



Canadian Crews Drop Heavy Bomb Loads

ATTACKS DIRECTED AT U-BOAT NESTS

Lorient Receives Another Hammering, Wilhelmshaven Twice in a Row, And Lancs Go to Bremen

RCAF BOMBER GROUP UNITS PARTICIPATE

LORIENT has become the European "milk route" for Canadian bomber crews, Wilhelmshaven was raided twice, and a sizeable raid took place on Bremen last week.

Among those who reported an immense V on the target at Lorient caused by the first shower of incendiaries was W/C Joe St. Pierre, C.O. of the French Canadian squadron. This was the sixth raid on the German submarine base for Sgt. Bruce E. Gray, of Vancouver. F/S H. R. Welch bettered him by two. Of his nine ops eight have been to Lorient as a gunner.

Other members of the French Canadian squadron who made the trip included: F/S B. B. Tremblay, of Montreal; Sgt. R. J. Lacerte, of Saskatoon; F/S P. G. Doucet, of Pettit Rocher, N.B.; and F/S A. M. "Jerry" Pelouin, of Montreal. The Canadian "Moose" and "Owl" squadrons were again out in strength.

Explosion a "Honey"
A Calgary pilot, F/L Les Anderson, saw a "honey of an explosion" in the centre of the docks. A rear-gunner in a Halifax saw the same explosion. He was F/S Harold Froud, of Toronto.

Sgt. Clarence Hovey, of Ottawa, told of a Ju88 which kept at a safe distance. Both Jack Therrien, of Montreal, and Sgt. Bruce Clout, of Evanston, Ill., admired the flakworks. F/S Scotty Taylor, of Montreal, saw a Me.110 shoot across the bow of his aircraft, but it disappeared without putting up a fight.

Wellington bombers from the newly-christened "Lion" squadron bombed the German naval and submarine base at Wilhelmshaven, which was hit for the second night running.

P/O W. E. P. Soeder, of Saskatoon, celebrated his 25th birthday in the air. Sgt. Alex Dutton, of Calgary, saw a 4,000 pounder blossom into a huge red-white glare. Sgt. Bill Hartner skipped an aircraft on the raid and took with him his mascot "Buster," a toy bulldog acquired from a WAFF in London.

Other Lion squadron members who made the trip were: F/S R. L. Skillen, F/O V. F. Ganderon, F/S H. W. "Soup" Campbell, Sgt. E. K. Chambers, F/S B. L. Owen, Sgt. L. H. McCormick, Sgt. D. A. Ferguson, F/S B. G. Crew, Sgt. Jim Kilpatrick, F/S J. L. Ward.

Wellingtons from the squadrons commanded by Winces Earle and Carscallen also were on the job.

F/L Wier Klassen, of Llac, Sask., with his "bomber command" moustache, thought it a quiet show. Dale King, of Aurora, Ont., figured the Jerry nightfighters were on a "forty-eight."

Other bomber crew members

on this show were: Sgt. Cecil "Paddy" Paddock, Sgt. Wall Roberts, F/S Wm. "Red" Brown, F/L Bill Suggitt, Sgt. "Chuck" Pifford, F/S Rong Mang.

The Moose squadron and many Canucks with RAF Lanc. squadrons participated in the previous night's attack on Wilhelmshaven. F/L R. G. "Morrie" Morrison, of Vancouver, reported excellent visibility. F/O M. W. McLaughlin, of Edmonton, felt sure their searchlight beams caught the "big ones" smacked the target.

F/O G. G. "Scrammy" McGladrey, of Chemainus, B.C., found the trip uneventful. It was the first trip to Wilhelmshaven for P/O W. S. "Rocky" Sherk, of Ridgeway, Ont.

Lanc. crews included F/S Jim Clark, who was making his 13th trip as navigator. In the same aircraft was Sgt. O. B. Peters, 34-year-old wireless operator from Thamesville, Ont., who was on his 11th job. One of eight searchlight beams caught the aircraft, captained by P/O Marcel Guelenae, of Leask, Sask., but he got out O.K. F/S Harvey Weekes, of Chilliwack, B.C., saw a 4,000-pound "blockbuster" hit the target squarely.

Many Canadian aircrews participated in the sizeable raid on Bremen last week-end as members of Lancaster squadrons of the RAF.

Things Moved
Sgt. Charles Murray, of Kerrobert, Sask., and his rear-gunner, Sgt. Ken Davis, of Toronto, saw their "big baby" move things around. A Vancouver wireless operator, Sgt. Harry Ivatte, saw one nightfighter, which did not attack.

A nice bit of evasive action by F/L D. J. Curtin, D.F.C. and Bar, of the Bronx, N.Y., shook off a Junkers.

Sgt. Edgar Anderson, of Burnaby, B.C., who formerly delivered freight for the Canadian National Express Company, likes his new job of helping to haul bombs to the Fatherland.

Others on the raid were: Sgt. Harry Richardson, Sgt. Bruce Shannon, F/O Joe McCarthy, F/O Dave Rodger, Sgt. Charles McDonald, Sgt. Max Coles, F/S Gordie Brady, F/S Lewis Burppe.

ARMY CO-OP AIRCRAFT STRIKE LOIRE PLANTS

When aircraft of RAF Army Co-operation Command made a successful night raid on electrical installations on the Loire recently Canada was well represented in the crews that took part. It was the first time Army Co-op. Command had undertaken such a task on its own, and it was a tricky one, for even in the bright moonlight the targets—in reality not more than 200 by 300 yards—looked like postage stamps from a height. The aircraft accordingly bombed from the lowest safe height, dropping incendiaries as well as bombs.

S/L D. I. McMonnies, Courtenay, B.C., who is second in command of the squadron and is also a flight commander, brought his plane back a bit flak-marked. His front-gunner, F/O J. B. Bowden, of Verdun, Que., an observer, went into the front turret as a spare navigator and helped find the target.

Bowden said there were searchlights and intense, "pretty accurate" flak. "We bombed from a low height," he continued, "and brilliant blue flashes showed we had got a hit." When still 20 miles from the French coast on the way back they "ran into more opposition which seemed to consist of everything the Germans had to throw." The captain took evasive action, zooming down to zero feet and staying there for several minutes. In this encounter the aircraft received some damage.

Three Canucks in one crew that took part were F/O M. W. Collins, Saskatoon, pilot; F/S M. Travers, Hamilton, navigator and bomb-aimer; and Sgt. R. W. Bryant, wireless op., from Toronto. Another Canuck pilot in the raid was F/O D. J. Smith, Naican, Sask.



The sun does shine in England. And when it did, these officers perched on a fence to have their picture taken. Left to right: F/L Parnall, F/O "Pat" Porter, F/O Eddie Danes, F/O Merle Frederick, P/O Ken McDonald, F/O Don Porter and F/L Moo Morrison. They have just come from visiting F/O Bill Matland, D.F.M., and F/O Bill Rice, who are in hospital suffering from jaundice.

F/O PAT BING WINS BAR TO D.F.C.; OTHER AWARDS

Burns, McAvoy, Dempster, Trebell, Sterns and Holland

Leading addition of the week to the RCAF's lengthy list of airmen who have gained distinctions is F/O L. P. Bing, of Regina. He has been granted an immediate award of a Bar to his D.F.C.

Bing has helped to destroy 11 enemy aircraft at night. Not long ago his aircraft was forced down at sea and it was two and a half hours before he and his pilot were picked up.

F/L Kenneth Burns, of Portland, Oregon, and a crew-mate, F/S John McAvoy, of Winnipeg, have won immediate awards of the D.F.C. and D.F.M. respectively. Burns is captain of an aircraft in which McAvoy acts as navigator. In one instance they made a reconnaissance of Turin from a height of 500 feet. They also bombed and photographed Berlin in a January raid.

Two D.F.M.s

Two D.F.M.s end the immediate awards for this week. They go to Sgt. James Trebell, now deceased, and F/S J. M. Dempster, of Vancouver. Recently Trebell, an observer, took part in the destruction of four enemy aircraft in a night operation. Dempster is cited as "a courageous and skillful gunner."

On a Duisburg raid last December he shot down an enemy fighter. In January, returning from Essen one night, he shot off an attacking enemy fighter, which fell toward the ground with one engine on fire.

A couple of non-immediate awards have also been made. One, a D.F.C., has been won by F/O William Sterns, of Ottawa, a navigator and bomb-aimer. The other, a D.F.M., goes to F/S James Holland, of Coral Cable, U.S.A. He and F/O Sterns are both veterans of many operations over Tobruk, when it was in Axis hands, as well as other targets.

VANCOUVER ADOPTS W/C CLAYTON'S UNIT

Another RCAF squadron overseas has been "adopted." This time it is a Halifax bomber squadron commanded by W/C A. P. Clayton, D.F.C. and Bar, from Vancouver.

The Vancouver Women's Club expressed to W. A. McAdam, Agent-General for British Columbia in London, England, a desire to adopt this squadron, and the arrangements have now been completed.

JUNKERS DOWNED IN FIRST COMBAT

First enemy aircraft to be shot down by the recently organized RCAF Wellington squadron, under the command of W/C A. Earle, of the RAF, fell to the guns of Sgt. E. J. "Smitty" Smith, of Boston, Mass., last week.

The Wellington, piloted by Sgt. V. T. Sylvester, of Passwegin, Sask., was returning from a sortie over enemy territory when "Smitty" saw a moonlit patch on the sea. Yelling to the skipper to take evasive action, he met the Jerry's attack with a long burst of fire—the first time he had used his guns in combat. On the second attack he got in a long burst at 200 yards range. The Ju.88 went down and he saw mushroom-like flames coming out of the sea, followed by greasy smoke and a red flare.

Destruction of the aircraft was confirmed by another bomber crew who saw a red light in the sea at the approximate position where it was shot down.

Another member of the crew was Sgt. Navigator N. M. Bush, of Avonmore, Ont.

CLAN DONALD SOCIETY

The International Clan Donald Society extends its hospitality to all Forces from Canada and the other Dominions in this country whose names are Macdonald, MacDonald, McDonald, Macdonnell, MacConnell, Macallister, MacIan, MacEachen, Macknechie, MacColl, MacInnes and MacIntyre.

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RCAF PILOTS HARASS HUNS

In the intensive bombing and ground strafing which preceded the fall of Zuara, near the Lybia-Tunisia border, Canadian members of RAF squadrons played a prominent part, scoring hits on shipping and important buildings.

F/S John Macaulay, of Scotstown, Que., scored a direct hit on an Axis tanker which he sighted near the harbour mouth at Zuara.

F/S Lyell Shaver, Avonmore, Ont.; F/S Herbert Snelgrove, Toronto; and Sgt. Dick Debourke, Newton Highlands, Mass., were in their element during the engagement, making bombing attacks and throwing further confusion into the ranks of the retreating Rommel forces through direct hits with their cannon and machine-gun fire.

Among other RCAF personnel taking an active part in the almost continuous harassing of the enemy in the advanced areas were: F/S Albert Shaw, Riverside, Ont.; P/O C. C. Smith, Detroit; and P/O John Wright, Ottawa.

A French Canadian pilot from Montreal, Sgt. Gerard Lecours, spotted a moored enemy seaplane in the harbour of Pldidi, further up the coast, and gave it a rain of fire from his guns.

RCAF PILOTS MAKE FORAYS OVER FRANCE

Engage in Escort Duties, Sweeps and Attacks On Engines

MEET HUN PLANES

CANADIAN fighters were active over France last week. RCAF squadrons led by W/C Keith Hodson, of London, Ont., flew as protection to forces of Boston and Liberator bombers which attacked shipping and harbour installations at Dunkirk. Squadrons taking part in the operation were led by S/Ls S. Ford, D.F.C. and Bar, of Liverpool, N.S.; F. E. Green, D.F.C., of Toronto; "Bud" Malloy, D.F.C., of Halifax; and F. H. Boulton, of Coleman, Alta.

Returning from the raid S/L Ford's squadron was attacked from the rear by about 15 F.W.190s when they were within 15 miles of the English coast.

F/L Magwood, of Toronto, damaged one enemy fighter and S/L Ford scored hits on another. None of the Canadians' machines was hit.

Keene Scored Hits

During a sweep over France on another day F/O Norman Keene, of White Rock, B.C., who belongs to Malloy's squadron, saw his fire strike home in the belly of the fuselage of a German fighter. Other German fighters were seen, but they did not attempt to engage.

Six railway engines were damaged in still another sortie by a pair of Canadian Spitfire pilots of S/L Green's squadron in a low-flying attack over the Cherbourg peninsula. They were Sgt. W. J. Kinnaird, of Edmonton, and F/S D. C. Goudie, of Vancouver. Three locomotives were damaged during each of their two trips over enemy-occupied territory.

On their last attack directed against a freight engine Goudie's Spitfire was slightly damaged by flak and further as he struck the limb of a tree as he pulled up.

ON POSTING LEAVE

Just out of O.T.U., Sgt. Obs. Art Cullum, of Paris, Ont., is enjoying posting leave at present.

While he is the only Canadian in his crew, two other Canadian navigators graduated in his class. They are P/O Bishop, of Montreal, and Sgt. Arnold Rollings, of Owen Sound, Ont.

BOMBERS TO PLAY OFF AGAINST ARMY CO-OPS

Central League Champions And Fighter Combines Are Eliminated

W/C Harry Carscallen's bomber squadron hockey team will meet W/C Bob Waddell's Army Co-operation outfit for the RCAF Overseas hockey championship and the right to go into the play-offs against the Canadian Army.

Carscallen's men, champions of the Northern League, disposed of S/L Norm Bretz's Dynamiters, champions of the Central League, by a score of 13-7 in a two-game-total-goal series. Waddell's aggregation ousted the Fighter Combine team 11-4 in a similar series to annex the Southern League crown.

Carscallen's Bombers were down one goal as a result of the first contest, but rallying behind Cpl. "Porky" Dumart, formerly of the Boston Bruins, who scored six goals of the 13 himself, and helped with others, they showed their power in the second.

In the first game LaForce scored twice for the Dynamiters, while Crane, Good and Deebank

tallied once apiece. For the Bombers, Dumart counted three and Wilson once. In the second game the Dynamiters' goals were scored by Semple and Lytle. Dumart again scored three times, Blue also scored three, while Duffield, Blue and Legg got one each.

In the Southern League play-off Waddell's squad, who last year gained the RCAF championship, won 6-3 and 5-1. Well-balanced teamwork was the main factor in their victory. In the first game Lude Wareing, late of New York Rangers and Philadelphia, bagged two, Howard Homan, Anderson, Reg Pope and Murray Carr each got one. For the Fighters, Nell Galbraith scored twice and Kerr once. In the second match Carr counted twice, Wareing, Homan and Hanton once for the winners. Kerr secured the Fighters' lone marker on a pass from Kerrwin.

A two-game-total-goal series will decide the RCAF championship. The first game is being played as Wings Abroad goes to press, while the deciding game is set for 10:30 Saturday morning at Purley Rink. Air Marshal Harold Edwards, C.B., will present the Edwards trophy to the winners.

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME, BROTHER!

FEBRUARY brings a "blessed event" to our Public Relations Directorate. Yes, it's a boy called "Wings," born on February first, at Ottawa, and doing very well, thank you!

"Wings" has a mission to fulfil quite similar to our own. While we point our pens towards personnel overseas, with the operational squadrons, the Operational Training Units, the radio stations, and the many other units where RCAF boys are seeking a bit of Canadian gossip, "Wings" of Ottawa is catering to the home field, those boys in the training schools, the operational squadrons along both coastlines, and anywhere, in fact, where the RCAF rondel flutters in the breeze.

The Chief of the Air Staff, in welcoming the new publication, expresses the hope that it will measure up to the standard of its predecessor in the overseas field. Our new-found brother is already a sizeable lad, and quite polished, and handsome, too. He goes sixteen pages per month in tabloid size. It makes us look none too large, but he is reared on a newsprint diet, points for which we can't obtain in these parts, so we just have to pull in our belts—and hope for the best.

Brother "Wings" tells his story in interesting vein, with lively "line shoots" from the training stations, plenty of good pictures, a wide variety of editorial, in fact, which makes us feel that the new addition to our little family will make good in a big way. Good luck, brother "Wings."

ENEMY TRANSPORT DOWN IN FLAMES

With two other Spitfire pilots, two Canadians with an RAF squadron in North Africa shared in destroying an enemy troop transport aircraft. They were P/O E. R. Burrows, of Picton, N.S., and Sgt. Stan Glover, of Wallaceburg, Ont. Burrows and Glover were taking part in a low level sweep into enemy territory when the unescorted Ju 52 was sighted. So low were the Spitfires that they had to climb rapidly to make their attack on the three-motored German aircraft, which was creeping along close to the valley floor. All four fighters opened up simultaneously with cannon fire and the Jerry went down in flames.

TYPEWRITER SQN.

By LAC BUD JAMES

THE Typewriter Squadron, although one of the most recently formed, is already one of the hardest hitting squadrons in the Canadian Group. Fittingly enough, the name of our squadron was supplied by the C.O., W/C Burnside, D.F.C. In a talk he gave us shortly after he assumed command he said that despite the fact we possessed only one typewriter he was certain the squadron would give a good account of itself.

The typewriter shortage has since been remedied and many of the difficulties which invariably beset a new squadron have been overcome. That we are now operating so smoothly is due in no small measure to the long hours of hard work put in by every member of the squadron.

A lion rampant on a maple leaf is our squadron crest. Besides the lion we have the Lamb, squadron plumber who keeps the lion rampant. Chas-anoff the Great (period), a recent addition to the squadron, is suffering from lack of sleep, and it isn't insomnia. Says he, "Maybe I should have stayed with the fighter kids! There are a bunch of amorous guys in our W/T section. By way of showing their appreciation of the great work their WAAF driver is doing they each sent her a valentine. The poor gal's a bit bewildered though; the sly cads didn't sign their own names. In the sergeants' mess they're still talking about the guys who in January last, attended the local Hairdressers' Convention and found the chaperones outnumbered the hairdressers. Congratulations have been in order to F/Ss Young, Ward, Owen, Smith, Fisher, Gagnon, Higgins, Puffer, Thurston, Dalton, Fellner and Newcombe, who have recently put up the golden crown."

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W/C Carscallen's squadron hockey team which won the Northern League championship. Front row, left to right: LAC A. D. Whyte, Napawan, Sask.; AGI W. H. Legg, London, Ont.; Sgt. L. J. Wilson, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Sgt. E. A. McQuarrie, Rainy River, Ont.; Sgt. G. W. Duffield, Lloydminster, Sask.; Cpl. H. W. Deans, Regina; Sgt. J. E. A. Poudrette, Sherbrooke, Que. Back row: Referee J. J. Smith, England; Sgt. K. Caldwell, Kenora, Ont.; Sgt. J. MacGillivray, Sask.; LAC A. J. Cotton, Winnipeg; Sgt. G. Wood, Sask.; F/L C. A. Kyle, Toronto; Cpl. Woody Dumart, Kitchener; LAC W. V. McMartin, Toronto; Sgt. A. W. Kimmery, Nanapan, Ont.; LAC A. Cooper, Winnipeg. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

WITH THE RADIO MECHS

VISITING FIREMEN

SGT. WALLY ANDERSON, of Flin Flon, Man., Cpl. Mac McCormack, of Vancouver, and LAC Arnold Clarkson, of Arcola, Sask., who used to be on the same squadron, reunited in London last week. Arnold also looked up his brother, a trooper in a Canuck tank unit.

LACs Allan Lennox and Carl Paul, both of Vancouver, met by chance in the Beaver Club last week. They trained together as riggers in Canada until Allan switched to the knobs and wire game.

LAC Harold Blair has been seeing plenty of the British Isles, travelling with a mobile unit.

London is a big town to paint red all over, but Cpl. Ken Edwards, of St. John, N.B., and LACs Lloyd Christoff, of Roblin, Man., and Jerry Bennett, of Sudbury, Ont., have been right in there trying this last week.

Ken would like to hear from hometown, Reg Nichols, a lieutenant in the Canadian Signal Corps.

SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Hank

PEACHES HABLETON, of Vineand, Ont.; Pudge Graham, Barrie; and George Smiley, Vancouver, are sewing two hoods on their uniforms, courtesy of the RAF, proving that ships do come in, dreams do come true, and even promotions come along.

Financial matters are to the fore again. Several chaps are puzzling over the ninepenny increase, and others are agonising over debts that pay accounts have built into impressive totals. Our old friend, Staffa Drake, always a hound for publicity, informs us that from now on economy is his watchword. There is no comment.

High among the many friends made with RAF lads is Cpl. "Willy" Williams. After long association with the boys of Room 3 he has become Canadianised, although he calls it shouted down. We are to lose him shortly to a nearby station. A farewell party is called for. Willy is noted for his length of service, the holes in his socks, and his love of flying. We wish him the best of luck.

Ambition leads a man to strange things. Take the case of "Salomey" Love, of Melville, Sask. He feverishly is playing the football pool, and announces that the monetary return, if and when, will go for a new clarinet. His musical ambitions were thwarted recently when his flute went astray under mysterious circumstances. He believes that a clarinet will be harder to hide. Cpl. Frank Patterson, Montreal, is the newest Canuck to join our fold. He has not expressed any opinion of the place as yet.

D.U. IN MIDLANDS

By Cpl. B. Underwood

SPRING is here. At least, so it seems with all the fellows migrating. Cpl. Proctor is now on leave and is being joined by Cpls. Richards, Girardot, McCallum, H. A. Smith and LAC Morris. Only comment from this quarter, is "Poor London!"

LAC Baird was called off leave to be posted here and hopes to make up lost time this week. He is heading south, but his exact destination is not known.

Cpl. Brigham has just received word that his brother, also a RM, arrived recently. He hopes to spend a week with him soon.

Our heartiest congratulations to Cpl. Richards. Joe is the second Canuck from this station to get a commission. A former member of our staff, F/O M. R. Smith, of Kitchener, spent a couple of days visiting us over the week-end.

M.U. IN NORTH WALES

By Cpl. Harry Sayers

CPL. HAL SJOQUIST, of Kamloops and Vancouver, and LAC Max Wear, of Qu'Appelle, Sask., are the first of the old gang to leave our happy family. They have been posted to some fortunate unit. We hope the faraway fields not only look green but are green.

Recent arrivals who didn't stay around long but have also been posted are LACs Geo. Irvine, of St. Catharines, Ont., and LAC F. E. DeVito, of Trail, B.C. Good luck, fellows, and let's hear from you now and then.

Among Canadians who do not belong to the noble order of radio mechs, but who are on this station are F/Os J. Easton, of Timmins, Ont., and R. W. Anders, of Amherst, N.S.; P/O B. G. Elzars, of Kitchener, Ont.; LAC MacArthur, of Red Deer, Alta.; and to WAAF's LAW C. Botterill, of Winnipeg, and ACW1 E. M. King, of Vancouver. And we mustn't forget Sgt. Pilot G. H. McCullough, of Ottawa. We believe there's still another Canuck roaming around, but LAC "G Man" Bill Sellers hopes to track him down soon.

On leave are LAC Earl Guy and Cpls. Percy Passmore and Geo. Wilson. We understand Percy is heading for London and parts of Surrey.

The boys are practising strenuously for the basketball game with an American team to take place this week. And now I must away and hide me to our Canadian party, at which we hope to have a record gathering.

WILTSHIRE M.U.

By LAC Louis ZII

NORTH WALES M.U. will be interested to know that the following mechs, have arrived at this unit: Cpl. Harold Sjoquist, better known as "Sultcase"; Cpl. "Slim" Johnson, and LACs Bud De Vito, George Irvine, George Payner and Max Wear. "Sultcase", Wear and Payner are all old hands, practically permanent fixtures at North Wales M.U. till they were rudely uprooted. LACs are comparative newcomers to this sunny isle. Bud was warmly welcomed by his fellow McGill alumni, those battle-hardened mechs, LACs Johnny Strain, Gordie McPhee, Bill Odell and Al Pyatt. Bud says four other fellow McGill grads, are at North Wales M.U., Keith Knox, Bert Laurence, Jack Knox and McEwen. Bud also says to tell Moe Aspler he still prefers Bomber Command.

LAC Al Pyatt has gone on privilege leave. LACs Don Wilson and Ken Spread are on a 23-day jaunt to Britain's beauty spots. They had better write LAC Stan Sliwa their address if they want to get their mail.

LAC Gordie McPhee has just returned from London, where he

RECORDS OFFICE

PROMOTIONS

By LAC WALLINGTON

A GAIN we were visited by our ex-W/O, Flying Officer Bill (The gen man) Fader. It sure looks like he can't stay away from the place.

After a very short stay, LAC Ken Fuller has headed out for the cooler regions. He got Recordized and now is going to get a bit of Squadron "genning up." We hope that you like the Squadron and make that test alright.

Our sergeant, Rep Spalding, is away on a seven day leave and is treating the gals in the big town to the sight of those blond curls. Also on leave is LAC Ken Longrigg. Ken is getting back into the groove in London Town. That place shod does get 'em. Wonder why?

Back from that "Land of no Rye" came LAC Willie Myers, full of the zeal to work and get things done in a big rush. After being back for two hours he wanted to have a rest to recuperate from the leave. We are sure that the little gal with CANADA on her shoulder shall be very glad to know that you are back and are still unattached.

The whole section is watching the outcome of a coming alliance with Canada and Wales. A very interested spectator in this affair is Cpl. Cliff Doughty, and he is sure rooting for the home team (his team).

The unhappy expression that seems to have come on the face of our little Cpl. Art Toomey to stay was put there when he took the wrong number and was put in charge of Records' "Little Canada," the Canadian Barrack Room. The fellows are starting to wonder who his ideal is. Did some one else start as a Cpl. in the last war?

W/O Cliff Neill could use a good fishing pole and reel. His first words when stepping into the office the other day were "Who wants to go fishing?" Maybe he had designs on the free-buckets out in the hall. Well, seven days in bonnie (CENSORED) will alleviate that mad desire to commune with nature.

Those sort of promotions that are only good to ghosts were handed out to LACs Smalley, Biggar, Helser, and Charles. Cpl. Toomey came for a third, and he is still undecided as to whether he is a Cpl. or a Sgt.

F/L Russ Davey, after a week spent in his pet haunt down in the south, claimed it to be a shaky sort of a do. It's a crime that it is always when you are on leave that you have to contact some sort of ailment. I wonder if Air Ministry has a remedy? As long as you weren't only wet outside—nuff sed.

CASUALTIES

BY W/O "MAO"

THE atmosphere in this Section is becoming clearer now that F/S Al Brown has gone to join the drones. W/O MacGillivray and LAC Davy are managing (they hope) to soothe many broken hearts, notably one "Calamity Jane" (remember, Al?—the damozel of the flaming halo), and a little girl with a quaker oat burr.

LAC Davy will eventually follow Brother Brown and another romance will go boom (?). There's a little Irish colleen who could say a lot just about here. Yours truly will say no more. When asked about the romance, old Bob nonchalantly counter-queries, "Which one?" Casanova!

AT COASTAL O.T.U.

Four air-gunners now undergoing training at a Coastal O.T.U. are Sgts. Mark Drummond and A. Drummond, of Ottawa, G. Edie, of Ottawa, and K. Fleming, of Temiskaming, Que.

WITH THE RAF

"A MARVELLOUS kite," is how Sgt. Ross, "Beaver" Jamieson, of Milton, Ont., sums up his new four-bladed Spitfire. Ross has almost finished his second tour of ops., during which period he has flown Hurricanes, Hhrrri-bombers and Spits. Unfortunately, he wants to keep his record off-the-record as regards publicly. O.K. Ross, but we hope you'll let us use the story some day.

LACs Walter Monkman, of Winnipeg, George Thurkeauf, of Sidney, N.S., and "Mac" McDonald, of Lansdowne, Ont., are all taking an armourer's course in a RAF school.

A home town booster of the "A" water is Sgt. Bomb-Almer Don McNaughton, of Bracebridge, Ont. He explains that in his opinion Bracebridge is so called because of the many bridges that span the stream that runs through the centre of the town. Oh, yes, and out of a population of 2,500 the Air Force has recruited over 100. Good plugging, Don.

In on leave F/S WAG Charles Rattigan, of Slesman, Ont., is just beginning his op. career on Wimples.

F/S Bill Simpson, of Edmonton, has been instructing airborne Tommies in glider piloting for some time along with F/L Udell Thompson, an American, and P/O Ian McKay, a British Columbian. Bill, who is a better pilot than humourist, says glider flying isn't bad fun though it has its "ups and downs." The Army lads are "very keen," he reports.

A Wimpy pilot, F/S "Bud" Arbour, of Waubesa, Ont., likes flying enough to plan on staying in the game after the war.

SORRY, SGT. PRICE

In the February 10 issue of WINGS ABROAD it was stated that the first fully-trained operational crews has just arrived from Canada.

Since this was published it has been learned from Sgt. K. E. Price, of Cornwall, Ont., that he and a number of other air crew arrived in Britain in November, fully trained at O.T.U. in Canada, and have been on ops. since in the same type of aircraft in which they trained at home.

CASUALTIES

For the week ending February 23rd, 1943:

KILLED IN ACTION.

R. D. Balmis, F/S, Bayview, Alta.; H. E. Dabbs, P/O, Dryden, Alta.; L. J. Devlin, F/S, Druid, Sask.; R. J. Middleton, Sgt. (Absent); H. G. Smith, F/S, Toronto; J. D. Stovenson, P/O, Winnipeg; J. L. Mount, P/O, Liverpool; E. I. R. W. Scott, Sgt., Montreal.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION.

E. G. Alexander, Sgt., Montreal; E. D. Girardot, Sgt., Detroit, Mich.; D. O. Kennedy, Sgt., Ticonderoga, Ont.; G. Kennedy, Sgt., Toronto; W. G. McCullough, P/O, Kelowna, B.C.; G. A. MacLushon, S/L, Ottawa; B. W. Weaver, Sgt., Merrickville, Ont.; J. H. Dauntz, Sgt., Chantre, Ont.; J. V. Dandurand, Sgt., Leclerc, N.B.; J. F. Madias, P/O, Kingston; A. Jankel, W/O, Montreal; N. J. J. Jones, Sgt., Winnipeg; C. G. Scuminski, P/O, Hamilton; R. E. Wilson, Sgt., West Patricia, Ont.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION.

R. A. Chalcraft, F/S; R. M. Stewart, Sgt., Annapolis, Ont.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION.

M. R. Conztable, Sgt., Charlottetown; C. H. Lancelotti, F/S, Edmonton; L. O. Colbran, Sgt., Maxville, Ont.

MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.

W. M. Andrew, Sgt., Enderby, B.C.; R. E. Beaman, Sgt., Surrey, Ont.; E. Jensen, Sgt., Mimico, Ont.; J. E. McPhail, P/O, Windsor, Ont.; J. F. Nicolson, P/O, Halifax; J. D. Haas, Sgt., Portage la Prairie, Man.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION.

W. H. Bracken, Sgt., Moose Jaw; G. J. Kearns, P/O, Halifax.

MISSING.

L. R. Anderson, F/S, Winnipeg; C. J. Ezzleton, Sgt., Amherst, N.S.; J. H. Fletcher, P/O, Piantagenet, Ont.; S. Frank, Sgt., Kenora, Ont.; F. J. Callagher, Sgt., Toronto; R. M. George, Sgt., Saskatchewan Lookout, Ont.; G. L. Harrison, Sgt., Toronto; W. E. Macdonald, Sgt., Noel, Ont.; M. C. Moore, P/O, Windsor, Ont.; S. Moresly, F/S, Toronto; W. D. Pasan, Sgt., Selousburg, Ont.; H. P. Perret, P/O, Three Rivers, Que.; G. A. Powell, F/S, St. Thomas, Ont.; J. R. Bowers, Sgt., Crystal Beach, Ont.; E. F. Stammers, Sgt., Toronto; M. C. P. Walle, P/O, Lennoxville, Que.; D. C. Williams, F/S, Bane, Alta.; A. J. Wilson, Sgt., Michichie, Alta.; H. C. Babinizer, Sgt., Scarbore, N.Y.; J. C. Cuchin, Sgt., Toronto; C. E. Crook, Sgt., Toronto; P. H. De Nevers, Sgt., Vancouver, Sask.; E. D. Fleishman, P/O, Vancouver; R. H. Gallwey, Sgt., Calgary, Minn.; C. G. Hale, Sgt., Toronto; R. Hestep, Sgt., Virginia, U.S.A.; R. G. Hill, Sgt., Ottawa; W. L. Lockhart, Sgt., Toronto; H. P. MacArthur, Sgt., Montreal; Mess.; E. A. Messer, Sgt., Maranzon, Ont.; L. C. Matthews, Sgt., Beaver Falls, Pa.; S. F. Matthee, Sgt., Vulcan, Alta.; J. B. Rodgers, P/O, St. John, N.B.; J. R. Scott, P/O, Edmonton, N.B.; P. Sutherland, Sgt., Winnipeg; D. R. Thompson, P/O, Winnipeg; C. R. Thorpe, P/O, Cambridge, Sask.; D. S. Urmhart, Sgt., Hatland, Man.; L. B. Wilson, P/O, Ottawa.

MISSING BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

S. F. Fairbairn, P/O; R. E. McCrillis, Sgt., Weysburn, Sask.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

J. E. Armstrong, Sgt., Neenahville, Sask.; L. R. Arps, Sgt., Tisdale, Sask.; R. J. Cavanaugh, Sgt., Mason City, Iowa; J. V. Croxon, W/O, Ottawa; J. F. Colding, Sgt., Winnipeg; H. L. Maughan, Sgt., Toronto; G. H. Richards, Sgt., Arrowwood, Alta.; H. N. C. Smilgers, P/O, Port Hope, Ont.; W. R. Bower, P/O, Union Point, Man.; H. Clarke, Sgt., Victoria, B.C.; D. L. Hanson, F/S, New Liskeard, Ont.

WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

H. F. Jackson, Sgt., Kincaid, Co., N.B.; R. H. Jones, Sgt., Calgary; T. B. McAnney, Sgt., Toronto; J. D. Tuttle, Sgt.

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

W. J. Perry, Sgt., Fairview, Alta.

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Nodding snow and sleet storms on the way, moved themselves and their goods and chattels to the new headquarters recently. The three padres, S/L E. W. Gillen and F/Ls L. W. MacLean and B. J. Province, suddenly discovered their flocks needed immediate spiritual aid and left the O.C., F/L P. G. Evans, holding the bag. However, after a few days with the house full of workmen, everyone has settled down to his job, and we have all got the same one—looking after fellow Canadians up in this part of the world.

Cpl. A. Sheridan staggered the local population by carefully piling up two months' chocolate rations on a table in the window. It almost needed the police to move the crowd along. Quite good advertising, corporal! Our genial F/S W. Harrison will soon qualify for a hotel receptionist judging by his tact in telling honeymoon couples and others that this is now an office and not a hotel. Two of the M.T. boys, Cpl. G. A. Pape and LAC M. J. Holton, were away and missed the fun, but LAC J. W. Forbes was on deck and lent many a willing hand in shifting things around. Our newest recruit (don't tell anybody, but he is a general duties), LAC Anderson, has been kept really busy—rather think he wishes the establishment in his trade would be filled—in fact we all do! Mr. Mills, Canadian Legion supervisor, could not resist several real bargains in furniture and furnishings that were in the hotel—he bought the lot, thus materially improving our surroundings and comfort. The Knights of Columbus hostess, Miss Campbell, is off to a flying start, her first customer being none other than a W.D. from headquarters, LAW E. M. Hassett.



On his tour of inspection overseas Mayor Stanley Lewis, of Ottawa, takes every possible opportunity to chat with Ottawa airmen. In this picture, left to right: Geo. S. Mooney, Montreal, Executive Director of Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities; Mayor Lewis, Sgt. A. C. Hunter, LAC G. F. Jacombe and LAC J. A. R. Barnaby. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

BOMBER GROUP

By SGT. MACKROW

WELL, Air Marshal Edwards' dream of a thoroughly Canadianised lambasting of Germany is now a reality. With a minimum of confusion, the new "Canuck" Bomber Group has materialised from the blue, and Canadians are now calmly and efficiently knocking "L" out of Hitler, under the firm guidance of our own Air Vice-Marshal Brookes.

Meanwhile, we of Headquarters, for the most part new arrivals in Merrie England, are valiantly striving to acquaint ourselves with the customs and climate of this water-soaked island.

Our British WAAFs are giving us a hand with the customs, and we find these very pleasant (both customs and WAAFs). For further information apply to Cpl. Moses or Sgt. Gosling.

The climate, however, only a Marlinmer could love—eh, F/S Tobin?

Some of the thriffler souls have saved up their pennies and carved a path through the wilderness to London. LAC Rigby, of the teletypes—pardon me, teleprinters—has just returned with bags under his eyes a C.P.R. porter couldn't carry. Must be the black-outs, eh, lit? Montreal didn't affect you that way.

W/O Goodchild and Sgt. Keen are at present staging a blitz on the metropolis.

Sgt. McKenna and Cpl. Scanlan apparently consumed a little of the poisonous brew during their recent stay here, too. Rumour has it they were seen in the wee sma' hours, banging quite disrespectfully on the gates of Buckingham Palace with a view to obtaining lodging for the night.

W/O Ard has gang awa' to the heclands of Benny Scotland, and will probably return all covered with heather and brogue.

I think more of us would be following the trail to the big city, had we not recently laid our offerings at the altar of El Domino Cubis ("The Cuban Domino"), who brings so many followers to their knees—ask Sgt. ("Two-roll-Robb") France, or LAC Crowe—yours truly "alpt talkin'!"

A few days ago arrangements were made for personnel to attend a dance in a nearby typical English town (42 inhabitants—38 pubs). The occasion was the first on which both men and WAAFs of the unit cut loose together, and was a roaring success, thanks to the arrangements of our M.T. king, F/S Baxter.

S/L HUGHES POSTED

By C. S.

THIS week the Fog Hogs bade farewell to their guide, mentor and flight commander when all the air crew gathered in the crew room to wish S/L J. D. E. Hughes, D.F.C., all the luck in his new posting. S/L James Sumner, of Hamilton, Ont., expressed the squadron's appreciation for all S/L Hughes had done for us. There was one fellow missing, though, and that was F/L "Moose" Mills, who was hurriedly getting some engraving done on an "illegal bit of silverware"—far away in Big Town. Too bad about the "bus strike, Moose, but we knew you'd come through O.K. In the evening a few hungry men adjourned to Ma Brennan's store where our flight commander was seen (by five witnesses—al! sober, too!) to demolish five steaks and seven eggs—plus pints and pints of Guinness, give me strength!

Also, this week the Squadron Fund is solvent once more—inasmuch as the raffle on a gift of chewing gum has turned out quite successfully. Though it is said that some selfish types want their two-hundredths of the gum, to heck with the raffle. If these types will see the M.O. and close their eyes and open their mouths, they'll get a surprise, and free too.

Comings and goings in the squadron have taken away our indispensable F/S Puxley, off to a commission, and F/S Wright has been seen walking infirmly past the technical site with his neck wrapped in yards and yards of scarf (minus tonsils). Cpl. Fairley has gone back to Canada, and Sgt. Hatfield has gone back to Australia. Cpl. McKelvie and Cpl. Newcombe have left us for other units, and in exchange we have received Cpl. McDonald and Cpl. Christian (no, not Fletcher Christian) straight from the frozen wastes of the Land of the Maple Leaf! Welcome, chaps!

Meanwhile, in the murky recesses of the Medical Inspection Room, the Mystery of the Missing Mae West is causing concern. Bad types putting the snatch on the Doc. Eh? O.K. Inoculations next week! (Now watch the Mae Wests roll in!) S'long.

CANUCKS FLYING ON BURMA FRONT

F/O James Purves, of Halifax, N.S., has been around since he won his wings in Canada. His first operational job was flying Blenheims in attacks on shipping in the English Channel. Later he operated from Malta and then proceeded to the Western Desert. Finally he was posted to the Burma front.

Another RCAF pilot who has seen service in the United Kingdom, Malta and the Middle East is P/O Lorne Trapp, of Sherbrook, Que. He also has a number of operations in his log in the Far East.

P/O John Chapman, of Winnipeg, has done operations over Burma. Sgt. Leslie Ward, also of Winnipeg, is flying Blenheims on the Burma front.

AUX. SERVICES

WHEN it was learned that No. 5 District was to be serviced entirely by Y.M.C.A. supervisors, a meeting was called to discuss further plans concerning the work of Auxiliary Services in this area.

This scheme will result in a doubling of the number of supervisors at present located in this district.

Those present were F/L A. G. Ley, Auxiliary Services Officer, No. 5 District Headquarters; Mr. Don. Macdonald, Senior Y.M.C.A. Supervisor and Supervisors Ken McAdam, Larry Moyle and Bill Craig. F/L T. R. Walker, Physical Fitness Officer, No. 6 Group Headquarters, was a guest at the meeting. Tommy Walker is well known in Canadian sport circles as Canada's greatest swimming coach. He was formerly the swimming instructor at the Toronto Central Y.

Member of Canada's British Empire Team in 1930 and Coach of Canada's Olympic Team in 1932 and British Empire Coach in 1934.

For the benefit of the RCAF personnel in No. 5 District the following thumbnail sketches of the Supervisors are presented. Donald Macdonald—Graduate University of Manitoba and University of Toronto. Associate minister of Knox United Church, Winnipeg, formed largest young people's Union in United Church of Canada. Expert curler, largely responsible for organising the Manitoba Junior Curling Association. Formerly Y.M.C.A. Supervisor at No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto, and RAF Station, Moncton.

Ken McAdam—One of Canada's greatest athletes, graduated McMaster University, starring in rugby, hockey, track and field. Played hockey for Maple Leaf farm team at Syracuse. Won Canadian Dramatic tenor competition at Toronto Exhibition. Formerly Y.M.C.A. Supervisor at RCAF Station, Trenton.

Larry Moyle—An Australian, connected with Australian Y.M.C.A. Graduate of Springfield College. Leading school of Physical Education in U.S.A. Came to Canada as Y.M.C.A. Supervisor for RAF Station, Kingston.

Bill Craig—Graduate of University of Western Ontario, London, Ont. Was formerly Y.M.C.A. Supervisor at RCAF Station, St. Thomas, and No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto.

IMPOSSIBLE!

By LAC M. J. SEELEY
THE impossible has happened! Last week the Instrument Bashers won a rubber of bridge from the Armourers before eight o'clock in the morning. Talk about early risers, you'd have to go far to find others like them!

Johnny Cole, of Toronto, returned from leave recently to inform us that he had married Miss Doris Marsden, of the WAAF, at her home in Liverpool.

Glad to see Ed. Peters back again after his hospitalisation. A week's convalescing or leave should work out all right though, Ed, and we hope to have you with us again soon.

What has "Crash" Bill Holden, of "M" Flight, got to say about the Cookhouse Queen? Despite what has been said at Ensa concerts lately about the chief of the squadron "Gestapo," the recent cigarette rationing quiz earns him a new title, viz. F/S "Vital Statistics" Nolan.

"The Brute," as Broadhurst is referred to by his friends, came back to camp recently with a story about having got married. Much to his consternation, the boys soon wrangled the truth out of him.

W/O "Joe" Young, of the Armoury, has put the "fantastic" back in "light fantastic."

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BEND AN EAR, MEN

By F/O D. HEFFERNAN and LAC WOLFF

THERE'LL be no promotion this side of the ocean! Oh, yeah! Bend your ears, chums—bend. Jimmie Stronach, the Sarnia flash, has had his third. This time it's the half stripe to squadron leader. Bill Adams, the Toronto (lla), pardon me "lawyer," is swinging two stripes. We call him flight lieutenant and credit him with the record number of detachment hours. P/Os Heffernan, Barclay, Briggs, Crummy, Kowen, Johnson and Boyd jumped up a notch. The sergeants' mess have given way to the officers' mess once again and no longer lists such names as Town, Clegg, Sutton, Taylor and Angus. F/Ss Hunter, Billard, Grosman and Trask are sporting the royal coat of arms on the lower half of the sleeve. The RCAF roster also puts F/Ss Kelly and Arsenault in the same group.

Three former corporals, Paul Bergamini, Peggy Pegden and Larry Thomas have just picked up their beds (or rather had us to do it for them) and moved right into the sergeants' mess. Nice going, boys, we're still waiting for that third to be properly christened.

Visitors to a certain English town have been amused by the sight of one Birdman wheeling another along the cobblestones to the friendly "local." This is welcome news to this squadron, as the lads are none other than Gordie Frederick and "Hoke" Mann (he of the 14 days dinghy time). Keep up the recovery, my hearties.

F/L "Tiny" Bostock has lost that yellowish hue since winning his battle with jaundice, and F/L "Pat" Patterson's shove happens is also getting better.

The squadron crest was presented to W/C Bean by the A.O.C. Group on January 23, the whole squadron turning out for the parade. The motto "Ad Mettam" (To the Mark) will no doubt soon be decorating the lapels of much feminine attire.

Hot off the press is the sorry news that three of our stalwart crews are being posted away to F/O Harris, W/O Peel and that smiling Aussie, Keith Wathen, together with their

crews, go our best wishes. Sorry to lose you, chaps, but Good Luck and God Speed.

We wonder what Flight Kelly was doing down on the shore with a small body of men grouped around him and rolling out in that rich (?) baritone, "Shall we gather at the river," 'Twas Sunday morning, too. Probably disciplining the boys.

Seems like the Signal Section couldn't find any other when LACs Dalco and McDonald appeared the other morning wearing nice, fresh, clean-looking hooks where the props used to be. Not to be altogether outdone, "A," "B," "M" Flights and the Equipment Section sent their newest representatives to the Corporals' Club, namely LACs (henceforth corporals) Partington, Stokes, Turnbull and Pow.

We're glad to see Cpl. Jones, of the M.T. Section, back again in A1 condition after his lengthy sojourn in hospital.

Last week we were privileged with a visit by F/L Malone and F/L Gower, two of our popular Canadian padres from headquarters. We always appreciate having these guests and hope they'll soon be back again.

Our best wishes go to Cpl. Comrie, who is about to make the fatal plunge into matrimony. Miss Jean Whyte, of Edinburgh, is the lucky gal and the date is February 27. Cpl. Comrie came over with No. 1 Fighter Squadron and so ranks with the old-timers.

LACs Stan Roberts and Lorne Curtis, of the Armoury, are picking up a bit of "book-larin" on their leave at Cambridge University.

The scenery hereabouts has been improved considerably with the recent addition of 23 WAAFs. This probably accounts for the keen trouser creases in the boys' working blues these days and the worried frown on Cpl. Reed's brow. One of the drivers, ACW2 "Butch" Bull, is already credited with the pranging of one aircraft, but perhaps the Winco would prefer we wouldn't mention that.

Under the dynamic leadership of Sgt. Vautler a squadron band is being formed. We hope to hear more of it.

F/L George J. Sutherland, "Suds" for short, joined the administrative staff of the To F/O Harris, W/O Peel and that smiling Aussie, Keith Wathen, together with their

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WITH RADIO MECHS

(Continued from page 2)

made the rounds with his chum, Jack Knox. They met LACs Lee Vary, Lloyd Sirett, Cramm, Harry Ross, Dave Geggie and "Tiger" Bond.

Gordie received a pleasant surprise when he met Rescor Stickleby, Keith Knox, Bob Monk and Byron Logie will remember him. When Can. 37 left for England they left behind them a sad-faced LAC radio mechanic. Now he's a happy sergeant. Some time after arriving in England he remustered to the educational branch of the service.

TYPEWRITER SQN.

By LAC Bud James THE radio mechs. on the Typewriter Squadron are not the type of guys who are given to idle boasting, but if there is such a thing as a contest open to R.M.s who figure they have in the most working hours, they want to enter their names. LACs Hermanson, Kallelak, Cameron, Inkater, Thompson and James and Cpl. Lee claim they have been working like beavers lately.

Kidding their newly acquired WAAF driver one day, LAC ("The C.O. calls me Hermy") Hermanson and LAC Bud James told her they thought they were the two best-looking men in the section. The strange thing about the joke was that she believed them and passed on the news to the other WAFAs. Now Hermanson and James are beginning to think maybe there's something in it after all.

ON OPS AT LAST

"Thankful to be through O.T.U." Sgt. Art Nash, an air-gunner of Sarnia, Ont., says he and a Sgt. Wood from the Okanagan Valley, B.C., were the only Canucks to graduate in his course.

Now on ops in a Wellington crew, Art shares Canada as homeland with only one crewmate, a wireless air-gunner named F/O "Dusty" Miller, of Montreal.

HEADQUARTERS

ALL'S right with the mail room again! Duguid, now a postal clerk, has just returned from the Base Post Office. With permanent AC2 George and he together again things should be like old times. We fight for our mail from now on.

Central Registry is getting more like an office every day. We were convinced when we saw one of the minions, shirt-sleeved and sweating, reach furiously under the desk, pull out a pint of pop, take a long pull and return to his papers again. The next thing we expect to see is Bill King with his feet on the desk.

LAC "Ball of Fire" Christopher will soon be leaving on three weeks' sick leave. The little nipper was shaking a slipper past the Ritz 'bout two months back when he was "sand-bagged." He's all patched up and nearly as good as new.

Ah, yes! The Headquarters dance last week. Seen flying at various altitudes were Al Burrell, Reg Manitt, Harry Spence, Bill Felhaber, Ned Daelstrom and others. Undisputed altitude record went to Matiland, who finally came down over the Thames Estuary, after his fuel gave out. The Irish O'McIntyre and O'Coheens will be dragging out the green for the next dance, which will probably fall on St. Patrick's Day.

It was quiet up there in the barber shop, five stories above the pretty green grass of the park. Things were quiet, too, Cpl. "Clip" Ross thought as he reached high to pull the radio socket out of the ceiling plug and place it carefully in his pocket. He got down from the chair and quietly went about cleaning up, for the day was nearly over. The plug and cord travelled silently behind him. Six feet above the floor was the radio, attached to the cord, attached to Ross. The crash—when it came—nearly killed him. Not far up the street is a radio shop. In the window you will find Ross's radio—offered for sale; overhead hangs a sign, "We deal in spare parts."

Harvard men dream of a football game with Vassar... the men of H.Q. are Dame Fortune's favourites. The girls of C.T.O. have issued a challenge, all holds barred, to a game of "net-ball" (basketball to you!).

WOMEN'S DIVISION

NOT much activity to report this week. Things are quieter. LAW Jackie Johnston, formerly of Wellwood and now of Altona, Man., comes back much refreshed from a week's leave. Besides catching up on



Ond Corporal That Won't Get a "Shadow" Sgt.

sleep, it seems that Jackie went dancing—in her civvies, of course. LAW Nan Pennesfather, Ottawa, spied Jackie's best boy friend dancing with someone other than Jackie, she thought. She was all set to go over and say "What's the idea?" when suddenly she realised that civilian clothes make a slight difference. Uniforms do tend to swallow one's individuality.

Queer things come to our ears these days, among them being the fact that the trio of Kendall-Long-Cotterill has up and moved, bag and baggage... this time to Knightsbridge, from where they should not be late quite so often for morning parades. And they've acquired a clock as well, just to make doubly sure there are no mishaps.

And did you hear about LAW Clare Rutherford, of Hamilton (she's away on leave so we'll talk about her while she's gone!), who, when she was awakened at the usual hour of seven a.m. by a telephone call, quite sleepily drew, "Information—Rutherford here, sir?" Talk about conscientious workers—the airwomen never take their minds off their work—not even while they sleep! What more could you ask of anyone?

One of the newly-arrived "Wids" had a bit of black-out trouble, so we hear. The orderly officer at first was a bit amazed when he received a telephone call from "a damsel in distress," but came to her rescue with the able assistance of one of our most efficient service policemen. "Molly" Flack had spent the evening in the company of her brother, who is overseas with the Canadian Army, but he had to go back to camp and leave her to find her way home. But a Canadian is never daunted—not even by black-outs.

FILM LOG

The West End seems to be tenaciously holding on to the pictures that have been showing now, in most cinemas, for three, four weeks and over. "Submarine Alert" is the only new one to come forth this week and is being shown at the Plaza in conjunction with Bob Hope's "The Ghost Breakers." Richard Arlen, Wendy Barrie and Nils Asther have the leads in "Submarine Alert," which is the story of the numerous sinkings of oil tankers and supply ships off the Atlantic coast. It is topical, making to-day's newspaper headlines into to-morrow's movies, and brings to the screen the activities of the F.B.I. in ferreting out Nazi agents who are sending information to submarines lurking off the coast. There is plenty of action and suspense throughout the picture with the now-to-be-expected curtain-speech on democracy and patriotism.

In going over the list of other films, "Casablanca" has held out the longest of any, followed by "Random Harvest," which is now in its fifth and final week. "White Cargo," long promised by M.G.M., will open at the Empire this week, and with Hedy Lamarr at the head of the cast should be well worth seeing. "Arabian Nights" comes

ON LEAVE

TWO brothers who have just met up over here are LACs Morris and Barney Gordon, of Toronto. Barney just completed his R.T.O. course, coming first.

LAC Bob Taggart, of Kelowna, B.C., has been visiting Canuck soldier buddies in Brighton.

Another pair of brothers on leave together is that of LACs Harry and Fred Partridge, of Knowlton, Que., airframe mechs. from the same station.

Other teams in the pursuit of happiness around London last week include ACs Roger LeBlanc, of St. John, N.B., and Ivan Leavens, of Foxwarren, Man., both R.T.O. men; and Cpl. Eric Adams, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and LAC "Cav" Caverly, of Bowsman River, Man. Cpl. "Red" Merrifield, of Wolseley, Sask., lone-wolfed it.

out of the Leicester Square Theatre to be replaced by "Silver Fleet" on Friday. "Road to Morocco" has been showing at the Carlton for so long that the exact number of weeks is lost. The London Pavilion has revived the old film "Algiers" and the Tivoli has reopened with Tommy Handley's "It's That Man Again."

"You Were Never Lovelier" is still about as good entertainment as anything that has come to England in the past two years, and finally "The Moon and Sixpence" at the Odeon and Marble Arch Pavilion is still fascinating its patrons.

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