



George Medal Tops Awards This Week

P/O JENNER SAVED COMRADE IN BLAZE

Stirling Bomber Flew Home on Only Two Engines and Then Exploded

JETTISONED PARACHUTES OVER GERMANY

ONE of the most amazing exploits of a bomber crew in the present war led to the announcement of the award of the George Medal to P/O Raoul de F. Jenner, of Ottawa, this week.

This marked the second occasion on which a Canadian has gained this distinction. The first was to F/S T. B. Miller, of Waubushene, Ont., now a prisoner of war in Germany.

As the crew set out for Dusseldorf on the night of September 10 little did they imagine that they could bring a Stirling home all that distance on only two engines, pull it out of a 385-mile-an-hour dive in searchlight coning, and then effect a gallant rescue at the end of the journey.

Jenner, then a sergeant wireless operator air-gunner, was making his 19th trip. In view of the fact that on the previous trip to Frankfurt they had tangled with a night-fighter and shot it down, he was counting on lightning not striking twice in the same place.

Many Searchlights

It was quiet until they got to the target. There they found about 50 searchlights playing all over the sky. The skipper, F/O Paddy Trench, an Irishman, skilfully guided the Stirling on the bombing run to drop its cargo and then went back for photographs.

"Then they really got us," said Jenner. "It seemed like all the searchlights in Dusseldorf had coned us. Trench headed for a dark spot and when he got there he put the aircraft into a vertical dive. Trench and the second pilot said afterwards that we reached 385 miles an hour on the clock."

They were congratulating themselves on their escape when "buckets of flak" came up at them. The petrol tank on the starboard side was hit and the petrol seeped out into the fuselage.

The next thing they knew the port inner engine was hit. The prop flew loose and came smashing back into the mid-turret.

"We had just recovered from that," continued Jenner, "when the port outer engine got hit and dropped loose from the frame and left us with just the

THANKS R.C.A.F. FOR CONGRATULATIONS

R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters to-day announced that the following reply has been received from Lt. General Arnold, Commanding General, to a message of congratulation directed by the Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas to the United States Army Air Forces on their "outstanding success" during their first year of war:

"I trust that you will convey to the Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas in London my thanks for their kind and generous congratulations. I feel that the close co-operation of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the United States Army Air Forces is a power that will decide the winning of the war."

two starboard engines operating. As well, the starboard inner developed airlocks.

The skipper ordered them to bail out, but as Dusseldorf didn't look like a health spot they sold him the idea of staving with the kite as long as he could keep it flying.

He then ordered them to jettison everything they could. The first thing they tossed out was their parachutes. They kept only the rear guns to avoid being entirely sitting birds.

The engineer was doing an amazing job. Jenner's radio was unserviceable, which left getting back to base up to the navigator, P/O Salman, an English lad.

Somehow or other they got (Continued on page 4, col. 4)



P/O Raoul de Fontenay Jenner of Ottawa, has just been awarded the George Medal. He won the distinction by pulling a badly burned comrade out of a crashed and flaming aircraft after a couple of his crew-mates had been killed in the attempt.

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

CHUTE SAVES HIGH AWARDS ARE GRANTED TO CANADIANS

Returns to Thank Packer, Cpl. Jean Bowie Of Waafs

A Canadian Spitfire pilot, 20-year-old Sgt. Ron McLeod, of Glace Bay, N.S., owes his life to the skilful parachute packing of a corporal in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, and he is not the first who has had reason to be thankful for the time and care which this girl devotes to her trade.

The W.A.A.F., Cpl. Jean Bowie, of Southampton, has been in the Service two years, working on parachutes most of that time, and more than once her parachutes have been the thing that saved the lives of air crew when they had abandoned their aircraft for one reason or another.

Sgt. McLeod was returning from a flight one day recently when his engine packed up and he was forced to abandon the machine.

Was Not Hurt

"I was at about 1,000 or 1,500 feet when the engine quit and I had to get out," he said. "But the chute opened right away and in a minute or two I landed in a tree. No, I wasn't hurt, just shaken up a bit."

The Canadian pilot, who flies with a squadron commanded by S/L Lloyd Chadburn, D.F.C., of Aurora, Ont., has been overseas about seven months. He trained at Stanley, N.S., and Moncton, N.B.

"That was not the first of my parachutes that has been used," Cpl. Bowie said. "I should think I have had about eight or ten men jump in chutes I have packed. I am not sure just how many. You see, some of them bailed out over Germany and are prisoners now. "Still, it is good to know the boys remember you when they have to use your parachutes. Sgt. McLeod came around and thanked me for the job when he got home."

MOSTLY AIR CREW IN R.C.A.F. DRAFT

Of the hundreds of R.C.A.F. personnel included in the great convoy of Canadian service men and women which arrived at a British port recently, more than half were air crew. There were a handful of administrative officer personnel, and the remainder were ground crew in a wide variety of trades.

British Empire Medal for Two R.C.A.F. Members Is Announced

LAYTON HAS D.S.O.

High award to be announced this week is that of the D.S.O. to F/O Michael S. Layton, of Montreal. No citation for his exploit is yet available.

Two other Canadians who have won unusual awards this week are Sgt. George Kenne-Reardon, of St. George, N.B., and LAC Howard Carter, of Kifield, Sask. Both have been granted the British Empire Medal.

Sgt. Reardon was front gunner of an aircraft which attacked Munich one night in September. Returning, an engine failed, and his bomber fell into the sea off the English coast. It kept level, but the impact broke it into four parts, and the crew was thrown into the sea. Sgt. Reardon and the British pilot started swimming for the shore, supporting the mid-upper gunner between them. "They were picked up by a fishing boat after swimming for three and a-half hours," the citation says, "but unfortunately the gunner was found to be dead."

Heroic Rescue

The story of the other B.E.M. winner, LAC Carter, was related in a recent edition of WINGS ABROAD. He also distinguished himself by the heroic rescue of an airman trapped in a crashed aircraft.

Bars have been added to the D.F.C.s of F/L D. W. Schmidt, of Millet, Alta., and P/O H. W. Donkersley, of Powell River, B.C. Since winning their D.F.C.s, both officers have distinguished themselves in attacks on enemy shipping. In one engagement last November, F/L Schmidt destroyed two Ju. 52s and helped destroy a Do. 24. Not long afterwards, he shot down another Ju. 52, and followed it a few days later with the destruction of a C.R.42.

A number of D.F.C.s and D.F.M.s round out the list of awards to Canadian fliers this Christmas week.

The following officers have gained the D.F.C.:—F/O Henry Tilson, of Regina; F/O R. J. (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM CANADA

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA

"To the Minister of National Defence for Air." "I should be grateful if you would convey my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Force. During the past year they have risen to magnificent heights of valour and strength and have fought and beaten the enemy in many heroic fights and in many skies. They have earned for themselves a name that will endure for ever in the long history of the defence of civilisation, and I know that in the great struggle that still lies before us they will worthily uphold their splendid record. I wish them all the best of luck in the New Year, in which I feel sure they will keep aloft their great ideal of service inspired by a bold spirit of chivalrous adventure."

THE PRIME MINISTER

"Air Marshal Harold Edwards, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, R.C.A.F., London. "Will you please personally accept and convey to the officers and other ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Force the warmest and best of wishes of my colleagues and myself for the Christmas season and the New Year. In these wishes we are joined by all the people of Canada. You are all in our thoughts. "W. L. MACKENZIE KING, "Prime Minister."

A/V/M BROOKES SENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS

The following message was signalled to Air Vice-Marshal Curtis at R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters by Air Vice-Marshal Brookes: "All ranks join me in extending to you and your staff Yuletide greetings and a victorious New Year."

HERRIOTT RETURNS

F/O Dunc Herriott, of Toronto, has returned to Great Britain recently from the Middle East. Dunc is a radio officer, and in this capacity went to the Mediterranean area during the past summer.

THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF CANADA

"On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, the Ministers of National Defence, the Hon. J. L. Ralston, the Hon. C. G. Power and the Hon. A. L. Macdonald, extend warmest greetings for Christmas and the New Year to the men and women serving in the Armed Forces at home and abroad. Canada is proud of the splendid manner in which her sons and daughters in uniform have met the exacting requirements of service and training. The war may bring sterner tests to us all in 1943. We have the fullest confidence in you. We know you will be ready for whatever call may come. To end this conflict we must destroy the forces which threaten the security and the happiness of free peoples everywhere. Our fighting resources are growing, and with the fullest contribution of every Canadian we know that this Dominion will play its part in the victory of the United Nations."

STEWART BEAT OFF FIGHTERS

While attempting to rescue a German pilot shot down in the sea, two British destroyers and a Whitley bomber were attacked by three Focke Wulf 190s. An hour previously the Whitley had fought off three Junkers 88s while searching for a British crew in the sea.

The rear-gunner in the Whitley was P/O H. W. J. Stewart, of Montreal. A stream of lead from his guns sent one F.W. 190 crashing into the water for the first "kill" of his career. Another German fighter went staggering across the sky as the Whitley's guns left their mark upon it. The remaining one scurried off home.

The Whitley was shot up and two of the crew were wounded. However, was not injured seriously. He was well satisfied with the exchange, as in the previous battle with the Junkers he believes he scored hits on two of them.

FURIOUS DUEL FOUGHT WITH ONE ENGINE CUT

Campbell Was Rear-Gunner In Lancaster Bomber On Munich Trip

When the starboard outer engine of a Lancaster bomber suddenly seized up while en route to Munich last week, the crew turned to set course for home. The next minute the rear-gunner, Sgt. Mike Campbell, of Glace Bay, N.S., and the Scottish sergeant in the mid-upper turret were fighting a brief but furious duel with a Ju. 88.

The German attacked twice and the second time was driven off for keeps as bullets from six Brownings poured into its belly. It was seen to turn over and dive straight down into the clouds. Its guns, however, had given the Lancaster a mauling. The bomb-aimer was wounded in the legs and arms and is recovering in the station hospital under care of the squadron's South African medical officer. Petrol tanks were punctured and there was such a strong smell of petrol throughout the aircraft that the crew at one time prepared to bail out.

A fire started beneath the mid-upper turret and was put out by the gunner, who burnt through the several pairs of

gloves he was wearing. In the tailplate and elevator a two-foot square hole had been torn by a cannon shell and the rudders were damaged. To add to the pilot's troubles, the air-speed indicator was found to be useless after the combat. In spite of these difficulties the captain, a 20-year-old flying officer from Willesden, Eng., brought his aircraft safely back to base through thick clouds on three engines.

Unable to use his rudders, he had to bank the big bomber in diminishing circles to make his approach to the flare path. It was raining and the clouds were getting lower every minute. He finally made a perfect landing after completing only three circuits of the aerodrome.

The two gunners, who between them drove off the Ju. 88, have just passed their 21st birthdays. Campbell has done many operations, but it was the first bomber trip to Europe for the young Scot in the mid-upper turret.

Crews of the R.A.F. Lancaster squadron to which this aircraft belonged reported seeing a red glow reflected on the clouds above Munich.

"We could still see the glow many miles from the city," said F/S Bud Butler, of Montreal, a rear-gunner. Mid-upper gunner in this aircraft is another Montrealer, F/S Syd Admason.

BRADSHAW'S SQUADRON MADE DUISBERG RAID

Canadians on R.A.F. Units Were Well Satisfied With Results

Members of an R.C.A.F. Wellington bomber squadron commanded by W/C D. A. Bradshaw, of London, Ont., returned from a heavy attack on Germany's great inland port of Duisberg to report that their bombs and incendiaries fell well within the target area. They noticed that German searchlights and anti-aircraft defences were less effective than usual.

F/S Doug. Wilson of Ingersoll, Ont., captain of one of the Wellingtons, saw a blinding explosion which was topped with what appeared to be debris. W/O George Bumstead, of Dauphin, Man., and F/S John Donahue, of Inverness, N.S., who flew in other Wellingtons, agreed that the show was one of the most satisfying they had ever been on.

Many Canadian airmen in R.A.F. squadrons were also on the attack. Of these, P/O G. Milne, of Calgary, was making his first operational trip. He flew as second pilot in a Halifax.

F/S Eddie Stewart, of Camrose, Alta., 25-year-old captain of another Halifax, described the raid as "a nice Christmas present for Hitler."

Two Canadians were in the crew of a Lancaster which outwitted six enemy nightfighters. They were Sgt. Horace Clements, of Liverpool, N.S., and Sgt. Winslow Guild, of North Hatley, Que. The aircraft was flown by a flight sergeant from London, Eng., who was trained in Oklahoma.

The pilot made use of the Lancaster's renowned speed and some excellent evasive action of his own to shake off three attacks without a shot being fired.

The squadron to which this Lancaster is attached returned to the Ruhr for this show after several "piece of cake raids" on Northern Italy. F/S Milton Paige of Lennoxville, Que., voted it "a good trip all around."

Sgt. Jack Edwards, of Portage la Prairie, was mid-upper gunner in a Lancaster which had a pretty chilly trip after the fuselage door had blown open in the early stages of the flight and couldn't be closed by reason of the slipstream. The crew had to knock ice formations off their oxygen masks.

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"TRAIN BUSTER" POWELL, D.F.C.

Edmonton Spitfire Pilot Has Perfected Technique of Low-level Transport Attacks



"SQUADRON LEADER X"

At last there is a picture with a war motif which can be called entertaining. "Squadron Leader X," which opens simultaneously at the London Pavilion and Regal, Marble Arch, on Friday, is beyond any doubt the best film ever made where the war-in-the-air is portrayed, although there are only two portions of the picture actually dealing with the physical side of warfare.

unawares, and if they do you have two courses of action from which to choose. Either you break away, thus making yourself more vulnerable by exposing a larger target surface, or you can test your skill against that of the gunners by attacking the post itself.

Flying through rain squalls is hazardous, but the accompanying low clouds form a measure of protective covering. Another danger is a false feeling of security which comes from flying over the peaceful-looking French countryside. P/O Powell finds this feeling is magnified by the cheerful welcome which the average French, Dutch or Belgian civilian gives our pilots.

Powell figures it is an unlucky pilot who cannot find at least two engines on a busy line. The engines attacked are generally so torn and riddled by high-explosive cannon and machine-gun fire that it would be a considerable job to repair them.

On the highways, army lorries make good hunting, and troop concentrations and army camps make very good sport.

"Train busting" is highly regarded by fighter pilots as a means of keeping their winter days from being dull. Certainly it has been so in the case of P/O Powell, who flies with the R.C.A.F. Spitfire squadron commanded by S/L Fred Kelly, of Beaverton, Ont.



P/O L. W. Powell, D.F.C. 23-year-old pilot from Edmonton, flies with S/L Fred Kelly's R.C.A.F. Spitfire squadron. He has shot up more than a score of locomotives in enemy occupied territory.

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

Gun posts are usually placed near favourable targets or along the coast where they can fire on aircraft approaching from the sea. Such gun positions prove their value if they catch you

PILOT OFFICER L. W. Powell, D.F.C., of Edmonton, has made a speciality of train busting. In recent months he has personally destroyed more than a score of railway locomotives and has attacked numerous army transports and gun posts.

During the winter time when operational flying hours for fighter pilots are reduced to a fraction of what they were in the summer, these low-level attacks on enemy transportation in France and the Low Countries serve to satisfy a fighter pilot's craving for activity.

As Powell, who is recognised as a "gen" man on this type of operation, explains it, these attacks must be properly planned and organised. The pilot, however, is not necessarily restricted to attacking only his primary target. He is free to have a go at any worthwhile objective which he happens to come across.

It is of first importance to select a weakly defended area in which to attack. Few pilots survive flak barrages if they make a habit of running through them regularly and without respect for their efficiency.

Another essential is the element of surprise. This is effected by the speed and low altitude at which Powell and his fellow "specialists" fly.

The accuracy and concentration of enemy gunfire at unexpected points provides one of the main hazards in these sweeps. When you get into a gun-protected area you have to fly like mad, but still with precision, to escape the flak.

EDITORIAL

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE New Year begins well. Everywhere the Allied Nations have turned to the offensive. Everywhere, our growing superiority in the air is being forcefully demonstrated.

There is a far better feeling apparent wherever you go; among civilians, throughout our own squadrons, throughout all the armed forces. It shows in the letters we receive from Canada and in the letters we write home.

For the first time we are permitting ourselves to speculate on the chance of peace in 1943 and even of a homecoming before the year is out. Probably it's a harmless occupation; certainly it's a useless one. The future is far too obscure for any of us to pierce.

The danger for each of us is that we may be carried away by mounting confidence; we may slacken in whatever phase of a grim and relentless job has been given to us to perform. We may say the war's as good as won when it's far from won. We may think it's safe, now, to rest occasionally from the tasks which for months or years have engaged us, perhaps to let our thoughts turn increasingly westward rather than toward the east and the enemy.

There lies the danger. To offset it, we propose a New Year's resolution: that the new hope we feel should not make us work the harder toward its realisation; that, the better the news from our other battlefronts, the greater will be the energy and determination with which we approach, each of us, our aspect of the struggle.

To us that seems a pretty fair means of shortening the war and ensuring that, for all of us, will be

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CASUALTIES

For the week ending December 26, 1942:

KILLED IN ACTION. J. W. Drinkwater, Sgt., Sarnia, Ont.; J. F. C. Hately, Sgt., Toronto; J. H. Gibbons, Sgt., Rothwell, Man. KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. J. A. Clark, F/S, Port Alice, B.C.; E. M. Harney, Sgt., New York, U.S.A.; J. A. Hay, P/O, Chatham, N.B.; W. R. A. Jannke, LAC, Regina; R. A. Kinross, Sgt., Carleton Place, Ont.; E. D. Lawley, LAC, Saskatchewan; L. O. Luton, AC1, Radville, Sask.; W. H. Pickering, Sgt., Chilliwack, B.C.; J. W. Wilson, Cpl., Pleasantdale, Sask.; W. H. Bowler, P/O, Vancouver; J. P. Campbell, Sgt., Vancouver; W. W. Evans, Sgt., Dorval, Que.; M. R. Foran, Sgt., Sault Ste. Marie; W. B. Fry, Sgt., San Benito, Texas; E. V. Garman, P/O, Winnipeg; N. H. Hrachorak, F/S, Winnipeg; J. S. Jewett, Sgt., Montreal; B. A. Kerkhoff, Sgt., Toronto; R. L. McCulloch, Sgt., Cosperstown, U.S.A.; M. W. Mazier, Sgt., Brandon; J. F. Smead, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; J. F. Teskey, Sgt., Port Arthur, J. A. E. Vincent, Sgt., Ottawa; B. H. Vye, F/S, Newcastle, N.B.; W. H. Wynnychuk, Sgt., Edmonton.

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. J. F. Burns, LAC, Toronto; N. P. Wilson, LAC, Vermillion, Alta.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. D. A. Wright, Sgt., Moose Jaw, Sask.

WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. D. C. Murray, Sgt., Francois Lake, B.C.; J. P. Marchant, Sgt., Clair, Sask.; W. J. B. Howell, Sgt., Gaspe, Que.; J. A. Shepherd, Sgt., Navasota, B.C.; T. A. Deakney, Sgt., Jersey City.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. W. T. Braun, Sgt., Saskatoon.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. G. L. Fiddler, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; R. J. Carmel, P/O, Sarnia, Ont.; R. E. Clarke, P/O, Winnipeg; W. S. Grant, Sgt., St. John, N.B.; C. A. Kilson, Sgt., Montreal; M. J. F. Murray, Sgt., Whitehorse, B.C.; H. E. Orr, Sgt., Clarkson, Ont.; C. A. Paton, Sgt., Toronto; J. G. Spuler, Sgt., St. Boniface, Man.; J. G. St. Louis, F/S, Newfane, Ont.; A. C. Yates, Sgt., Opa, Alta.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. W. M. Richards, P/O, Montreal.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. R. Greene, Sgt., Akron, Ohio; H. C. Hughes, Sgt., Toronto.

MISSING. P. S. Brawley, Sgt., Newcomerstown, Ohio; M. E. Buchler, Sgt., Newark, N.J.; H. H. Burton, P/O, Elkhorn, West Va.; G. M. Caldwell, Sgt., London, Ont.; J. A. B. Cameron, Sgt., Montreal; A. L. Caron, Sgt., Kenora, Ont.; R. B. Clements, F/S, Goldthwaite, Texas; H. T. J. Collett, Sgt., Montreal; B. A. W. Gaults, Sgt., Calgary; H. S. Cowley, Sgt., Windsor; M. R. Crocker, Sgt., Prince George, B.C.; E. A. F. De Bartok, P/O; C. H. Fosket, P/O, Saskatchewan; R. D. Gibson, Sgt., Dawson Creek, B.C.; J. A. Gordon, F/S, Trenton, Ont.; C. W. Hall, F/S, Ottawa; W. H. Johnson, Sgt., Guston, Ont.; R. A. Kerton, Sgt., Grand Falls, N.B.; J. N. S. King, Sgt., Oakville, Ont.; B. L. Kohn, Sgt., Lynden, Sask.; H. G. Leatherman, Sgt., El Paso, Texas; E. B. J. MacKay, Sgt., Whitehorse, B.C.; J. C. MacDonald, F/S, Sydney Mines, N.S.; W. B. Martin, Sgt., Antigonish, N.S.; C. R. F. Morris, P/O, Vancouver; J. E. Omet, Sgt., Robson, Sask.; L. Pablo, Sgt., Pablo, Mont.; E. H. Vandasher, Sgt., Hiawatha, Ont.; C. E. Ward, Sgt., Toronto; W. H. Ridder, Sgt., C. Island, N.Y.; A. S. Robertson, Sgt., Toronto; J. E. Rodgers, Sgt., Vancouver; J. A. Royle, Sgt., Buffalo, N.Y.;

DOCUMENTS

A number of the fellows were invited to a private party on the 18th. For those unfortunate individuals detailed for duty, Christmas Day was brightened by a delicious dinner, together with lots of cigarettes and things, that made everyone feel quite at home.

A Record Office may not be a place of glory and Adventure in the Skies," however, it certainly does turn out the work. Sgt. Ernie Peerless is sharing Cpl. Rutherford's fate of having the most worried facial expression in camp. We call it the "Record Office Blues." What will the F/L away on Temp. Duty, documents by the thousand coming in, boys away sick, new staff to break in, etc. you can hardly blame him. Never mind, Sgt., you will again see the light. What light? says he! We had a surprise visit last month from the R.C.A.F. Trade Test Board, but as yet no official results have been received as to how the lads made out who were writing for their "A" and "B" groups. We are hoping for the best!

Cigarettes and writing paper were gratefully received last month. However, with so much Christmas mail to write, our supply didn't last long. Are you listening, down there at the Auxiliary Services? There's nothing like dropping a few hints now and again.

A short time ago the office staff lost its one and only honest-to-goodness cowboy when LAC Don Durrell, of Risko Creek, B.C., departed on his AG course. All the best, "cowboy"! If you ride the tail of one of those kites as well as you used to ride those bronchos, you won't have anything to worry about. One of our former staff members, LAC Jack Biggs of Hamilton, is well along on his AG course, according to all accounts.

A number of the boys, together with their best girls, held a warming-up party at the Headstone Hotel recently and quite enjoyed themselves. All arrived safely back at camp. Romance and stuff has really taken a firm hold of the personnel. Leading the pack in this connection is AC1 Ron Goulet, followed closely by LAC Hall, "the Jankers King," and a host of also rans.

J. A. Sampson, Sgt., Soverolen, Sask.; W. O. Snow, Sgt., Milton, Ont.; G. R. Sullivan, Sgt., Westboro, Ont.; H. J. Thurston, F/S, Soreau's, Ont.; S. A. Turner, F/S, Windsor, Ont.; R. G. Warren, F/S, Toronto; J. E. Wilkes, P/O, Toronto; H. W. Adams, Sgt., Nimsite, Man.; J. R. Ballie, Sgt., Vancouver; A. Birchall, P/O, St. Thomas, Ont.; J. L. T. Chartier, Sgt., St. Louis, Sask.; R. F. Chase, P/O, Fredrickton, N.B.; J. R. Coffey, Sgt., Czar, Alta.; L. S. Ernest, Sgt., Kenaster, Sask.; E. E. Gervais, P/O, La Pave, Ont.; S. G. Gray, Sgt., Halifax, U.S.A.; E. R. Hutton, Sgt., The Pass, Man.; A. F. Izzard, P/O, St. John, N.B.; H. C. Johnston, Sgt., Vernon, B.C.; T. H. Miller, Sgt., Cornwall, P.E.I.; J. E. Galloway, Sgt., Unity, Sask.; J. Ott, F/S, Ozama, Sask.; I. F. Preston, P/O, Wilmington, North Carolina; J. M. Rankin, Sgt., Onward, Sask.; S. Ross, Sgt., Winnipeg; W. M. Webb, F/S, Broadview, Sask.; F. A. Youmans, Sgt., Toronto.

RINK PACKED FOR GAME PLAYED ON BOXING DAY

In Southern League Contest Headquarters Team Wins Again

Northern League hockey fans, who packed the rink, were given a treat on Boxing Day when Milt Schmidt, of the famous Boston Bruins "Kraut" line, took the ice for the first period in a game against a Canadian Midland fighter squadron. Although he did not score, his easy skating style and stick-handling were pretty to watch. The occasion was an exhibition game between a Bomber and Fighter squadron that ended in a 3-all tie. Wray, of the Bombers, did some brilliant reminding to stop the smooth passing attack of Crane, LaForce and Lytle.

P/O Weedon put the Bombers out in front in the first stanza and Crane tied the count later. Weedon and Crandall tallied to give the Bombers a two-goal advantage at the end of the first period. The second frame was scoreless. In the third Crane scored again and with thirty seconds of the period remaining LaForce tied it up.

Line up:—Bombers.—Cpl. Brewer, F/L Parnall, Ken McAdam, Cpl. Schmidt, P/O Crowther, P/O Weedon, LAC Shearman, LAC Wray, Caspell, Cpl. Poitras, Cpl. Christie, LAC O'Shaughnessy, Sgt. Crandall, Sgt. Beresford. Fighters.—F/S Howe, Sgt. Deebank, Sgt. McMillan, LAC Crane, LAC LaForce, LAC Lytle, LAC Goode, AC McLaren, LAC Morthin.

In a league game W/C Burnside's outfit, paced by Sgt. Patrick, a former Calgary Stampeder, nosed out W/C Bradshaw's six by a score of 4-3. Patrick was the outstanding player on the ice. Three of his goals were scored on solo efforts, the fourth on an assist from Gagnon, Patrick, McDougall and Poitras tallied for the losers.

Line up:—W/C Burnside.—Sgt. Hooley, Montreal; Sgt. Blue, Sherbrooke, Que.; Sgt. Puffer, Toronto; Sgt. Gagnon; Sgt. Grover, Toronto; LAC McKimm, Niagara Falls; Sgt. Patrick, Calgary; Sgt. Plaster, Lockwood; Sgt. Skillen, Montreal; Sgt. Crewe, Regina; Sgt. Munson, Brandon; Sgt. Page, St. Catharines.

W/C Bradshaw.—LAC Koch, Dilke, Sask.; LAC Caspell, Nanton, Alta.; Cpl. Christie, Fort William; P/O Adlman, Saskatchewan; P/O McDougall, North Bay; Cpl. Tomlin, Neepawa; Cpl. Poitras, Winnipeg; P/O Rudden, Parkburg, Sask.; LAC O'Shaughnessy, Winnipeg; Sgt. Sands, Edmonton; LAC Cannam, Kinaston, Sask.

The Headquarters sextet, strengthened by the addition of Sgt. "Chick" Windsor, swamped the Canadian Depot

"WINGS ABROAD" SOUVENIR FILES

More and more requests for the "Wings Abroad" souvenir files are coming in to complete files the boys are making for souvenirs. To date we have been able to fill all the requests, and to a considerable extent still can do so. However, it is suggested that in future to be assured of a complete file of all the numbers that you hang on to your individual copies. When you get a volume, have them bound. That's what we're doing with ours.

CANUCKS AGAIN WIN RUGBY UNION GAME

Third successive win was achieved last week-end by R.C.A.F. Midlands Fighter Station when they scored a convincing 21 clear points victory over a searchlight battery in their Rugby Union series. Losers were opportunists and smart on the ball, but weak finishing prevented them from opening their account.

Although a trifle disjointed in the scrums, where they were outweighed, the R.C.A.F. were too good for the opposition and led 8-0 at half-time, with tries from AC Winston Davies and speedy Sgt. Dean. F/L "Tommy" Carpenter converted on one occasion and was deadly accurate with his kicking in the second half, when he improved twice following tries by Winco Davoud (2) and Cpl. Mitchell.

Construction of the Canadians' team was sound. New scrum half, S/L Villa, showed excellent knowledge form, and AC Murphy, wing forward, made an impressive debut. Newcomer, Sgt. Wilkes, at full-back, had the minimum of work but showed up well, while the appearance of versatile Winco Davoud in the centre produced good results. R.C.A.F. pack was led in grand style by F/O Hore-Kennard.

CONVERTS TO HALIFAXES

On completing his course at O.T.U., Sgt. Obs. Jim Russell, of Toronto, spent a week's leave in London before going to a conversion course on Halifax bombers.

team in a Southern League game last week. The score was 8-2. Windsor netted three of the H.Q. goals. H.Q. then went on to score a 2-1 decision over S/L Kelly and S/L Chadburn's fighter combine team in a close game last Sunday. Stars for Headquarters were Anderson, who played a stellar game of defence, and Millson, who scored both goals.

COMMISSIONED

Pilots.—M. O. F. Frederick, Bethune, Sask.; A. J. McDonald, Turner Valley, Alta.; R. D. Phillip, Toronto; I. E. McKay, New Orleans, Louisiana; W. S. Sherk, Ridgway, Ont.; M. W. McLaughlin, Edmonton; K. H. Dalton, Buxton, P.E.I.; E. Unterseher, Hilda, Alta.; L. R. B. Loving, Regina; R. H. Milne, Montreal, P.Q.; W. S. Johnston, Renfrew, Ont.; W. A. Walkenshaw, Edmonton; J. E. Cox, Kingston, Ont.; V. H. Wynn (home address not available). Navigators.—H. T. Hionides, Paterson, N.J.; R. J. Wheatley, Winnipeg; W. W. Roy, Tottenham, Ont.; D. A. Inman, Bradford, Yorks; H. L. C. Reynolds, Montreal; H. Tasche, Regina; J. W. Harper, Toronto.

Wireless Operator Air-Gunners.—W. L. Moots, Cuba, Ohio; L. H. Fleming, Montreal; L. C. Stanley, Dafee, Sas.; R. C. Berry, Hamilton; H. F. Tuckwood, Montreal; R. J. Demers, Timmins, Ont.

Air-Gunners.—H. W. Keene, Quebec City; P. S. J. Murphy, Halifax; P. F. Pinder, Ottawa. Educational.—D. F. Roberts, Brandon; J. H. Abraham, Toronto; O. P. Thomas, Edmonton; J. C. Whenham, Wataaskwin, Sask.

BEAUFIGHTER PILOT SCORES PROBABLE

"The Beaufighter's good to me," says Sgt. Pilot S. H. Vandewater, of Toronto, "and I wouldn't swap it for any ship in the world, not even a Spitfire."

In a recent battle with an Arado, a German seaplane, Van closed in from the rear and got in several bursts of cannon fire, knocking out the rear gunner and sending the plane diving into a cloud bank, trailing black smoke. As he did not see it again, it appears only as another "probable" on his record. He has several "probables" and "damaged" to his credit.

At present attached to an R.A.F. squadron, Van plans to study aeronautical engineering at the University of Toronto after the war. His school-day ambition was always to become a pilot, and he hopes to make flying his lifetime job.

Advertisement for Garland's "For Me and My Gal" musical show. Features Judy Garland and Gene Kelly & George Murphy. Venue: Empire Theatre, Leicester Sq. Starting Friday.

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

AIR CREW PARTY

By Sgt. GEO. BAIN

THE ivy-covered walls of old Skulduggery Manor shook and shuddered when the squadron's N.C.O. air crew threw an informal (it was informal, if nothing else) party there recently. Everybody was there but the squadron wolfhound, who had a previous date or something.

Preparations for the party consisted of polishing one large floor and hanging coloured pennants, which someone suggested lent a gay air to the place. Actually it looked like the crew-room of the Upstream Yacht Club, but nobody seemed to mind.

Larry "Snoos" Copenhagen, of the Illinois Copenhavers, had charge of cutting logs for two large fireplaces and did very well at it. Both logs burned quite nicely, thank you.

Freddy "Termite" Thompson looked after the bar in a particularly efficient manner. There was enough ale to go around, but, of course, Termite was issuing only one spoonful to a customer, and using the small spoon in doing it.

Chief entertainment of the evening (apart from dancing) was the little game of "in and out the window." Jack McGillivray walked into a small party which looked like the Elks Convention, while playing this. And he thought the room was empty.

The squadron has two new flight-sergeants, namely L. Hammond and Walruth.

In "A" Flight, Cpl. Mel Buck, of Owen Sound (what a town!), sewed up a third hook and moved into the sergeants' mess. His statement to the crew-room: "Now I'll see if I can get away with as little work as the sergeants here." 'Tain't fair.

Robert Montgomery Bule, one of the original Knights of the

WITH THE R.A.F.

A BEAVER Club Christmas, was the type favoured by Sgt. E. Norman of Wallaceburg, Ont., a Ventura WAG. Another sergeant WAG from the same squadron, Ken Price of Cornwall, Ont., accompanied him. Both boys are just beginning their operational careers.

Sgts. Bruce May and Bill McEachern, both Torontonians, and Bob Millikin of Perth, Ont., are numbered among other Canadians on the same station. All are WAGs.

Two Hurricane pilots are spending the holiday season in town are Sgts. Harry Blackburn of Dundas, Ont., and George Hicks of Fredericton, N.B. These boys also are just about ready to turn their Air Force education into hard times for the Luftwaffe.

Other Canadians taking the same Hurricane course are Sgts. Joe Neville of Douglas, Ont., Roy Wilson of Toronto, Joe Edwards of Regina and Les Houle of Edmonton.

After completing his 27th operational flight Sgt. Lorne Thompson has been visiting friends in Sussex for a rest. Lorne flies in Lancasters as a wireless operator air gunner, and has helped raid Milan, Le Creusot, Turin, Frankfurt, Gdynia and other Axis military or industrial centres.

Black Bull, has taken a dislike to that honourable establishment lately. And if it weren't for the presence there of a certain red-headed beetle, he wouldn't bother going down at all. Poor show, Boo!

Old Squarehead, the squadron wolfhound, has been seen running around lately with a youngster who bears a marked resemblance to him. Squarehead says there's nothing in it, but no two dogs could have felt like that and not be related.



For the first time in history an R.C.A.F. flag was flown over a station in England. Cpl. Allan Winslow, of Hull, Que., is seen here raising the flag at an R.C.A.F. station in the Midlands. (Official R.C.A.F. Photograph.)

WITH THE RADIO MECHS

VISITING FIREMEN

ONE of the "Old Guard" among radio mechs., Sgt. Cecil Plunkett, of Kingston, met his soldier brother, Norm, in town over the holidays. Cecil came over with the first batch of R.M.'s. He sends Season's Greetings to LAC George Pattison and Cpl. Jim Horn and "all the other lads."

From running a flower shop to R.M. is the long and difficult step that Cpl. "Mac" Macumber of Bridgewater, N.S., had to take when he walked out of Civvy Street and into uniform. The Corp. extends his wishes for a Happy New Year to Cpl. Bob Thomson, "Kirk" Kirkpatrick and the "rest of the boys."

It couldn't have been quite so hard for LAC Dick Jenkins to adjust himself to radio work in the Air Force as it was for "Mac"; Dick engaged in the radio trade around Edmonton for a number of years. His Season's Greetings go to LAC's Dave Liberson of Winnipeg and Bob Fletcher of Esterhays, Sask.

Two chums from the same station who have been visiting London town together are LACs Glenn Howie of Carberry, Man., and Ken Jones of Winnipeg. Glenn wants to be remembered to LACs Ham Moore, Norman Inman and Doug. Chisholm; and Ken to LACs Howie Homan and Jack Bailey.

M.U. IN NORTH WALES

TODAY you have a new scribe: for the C.O. opened the cage that Harry Sayers, our usual reporter, was kept in and handed him a 16-day ticket. By this time, no doubt, H.Q. Pay Accounts in particular has seen Happy-Go-Lucky Sayers!

This past week has been one round of parties and all the boys have had the grandest time. At the Mess Hall Christmas party Frankie Delavigne had a super time having the officers, W.A.A.F. and R.A.F., waiting on our tables.

Sunday night all the boys were well taken care of at various parties in the neighbouring village. LAC Mailand had his farewell party on Monday night. He got his discharge after nine years service in the R.A.F. LACs Bond, McEwen, Freeman and self attended the do and sang a couple of good old Canadian songs.

The W.V.S. in the neighbouring towns all had parties Tuesday. The Four Jacks: Allen, Knocks, Wallis and Wellsman, had quite a time and did some work under the mistletoe.

As to the party on Wednesday, I've given my word to keep mum, but I'll say this much: LACs Allen, Murray, Northrop, Woods, Wellsman and Bond had so much fun that I can't explain their doings in detail.

A Canadian W.A.A.F. invited six of us to the W.A.A.F. Sick Quarters for a pre-Christmas Eve party. LACs Hale, Allen, Wellsman, Wallis, McEwen and old Bill certainly appreciated the opportunity of talking with a real Canadian girl from Edmonton.

D.U. IN MIDS

By LAC B. Underwood

CONSIDERABLE revelry was evident when promotion of LACs Miller, Nash, Darling, Hardy, A. H. Smith, Hanley and Rutter to the rank of "ghost" corporals appeared on D.R.O.'s last week.

Geo. Proctor and Earl Hardy have temporarily left us to put in some time on out-stations and glean some extra gen. Don't bind too hard, fellows.

Woman-killer Brigham has been the subject of much kidding lately. His girl-friend travelled all the way down here to see him. Or was it to check up on him?

"Red" McGregor is at present enjoying a spot of leave somewhere in Britain. All this reporter could find out was that his warrant was to London. However, that means nothing to "Red." He goes anywhere he thinks he can have a good time.

Johnny McCallum recently returned from Wing H.Q. where he had a successful interview for air crew. With Brigham in for pilot, Underwood for observer, and McCallum for air-gunner, all they need is the kite.

LACs Rachuk, Rogers, Murray, Coleman, Livingstone, McKee, Hunter, Craig, De Vito, S. E. Jones and Irvine are latest additions to our list of "attached staff." All have been in England about three months now and have travelled quite a bit. Most of them would like to light somewhere permanently.

That's all from this unit this week, chaps.

WILTSHIRE M.U.

By LAC Louis Ziff

THE R.M.'s of this unit have now spent their first Christmas in England—all except LACs May, Gillespie and Sommers, and Cpl. Galusha, who are now veterans of two Christmases.

We all spent it in camp, save for LAC Johnny Strain, who went to Worcester, and LAC's Pyatt and Odell and Cpl. Galusha, who are off on a course.

LAC Stan Siwak returned shortly before Christmas from his leave in Birmingham, where he had a grand reunion with his two soldier brothers. He returned with an armful of paper decorations, and he and his room-mates spent several busy days decorating. They made wreaths of local holly, formed the words "Merry Christmas" in big letters across the wall of their room in evergreen sprigs, and created a really Christmassy atmosphere in their room.

LAC Stan Siwak is really going places with the feminine population of Wiltshire. At the Christmas Eve dance he made quite an impression on a blond dental orderly. Stan says he prefers first-hand and not by proxy.

LAC Gillespie is definitely officer material. A few days ago he ambled off to main clothing stores to buy a new wedge cap. He was still wearing his battle-dress. The WAAF clerk pulled out a whole array of officers' caps. Jock carefully tried them on, and then informed the lassie that he'd rather have an airman's cap.



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BLANCHARD'S UNIT WILL CELEBRATE

By P/O PETE MARSH

JUDGING from the high standard of personnel and efficiency on this squadron, headed by W/C S. S. Blanchard, of Calgary, the New Year's celebrations to come will undoubtedly be of the very best. Although the squadron is always at "the ready" for the serious business of air warfare, the lads have the art of relaxation well taped, and a very cheery New Year is expected.

W/C Blanchard received a commission in Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) following graduation from Royal Military College in 1933. In 1934 he transferred to the R.C.A.F. In 1936 he was posted to No. 8 B.R. Squadron, with whom he remained until February, 1941. (Prior to the war No. 8 Squadron did photographic surveys and odd jobs in the North-West Territories and other remote areas like Labrador and Edmonton.) In 1941 he was attached to R.A.F. Ferry Command, by Catalinas from Bermuda to England until taking command of an R.C.A.F. Catalina squadron. He spent six months as R.C.A.F. liaison officer with the U.S. Army Air Force prior to coming to England this summer.

The man on whose shoulders falls the responsibilities of organisation and administration is our adjutant, F/L J. H. Conner, of Dauphin, Man. F/L W. H. "Robbie" Roberge, our engineer officer from Ottawa, is doing a great job of keeping the serviceability record up, and we hope rumours of his alleged posting are not true. F/L A. T. Sprosen, George Medal holder and ex-detective, of Bridport, Dorset, is navigation officer, and was amongst the first R.A.F. men to be trained in the deep south of the U.S.A.

Our two section leaders, 1/c bomb-almers and gunners, are F/L Mark Roach, D.F.M., Vancouver, B.C., and F/L A. "Mac" MacMillan, of Winnipeg.

P/O Don Simpson, Paris, Ont., the first proud father on the squadron since its formation, received word from home the other day that his wife had given birth to a nine-pound baby girl. Congratulations, Don. What about those cigars?

Hoping this copy reaches WINGS ABROAD in time for the New Year's number, W/C Blanchard takes this opportunity to wish, on behalf of his officers, N.C.O.s and men, "A very happy New Year and all Good Luck to Canadian personnel in England, the East and at home."

ON LEAVE

A VETERAN of the old 110 Squadron, Sgt. Morris LaBrosse, of Ottawa, tells us that not a day has gone by without him touching some kind of baseball, football, basketball or softball in the almost three years since he came over. He has been spending a holiday at Salisbury with his fiancée.

Maritimers may remember F/S H. M. Clark, of Halifax, one-time B.B.C. organist. Doing medical work in the Air Force, the flight intends to go back to the study of pills and pulmotors, probably at Dalhousie, after the war.

Another man who wants to transform an Air Force career into a civilian one is Photographer Friday Hurst, an LAC from London, Ont.

LAC Dave Hobbs, of Victoria, B.C., sends season's greetings to radio mech. Larry Mainwaring, a homemaker, and a request to write care of the Base Post Office. Dave spent a Christmas-card holiday with relatives in the Suffolk countryside.

A "key basher," as wireless operators are known among themselves, Cpl. "Doc" Doherty, of Griswold, Man., has been looking up a London aunt and uncle.

One more bomber boy ready to begin, Sgt. Pilot Ken Lenoch, Vagreville, Alta., plans to continue in flying after the war, military flying preferred. Ken spent his leave in the company of Sgt. Pilot B. R. Scaman, of Claresholm, Alta., a Hurricane man, and Sgt. Pilot E. E. Kears, Cardston, Alta., another bomber-hopeful.

MORE COMMISSIONS

By LAC G. J. HOARE

IN recent months the Squadron has proved singularly fortunate in respect of advancement of air crew to commissioned rank and no fewer than nine pilots have been successful within the past five months. They are Pilot Officers "Chuck" Semple, Jack Mowbray, Bob Taylor, "Gordie" Lapp, "Matt" Reid, W. B. Randall, "Tex" Linton, "Sid" Mills and D. R. "Junior" Matheson. Only Mills, Matheson and Semple remain with the Squadron, for "Tex" Linton is a prisoner of war, and the other five have moved to "fresh fields and pastures new."

"Chuck" Semple, who hails from Toronto, is one of the veterans of the outfit these days. He joined the unit four months after its inception and in addition to his well-known flying abilities is a grand all-round sportsman who makes the grade in most of the games. His "Flyers" conquered "Chuck" Steele's "Retrievers" 12-4 in a Squadron Basketball Challenge game.

"Keep Fit" is the pilots' slogan nowadays and every aircrew member regularly takes part in two sports. They certainly have plenty to choose from—badminton, squash, volleyball and basketball. That slight tan which many of them are featuring (after all, handsome men are slightly sunburnt) is acquired through basking in the sunshine at Duncan's Lido. Some of the fellows occasionally enjoy (!) a swim in the nearby pool.

Two new pilots welcomed during the week were F/S Charles Pope, Stratford, Ont., and Sgt. "Bill" Savage, Guelph, Ont.

Contributions to the Squadron Recreational Fund continue to pour in. Grateful thanks are extended to P/O "Rus" Orr, Toronto, and Sgt. "Chuck" Steele for their very substantial donations.

Indications are that F/S Bob Walker's course at O.P.S. is progressing favourably. Due to the exacting standard of proficiency it is necessary to attain in this particular subject it is generally expected that Bob's daily studies will continue throughout the winter months.

SPIT PRESENTED

By Cpl. J. F. CUTLER

THIS week's events have proved fast and many. The most noteworthy to mention at the moment is one of history in the making. On Wednesday the 16th the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Army Overseas, General McNaughton, with many high ranking officials of our Royal Canadian Air Force, headed by Air Vice-Marshal W. A. Curtis, D.S.C. and Bar, christened and presented to this squadron a Spitfire donated by the police of Ontario. P/O Richardson, fondly known as "Sleepy," has the honour to fly the Spit. It bears the crest of the Ontario police. A silver plaque is engraved with the name "General Draper" and the R.C.A.F. crest.

Our hockey team, something like the stock market, is really bursting forth into full bloom and is setting a pace we might be well proud of. Our centre pivot man, Cpl. "Lummy" Lumsden, F/O McKendry, wing, and goalie Cpl. "Brick" Bricknell, are an inspiration for any budding amateur that cares to take interest. Not to forget our supporting cast of Cpl. Johnston, LAC "Chuck" Gill, LAC "Bloodshot" Grasley, LAC "Pappy" Humphrey and LAC "Hammerhead" Farrell, who at the moment is spending a holiday in the hospital. The boys hope to see you out there soon, kid, so get cracking.

The roving eye these days catches the shiny new blue and black rings on the sleeves of P/O Phillips, P/O Terris and P/O Siddall, and last but not least the fair and stalwart F/L Buckham. Good luck and happy landings from all.

Old man time will soon be hiking it out the rear door and the infant of 1943 will be welcomed with open arms by everyone, so to you all a Happy New Year from your columnist.

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HEADQUARTERS

NOW that the dance is over the festivities are practically ended...

Wedding bells were also heard this Christmas. Yes, our own Cpl. Badger is married.

The Corona-Coronas that P/O Lutes has been passing around lately is to celebrate his "Today I am a man" feeling.

The grim seriousness of this austerity business was revealed by F/O Roy's yesterday warning us that "You can't kid me; I wore a silver-grey shirt for 20 years."

F/S Morrison provided an amusing diversion from what might have been a very ordinary pay parade last week.

A Happy New Year to All.

NEW MISTERS

By F/S TED HUESTIS

HERE we are again after a short lapse due to the fact that the writer has just returned from leave.

We recently lost two of our old-timers. P/O "Let her ride" Bernie Adilman is posted and so also is F/O Moody.

Several rumours are afloat that our squadron disciplinarian is buzzing about making arrangements for a forthcoming party to celebrate the first anniversary of the squadron.

Before we sign off, the entire squadron wish to extend all holiday greetings to all the other Canadian squadrons and Canadians serving in R.A.F. squadrons and especially to be remembered to all former members of this squadron now serving in other units.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

LAW Margery McLaren, of Ottawa, and Adelaide Child, Toronto, are back after a week's leave, feeling much refreshed.

Also in London on leave was Cpl. Haysom, of Regina; and we were talking to LAW Frances Newell, of Edmonton, who had a 48 hour pass.

We've had our first Christmas in England—and a merry one it proved to be. Just to start things off, on December 23, after work was finished up for the day, all the W.D.s at headquarters, our three officers and some of the clerks operational—among them Cpls. Burtis, Haysom, Evans and Tallyour and LAWs Cambon and Scott—who were able to come in from the station where they are taking a course, gathered at one of the Knights of Columbus hostels for a Christmas party.

What a lovely table they had set for us and such a delicious dinner we had—turkey no less, with all the trimmings, topped off with a choice of Christmas pudding or mince pie!

Christmas Eve found us at parties, dances and various forms of entertainment—all having heaps of fun. And for Christmas Day there were many invitations to English homes.

Some of the girls visited friends and relatives in London, and among them were: LAWs Marguerite Olsen, of Winnipeg; Jill Wigg, of Nelson, B.C.; Edith Pennefather, of Ottawa; Norah Botterill, of Rocanville, Sask.; and Jean Otter, of Toronto.

P/O JENNER

(Continued from page 1)

back to the coast of England. (The skipper got the D.S.O. for his feat.) Then English searchlights started looking for them.

At this time the starboard inner engine finally quit and forced the skipper to pick out a field in which to land.

He made a belly landing, and the Stirling bent almost in two with its back broken. The starboard inner engine ripped out and dropped on the ground, where it lay burning.

Jenner was first out and was followed immediately by everybody but the rear-gunner. When he didn't show up, Jenner, followed by the engineer, Sgt. "Spud" Mallet, and the bomb-aimer, Sgt. Fred Thorpe, both English lads, went to get him.

Mallet and Thorpe were killed instantly. Jenner was blown right out of the aircraft and landed on his feet about 20 yards away from it. He recovered and went back after the rear-gunner P/O Bill Glendinning, of Scotland.

The rear-gunner has made a remarkable recovery, and P/O Jenner, although not injured at the time, has now been declared unfit for further operational flying by a medical board and is now serving as an instructor.

HIGH AWARDS

(Continued from page 1)

Campbell, of Pawling, N.Y.; F/O J. A. Morris, of London, Eng.; P/O K. J. Methers, of Edmonton; P/O Albert Smith, of Toronto; F/O H. E. Dabbs, of Daysland, Alta. (missing); and P/O A. J. Francis, of Saskatoon.

The D.F.M. has been granted to the following N.C.O.s:—F/S N. C. Turnour, of Vancouver; F/S R. J. Oates, of Leighton Buzzard, Eng.; F/S L. J. Boucher, of Grand Falls, N.B.; F/S A. W. J. Baker, of Pickering, Ont.; Sgt. Harry Morrissy, of Philadelphia, Penn. (missing); and Sgt. J. E. Galloway, of Milton, Ont.

FULL CALENDAR

BY LAC ED. CANCELLA

CHRISTMAS Week proved to be a busy one for the members of our squadron, with a surprise Christmas draw, concert, soccer match and dance filling the week's calendar of activities.

The Squadron's contribution for the Christmas Concert was organized by F/Os "Hal" Sinclair, and Doug Johnston, with F/L "Doc" Sheard heckling from the side-lines. From all reports our skit was second to none, and very amusing—we hope. Wherever possible, the R.A.F. Personnel were granted Christmas or New Year's leave, thus enabling them to spend the festive season at home.

As we turn back the pages of the Squadron History, brief as it may be, we come across the names of many of our Officers, N.C.O.s and other ranks who have been posted to duties elsewhere. And so to the following former members of our Squadron, wherever you may be, we send you our sincere wishes for a New Year filled with Success and Happiness: F/Ls Stan Baggott, Wimpy Wilson, Bob Gagnier, F/Os H. A. Finucane, Charlie Hugall, F/S Higgins, Sgts. Herb and Jones Jackson, J. R. Gerlach, Cpls. G. K. Booth, Jim Larkman, LACs Art, Cherkinsky, Ernie Holter, E. Larock, Andy Scanes, Westy Westgarth, Jim Young, Chuck Biggar, Larry Joyce, H. W. Fill, Fred Lundy, W. K. Barker, and J. P. Quirk.

Recently we bid farewell to one of our Sgt. Pilots, H. A. "Tex" Bowman of Corpus Christi, Texas. "Tex" is being transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corps. So-long "Tex," and good luck!

F/O "Hal" Sinclair of Cranbrook B.C. is the new Table Tennis Champion of the Squadron, having defeated Cpl. Joe Mendleson, of Montreal, in the finals recently.

We trust that Cpl. Jerry "Sparky" Gerrood, Belleville, will follow the example of Cpls. G. B. Moore and Clint Norton, and wet those tapes with N.A.A.F.I. "Bottled Sunshine!" We extend greetings of welcome to Cpl. Phil Bassett, Goderich, Ont., LACs Carl "Andy" Anderson, Calgary, Gordie Jack, Brantford, Lloyd Embree, Paris, Ont., W. "Ted" Newbold, Borden, Sask., Bob McIntyre, Langley Prairie, B.C., and Harvie Labonté, Montreal. The lads have just arrived from Canada, and are now with the Squadron.

BACK FROM RHODESIA

W/O1 "Doc" Baker, of Woodstock, Ont., has just recently returned from Rhodesia, where he was the only member of the R.C.A.F. serving as an instructor. Before going to Rhodesia, "Doc" was flying Blenheims from Malta.

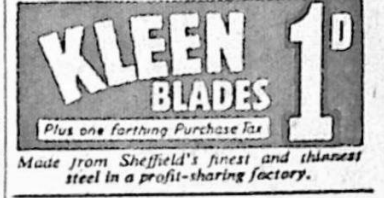
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IT WAS SOME "DO"

By W/O A. J. PELETT.

ON Friday, December 11, 1942, this Squadron celebrated its second birthday with a party in the evening, which, in the opinion of all its members was a howling success.

The get-together began at 19.30 hours in the airmen's new mess which had been decorated for the evening, "for the use of." First arrivals found the "bar" wide open. Under the able supervision of Cpl. Ben and his staff of the R.A.F. "Whistles" were wetted well and deeply from several large kegs. Many were the toasts that were assumed to members past and present.

In the meantime, under the supervision of our capable Flight Commander, F/L E. A. Bland, of Calgary, ably assisted by F/L Summers, Messing Officer of the Station, Cpl. Rygle and staff, the menu of the evening was set out in a very appetizing fashion.

During the evening, one or two old members of the Squadron turned up. Cpl. J. Russell-Baker (Brownie!) from Headquarters Wing broke loose on all attending and in a few minutes the whole place was in an uproar. It took several mugs of beer and a lot of conversation to restore order, or a resemblance of same.

Among other Squadron bits of news was the losing of our former Adjutant, F/O A. O. Appleby. He has been replaced by F/O H. T. Butler, of Montreal. Other new faces around the Squadron are P/O D. E. Hall, of North Bay, Ont.; F/S W. H. Fell, of Norwood, Man.; LAC J. A. Freeman, of Brampton, Ont.; W/O Pelett, of Toronto, Ont. relieved P/O Irvine as Squadron Sergeant Major.

Our C.O., S/L "Bud" Malloy, is away on T.D. for a week and F/L E. A. Bland is relieving him as Commanding Officer.

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