

Montreal Navigator is Awarded D.S.O.

F/O MICHAEL LAYTON IN U-BOAT ATTACK

He Was Navigator of One of Aircraft Which Accompanied Prime Minister On Flight to Moscow

SECOND MEMBER R.C.A.F. TO GAIN D.S.O.

RELEASE of the citation accompanying the recent award of the D.S.O. to F/O Michael S. Layton, of Montreal, reveals that he won it for the part he played in a spectacular attack on German submarines in the North Atlantic.

Layton is one of the few observers to be so honoured. He is the second member of the R.C.A.F. to hold the D.S.O. The first was won by F/L Ralph Christie, of North Bay.

FLYING FORT. R.C.A.F. CREW BOMB U-BOAT

Exchanged Fire With Nazis Before Submarine Crash Dived

Canadians were in the crew of a Flying Fortress that fought a duel with a U-boat. They spotted the submarine sailing with deck awash, and immediately the Nazi sailors turned the deck gun and machine guns against the approaching aircraft.

In the crew were Sgt. Lloyd Woods, of Toronto, an air-gunner; F/O Ernie Allen, of Brantford, the skipper; F/O George Flegler, of Chatham, N.B., a gunner; F/O George Letorme, a navigator from the west; P/O Al Henry, of Victoria, B.C.; and Sgt. Howard Barton, of London, Ont., a wireless operator air-gunner.

As the Fortress went in on its bombing run, 20 millimetre shell-fire and machine-gun bullets flared up at it. Nevertheless, the return fire from the bomber sent the Huns scurrying down the conning-tower amid a hail of lead.

Meanwhile the bomb-aimer sent a stick of depth charges hurtling down near the under-seas craft as it attempted to crash dive. But the Fortress turned sharply and dropped another stick across the submarine's wake.

"It dropped right down and we circled around awhile," said Sgt. Lloyd Woods. "Then the nose of the sub. broke the surface of the waves and stuck up into the air."

The only other opposition that the boys have encountered has been from flak batteries sent up by enemy shipping. Sgt. Woods has flown in Hudsons and Liberators as well as "Forta."

TOUR DESCRIBED BY AIR MARSHAL

Highlights of his trip to the Middle and Far East were given to headquarters officers by Air Marshal H. Edwards, C.B., on Monday night at a dinner marking his return.

The Air Marshal told the officers that in only one spot on the whole trip, which covered a distance of approximately 30,000 miles, were no Canadians met with. He paid tribute to the splendid job they were doing in all theatres of war, and said that he had not received one complaint in regard to their conduct all the time he was away.

The party, which included G/C J. E. Hunter, Director of Medical Services, G/C F. G. Wait, Director of Personnel, and S/L R. C. MacInnes, Director of Public Relations, missed one heavy attack by the Japanese by only an hour. This was at Chittagong, and shortly after their departure approximately one hundred Japanese bombers came over and attacked the city.

Layton, who is considered one of the finest navigators in Coastal Command, was navigator of one of the aircraft which accompanied Prime Minister Churchill to Moscow. Passengers in his aircraft were General Wavell and Air Chief Marshal Tedder.

Submarines are no novelty to F/O Layton. During ten weeks he saw a total of 17, many of which were attacked.

On his most recent "do" his crew came upon a pack of them. They made altogether seven attacks, two with depth charges and five with cannon fire, coming in at about 50 feet to attack.

The first submarine they spotted was well surfaced and did not have time to get away. "We let go with some of our depth charges," said Layton, "and there was no doubt about the hit."

A corvette on arriving at the location of the attack found not only oil and wreckage but bodies of the U-boat crew.

They dropped depth charges on another submarine, and at least shook him up a bit.

All during the remainder of daylight the big Liberator continued circling the convoy. On five more occasions submarines were seen, but the depth charges had all been used and they could attack only with their cannon. While they were not able to claim any damage done they were successful in keeping the U-boats below the surface, with the result that the convoy got through successfully.

SPITFIRES MAKE DAYLIGHT SORTIE

Two pilots from a Canadian Spitfire squadron commanded by S/L Keith Hodson, D.F.C., of London, Ont., scored hits on a barge, an army camp and a gun emplacement during a rapid daylight sortie over Occupied France one day last week.

The pilots, F/Os H. D. MacDonald and Hugh Godfrey, both of Toronto, had discovered the barge stationary in a canal some distance inland from the coast and made a low-level attack.

Both believe they scored hits on the barge, but the high speed of their attack made it impossible for any results of their fire to be observed.

They also made a low flying attack on an apparently unoccupied army encampment, and later, while crossing the coast on the way out of France, scored hits on a gun emplacement.

FLYING WITH R.A.F. IN NORTH AFRICA

Three Canadian Spitfire pilots who flew with R.C.A.F. units in Great Britain have joined an R.A.F. unit flying from an airfield in North Africa.

They are Sgts. Bill Hawkey, Kentville, N.S.; Sherman Hannah, Woodstock, N.B.; and Jack Liggett, of Toronto. The first two pilots flew with the Squadron commanded by S/L L. S. Ford, D.F.C. and Bar, and the third with the squadron led by S/L Keith Hodson, D.F.C.



Standing beside a speedy Mosquito fighter bomber are five of the Canadians who fly them: P/O Jack Brown, of Leamington, Ont.; Sgt. Ken "Fritz" Chrysler, of Kerrobert, Sask.; F/O Bill Embrey, P/O Geoffrey Rennie, both of Kelowna, B.C.; and Sgt. Joe Cloutier, of Toronto.

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

IMPOSING AWARDS LIST SHOWS MANY CANADIANS

Seven Navigators Receive Non-Immediate D.F.C.s For Their Efforts

An imposing list of awards to R.C.A.F. flying personnel has been released by Air Ministry in the past week.

Two fighter pilots, P/O L. W. Powell, of Edmonton, and P/O S. C. Cosburn, of Calgary, have won immediate Distinguished Flying Crosses. P/O E. A. Paulson, of Windsor, received a D.F.C. for the same operation on which two of his crew members were decorated, viz., F/S W. M. Bigoray, of Redwater, Alta., who gained the D.F.M., and P/O H. G. Jordan, of the R.A.F., who obtained the D.F.C.

Immediate awards of the D.F.M. went to F/S W. H. Leavitt, of Alberton, P.E.I.; F/S W. D. MacMonagle, of Akron, Ohio; and F/S E. F. Warren, of Sioux Lookout, Ont. Leavitt took part in the daylight raid on the Phillips Factory at Eindhoven. MacMonagle and Warren were captain and mid-upper gunner respectively in an aircraft that attacked an enemy airfield. Two Messerschmitts jumped them, and Warren, though wounded, shot one down in flames, while MacMonagle, by skilful evasive action, eluded the other. He did it again when attacked on the way home.

CRASHES AND WALKS AWAY

Moody's Luck Held Good While Flying Spits In Malta

Recently arrived in England from Malta, P/O Vincent Moody, R.C.A.F. Spitfire pilot, considers himself a very lucky fellow. He has been shot down three times, and has walked away from his aircraft three times, always without a scratch.

Moody, who is 23, has two probabilities and one damaged to his credit. Last September he was attacked by an Me. 109 while going into action against two Italian bombers. Peppering with machine gun and cannon fire, he made a forced landing on the runway of his aerodrome, and although his plane was washed out he was uninjured.

A month later he crashed on his own aerodrome with his propeller gone. He had previously damaged his attacker and claimed a Ju. 88 as a "probable."

A fortnight later he made a successful belly landing after being shot up while strafing hangars and ground crews of an Italian aerodrome.

WAGS IN TRAINING

Among the WAGs-in-training at a Canadian O.T.U. are Sgts. Norm McDonald of London, Ont., Paul Toussaint of Quebec City and Ed Lachapelle, of Montreal, according to Sgt. Les Anderson, of North Bay, Ont., a fellow-trainee.

Les flies in the same crew as P/O Don Kennedy, pilot, P/O Keith Walley navigator, Sgt. Dal Lasky, bomb aimer, and Chuck Beaton, gunner.

HAMPDEN HIT BY A-A FIRE OVER CONVOY

Foot and Knee Pressure Used to Fly It Home By Sgt. Ellergott FLEW 300 MILES

Sgt. Grant Oliver Ellergott, of Vancouver, pilot of an R.C.A.F. Hampden torpedo-carrying squadron, making his first operational flight a few nights ago used his foot and his knee to bring the aircraft back to base after it had been severely damaged.

Sgt. Ellergott was taking part in an attack on a German convoy off the Dutch coast. Heavy anti-aircraft fire severely damaged the aircraft. Three shells burst inside it. One of them smashed all the flying instruments except the altimeter and the compass, and another carried away the elevator trim.

The Hampden climbed steeply for 800 feet and was going on climbing until the pilot threw all his weight against the control column and regained his balance. But by using his hands alone he could not exert sufficient pressure to keep the Hampden on an even keel. So he leaned back in his seat, braced one knee hard against the column, raised his other leg and jammed his foot in the steering wheel on the column as though it were a stirrup.

Pushing as hard as he could with his foot and knee, the pilot brought his aircraft back to base, a distance of 300 miles, and landed safely.

Other members of the crew were: F/S Samuel Crossman, of Toronto; Sgt. E. H. Johnston, of Glendon, Alta.; and Sgt. Albert Glass, of Veldun, Man.

Another Hampden on the same raid, piloted by Sgt. James C. Donald, of Barrhead, Man., had a large hole torn in the fuselage and a piece clipped from the trailing edge of the starboard wing, but it also got home safely.

The condition of their skipper was an additional hazard for the crew. After drifting for slightly more than 72 hours the dinghy was picked up, but by that time Dlin was the only man still clinging to it. The others had dropped off one by one.

Dlin, according to Bradley, is no worse for his experience. Bradley himself just missed the present big African push.

"While we were down there," he said, "everything was quiet. Bradley did have some share in the African offensive after he was posted to his new squadron. He is captain of a Sunderland flying boat in this Canadian squadron, and was one of the pilots selected to escort that part of the African convoy which set sail from England.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH OPS BREAKFAST

Dansby's Lancaster Crew Hit by Nightfighter On Way Home

Returning from a raid on Essen, P/O S. "Danny" Dansby, of Riverside, N.B., celebrated his twentieth birthday with an operational breakfast. Soon he will have doubled his age in operational trips against Germany and Italy.

On the way home they were attacked by a fighter, which sent streams of lead ripping into all parts of their giant Lancaster bomber. They did not catch a glimpse of the fighter. Only Dansby's quick action in throwing the Lancaster into a steep diving turn saved them. They came back safely to England, and the young Canadian skipper made a wizard landing in spite of two flat tyres, a riddled main plane and a six-foot hole in the fuselage.

Three Canadians, an Aus-

tralian, an Englishman, a Scotsman and a Welshman comprised the crew. The English mid-upper gunner and the Australian flight engineer, Sgt. Clarrie Tanner, of Melbourne, were making their thirteenth trip.

Dansby was making his second trip since he was commissioned as a pilot officer. Two other Canadians in the crew were Sgt. Howard Bond, the bomb aimer, of Darlington, Man., and Sgt. Glen Corrie, of Stratford, Ont., the wireless operator.

F/S George "Happy" Holm, of Peace River, Alta., was bomb aimer in another kite.

"I counted 70 searchlights, and there were many more I didn't count," he said. "I saw the Rhine clearly, and the docks at Duisberg. There were fires burning in the built-up area of Essen all right. Two minutes after we left there was a big explosion, a flash and then flames. It seemed to me it might have been an ammunition dump."

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

ANYWAY, PRINTABLE

By F/O G. H. PARKER

MUCH dirt this week, lads, only most of it is unprintable!

LAC Glenminster looks like he needs some moral support in the engineers' office, which reminds us of LACs Scott and Donnelly's sad hope for female company. Three unmentionables in the R.D.F. don't like a hotel in town. F/S Duffy is writing an interesting letter. LACs Boehme, Shultis, Gadya, of Maintenance, should consult a railway time-table the next time they go east. We hear that Cpl. Ritchie and LAC Gracia have graduated onto Tiger Moths!

Congrats. to new corporals, Power, Fahey, Olson, Allen, Glen and Simpson, of "B" Flight. Not much cooking in the way of news out around the dispersals. How about it, men?

LAC Bland and Cpl. Ives will be "reminiscing" on the occasion of the squadron's first birthday—at least some call it "reminiscing." One old-timer—S/L Pat "Plywood" Pattison—seems very happy about the whole thing—humming continuously some tune that sounds like "Penny from Heaven." Not so happy were the four burly flight sergeants we saw in the sergeants' mess scowling ferociously at each other over a game of Ludo. Sounds like "Whitey" White or Basil V. Saunders, doesn't it? Many woebegone air crew are taking a dim view of old "Needle-sticker" MacAlpine—he who says, "It's all right, boys. It'll be all over in twenty-four hours!" What we'd like to know is which twenty-four hours!

Welcome home to F/O "Paddy" Campbell after a long convalescence—good to see you, boy! Poor old "Pop" Rice has gone on a six weeks' course to hospital—a fine 'ting! Recent arrivals are: F/Ls Cranwick and Sells and their crews. Glad to have you with us, and long may your props spin!—which reminds me—Yip! I forgot to turn off that D.R. again!

RECEPTION DEPOT

By DON McLAREN

HOLD everything, because this is our R.C.A.F. gang naking what we think is a debut in the presentation of this first report of a hockey game played against the Sussex Tigers in Brighton.

Seeing as how the Tigers won, we can go ahead and tell you about the game without bragging about anything except the good playing of the R.C.A.F. gang who had never played together before. The team included P/Os Burrows and Penland, F/Ss Borak and Sgts. McKillop, Colvin, Laskoski, McKillop, Green, Horwood, Houston and Hooper. Colvin scored the first goal in the first minute in a pass from Hooper and the first period ended 2-1 in favour of the R.C.A.F.

The second period was quite the best of the game and the Brighton team tied the score half-way through. The period ended 3-2 for R.C.A.F. This score continued until five minutes before the end of the game. The Tigers, however, broke through and forced the play around the visiting goal and scored twice. Final score 4-3 for the Tigers.

The Air Force chaps report that they were well received. Thanks go to Dae Strain, Canadian Y.M.C.A. Supervisor, for completing arrangements and to T. S. K. Anleby, for having taken care of the players.

SECOND OPS TOUR

By LAC G. J. HOARE

NEWCOMER to the "Roaring" Squadron is S/L B. D. Russell, D.F.C., who is attached in preparation for his second tour of "Ops." S/L Russell completed his first spell of operations with a Canadian Squadron led by G/C Ernest McNab, D.F.C. S/L Russell was awarded the D.F.C. in September, 1940, for outstanding successes against the Hun and returned to Canada in 1941 and

has since been C.O. of a Canuck Squadron in B.C.

Hearty welcome is extended to F/S Pope, Stratford, Ont., and Sgt. Burke, North Bay, Ont., and farewells have been taken of F/L Phillip Tripe, who has joined an R.A.F. unit as a flight-commander, and F/S Phillip Wallace on his repatriation to Canada.

Tremendous social event which will long remain in the memory of all who participated was the Stag Party thrown by officers and pilots for the ground crews and Echelon. Feature of the evening was a boat race, in real traditional manner, and the Echelon showed that at certain forms of social diversion a team of "Limeys" proves more than a match for a group of "Colonials." Congratulations are in order to Sgt. Gil Brown, Toronto, who has been awarded his commission. The appointment was joyfully celebrated during the festive season. Congratulations also to Sgt. Barnes, popular NCO in charge of "A" Flight, who was married to Miss Theresa Myers, Acton; and LAC Jack Nicholls, Hamilton, to Miss Lillian Potter, Nottingham.

SUMNER FASHIONS "OLD-FASHIONEDS"

F/L Jack Sumner, of Hamilton, Ont., is a man who lets nothing stand in the way of his careful preparations. To make some "Old-Fashioneds," he assembled oranges from South Africa, pineapple from California, glace cherries from Vancouver, ice from a nearby American hospital, and the base for the "Old-Fashioneds" from Seagrams, of Waterloo, Ont.

GIRLS BACK HOME

By P/O PETE MARSH

AFTER the New Year's celebrations once again this Squadron settles down to the humdrum life of blasting Jerries from the sky and snattering German cities into oblivion. Looking around us one sees very few casualties except perhaps a black-eye sported by Sgt. L. "Mouse" Murphy, of St. Thomas, Ont.

Our "Doc," F/L J. M. Waddell, Edmonton, O/C Sunshine and K/L "Adj." Santa Claus, J. Conner, with the help of Cpl. Tommy Plunkett, 1/c Orderly Room, and his minions of the typewriter, have the lads all fixed up now and New Year's Eve is a thing of the past.

Once again it seems we must remind the Romeos about the girls back home. Rumour has it that Cpl. "Tony" Maranda, 1/c Post Office, is planning to take the leap. Once again, fellows, don't let absence make the heart grow fonder—of another.

Good news and bigger and better shadow rosters have started the year off for some of our ground crew, and congratulations go to Cpl. Jack Godwin, of Vancouver, and Cpl. M. Lavole, of Montreal, on receiving their third hook. Also to LACs J. A. Errett, of Merrickville, Ont.; A. Hughes-Games, Kelowna, B.C.; R. Myles, Cooner, Sask.; J. B. Uncles, Moose Jaw; C. Atkinson, Chateauguay Basin, Que. You can't pin them up, fellows, but think of the lucre at home already, ol' oi!

Welcome is extended to new members of air crews: P/O C. E. Chapman, of Burma; Sgt. W. J. Davies, Sherbrooke, N.S.; Sgt. N. F. Paterson, Ottawa; and Sgt. R. E. Williams, of Cynthia, Kentucky.

WHITE AND FROSTY

By SGT. GEO. BAIN

ONCE upon a time there were a lot of happy, ill-educated airmen who thought that it didn't snow in England. And one morning, to their great surprise, they woke to find the ground covered with a heavy layer of the white and frosty. This brought about much rejoicing and the looking out of issue clothing, long and woolly.

In the Flight Room they were confronted by the Winco, who at most times, is an amiable person. "Chilluns," he said, in his deep Southern Ontario accents, "we are going snow shovelling. Put down the shovels you have been using and grab these." Forthwith he issued one hundred shovels to one hundred agitated airmen and set out for No. 2 runway. And No. 2 runway is no shanty.

So-o-o, led by W/C Carscallen and flight commanders S/L Allison and S/L Comar (it's a wonder the shovels didn't break—the way they leaned on them), the runway was cleared. "Sa hard life."

The Shove Ha'penny Championship of the Known World (heavyweight division) has passed from the hands of Buck Arnold to Ken Vallis. "I was never in doubt," said the winner. "Lots of milk and sleep did it." Only comment of the ex-champ: "I was tampered with."

P/O "Chit" Chittenden has become president of the Younger Beetle Club, according to all reports. Sgt. Eddie Cox is vice-pres. in charge of operations, and apparently the operations are on a large scale.

Worst line of them all is owned by F/S Jerry "Low Level Laddy." On my first tour we used to cross the Channel so low we had to alter course to avoid submarines. It was wicked." Yeah, it sure was.

Recent arrival on the squadron is "Porky" Dumart, formerly of the firm Schmidt, Bauer and Dumart. "Porky's" signing with the squadron hockey outfit was a bit weird: "Name?" asked the R.A.F. clerk.

"Dumart"
"Played much hockey?"
"A bit."
"What team?"
"Boston."
"Good team?"
"Not bad."

Our desperate dozen (desperate is an under-statement) continue to lose with the greatest abandon. They used to ask: "Did you win?" Now it's: "Well, how much was it this time?"


Tory, the pooch, failed miserably in an intelligence test during the snow-shovelling activities. While Tory was busy flooding a private skating rink or something, his master moved to the other side of the runway. Three-quarters of an hour later old Squarehead was still trying to pick up the trail. There's no bloodhound in that dog. It was said at the time that he couldn't find a pork chop in a butcher shop, even if he had a ration card.

CLOSE THAT HATCH

By C. S.

THIS week the "Fog Hogs" have been so "goosh-darned busy" that the Orderly Room has just about decided to give up the ghost. Even the Adj. has decided to take a powder, and was last seen running in the general direction of the railway station at six o'clock this a.m.

Recently our squadron basketball team had cause for some slight rejoicing when we managed to almost tie the Yanks. The real score



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MANY NEWCOMERS

By LAC ED. CANCELLA

NOW that the Canadian Red Cross came through so magnificently with a donation of £20 as a Christmas gift to the squadron, the rumours are rife as to how it should be spent. The majority seem to favour a squadron smoker, and we hope that the Red Cross won't mind if the lads add to it a bit and throw a whale of a party for themselves. Knowing the Red Cross, they'd probably be all in favour of it.

We'd like to extend hearty greetings to some new arrivals to these sunny (ahem!) parts. The following fellows were fortunate enough to be sent to this wonderful squadron from the wilds of Canada: LACs S. Glennan, Dauphin, Man.; H. V. English, Brandon; F. R. Gooda, Foxwarren, Man.; A. W. McIntosh, Winnipeg; R. R. Harding, Courtenay, B.C.; J. E. Jauser, Guelph; H. E. Duquette, Halleybury, Ont.; P. Greva, Krydon, Sask.; C. Murray, Winnipeg; C. G. Graham, Brandon; H. E. Greenhalgh, Verdun; D. R. McKillop, Alliston, Ont.; C. A. Jencks, Owen Sound; W. E. Green, Moncton; J. E. A. Mason, Peterborough; F. R. Coltz, Muskoka, Ont.; S. G. Hase, Brockville; C. M. Graham, Jawsar, Sask.

It seems that bicycle riding and the black-out don't mix from the appearance of our disciplinarian! From all reports P/O Jimmy Bolton, Malartic, P.Q., and P/O C. M. "Crafty" Ulrich, Hill Crest Mines, Alta., are settling down nicely in the officers' mess. Congrats, lads, on your appointments. We'll wager that old London town is feeling the presence of F/S Bob Long and his boys of "D for Disability," who are enjoying leave.

Coach George "Robin" Hood has been putting his basketball team through their paces these days in the hope of obtaining a victory over the nearby Americans. Good luck, George.

It is rumoured that the crew of "B for Beer" will be on leave soon. Any day now you can see both F/L "Moose" Mills and his navigator, F/O Johnnie Johnston, catching up on their sun-tan in the ultra-violet room. Nice "bedroom tan" there, chaps!




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CANADIAN GOOSE

BY LEO M. J. SEELEY

ONE of the first official duties of Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Brooke, O.B.E., the new Air Officer Commanding the Canadian Bomber Group, which was officially formed on New Year's Day, was to formally present to the bomber squadron commanded by W/C W. D. S. (Tiny) Ferris, on behalf of His Majesty the King, a crest signed and approved by His Majesty.

CENTRAL LEAGUE IS INTO SECOND HALF

Nine teams, representing 10 R.A.F. stations, are entering the second half season of the flourishing R.C.A.F. Central Hockey League. Bomber stations, day and nightfliers, and other units are included.

The Central League is sponsored by the Canadian Y.M.C.A. S/L H. F. Davidson, district padre, is president, and Y.M.C.A. Supervisor Bill Craig is secretary.

In games already played the Dynamiters defeated the Cougars 6-3 and the Musketeers overcame the Elks 4-1.

WITH THE R.A.F.

Sgt. K. Stenbraaten, of Kincaid, Sask., is one of about two dozen Canadians on an R.A.F. squadron flying American medium bombers. He has not been operational yet, but expects to shortly.

LAC George Spurgeon found Hogmanay in Glasgow everything he had heard it was when back home in Toronto. He is an R.M. on a station with five other Canadians.

The town of Bateman, Sask., was named after the grandfather of Sgt. Obs. A. L. Bateman. He and his pal, Sgt. Obs. W. H. George of Winnipeg, both hope to be flying four-engine bombers one day.

Shaw, LAC Hammerhead Farrell, and our star goalie, Brick Bricknell, will take some people off their high horse.

Seen around the pilots' hut the other day, P/O B. S. Siddall, of Iderton, recently comm'd, was gloating over those new photos of "His Truly." Flying merrily along on his two-wheeled steed on a course of O + O at zero feet with 4 lbs. boost, P/O "Jackson" Rae, the Toronto kid, kicking hard on left rudder, found himself in a tailspin, pancaking in a good-sized lake formed by the overflow from the river.

Perhaps his face wasn't red, but his dignity sure was hurt, or should I say wet?

Our sympathies are extended to F/O G. Munro, of Stratford, Ont., better known as the "Spy," who at the moment is ill in hospital. Speedy recovery is extended from all.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

By "CHIANG"

S/L "JEEP" NEAL, D.F.C. is back, now attached to his old squadron, which he first joined at Thurso as a F/O. S/L Neal, after a brilliant operational career with Canada's First Fighter Squadron, left us in July, 1942, for Canada. We are also pleased to learn that there is now a Mrs. Neal.

F/O Riley, of Calgary, has been posted and elevated to Station Adjutant at another station. He has been our adjutant for the last few months, and take it from me, a very good one. We welcome F/O Orpen, formerly of No. 9 S.F.T.S., as our new Adjutant. Mr. Orpen, a veteran of the last war, is a most capable successor to Mr. Riley.

That "Shadow" is here again, and we learn that F/S Jacques, our Disciplinarian from Montreal, is now a W/O.

LACs R. W. Harrington, J. A. L'Abbe, R. J. Sarazin, C. R. Arthur, D. W. Duncan, J. C. Morrow (our esteemed post-master), W. R. Ross, N. V. Knowles, S. E. Lavallee, D. McLellan, A. J. Bigwood, and J. W. Bloxam, are all corporals on the Shadow Roster. In R.A.F. promotions we have Cpl. Cope promoted to Sgt., R. W. Harrington, R. J. Sarazin, A. J. Bigwood, and J. W. Bloxam have two hooks up. "Congratulations to all."

We N.C.O.s have been actually tearing our hair out due to the lack of man power in the squadrons, but, like all problems, it was eventually solved a couple of days ago by the arrival of new personnel from Canada, and we have been pleased to welcome LACs H. H. Olmsted, W. E. McMurtrie, D. E. Gignac, J. D. Ewen, B. A. Ferbey, E. A. Fernie, and ACIs W. A. Perrin, R. Curston, R. S. Glass, W. A. Gledhill, H. J. Holland, and H.S. Hunt.

RECORDS OFFICE

AFTER another absence Records appears again. Those of you who have passed through Records in the past would not recognise the old spot now. Expansion and more expansion is our motto. Our column is also going through growing pains, and this week we are dividing it into two parts, a separate correspondent for each section.

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Naturally as we have the first chance on the new arrivals we have augmented our ranks with the following before they had a chance to see a kite: Col. Frank Atkinson, of Battleford, Sask.; ACs Jean Albert, Montreal; Ken Drage, Toronto; Nick Purdue, Windsor; Ralph Kerr, St. Catharines; Stan Cooper, Toronto; Ken Franklin, Brantford; Fred Robert, Montreal; John Black, Lindsay, Ont.; Doug Dorsey, Winnipeg; Bill Whitten, Toronto; Chris English, Beauport, P.Q.; Ken Forbes, Nelson, B.C. We also welcome Clark White. He has already made quite an impression, particularly with the W.A.A.F.s.

ACs Len Craig, Nelson Greenwood and Frank Frances came in from one of the reception centres and are busily preparing themselves for remustering to clerks.

ACs Bert Peppy, Jim Houston and Slim Slater have gone on to the land of sand and files.

Don "Baldy" Wilson has left us again, this time for the hallowed halls of Air Ministry, where he is ably assisting an old Recorder, F/L Paul Cunningham.

Promotions have been made. Art Mingay and Harry Sloan are now corporals. Art Elliot joined the sergeants' mess.

"Sh" promotions include the following LACs to corporal: Ted Bennett, Reg Gardiner, Tom Dods, Howard Morgan, Bert Peppy and Baldy Wilson.

Howard Morgan has now left for one of the new bomber squadrons and should sprout some hooks in the near future.

Casualties Only promotions to report from this section—F/Sgt. "Mac" MacGillivray is now known as "Mister." Sgt. D. Brown has had the "Flight" added. LAC Bob Davey is still helping them celebrate.

A.2/Can.

"There'll be no promotions this side of the ocean." Says who? Just look at ex-F/Sgt. Cliff Neill, now supporting a weighty crest, and our new sergeant, "Rep" Spalding, and, of course, LAC Doughty, who is now respectfully called corporal.

Many new faces are to be seen around A.2/Can., too. The new fry are: LACs Charles, Biggar, Hornstein, Clarke, Heiser, Crawford, Smalley, Eilam and "Billy" Myers and "Leo" Reardon from The Demons. Welcome to Records. However, to get new men old ones must go, and so went Cpl. Len Taylor, LACs Richmond and Morgan.

The chief, F/L Russ Davey, is still away on an Administrative Course and a couple of lucky fellows are away on leave. LAC Norm Clarke and LAC Ralph Biggar headed for the untreked wilds of Scotland. I wonder what these Scottish lassies have that gets 'em all? Could be that they are hunting for some snow. The station put on a really good show for Christmas and a very merry time was had by all present. (This mistletoe habit will have to be voted in when we get back to Canada.) Most of the staff stayed on the camp for dinner, as the officers discovered when they started to pass out the plates. I'll bet that Doug Spalding wouldn't have put up that third stripe had he known he was going to have to look after the froth pail at dinner. (Yes, Doug, the shoe polish does help them from showing too much.) A concert was held in the afternoon and a dance in the evening. Things like that should happen more often.

TIP FOR SAFETY RAZOR USERS

No. 1 LATHERING. Most shaving soaps contain an ingredient which softens the stubble. Give it time to work. Your razor blade will last longer if you lather for twice as long as you usually do.



DISPOSAL CENTRE

By F/O MACE MAIN

WE hereby resolve that in the New Year we will cut down our consumption of Labatts India pale ale (adv't.) to the minimum! Are you with us or against us?

Before we make the last entry in 1942's ledger, let us credit our account with first tending to the Y.M.C.A. our honest and heartfelt thanks for providing us with a few of the necessities to make the best possible Christmas away from home. Santa Claus has in "Mac" MacEwan (Y.M.C.A.) an extremely capable understudy.

And they lived happily ever after. F/S Emily Hayhurst (W.A.A.F.) and W/O "Teddy" Barrett declared their desire to be one on Boxing Day, and as such were subsequently promulgated. At the present time they are enjoying a spot of honeymooning. It is understood by both that they are subject to recall!

The African drive was a Sunday school picnic in comparison to the drubbing administered to the staff N.C.O.s by the officers during a recent basketball "fiasco." When the smoke had lifted the score-board revealed an unbalanced figure of 49-6. The stars of the game were F/O Jensen (Pilgrim), who amassed a total of 18 points, but it is only fair to mention that this was made possible through the brilliant passing of F/L "Chubby" Dunne. (Yes, Ottawa!) The Commanding Officer, Wing Commander H. J. Burden, D.S.O., D.F.C., appeared in a new role—that of commander-in-chief of the "foul-shot" situation. He managed to score one basket out of approximately 15 attempts, and this was accomplished by a terrific gust of wind moving the basket into position.

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Double Attraction BASIL RATHBONE NIGEL BRUCE in 'SHERLOCK HOLMES in WASHINGTON'

ABBOTT & COSTELLO IN A REVIVAL OF ROOKIES

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE THE NAVY COMES THROUGH WITH PAT OBRIEN GEORGE MURPHY MAX BAER

PROVERBIAL LADDER

By Cpl. J. F. CUTLER

LOOK again, gang; yep, it's me after a sojourn in (?) to bring you tit-bits of squadron gen.

To get a pat on the back and a hand shake is none other than Sgt. Brick Bricknell, our star goalie from Mimico, Ont., also Cpl. "Gloomy" Gornall and Cpl. Hunter, of Peterborough, a little late, but nevertheless a good show for stepping up another rung on the proverbial ladder.

Among the many on leave at the moment we begin with "Engines" F/O Stan Malouf, the Noranda mining engineer; Sgt. "Bobby" Breen, of Comber, Ont.; Sgt. McLeod, Mark II, from Glace Bay, N.S.; Sgt. R. D. Booth, of Vancouver; P/O "Dagwood" Phillip, the Toronto boy that made good.

Hockey fans wonder no doubt if the boys are marking time. The show displayed on the sixth and the superb, flashy stick handling of Cpl. "Lummy" Lumsden, Sgt. "Bernard"

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Table with columns for THEATRES, CINEMAS, and various showtimes and titles like 'SHERLOCK HOLMES IN WASHINGTON', 'THE NAVY COMES THROUGH', 'WAKE ISLAND'.

WAKE ISLAND with BRIAN DONLEVY, ROBERT PRESTON, MACDONALD CAREY, ROBERT BENDIX, WALTER ABEL