were highly satisfied with it.

As the fliers were discussing the raid in the interrogation room, Sgt. A. Cohn, a bombardier from Toronto, raised a laugh by coming in with a large cigar stuck in the corner of his mouth. He was celebrating his 13th trip.

With Cohn are two other Canadians, P/Os C. W. Anderson and Bob Griffith, both of Toronto. Anderson was limping from a sprained ankle which occurred before he went on the trip. He has been on 14 operations.

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PANTOMIME IS TRADITIONAL FOR ENGLAND

Opens Every Christmas Eve And Continues To Easter

BY ELKAN ALLAN

They say that in Great Britain at four o'clock in the afternoon everything stops for tea. Well, at Christmas time over here everything stops for pantomime.

Around about Christmas Eve practically every vacant theatre throughout the land opens up with panto and plays to packed houses until Easter.

Just why this form of entertainment has such a hold on the people is difficult to assess, but the fact remains that it is traditional for the first entertainment for an English child to see is the panto, and he is then expected to go yearly until he reaches his dotage. And so he usually does.

Pantomime was imported from Italy over two hundred years ago and was first performed at the Lincoln's Inn Theatre, not a pebble's throw from the offices of this newspaper. Mr. John Rich was the gentleman who brought this new diversion to the gay London of the eighteenth century. The story was simple, told only in dumb show and by the aid of dancing, much in the way ballet still survives.

It was always the same: Pantomime, Harlequin and Columbine in a merry, gay affair which ended happily for all concerned. Soon the ambitious Mr. Rich transferred his success to the more spacious Drury Lane Theatre; but, alas, there it flopped.

Joseph Grimaldi.

It took the genius of the greatest clown of all time, Joseph Grimaldi, to bring it to its feet again. He introduced new ideas, including some of the stars of the variety theatres of the day. What a great man Grimaldi was! He has a living monument to his name in the fact that every clown is now called Joey, in deference to the finest of them all. He died prematurely, at an early age, worn out by the tumbles and hard work he had put into his life of panto.

The end of the last century found the pantomime much altered. There were now pantos worked round practically every fairy story in Mother Goose's book. Dan Leno, Little Tich, and others like them played to the vast provincial audiences which had taken this form of theatre to their simple hearts.

The year 1942 brings half a dozen new productions to the metropolis. Except that they have the basic story of a nursery rhyme there is little or nothing to distinguish them from the ordinary provincial burlesque show. Suggestive jokes abound and the popular songs of the moment will be sung in particularly inappropriate places. An excuse will be found for a chorus of lovelies, and there will be much more for Daddy's eye than Sonny's sense of humour.

However, some traditions die hard. There still will be principal "boys" played by girls. The Dame will be a man's part. And the finale will almost certainly be the wedding of the principals, with the guests, the entire company, coming down long staircases.

The most traditional pantos this year will be at the Stoll ("Cinderella") and at the Coliseum ("Mother Goose"). A last point. The whole plot is usually said in rhyme, and it's a good pointer to how traditional a panto is to see how rhymeful it is.

COMMISSIONED

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

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CLERK OPS. VISIT H.Q.

A couple of our clerks operational spent some leave in London last week and were at headquarters one afternoon both LAWA Shirley Jackson, whose home is in Winnipeg, and Kythe Mackenzie, of Cowichan Bay, B.C., evidently enjoyed their brief stay here.

IMMING FAMILY ARE MOSTLY AIR FORCE

The Imming family, of Peterboro, Ont., is a minor Air Force institution. The head of it, Cpl. "Skip," is a radio man; his son, Hugh, is an LAC flight mechanic; and his daughter, Muriel, is an Assistant Section Officer in the W.A.A.F.

"Skip" served with the Royal Flying Corps in '17 and '18, as a mechanic. His squadron, No. 84, trained in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was stationed until Armistice.

As luck would have it, he had seen action in that part of the world in the two previous years. The 1st Minnesota Infantry of the U.S. Army, in which "Skip" was a sergeant in '16 and '17, took part in the border battles with Pancho Villa. He wears both British and American Service ribbons.

Now "Skip," Hugh and Muriel are all on active service in England.

FILM LOG

"DESPERATE JOURNEY"

America's answer to the English film, "One of Our Aircraft is Missing." Five men escape when a Flying Fortress is shot down in the Black Forest. Miraculous escapes from the Gestapo, blowing up of a factory manufacturing incendiary bombs, capture and escape again, a ride to Berlin in Goering's railroad coach dressed in German uniforms, romance and hair-raising adventures puts "Desperate Journey" in first place for an evening's pleasure. Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan, Nancy Coleman, Raymond Massey and Alan Hule play the leading roles.

"THE MAJOR AND THE MINOR"

Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland join to make one of the smoothest comedies of the year. Ginger, with insufficient money to buy a ticket from New York to his Wisconsin home-town, alters her appearance to that of a twelve-year-old, simpering, balloon-carrying schoolgirl in order to travel for half-fare. Her disguise is penetrated by the conductor and her flight from him takes her into Ray's stateroom. He sees her as the twelve-year-old and takes her under his wing. Ray brings their journey to an end and Ray insists on her staying as the guest of his fiancée at a Military Academy. The "Junior Wolves" as the cadets are termed hand out their 'line,' each one using the same word-for-word. Eventually, Ginger is exposed and is forced to leave. But, they meet again... Ray finds that he is in love with her and... well, I think they were married.

"GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE"

Jack Benny is at his very best as an apartment-dwelling husband and Ann Sheridan is his house-in-the-country loving wife. She buys a house where George Washington was supposed to have slept prior to his Delaware Commando Raid. They rebuild the ramshackle building and Jack is just on the verge of taking life in the country when they learn that they are to lose it all unless they produce five thousand bucks in two days' time. The day is saved, however, when the gardener finds an old boot while digging a well which contains a letter written by George Washington to his armed forces. The context of the letter makes a fitting anticlimax, is very touching and might have been written especially for the fighting forces of this war.

H.Q. FLASH

The Headquarters Christmas-New Year fun and frolic will take place on December 29. There will be dancing at the Connaught Rooms from 7-11 to the R.C.A.F. Dance Band. The address again is Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street. Nice going. Entertainments Committee.

BEARDED WO1 AN INTERNEE

Occupation of Algeria Meant Liberty for Vern Schneider

Looking remarkably fit for a man who has just returned from a four-and-a-half months' spell in an Algerian internment camp, WO1 Vern Schneider, of Toronto, is back in Britain and finding holiday life pretty sweet after his recent experience. He grew a flourishing brown beard while in captivity and is still wearing it.

He was interned when he and his crew-mates landed on the



It's not Father Christmas, it's Vern Schneider, of Toronto.

Algerian coast. Their torpedo-bomber had crashed at sea.

In his camp there were six other Canadian airmen and a Canadian sailor, but just before the Americans occupied Algeria he was transferred to another camp. As a result it took him a little longer to effect his return to this country.

An observer, Vern has been flying in Beauforts in this country and North Africa for the last two years. His only bad luck in that time was to break a leg once when his aircraft was forced to land in the sea off the English coast.



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FORMER CANADIAN SPORTS STARS NOW ARE OVERSEAS WITH R.C.A.F. IN BOTH GROUND AND AIRCREWS

The Zest They Once Put Into Smashing Records Back Home They Now Use to Smash the Axis Powers In Their Biggest Game of All

MANY OF THEM RANKED HIGH IN CANADIAN SPORT

There are many young men in the R.C.A.F. whose names were household words to Canadian sport fans, and there are a great many more who would have been sport page celebrities by this time had it not been for the demands of war. Many a promising young athlete will "miss the boat" because he believed that Axis smashing took priority over record smashing.

An example is F/O F. F. W. "Hank" Hanton, who barely received his baptism of fire in pro hockey with Hershey and the Boston Bruins, after reaching Memorial Cup Final with Kenora Thistles in 1940. "Hank" pilots a Mustang with a Canadian operation specializing in shooting up freight trains and Me109s instead of opposing goalies. "Hank" recently got a probable in a clash with two German fighters.

Tracey and Warring A couple more hockeyists of ability are F.O Hugh Tracey, of Montreal, and LAC Lude Warring, Regina. Tracey, who once had an offer from the Detroit Red Wings, is too much involved in radio these days to get in much hockey. He starred in the Quebec Senior Amateur League with Canadians, Concorin, Victoria and Verdun. Warring, who played pro with Philadelphia, has found himself more than a trifle removed from England's "hockey belt."

Lacrosse, Canadian variety, has been played by certain R.C.A.F. squadrons during the past year. It was not surprising to see a Cornwall man occupying a standard role. Sgt. Larry Deebank was the good provider for his fighter squadron. He's been over here for two years, and has done a lot to sport promotion in the area in which his squadron is stationed. He played lacrosse for Cornwall and Mimico.



F. O Hanton.



Sgt. Larry Deebank

Sgt. Bill Dempster of St. Catharines and Toronto, could have provided plenty of punch for Canadian teams. Managing a gun turret in a Stirling bomber has been his main occupation. Another well-known lacrosse man is P/O G. D. Long, whose claim to sport fame was a spot on the line-up of the Trail Smoke-Eaters. His wartime specialty is piloting a Beaufighter.

Recently two of the brightest stars in the present hockey firmament arrived overseas. They are Cpls. Milt Schmidt and "Porky" Dumart, two-third of the famous Boston Bruins "Krout Line." Bobby Bauer, the third member of the famed line is also in the R.C.A.F. but is still in Canada. Schmidt and Dumart have been posted to two R.C.A.F. squadrons as physical training instructors, and doubtless will be taking part in hockey with tennis representing those squadrons.

The "Flying Frenchmen" were legendary figures in N.H.L. hockey when the famous Moresz - Joliat - Boucher line paced Montreal Canadians to high achievement. The "Flying Frenchmen" are really flying these days, on ice as well as in the thin air. Not the same ones, of course, but those of the bomber squadron of W/C Joe St. Pierre. There is plenty of ice

talent on this essentially French-Canadian squadron, mostly from along aircrew. Two air gunners have their shooting irons in good order, both in the air and on ice. P/O Fred Belanger had a high reputation when he played for Quebec Aces. F/S Jean Paul Raymond, Montreal, was an opponent in those days, playing for Pare Lafontaine and Concordias. They retain their old touch.

Then there are two young men around a fighter station in the London area who can reminisce about the hockey wars in which they have engaged. They are F/Os H. A. "Hank" Yeandle of Stratford, and Dave Neville, Hamilton. Hank is a fighter squadron adjutant and Dave an intelligence officer. Neville's road to hockey fame was with the Montreal Royals, 1930 to 1933. Three times he got to an Allan Cup final, but he never got over the hump.

Hockey carried this centre and tight winger to Germany and winter Olympics. That was in 1936 when he was added to the Port Arthur line-up. Swan song to Neville's senior career was in 1939 when he did his high gear fade-out in Toronto Goodyear uniform.

Yeandle is probably better known in hockey in his present surroundings than in his native Stratford. He played for University of Western Ontario 1928-32. Then the travel urge possessed him. He paid England a tourist visit in 1931, lingered, and then found himself coach at The Hague, Holland, by 1935.

During the interim he played for the Grosvenor House team which won the E.I.H.A. title in 1931, and subsequently switched allegiance to Richmond and Earl's Court. Perhaps he is not particularly thrilled with the recollection, but "Hank" once played before Der Fuehrer when his team appeared at the Sport Palast, Berlin.

The Canadian tennis front has been solidly bolstered overseas. During the past summer F/L Walter Martin, of Regina and Toronto, has represented the R.C.A.F. in many Red Cross exhibitions in the United Kingdom. The former Davis Cup player has mingled with the super-stars of Great Britain, and also many foreign players who have taken refuge here.

Tennis Goes On Hall and slender, Cpl. Don McDiarmid, Canadian champion, has now appeared on the scene. Tennis in England is played under wraps, but tennis goes on, despite shortage of maintenance staffs, scarcity of balls, and noticeable lack of practice opportunity. English galleries have taken a great liking to the good-natured and towering Martin. Quiet mannered McDiarmid should further increase that esteem for Canadian netmen.

P/O Ken Larden, of North Bay, seemed headed a long way up when he set the pace for the North Bay Trappers, but R.C.A.F. enlistment sidetracked hockey advancement. Ken is a Swift-fire jockey now, and a mighty good one, too. This 21-year-old Northern Ontario boy won his commission in the field last summer.

Old swimming cronies of tall reputation found themselves thrown together at a Personnel Reception Centre over here when F/L Tommy Walker, Toronto, and P/O Gerry Monty, Montreal, crossed paths. Rough water in English pools has been the result.

Tommy is known to thousands of R.C.A.F. personnel through his long connection with sport at Trenton, but the sports public generally know him as one of the best swimming coaches in the business, as well as a very able competitor. He was

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Three of Canada's leading tennis players held a reunion in London recently. Left to right: F/L Walter Martin, of Toronto and Regina; Signalmen George Robinson, of Westmount, Que.; and Cpl. Don McDiarmid, of Ottawa. Martin played Davis Cup tennis for Canada, Robinson was one-time junior champion, and McDiarmid is at present ranked No. 1. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

R.C.A.F. PHOTOGRAPHER LANDED IN NORTH AFRICA

Sgt. Vic Davidson Claimed That He Was Allergic To Dive Bombing

One night last month Cpl. Vic Davidson, a press photographer at R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q., received a phone call at his lodgings telling him to get ready to move in 12 hours. "Where am I going?" asked Vic, naturally enough. "Don't know," was the answer.

Davidson reported the next morning, but even then was not able to gain much more information. He was informed that he was to be loaned to the R.A.F. and to leave immediately. F/L Bert Johnson, of Windsor, and P/O Cecil Southward, of Hamilton, helped him draw his webbing, a service revolver, other equipment, and to pack his camera and flash bulbs. They saw that the details of his promotion to the rank of sergeant were pushed through. They put him into a car and said good-bye.

The next they heard from Sgt. Davidson was to the effect that he was in North Africa with the Anglo-American armies. He had made the voyage with the occupying armies and was on hand to take pictures of their history-making landing.

F/L Johnson has recently had a letter from Davidson. In part it reads: "I have just returned from an eight-day tour of the forward area, and it was quite sticky. What with getting lost in the Algerian mountains and being sniped at by the unsympathetic Moors, it has been a rather hectic week. I have also made the discovery that I am definitely allergic to dive bombing and strafing, and we have been subjected to quite a lot of it since our arrival. It has all been rather jolly (in a diabolical sort of way)."

Davidson was engaged in photographic work before the war. He took up amateur photography while clerking in T. Eaton's store at Montreal. As he became more adept, he and a friend used to do a few commercial jobs for friends. These began to get more and more numerous and cut into their sleeping time.

Finally the time came when they had to decide whether they could make a living out of photography as a full-time job. They took the plunge, and never regretted it. They acquired another partner, a Chinese boy, whose failing eyesight had forced him to leave his studies in architecture at McGill. The business was flourishing when Vic Davidson joined the R.C.A.F.

Davidson arrived overseas in April, 1941, and was posted to an R.C.A.F. Army Co-operation Squadron. He remained with them until July, 1942, when he came into the press photographic branch of the Directorate of Public Relations.

He has taken R.C.A.F. pictures in all parts of the United Kingdom, including Northern Ireland. P/O Cec. Southward had this to say of him: "Not only is Vic Davidson a first-class photographer, but he's a helluva swell guy."

More pictures and more news will be forthcoming from Davidson from the African war front, and when they do they will be reproduced in Wings Abroad.



Sgt. Davidson



P/O Larden

SEES HIS FIRST HOCKEY GAME

G/C Graham in Attendance When Ferris Squadron Defeated Blanchard's

G/C Graham, the station commander where W/C Ferris's squadron is, saw his first hockey game when the Ferris team defeated W/C Blanchard's squad 6-1. Jamieson, with three goals, was high scorer, while Harrison, McKillop and Lemoine accounted for one apiece.

This story is not vouched for, but it is claimed that after the victory Bill Rutter conversed thus with a barnmaid: Bill: "Ginger ale, please." Barnmaid: "Pale?" Bill: "No, just a glass." O.K., we said we wouldn't vouch for it.

The Ferris team members were a bit disappointed that Keely had to leave in such a hurry for his aircrew training. The Armament boys would have liked to have seen him, too.

McQUEEN GAINED WING OVERSEAS

Many of the airmen who were selected for ground crew and sent overseas have found opportunities to grow a wing or two. Sgt. H. McQueen, of Montreal, is one of these.

Now 21 years old, he crossed to Britain more than two years ago as a mechanic after receiving training at St. Thomas.

In July of this year "Mac" went on a flight engineer's course when the first Canadian bomber squadron to be formed in Britain, to which he belonged, converted to Halifax bombers.

Soon after his training was completed he went on his first operation. It was to Duisberg, and "Mac" received a thorough introduction to searchlights and flak.

After Duisberg he visited Hamburg, Essen, Saarbrucken, Dusseldorf and many other targets. He considers the low-level attack on Flensburg as his best trip.

FLIGHT ENGINEERS

Among sergeant flight engineers who have been taking a conversion course in Halifax, are Fred Poulter, of Calgary; Bill "Taff" Howell, of Toronto; "Lefty" McIntyre, of Winnipeg; Bill Simonette, of Kingston; and "Dynamite" Jack Blewett, of Kamsack, N.S.

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S/L C. C. Sparling puts us right on Flin Flon. As he points out, it is a compliment to refer to its sons as "hard rock miners." And so we intended it to be.

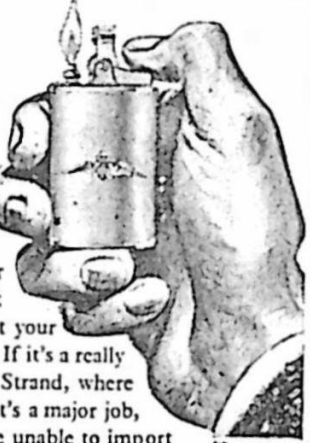
This Wigwam City of 10,000 inhabitants is one of the premier mining towns in Canada. S/L Sparling informs us that besides the contribution it is making in providing the ore for the finest of technical war machinery, and as badly needed as are its men in this prime industry, yet it has sent forth one-tenth of its population to the various forces.

This jocularly named "Wigwam" settlement has produced fine men, and it has the distinction of being represented in the Government by Premier Bracken, of Manitoba, and by the Hon. I. A. Creer, the Minister of National Resources of Canada.

Besides, sir, that Flin Flon hockey team was always a hard lot to beat. We agree with you, too, that the team Flin Flon has sent overseas other people are going to find pretty hard to beat.

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CHRISTMAS IN LONDON IN CANADIAN FASHION

Many Events Are Planned At Service Clubs Of Metropolis

A rush of dances, Christmas dinners and like entertainments around the Canadian servicemen's clubs in the London area is going to crowd the time of many an airman on leave in these parts.

To start with the Beaver Club, the hub of the British metropolis in the eyes of most Canadian servicemen: A free turkey dinner will be the biggest attraction of Christmas Day. Prospective guests should leave their names at the Club and pick up their tickets Christmas morning. There will be two sittings, one at twelve and another at one. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Massey will receive the boys.

Dancing and community games will feature the afternoon and a "Beaver Club" party in the evening will climax the day's festivities. On Christmas Eve the regular dance will take place. A tea dance is planned for Boxing Day and will be topped by another "Beaver Club" party in the evening.

At the gala dance on New Year's Eve the girls will wear fancy dress, though the men will remain in uniform.

Many English families are eager to share their Christmas fun with holidaying Canadians. Airmen who would like to spend the holiday in friendly English homes have only to hand in their names at the Beaver Club.

Maple Leaf Club
A similar, though more modest programme, is being arranged at the Maple Leaf Club, where a special Christmas dinner will be served the boys staying there.

Friends of the Club, who have stayed there are also invited, though notice should be given well in advance.

A famous regimental band of the Canadian Army will play at the Maple Leaf's Christmas Eve dance, if arrangements can be concluded for this.

At the Leinster "Y," already brightly decorated at the time of writing, guests will be entertained at a party which will begin soon after dinner Christmas Day. On Boxing Day, a dance will be held in the evening. It will be featured by prizes and games.

The well-known Red Shield Club on Southampton Row is providing a Christmas dinner and a concert party in the evening. It expects to accommodate about 250 men at the dinner.

The Salvation Army is also trying to reach men on their stations. Its R.C.A.F. supervisors will play Santa Claus to every man they can reach, within the area serviced by the "Army." Soap and - soapbox sets, metal mirrors with calendars on the back and bottles of hair cream will be issued, as well as the usual cigarettes and other commodities.

Special entertainments will keynote the holiday programmes of every Salvation Army hostel. It is hoped that hostels in the country districts will be able to repeat their con-

R.C.A.F. XMAS SHOW

The R.C.A.F. Overseas Christmas concert will be heard in this country. The program was originally intended for Canada only, but it has met with so much enthusiasm that the B.B.C. will broadcast it over the Forces wave-length at 8.30 a.m. on December 27th. It is a half-hour show, featuring the R.C.A.F. Dance Band and other Air Force artists.

SPORTS STARS

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an Olympian in '28 represented Canada at the British Empire Games in '32 and coached the next Olympic swimming team.

Short and thickest Monty is in his element on and off springboards. He also made the British Empire team. His athletic ability does not end with swimming. He was a Big Four outside wing for Montreal, a boxer, water poloist and ardent skier. Rumour has it that he has gone overboard for English field hockey.

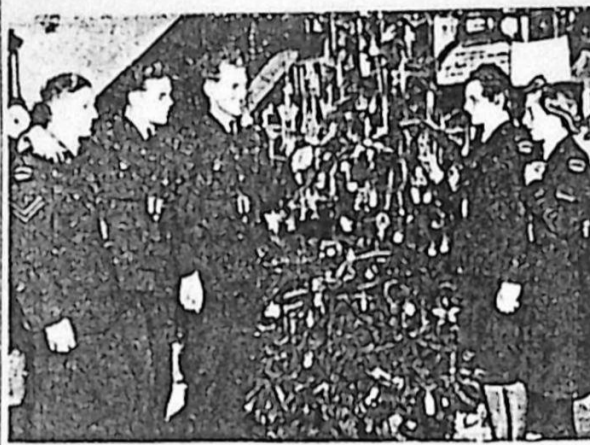
Fancy Diver
F/L Johnny Tett, pilot of a Wellington bomber, one time represented the last word in fancy diving. A National title attests to his skill. Since coming over here he has figured in a "gong parade." He was awarded the D.F.C. for resourcefulness and courage.

In basketball circles "Feet" Parsons holds a Dominion-wide reputation. In R.C.A.F. records he's down as P/O Mill Tisdale, of Vancouver. Tisdale is a pilot with the famous R.C.A.F. shipwrecking concern, the "Demon" Squadron of Coastal Command. They need no recommendation for shipping demolition.

The comeback of "Chuck" McLean is being watched with interest. It hardly represents athletic achievement for the football star from Brockville. A former middle wing with Toronto Argonauts, McLean had a grim fight for life following air combat over Malta. He took on three enemy planes at 21,000 feet, and believes he accounted for them. He was subsequently rescued, badly burned and wounded. He was later brought to England by ambulance aircraft. He was critical, but specialist pulled him through. P/O McLean will be a hospital case for some time yet, but he is on the mend, thanks largely to his fine physique.

certs of the last Christmas season when Canadian servicemen acted as hosts to evacuee children—and had a whale of a time romping with the delighted kiddies.

All the Canadian service clubs are busy arranging to make this Christmas a merry one for their guests-in-uniform, and the preparations at particular clubs described above are only given because they are typical of all of them.



As with many other Canadian Service Clubs in London, the West Central is well decorated in preparation for the Christmas festivities. Pictured here, in front of the tree in the main lobby of the club, are from left to right Cpl. George Nunn, of Toronto; LAC Gordie Wattins, of Edmonton; LAC "Red" Ford, of Kirkland Lake, LAW Marian McLeod, of Winnipeg; and LAW Louise MacBride, of Victoria.

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

HEADQUARTERS

WELL, fellas, it's Christmas again. A strange Christmas no less without the snow, the lights and the family gathering about the tree. Judging by the trek from the mail room the Yuletide season will not go by without everyone having parcels from home. We wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas.

Gregory looks okay in his new uniform. "Greg," formerly of the firm of Imeson, Maitland and Gregory, has transferred to the U.S. Forces with the rank of corporal. Meanwhile Imeson and Maitland continue with, "No have got, come back next week," on every Monday clothing parade.

Cpl. Gordie Duff, Room 97, Statistical Branch—nothing else—just Cpl. Gordie Duff. There you are, Gord, how does it look in print?

It's all right, Nursing Sister Douglas, we all like Christmas trees. Maybe the Medical Section did laugh when you brought in the little tree in the flower pot and when you hung the toy puzzle on it. But Sgt. Major Basset couldn't put the puzzle together and Sgt. Torpey had to go out and get another to see how it worked, and Cpl. Coffin looked on in disdain because he, too, couldn't put the puzzle

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

THEATRES
HIPPODROME. Ger. 3272. Twice Daily at 2.30 and 5.20. GEORGE BLACK presents LET'S FACE IT with BOBBY HOWES
PALACE. Ger. 6024. Evs. 8.45, Wed., Sat. and Dec. 28, 29. TOM ARNOLD and LEE WYHAM present JACK HUBBERT, CICELY COUTHENIDGE in FULL SWING Extra performance Mon., Dec. 28, at 2.0
PALLADIUM. Ger. 7272. Twice Daily at 2.30 and 5.15. TOMMY TRINDER in GEORGE BLACK'S BEST BID AND TUCKER
PRINCE OF WALES. Whl. 881. Twice Daily at 2.45 and 5.20. Boxing Day 12, 2.45, 5.20. Vic Oliver in GEORGE BLACK'S GET A LOAD OF THIS.
PRINCES. Tem. 6555. Evs. (ex. Fri.), 8.45. Mat., Wed., Thurs. and Sat., 2.0. First Shepherd presents WILD ROSE Music by Jerome Kern. Based on Robert Bialist. JESSIE MATTHEWS, RICHARD HEARNE, Frank Leighton, André Haudail.
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LESLIE HENSON, DOROTHY DICKSON, STANLEY HOLLOWAY, DOUGLAS BYNO.
SAVOY. Tem. 2488. Evs. 8.45. Mat., Wed. and Sat., 2.15. FIFTH SHEPHERD presents THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER ROBERT MORLEY, Coral Browne, Hugh McDermott, Mary Alice Collins, Jerry Verno, Edward Cooper.**VICTORIA PALACE.** Vic. 1311. Wed., Dec. 23, at 5.20 and Twice Daily, 2.15 and 5.20. LUPINO LANE in BABES IN THE WOOD Book now. 2.4 to 12.6.**WINDMILL.** Piccadilly Circus. 11th Yr. REVUEVILLE. 115th Edition (Fifth Week) Cont. daily, 12-9.20 p.m. Last perf. 8 p.m. A VIVIAN VAN DAMM PRODUCTION

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DOMINION (G-B). Tottenham Court Rd. Mickey Rooney, A YANK AT ETON (U). One Thrilling Night (A). News, etc. Weekdays: continuous 11.20 to 10. Sundays: continuous from 2.30.
EMPIRE. Leicester Sq. Cont. from 10 a.m. CLARK GABLE, LANA TURNER in SOMEWHERE I'LL FIND YOU (A)

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LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. Whitehall 5252 4. Diana Barrymore in "NIGHTMARE" (A). Perfs. at 11.15, 1.5, 3.50 and 6.40
LONDON PAVILION. Continuous daily from 10 a.m. Cary Grant, Jean Arthur. Ronald Colman as THE TALK OF THE TOWN (U) with Einar Buchanan. Fifth Week

MARBLE ARCH PAV. Mar. 5112. GARY COOPER with Teresa Wright. THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES (U). Weekdays: continuous 11 to 9.45. Sundays: continuous 2 to 8.20.
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ODEON. Leicester Sq. Whl. 6111. ANN SHERIDAN and JACK BENNY in "GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE" (U) Showing at 10.45, 1.05, 3.45, 5.45 and 8.05.
PARAMOUNT. Tottenham Court Rd. Monty Woolley and Buddy McDowell in "THE PIED PIPER" (U). Commencing Sunday "SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE SECRET WEAPON" (U) 31th Bond Bathhouse "ESCAPE TO HAPPINESS" (U) with Leslie Howard.

PLAZA. Piccadilly Circus. Whl. 8544. Second week. Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland. "THE MAJOR AND THE MINOR" (U). Continuous 10 a.m. Sundays doors open 3 p.m.
TATLER TH. (G-B). Charing Cross Rd. Anglo-Soviet Feature PETER THE GREAT (A) The Great Soviet Historical Drama. Bread and Confectionery (U). Stalin's Speech (U).
WARNER. Leicester Sq. Ger. 3423. JAMES CAAGNEY YANKEE DOODLE DANDY (U) JOAN LESLIE, WALTER HUSTON, RICHARD WHORF

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AT PALACE

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gained his award for general devotion to duty and leadership and his help to less experienced crews.

F/L C. W. Palmer, of Dundalk, Ont., pilot of an R.C.A.F. Halifax squadron, doesn't know why he was awarded a "gong" unless it was for a raid on Flensburg, where he ran into "bags of trouble."

F/S Fred Hiley, of Toronto, received his D.F.M. for a raid on Stuttgart. His aircraft was hit by ack-ack fire over the target, and shortly afterwards it was attacked by an Me. 110, the fire of which killed Hiley's rear gunner and further damaged his aircraft. The enemy fighter was driven off and believed destroyed.

Although one of his engines was put out of action, the electrical system destroyed and both the compasses damaged, Hiley skillfully flew his aircraft back to this country and landed safely in a field. The final Canadian present was F/L Keith Murphy, 22, of Ottawa, who won his D.F.C. for devotion to duty and courage while engaged in his duties as navigator bomb-aimer.

USEFUL IN WIMPIES

Among Canadian WAGs now useful to make themselves useful in Wimpies are Sgts. Cliff McArdle, Lachine, Que.; G. A. Duffy, Chatham, Ont.; Carl Jamieson, D. Black and Bridgeman.

A BIT CONFUSING

The Kapuscinski family of Toronto is going to cause grey hairs in a certain Canadian squadron.

LAC Frank Kapuscinski, who is 24, has a 22-year-old nephew, also named Frank, on the station. Uncle Frank is a fitter and Frank Jr. is a flight engineer.

Now, to the confusion of everybody except the Kapuscinski family, Uncle Frank has announced his intention of becoming a flight engineer too.

together. P.S.—They really like your little Christmas tree.

At time of writing, plans for the Headquarters Christmas entertainment are incomplete. The new entertainment committee promise something good in the way of Christmas-New Year fun and frolic, and they guarantee a success for their first venture.

Sorry to hear, Sgt. Hay, that you missed out on the hearing test after you had sailed through the rest of the aircrew medical board so beautifully.

LAC Ted Hockridge, of Vancouver, singing star of Headquarters, was married last Friday to Miss Eileen Elliott, of the W.R.N.S. The ceremony took place at the bride's home in Sandown, Isle of Wight. Good luck, Mr. and Mrs. Hockridge.

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XMAS BLESSINGS

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however, remains to be accomplished during the new year that will dawn in a few days. We must gird ourselves to even greater efforts and to more determined purpose, so that soon the world may pass out "the agony of the doing into the peace of the done."

It is my earnest wish and prayer that the Divine Christ Child may bless each and every one of you and give you that peace "which the world cannot give."

The true spirit of Christmas is found in Christ's birth, and may the sweet story of His coming to earth. Fill your heart this Christmas with Faith and Hope, too, and bring many blessings in the New Year to you.

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