

RCAF Bomber Crews Still on Offensive

SECOND HARD BLOW STRUCK AT ESSEN

Stuttgart, Munich and Nuremberg are Ungrateful Hosts to Visitors Wearing Canada Badges

MEET NIGHTFIGHTERS ON STUTTGART TRIP

MEMBERS of the RCAF are helping to shorten the moments of Nazi Germany in the "round-the-clock" bombing offensive. In the past week they took part in heavy raids on Essen, Stuttgart, Munich and Nuremberg.

In the second powerful blow at Essen crews of the RCAF Wellington squadron, commanded by W/C L. Crooks, D.F.C., left mammoth blazes behind them.

F/S Jim Clark, of Montreal, realized how heavy the flak had actually been when he reeled in his aerial to find all but two feet of it shot away. P/O M. J. Murphy, of Falconbridge, Ont., defied an upset stomach to go on the op., which he figured was a close second to the first Essen attack.

Speaking of the searchlights, newly commissioned P/O Dawson Tripp, of Baltimore, said, "Searchlights, which sought out each incoming plane, seemed to spring up out of the quiet, and before you realised it, they had you."

Lanes Were Out

The lanes of an RAF squadron, which were out of the boys were: F/S Lewis Burpee, of Ottawa, Sgt. Lloyd Bevan, of Drum, Sask.; F/S Harry Farmer, of Stratford; Sgt. Jimmy Arthur, of Toronto; Sgt. Garth Dundas, of Miami; Sgt. Tony Sengaus, of Itumy, Alta.

On the way to Stuttgart, Sgt. Claire Nutting, gunner from Radisson, Sask., making his first trip with W/C A. C. P. Clayton's squadron, though not his first operation, snout down an Me.109. F/S Bob Baldy, of Kosciusko, Miss., and Sgt. Ralph MacLean, of Summerside, P.E.I., observed the blazing aircraft as it went down. The crew went on to bomb their target.

Another Halifax rear-gunner, Sgt. Dick Isotkin, of Vienna, Kansas, met another enemy fighter with two point blank bursts. The fighter fired once, sending bullets into the bomber's wing and petrol tank. It broke away and left the Halifax to go on to bomb hangars and utility buildings of an enemy aerodrome near Stuttgart.

F/O C. Massey, of Montreal, expressed the opinion that he would not have cared to have been a resident of Stuttgart.

W/C M. M. Fleming's squadron dropped more than 20 tons of bombs on this target. Sgt. John Palmer, of Eatonville, Sask., flew his aircraft on three motors for 100 miles to the target and all the way home.

A Halifax crew captained by a New Zealander, F/S Maurice Marment, and with five Canadians in it, had a narrow escape from a nightfighter 100 miles on the way home from Stuttgart. The Canadians were: P/O Tom Reeves, of New Westminster, B.C.; P/O Jack Price, of Indian Head, Sask.; F/S Glen Scott, of Fredericton, N.B.; Sgt. Howard Savor, of Cardinal, Ont.; and Sgt. George "Lefty" McIntyre, of Mather, Man. One Australian, P/O Les McLeod, completed the crew. One engine was put out.

PASSENGERS HAIL WHIRLWIND PILOT

P/O James R. Rebbetoy, of Hagersville, Ont., was the pilot of a Whirlwind, who recently circled the railway station at Bergues, near Dunkirk, for ten minutes waiting for a train to come out. When it emerged it proved to be a passenger train. The passengers waved to him as he flew alongside.

Rebbetoy then flew off to a nearby canal where he dropped a 250 lb. bomb from almost ground level on a power-driven barge. A few minutes later he unloaded another bomb on six trucks, blowing two of them to bits, and leaving a third enveloped in flames and smoke. Before the war Rebbetoy gained his private pilot's license at the Hamilton Flying Club.

of action, half a hour later a second one packed up, and a third began to jump. The skipper managed to maintain height and eventually made a successful landing.

Sgt. Lou Fullsher, of Regina, flying in an Australian Lancaster squadron on the Munich raid, counted 30 big fires as they left the target.

Big Explosion

S/L W. F. M. Newson, of Victoria, B.C., reported an explosion that sent flames nearly 2,000 ft. into the air. Newson's second pilot was Sgt. A. Fairly, of Montreal South, who takes over a crew of his own on the next trip.

Others who saw the explosion were: Sgt. F. Blackball, of Vancouver; Sgt. Ken Emmons, of Elgin, Ont.; Sgt. R. G. Priday, of Port Carling, Ont.

These and the following crewmen were from W/C "Tiny" Ferris's Halifax squadron: Sgt. T. W. Dimma, Ottawa; Sgt. G. E. Willis, Peterborough; Sgt. W. R. Sheilington, Brantford, Ont.; F/O Cliff Hatle, Simmie, Sask.; Sgt. Henry Richmond, Oliver, B.C.; Sgt. A. S. Sutton, Toronto; F/S C. Norton, Ottawa; Sgt. C. L. Horne, Virden, Man.; and Sgt. G. W. Gibson, Hamilton.

Halifax bombers from W/C Fleming's squadron, along with other aircraft from other squadrons, attacked Nuremberg. S/L D. H. Kenney, of Milverton, Ont., brought his plane back on three engines. It was his twentieth operation. Sgt. G. H. Goodman and F/O W. G. Rice were in his crew. F/S Jimmy Allen, of Edmonton, reported big fires.

Harry Dales, of Windsor, and his Yorkshire bomber, both of an RAF Lancaster squadron, made the Stuttgart "do" an excuse for a "jam" session. Dales is an ex-trumpeter of the Windsor Philharmonic and a Windsor dance orchestra.

F/S "Bud" Butler, of Montreal, said, "We were almost the last aircraft on the target. The fires were really going quite well when we left."

U-BOAT GETS LOAD OF H.E.

Halifax Drops Six Depth Charges Near Sub. In Biscay Bay

Doing an anti-submarine patrol in the Bay of Biscay, P/O Brooks, the Halifax navigator from Boisbivain, Man., spotted a conning tower some five miles away.

Sgt. R. A. Symes swung the bomber around and pointed its nose down for attack. A few moments later P/O Cornelius Massey, of New Jersey, applied his release and six depth charges splashed into the water directly across the path of the sub. After the charges exploded, there was no sign of the U-boat.

"We circled, looking for further evidence of a kill," said F/S F. R. O'Neill, air-gunner from Sudbury.

"If we didn't finish him we sure gave him an awful shaking," declared F/S A. Fernum, wireless operator air-gunner from Verdun.

Other members of the crew were Sgt. A. Nichols, flight engineer from Vancouver, and Sgt. T. Botkin, the air-gunner from Kansas.



F/S Bill West, of Pembroke, Ont., stands beside a wrecked Stuka in a graveyard of Italian and German aircraft on a captured aerodrome near Tripoli. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

CANUCKS KNOCK ONE F.W. DOWN, DAMAGE ANOTHER

Ford and Cameron Score While Escorting U.S. Forts

While escorting U.S. Flying Fortresses to Amiens over the week-end, Canadian Spitfire pilots destroyed one F.W.190 and damaged a second.

S/L L. S. Ford, D.F.C. and Bar, of Liverpool, N.S., and F/O L. M. Cameron, of Roland, Man., did the destroying and damaging respectively.

Ford, a squadron commander, was flying with P/O W. T. Lane, of Sudbury, Ont., when they were attacked by five enemy fighters. He manoeuvred into position and opened cannon and machine-gun fire on one.

"He broke up into a number of pieces," Ford reported later. "His cockpit cover flew off and a couple of pieces fell away from under the fuselage. For 1 minute I thought I was going to run into a fragment. It was the best blow-up in mid-air I have ever seen."

Nursed Machine

Lane's aircraft was hit in the fuselage below and behind the cockpit. The control cables were damaged slightly, but he nursed the machine home to a safe landing.

F/O Cameron, flying with a squadron led by S/L Bud Millow, D.F.C., was credited with damaging a F.W. in the course of attacking a formation of five.

"I saw strikes on him all right and was able to follow him down several thousand feet," Cameron said. "There was white smoke coming from the machine, but there was a couple more F.W.s around so I couldn't follow him down to see what happened."

F/L J. D. Hall, of Toronto, went after a F.W. and was just getting into position to fire when a Fortress gunner beat him to it and shot the German down.

"That made me pretty mad after my trouble getting into position," the flight commander laughed. "I went right under the Fort and for a minute I thought I was going to run into the German after the Fort gunner hit him."

MEN WITH RINGS

The following recently completed an officers' training course at an RAF school: P/Os Al Adams, of Montreal; E. Burton, of Vancouver; Des Black, of Montreal; Charlie Whitaker, of Chilliwack, B.C.; Ted Wildgoose, of Winnipeg; Tom Norris, of Toronto; Orville Huck, of Calgary; Morris McCumber, of Bridgewater, N.S.; Hal Baxter, of Winnipeg; and Jack Stirn, of Vancouver.

All Canucks on the course passed.

BOMBER CREW PINCH HITTER

Sgt. Whiting is Used as Replacement Man On Operations

It's a new bomber and a new crew almost every time he flies for Sgt. V. H. Whiting, a wireless operator air-gunner from Sarnia, Ont.

His job is to fly in for air crew of that trade who have been incapacitated in one way or another, until a new man takes over the post regularly, or the replaced man is fit for operational flying again.

Despite certain moments over German and Italian cities, his closest shave happened when his Stirling, with a bomb load, made a landing on one wheel. Over Kiel his Stirling escaped a Ju.88 by diving from 14,000 ft. to 8,000. F/S Taft from Western Canada also shared this experience.

P/O McMonsele, D.F.M., with Sgt. Whiting as gunner, again escaped over Frankfurt by a nose dive, and they returned to base with only two starboard engines going.

Whiting has been odd man in the crew in raids on Genoa, Dusseldorf, Flensburg, Wilhelmshaven and Cologne, among others. His last five have been on Wimples. He doesn't find it hard to adjust himself to new crews and planes. "It prevents boredom," he says.

ENEMY KITE BLOWS UP AFTER PARK HOLES IT

A chunky Simcoe pilot, 22-year-old Paul Park, has shot down an enemy bomber which was attempting to bomb Tripoli at night. This boosted his bag to three enemy aircraft destroyed.

A burst from dead astern did the trick. The enemy aircraft's starboard engine burst into flames. It had lost about 1,000 feet when the fire must have reached its bomb load, for it blew up and fell into the sea.

Park cruised over the area for half an hour looking for other enemy planes, and noticed that the wreckage was still burning.

His English sergeant, with whom he has shared all his triumphs to date, took part in the kill.

Earlier in the present season Park and his friend intercepted two German bombers making their preliminary run before bombing and shot down both within three minutes.

Park was formerly attached

S/L BIRCHALL IS PRISONER OF JAPANESE

His Signal Saved Colombo From Jap Fleet Last Easter

NOW CAMP LEADER

ON April 4 last year S/L L. J. Birchall, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, sent back a timely warning to his base in Ceylon of the approach of the Japanese fleet, accompanied by five aircraft carriers. The warning is credited with having saved Colombo from invasion, but Birchall failed to return from the reconnaissance and was presumed to have been lost.

Now nearly a year later his wife in St. John, N.B., has received word that her husband is a prisoner in Japanese hands. The information is that he is camp leader in a prison camp at Yokohama.

S/L Birchall had arrived in Ceylon only a few days earlier with the first RCAF squadron to proceed to the Far East, indeed the first RCAF squadron to leave Britain where there had been squadrons of this force from 1910. He had had his Catalina flying boat serviced after the long flight from Britain, rested his men, and then went out on the job which brought the vital warning to Colombo, but from which he failed to return.

It was on the afternoon of April 4 that the Catalina found the Japanese fleet off the south-east coast of Ceylon and signalled back to base the position and composition of the force. As a result of this information the authorities were able to estimate the time of the planned raid on Colombo and were ready, with the result that the Japanese were dealt a crushing defeat on Easter morning.

S/L Birchall has been with the RCAF for about seven years.

LAWRENCE MARKS UP THIRD VICTIM

A DO217, approaching the coast last week, was shot down into the sea by a Canadian night fighter pilot, F/O A. G. Lawrence, of Brandon, Man.

Lawrence, whose score is now three destroyed, one probable, said: "I saw the Jerry when we were flying at a pretty good height. I gave him several short bursts with cannon and machine-gun, closing in all the time. He went into a deep dive and I followed him down. I saw stripes on his fuselage, and his starboard wing caught fire. We went down and watched him go into the sea, still burning. There was a little bit of return fire, but it didn't touch us."

ENEMY KITE BLOWS UP AFTER PARK HOLES IT

to an RCAF squadron in Britain, but volunteered for the Middle East because "there wasn't enough doing" on the English front.

Another Canuck who recently destroyed a plane, an Italian Savoia, is F/L Jimmie Cochrane, of Vernon, B.C. He has been in the RAF for four years and has a total of six enemy aircraft destroyed.

Other Canuck air crew in the Middle East include P/Os Charles Webster, Windsor, Ont.; John Stock, Ottawa; George Keith, Taber, Alta.; J. J. Houle, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.; Earl Banks, Kentville, N.S.; K. K. Gildner, Sudbury, Ont.; Paul Gibbs, Calgary; and Bill Reid, Toronto; F/S Don Campbell, New Glasgow, N.S.; Sgts. Ed Alberta, Melville, Sask.; Walter Yahnitsky, Yorkton, Sask.; W. J. Smith, Toronto; Pete Wheatley, Montreal; W. Stirling, Toronto; and Sgt. J. F. Dockrill, Telkwa, B.C.

THANKS VERY MUCH

When F/O John MacDonald, of Victoria, B.C., went to the investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace to receive his D.F.C. he admitted he was nervous, but no more so than any of his fellows. Maybe so, but it is reported that when His Majesty the King asked Mac where he came from, the answer was—"Thanks very much."

DOZEN GONGS FOR CANUCKS

Seven D.F.C.s, Five D.F.M.s Make up Awards for Week

A number of non-immediate D.F.C.s and D.F.M.s have lengthened Canada's honour roll of the air this week.

The D.F.C.s have been won by F/L Alfred Webster, of Vancouver; F/L Robert Tricklett, of Humboldt, Sask.; P/L Allan Jelicic, of Grand Falls, Nfld.; P/O Robert Eustace, of Toronto; P/O Sylvester Danahy, of Riverside, N.B.; F/O Duncan Carmichael, of Vancouver; and W/O Carl Sorsdahl, of Midale, Sask. The three flight lieutenants are all navigators whose skill and gallantry are commended in the official citation.

Five D.F.M.s have been awarded to F/S Robert Weatherall, of Eastview, Ont.; Sgt. Robert Leet, of Westmount, Que.; F/S Angus Stewart, of Noranda, Que.; F/S (now P/O) Benjamin Cook, of Arden, Man.; and F/S Frederick Kruger.

TYPHOON PILOTS

"A wizard kite," "ahead of anything else in the air"—these are typical comments on the Typhoon by the boys who fly the new fighter.

Among the Canadians now on the job are P/O Russ Murray, Sgt. "Cal" Calquhoun, Sgt. "Mac" Shippee, all of Montreal; P/O "Staff" Marlett, of Toronto; F/S "Mac" MacIntosh, of Kitchener, Ont., and Sgt. Rod Davidge, of Edson, Alta.

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

"SWORD-FISH" SAYS

By LACs CEC WOLFF and DOUG HAROLD

ONE voice calling "Bingo," and forty others mumbling "Aw hell!" was the sound which was welcome to the ear the other night when District Supervisor John Pitt, Windsor, Ont., visited the squadron for the official opening of the Knights of Columbus hut. Displaying superior skill (?) and thus coping most of the prizes of cigarettes, tobacco and chocolate bars, were LACs George Mathews, of Deepdale, Man., and Joe Dunlop, MacCan, N.S. The cup (cups would be more appropriate) of coffee which we consumed ere we departed could be envied by any good wife. With LAC Mel Tate, Aymer, Ont., formerly of the squadron orderly room, and now with Auxiliary Services supervising, the hut is fast becoming the Squadron's social centre.

Heartiest congratulations go to F/L M. F. "Joe" Baird, of Fredericton, N.B., and F/L W. D. "Bill" McMillan, of Vancouver, on attaining the second ring, also to P/O Dick Batten, of Winnipeg, and P/O Keith Wathen, the Lone Aussie from Kew, Victoria, on the well-deserved appointment to commissioned rank. Nice going, boys. A fond farewell was bade Sgt.

"Andy" Anderson, Calgary, of the Instrument Section, when he left us, headed back for the Big Stampede. Bon voyage! Andy. The "Demons" were benefactors when F/O "Doc" Barelay and F/O Danny Heffernan, New York, departed on posting to that squadron. Quoting Oily Cromwell "... and keep your powder dry, fellahs."

Wedding bells chimed once more when Sgt. "Kit" Summers, Aymer, Ont., entered into a life-long partnership with ACW Isobel Hafekost, at St. Mary's Parish, Holden, Co. Durham, on February 24. Sgt. "Tony" Cornish (Vancouver) appears to have set the fashion.

What were Sgt. Paul Bergamini's Windsor, Ont., intentions when he walked on pay parade last Friday twirling that six-shooter in his left hand? Did it make the paymaster cough up any extra dough, Bergie?

We welcome to the squadron fresh from "over yonder" the following airmen representing the first six of the nine provinces reading from West to East: ACI W. B. Archibald, Vancouver; LAC E. L. Reavley, Calgary; ACIs O. E. Cowley, Kinley, Sask.; J. A. A. Clouthier, Windsor Lake, Sask.; F. J. Davies, Regina; LAC A. G. Abraham, Norwood, Man. From Ontario come ACI M. Goldman and LAC "Doc" Sullivan, of Toronto; LAC Bert Bleiby, Hamilton; LAC "Bus" Reilly, Spencerville, and LAC Bob "Squeak" Teabe, from Oakville. Quebec's lone rep is ACI "Nel" Guevremont, Montreal.



P/O E. E. Osler, D.F.M., of Regina, commissioned since he received his gong in February, took part in the daylight raids on Le Creusot and Milan as well as recent night attacks on Italian targets. He is a bomb-aimer. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

NEW ARRIVALS

WHAT'S in a name? In the old days it was "Daniel's Den" where the gang buried themselves to discuss the affairs of the day; now it's "The Angel"—a very nice spot too.

Among new arrivals are: P/O "Bill" Cummings, of North Bay; F/S N. W. Maybee, from Wellington, Ont.; Sgt. K. D. Windsor, from La Riviere, Man.; Sgt. K. B. Woodhouse, from Prince Albert, Sask.; F/O W. R. Tew, from Toronto; P/O A. C. W. A. Bishop, from Ottawa; Sgt. D. C. Seton, from Montreal; F/O J. Koch, from Saskatchewan; F/O J. Sheppard, from Dollarton, B.C.; F/S A. F. Soutar, from Toronto; Sgt. R. M. (Tex. old boy) Davenport, from Arkansas, U.S.A.; Sgt. D. E. Johnson, from Toronto; F/O J. H. Barelay, from Watrous, Sask. (Supt Adjutant); P/O H. A. Benson, from Moose Jaw; Sgt. D. M. Wilson, from Regina; Sgt. W. R. McLellan, from Moncton; P/O R. K. Hayward, from Newfoundland; Sgt. R. W. Lawson, from Buffalo, N.Y.; Sgt. G. R. Stevens, from Montreal; and Sgt. S. W. Mooers, from Fredericton, N.B.

The ground staff (one can just hear the orderly room say "Thank the Lord") has not changed very much. A few of our RCAF lads have gone to take conversion courses, and were replaced by Canadian personnel. We finally managed to scrounge a senior N.C.O. to take over the Armament Section. His is Sgt. C. J. McGee, who from all accounts has really been around. Even our photography section has perked up. Newly made "corporal" W. S. Westcott, i/c Photo. Section, had his troubles to start with, but things are going so good now that I have heard rumours that he is contemplating taking leave. Congratulations, corporal. F/O R. M. Bragg, our genial Engineer Officer, is on leave for nine days. This leaves our F/Ss i/c "A" and "B" Flights, namely, F/S Whizzer White and F/S Bill Gunn, with more responsibility and more grey hairs.

Congratulations are in order for F/S "Archie" Grey, F/S "Dev" Evans and Sgt. P. K. "Mark II" Gray, who have recently been commissioned. With current promotions and intake of new personnel, it was decided that a squadron dance offered the best opportunity of getting acquainted. So, on March 5, the cinema was the site of this squadron's first dance reaching this country. Good music, plenty of gals, lots of liquid to drink, and plenty of edibles for those who felt they could take it—and a good time was had by all. There's another one coming up, chaps.

ACROSS THE SEA

By ARKAYBEE

FROM way across the sea in Ottawa comes the news that two more of our old alumni have been commissioned—members of F/O Johnny Higham's famous crew—F/S "Siggy" Lee, of Kildonan, Man., and F/S Don Morrison, of Sherbrooke, P.Q. "Siggy" is at Rivers, Man., and Don is at St. John, N.B.

Sad good-byes to some more of the "old gang"—F/S G. "Red" Sayers, Toronto; W/O Don Moher, Mimico; F/O Earl Connolly, Truro; P/O M. "Freddie" Frederick, Bethune, Sask.; and B/O "Mac" McLaughlin, Edmonton—all cast forth into the world after having sheltered for so long 'neath the horns of the Moose. All the best, fellahs!

That venerable veteran of the turret and mose-key, F/S Stan Tagg, is going around peering out from under the peaked hat garnished with oak leaves 'n' stuff, and "That Man Again" F/S Russ Harling was seen about the premises yesterday wearing buttons on his tunic side-pockets for the first time. Congrats, boys!

A happy time was had by all and sundry at the Jumpin' Jive Session held at the WAAFery, Cpl. Tommy Higgins was shakin' a mean hoof with a pretty partner, and LAC "Berni" Kane was doing some pretty mean shaggin'. Incidentally, the WAAFs really set forth some good "eats" for the boys—worthy to grace the palate of a gourmet, egad!

WITH RADIO MECHS

(Continued from page 2) being sold to provide bus fares and even parance with the S.W.O. as to whether seven or fourteen days' suits.

Along the sporting line we're at last booming. Ken MacAdam, the YMCA supervisor, calls every second Wednesday, and along with the shows comes sport equipment. Our drill hall has been fitted up for basketball, and a sport committee, including F/S Prest, Calgary; Cpl. Gil Miller, Starbuck; Cpl. Jack Hurlbert and Butch Dorward, Calgary, are deciding decisions. So far Bob Sizeland (Winnipeg) has been our only man of action (football goalie), but from now on we all swing out.

MUD-HOGS INSTEAD

By C. S.

THIS week the squadron has been thinking of changing its name from Fog-Hogs to Mud-Hogs, what with that bang-up domestic evening we've just had. However, they do say, stuff will grow in that garden we dug—and if it rains (catch that if it rains!) water may yet run in the ditches round the airmen's huts, and our work may not be in vain. Even the officers had their fill of fun with a hacksaw, and so we may be warm too. Happy day!

Just back off a course, and full of vim and vigour, is our husky hunk of Intelligence Officer, F/O Gerry Monty. Off to join the serried ranks of the Benedicts goes our erstwhile Cypher Queen—excuse it please—Cypher King, F/O Desmond Measures. Good luck, boy, though they say married life is O.K.

In the realm of sport, the Squadron Basketball team is getting itself whipped into shape under the direction of F/O Donnet and LAC Hood (incidentally, we hear LAC Hood is writing all those nasty cracks in Station News—Hmml). A few nights ago, the Canadian Officers took on a team of S.H.Q. Officers at basketball, and were amazed by the Group Captain's snappy footwork with the ball. It wouldn't have surprised the referee if someone had plonked a basket by "heading" it in—but that's soccer. Anyway, the Canadians won 32-16. Rough game, though!

As we go to press, we can hear the happy screams of a couple of WAAFs as they learn the intricacies of baseball. Watch that double play, lads! S'long for now.

CATERPILLARS

By LAC F. C. JAMES

THE Lion squadron now has six new members of the Caterpillar Club. F/Sa Lefty Grover, Birdsall, Ont.; Al Puffer, Toronto; and Sgts. Hank Blue, Sherbrooke; Norm Chalk, Wallace Burg, Ont.; Mal Summers, Vancouver; and Taffy Southwood, Wales, bailed out of their aircraft and parachuted to safety. None of the crew sustained anything more than superficial injuries in their first parachute descent. They have all returned to the squadron.

Promotions to the rank of F/L have come through for bombing leader Merv Morrison, Winnipeg, and adjutant Jay Chasanoff, Seukirk, Man. Congratulations are also in order to F/Ss George Cadmus, La Cumbre, Cordoba, Argentina, and "Icy" Berg, Vaiparaiso, Sask., and to W/O Rod Heather, Toronto, who are now pilot officers.

Pukka gen on just what happened at the "A" Flight party held in a local hostelry a few nights back is hard to obtain. All Cpl. George Heider, Montreal, would say was everyone had a bang-up time, and the flight commander lost his pants. We didn't ask George any more questions after that.

Also in the category of entertainment and recreation was the squadron get-together and dance. Like the "A" Flight do this was also a success. F/L Carlson, Yorktown, Sask., squadron padre, is to be commended on the excellent job he has done in organising the camp's entertainment and recreational program. He believes it should be unnecessary to have to leave camp for a good time, and he has done a good job to make it that way.

SPRING TRAINING

By LAC COTTINGHAM

SPRING can't be far away. The past week has seen the local softball league come out of hibernation and take on new life. A summer schedule of games has been laid out, and present plans include entries from "A" Flight, "B" Flight, Echelon and Squadron Headquarters, and the air crew. As usual, the ground crew lads are out for blood, especially at the expense of the winged lads. Strategists of the teams are keeping the names of their stars secret until the last minute in the hope of blitzing their rivals, but our exclusive representative in the underground informs us that F/L E. T. M. "Duggie" Duggan, Squadron Adjutant, will be guarding second base for the Squadron squad.

Social note. The King's Head was recently the scene of a quiet (?) party in celebration of the first anniversary in Britain of some of the stalwarts of our ground staff. LAC "Herb" Lee, Gormley, Toronto, LAC "Red" Stephen, Toronto, and LAC "Mac" McMillan, Stratford, Ont., were among the guests of honour. LAC George Hupka, flitter extraordinary from Inauger, Sask., was also feted at the informal gathering but for a different reason, the excuse in this case being George's 25th birthday. The boys had hoped for champagne or something equally suitable for such an occasion, but for certain reasons, financial and otherwise, the festive spirit had only Truman's watered light ale to help it along. A good time was reported by all within earshot.



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DOWIE WINS BAR WITH THE R.A.F.

By P/O PETE MARSH

THE best news of the week is that of the award to S/L C. S. "Dusty" Dowie, D.F.C., of Leader, Sask., of a Bar to his Gong, received after a very "shaky" do over Hamburg. "Dusty" is away at present in the Emerald Isle enjoying (we hope) a well-earned leave. Congratulations from all the boys, "Dusty," but one question burning in the minds of one and all is, What about that "Ball of Fire" in town? You had better get back soon or that glint in F/O Reg Hunt's eye may develop dangerously. Maybe I had better put on my fireman's suit and take over, till you get back.

Much fun and many games were had at the sergeants' mess dance last week, where the food was as good and as abundant as usual. No need to mention that sergeants are famous for being total abstainers.

More "Gorp" from our own "Doc" F/L J. M. Waddell, on how to keep "fighting fit." We noticed the "Doc" out for a walk the other morning very early, but after a few idle questions, and the observation that he was headed "anti-town-wise," we have astutely reached the decision that his early jaunts are not for health-giving reasons. It's the first time we have seen a doctor carrying two black bags.

Much joy around the squadron these days due to the unending efforts of our adjutant, F/L J. H. Conner, who has been doing his bit for the "Boys in Blue," and congratulations to the lads who have received their commissions, among whom are: P/O Bert Collins, Cornwall, Ont.; P/O Harvey, Fenton, Ottawa; P/O John Watson, Hamilton, Ont.; P/O Dallas Laskey, Fredericton, N.B.; P/O Joe Gibson, Edmonton.

More new arrivals to our ground crew, and heading the list comes F/O J. R. Bridger, of Kirkland Lake, Ont., who is now acting as 2 i/c nuts and bolts under the expert guidance of F/L "Robby" Roberge, of Ottawa. Also to be seen going merrily about the job of keeping up serviceability are ACIs R. B. Parzeter, Acton, Ont.; B. C. Passey, Magrath, Alta.; L. S. MacPherson, Argyll, Ont.; LACs J. Black, Thorold, Ont.; A. W. Churchill, Toronto; T. R. Sperton, Ottawa; J. W. Walsh, Amherst, N.S.; and Cpls. S. W. K. Webster, Kingston, Ont.; Roy Steele, Entwistle, Alta.; J. H. K. Frost, Toronto, Ont.; L. E. Bunt, Owen Sound, Ont.

AFTER a tough bout with a malaria gremlin in Africa, S/L WAG Ken Cudmore, of Toronto, is back in Britain, about ready for more flights with Ferry Command. He has been spending leave with another pal in the same work, Sgt. WAG Eddie Callender, of Montreal.

One trio of Snack Barflies who folded their wings and sat down to talk over the life and hard times of air crew recently consisted of Sgt. Pilot Eric Davidson, of Montreal, Sgt. AG "Silm" Sparling, of Saskatoon, and Sgt. AG Howard Sharp, of Edmonton.

Eric went on to visit Bourne-mouth and Canuck pals later. Like most pilots he wants to stick to aviation after the war. The medium bomber crew that includes Sgts. "Bus" Morrison, of Toronto, "Red" McGregor, of Carlton Place, Ont., and John Nichols, of Indian Head, Sask., an observer, was scattered to the four winds not long ago. Nothing serious; the boys were relaxing all over Scotland, England and divers places.

How to keep your sunny side up in a Blenheim is the subject of the O.T.U. studies. Sgt.-Pilots Louis Longueville, San Francisco, and "Red" Sanderson, Hardy, Sask., are taking at time of writing.

After being an air gunner in a Defiant nightfighter, F/S Norman Copley, of Winnipeg, is now under training as a pilot, and has just graduated from I.T.W., the only Canuck on his course. He hopes to become a light bomber skipper.

Three Canucks who fly in an RAF Wellington are F/S WAG W. W. Bigoray, D.F.M., of Redwater, Alta.; F/S Fred "Peeney" Grant, bombardier from Brockville, Ont., and F/S E. T. "Mousie" Vachon, D.F.M., of New York City. How a nickname like "Mousie" comes to get tagged on a guy with the D.F.M. is, like gremlins, an aero-mystery of the "A" water.

Brockville airmen should remember Grant. He coached the rowing club of that town.

W/O "Pranger" Prentice, a Winnipeg navigator, and Sgt. WOP/AGs Volney Riley, of Edmonton, and G. L. Parker, of Midnapore, Alta., are Canada's contribution to one Flying Fortress crew. The boys will admit only to a number of patrols "with no excitement."

In on a 48. Sgt. Pilot Dan Mahoney, of Keswick, Ont., forgot about flying Blenheims, and had himself a time.

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ON LEAVE

AFTER years of making chorus girls toe the line as a theatrical producer, Harry Flowers, of Guelph and Toronto, is getting airmen to do the same thing in his new capacity as flight sergeant disciplinarian on a Canadian squadron. Sporting a Winston Churchill button over the "AG" in his flying badge, Sgt. Earl MacDuff, of Ottawa, took London in his stride last week. Earl, who disclaims all relationship to the no-good "Earl MacDuff" in Shakespeare's "Macbeth," was celebrating a sort of escape. "The M.O. thought my Fahrenheit was hitting it up, and sent me to hospital," he explained. Meanwhile his pilot belly-flopped his Wellington in a landing and Earl's substitute was slightly injured. Other Canucks in his crew are Sgt. Ed. Hanratty, of Ottawa,

WEDDINGS

McARTHUR—SMITH.—An all-uniform wedding was solemnized in London last week when Section Officer Nancy N. Smith, of the RCAF Women's Division was married to Captain D. R. B. McArthur, of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. The ceremony was performed by W/C C. O. Lightbourn, principal Protestant chaplain, RCAF Overseas. Air Marshal Harold Edwards, C.B., Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RCAF Overseas, gave the bride away.

Section Officer Smith is from Calgary, and she is one of the first two officers of the Women's Division to arrive in England. The other one, Flight Officer Patricia Griffin, of Winnipeg, was bridesmaid at the ceremony which took place at Holy Trinity Chapel, London.

MUTCH—SMITHSON.—Married on Saturday, Cpl. A. D. Mutch, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Mutch, of Hamilton, to Miss Diana Smithson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smithson, of Skegness, Lincs. Sgt. A. D. McCutcheon, of Nordegg, Alberta, was best man.

bombardier, and Jack Broley, a Westerner and navigator. Broley is now looking up a girl friend in Birmingham.

LAC M. C. Hancock, of Palmerston, Ont., used to be lino operator, compositor and mechanical factotum on the *Palmerston Observer*, of which Cpl. Ken Carlton, another RCAF'er, was editor.

LUCK STREAK OF STIRLING

Unscathed by as much as a single flak hole in nearly 30 operations to some of the most heavily defended targets in Europe is the astounding performance of a Stirling of an RAF squadron in which F/S Earl Dorie, of Cornwall, Ont., is a crew member along with four other Canadians.

Most of Dorie's operational hours have been compiled in the current Bomber Command all-out offensive against German military targets. Objectives have included Berlin, Cologne, Essen, Hamburg, Nuremberg, St. Nazaire and Lorlent. Dorie, who is a tall-runner, maintains that the success of their crew in avoiding damage to themselves is not so much due to Lady Luck as to the skill of their skipper, Sgt. Jack Smale, of Toronto. Other Canadians in the crew are Sgt. J. "Jiggs" Dumbrell, of Ottawa, the bombardier; Sgt. H. Roach, of Vancouver Island, mid-upper runner; Sgt. E. Harris, of Collingwood, Ont., the navigator.

HEADQUARTERS

NOW that the zoot suit is in style, equipment has a new excuse for overzeal issue. The yards of tunic and pants you get when you go in for a new uniform is known as a zoot suit with a blitz fit. One of the wisest minions stumped them by saying he had turned in a zoot suit with a cracked back and a ruff cuff.

Those gaunt, haggard men who get up with the sun are the breakfastless senior N.C.O.s. The drill may be good for their souls if not their dispositions.

The old trick of pushing the clock ahead when the sergeant is out was tried one night last week in R. & S. However, it didn't come off. Sgt. Gord Duff was watching the clock as closely as the rest of the night workers.

Cpl. "Ernest Lad" Abe Ellis hearkened wisely and well to the dire words of W/O Birchall regarding the "blitz" on snatching that he, W/O Birchall, was conducting. But why, oh why, Abe, must you pick on a warrant officer pilot to display your Sunday salute?

Sgt. Russ Middup was a visitor here last week. Russ is ready to solo. "Everything comes natural to me," said Hastings, when he claimed Wednesday was the first time he had beaten a drum. Come now, Hastings, surely you played before.

Charlie Hobbs l/e post office received his third hook about the same time a cargo of Canadian mail arrived. Congrats, Charlie, and if that kind of a coincidence can be repeated we're all pulling for your crown.

Sgt. Harry Spence has escaped from our midst to begin his regional control course.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

CONGRATULATIONS to our three new cypher officers—Jean Otter and Adelaide Child, both of Toronto, and Marguerite Olsen, Winnipeg.

The gals at Bomber have gotten themselves sort of settled in and adjusted to their new work. It didn't take them long to find plenty of Canadians around, so they shouldn't have any lonely moments when off duty. (Understand air crew is much in demand.) Hope to be hearing more from you W.D.s at No. 6 very soon.

Back from leave came Cpl. "Pat" Boreham, of Peterborough, Cpl. Margery McLaren, Ottawa, and LAW Eileen Hasselt, from Vancouver. Don't know what they've got up in Derby, but evidently Pat liked whatever it is! And Hasselt has wonderful tales to tell about the hospitality extended to her while in Scotland. Or was the hospitality uppermost in her mind, we wonder.

Oh, yes, who was the corporal on leave seen one evening in the company of a sergeant S.P.? No, it couldn't be!

The wedding bells were ringing Friday afternoon—for Section Officer Smith and Capt. D. R. B. McArthur. To the bride, from the W.D.s, is a most sincere wish for true happiness in her new life.

And what's this we hear about LAW Lois Levens, of Toronto, intending to be married—when is the big day, Lois?

Why don't more of us come out Wednesday night and drown our sorrows in the swimming pool at Seymour Hall? The W.D.s of late have been conspicuous by their absence.

2,000 SPECTATORS SEE HOCKEY GAME

Two hockey teams from a nearby RCAF Station played to a 4-all tie in a recent game at a West Coast town before 2,000 spectators. The game was sponsored by the YMCA, who provided the equipment.

For the Beavers Cpl. French Alain, of Three Rivers, Que., scored twice, Cpl. "Brownie" Brown, of Toronto, once, and Sgt. "Dude" Clark, of Felroy Harbour, once. For the Maple Leafs Sgt. Jack Cazenave, of Winnipeg, counted three times, and LAC "Baldy" Baldwin, of Saskatoon, once.

Line-ups were as follows:—
Beavers: Cpl. "Stocky" Stockham, Dunblane; W/O "Dutchy" Reinholdt, Toronto; Cpl. "Fremy" Alain, Three Rivers; Sgt. Doug Grant, Truro; Sgt. "Mac" LaBrosse, Ottawa; Sgt. "Dude" Clark, Felroy Harbour; LAC Myles Windsor; Cpl. "Brownie" Brown, Toronto; W/O Jim Bland, Kingston; Sgt. Clem Messop, Winnipeg.
Maple Leafs: LAC "Sherry" Cherrington, Hamilton; Cpl. Gordy Adamson, Toronto; Sgt. Jimmy Power, Montreal; LAC Louis Leves, Montreal; LAC David Copeland, Ottawa; LAC "Baldy" Baldwin, Saskatoon; LAC Wall Windsor, Sgt. Johnny Kivshel, Toronto; Sgt. Jack Cazenave, Winnipeg; Sgt. Mac McEwen, Carroll; Sgt. "Van" Vanderveiden, Los Angeles.

FILM LOG

"ANDY HARDY'S DOUBLE LIFE" (Empire)

Mickey Rooney's thirteenth success as Andy Hardy introduces yet another beautiful thing; this time she is the champion swimmer, Esther Williams... and, brother, in the brief bathing suit she wears, hm-m! There is a story, but keep your eye on Esther... she's going places.

"KATINA" (Tivoli and New Gallery)

Sonja Henie proves to John Payne that Iceland is not the dreary and barren wastes it's supposed to be. She skates... and Sonja can skate, and that is the picture.

"SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES" (Gaumont)

Betty Grable, John Payne, Cesar Romero, Carmen Miranda in a technicolor vision of home. The Canadian shots are authentic, and there is dancing and singing by both Betty and Carmen.

"SILVER QUEEN" (Astoria and New Victoria)

A gambler falls in love with a millionaire's daughter who shows



In last week's "Wings Abroad" the RCAF badge pictured on the front page was lacking the "Royal Canadian Air Force" scroll underneath. Here is the correct official RCAF badge approved by H.M. the King. (Official RCAF Photograph)

him how to gamble. 1870 setting and an entertaining story.

"FLYING TIGERS" (London Pavilion and Regal)

A tribute to the A.V.G., the men who went to China to fight the Japs prior to Pearl Harbour. The American Volunteer Group fought hard and long, and in this film the world is shown just what and who these men are. John Wayne, John Carroll and Paul Kelly lead the cast with Anna Lee as the lady who supplies the romance angle.



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PALLADIUM. Ger. 1212. Twice Daily at 2.30 and 5.15. TOMMY TRINDER in George Black's BEST BIL AND TUCKER

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DOMINION (G.-B.). Tottenham Ct. Rd. IT'S THAT MAN AGAIN (U). A Man's World (A). News, etc. Weekdays: continuous 11.45 to 10. Sunday: continuous 3.30 to 9.

EMPIRE, Leicester Sq. Friday next. ROBERT TAYLOR, CHARLES LAUGHTON, BRIAN DONLEVY in CARGO OF INNOCENTS (A)

GAUMONT, Haymarket. Whi. 6223. SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES (U). Der Fuehrer's Face (U). News, etc. Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sunday: continuous from 3.30.

LEICESTER SQ. THEATRE. Whi. 2252/4. "SOCIAL ENEMY No. 1" (A) Performances at 12.0, 1.20, 4.0 and 6.45.

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NEW GALLERY, Regent Street. Rec. 6022. SONJA HENIE and JOHN PAYNE in KATINA (U). Time To KIH (A). Der Fuehrer's Face (U). Weekdays: continuous 11.25 to 9.50. Sunday: continuous from 3.30.

NEW VICTORIA (G.-B.). Opp. Vic. Stn. IT'S THAT MAN AGAIN (U). A Man's World (A). News, etc. Weekdays: continuous 11 to 9.45. Sunday: continuous 3.30 to 9.

ODEON, Leicester Square. Whi. 6111. Last Two Days. GINGER ROGERS, CARY GRANT in ONCE UPON A HONEYMOON (A)

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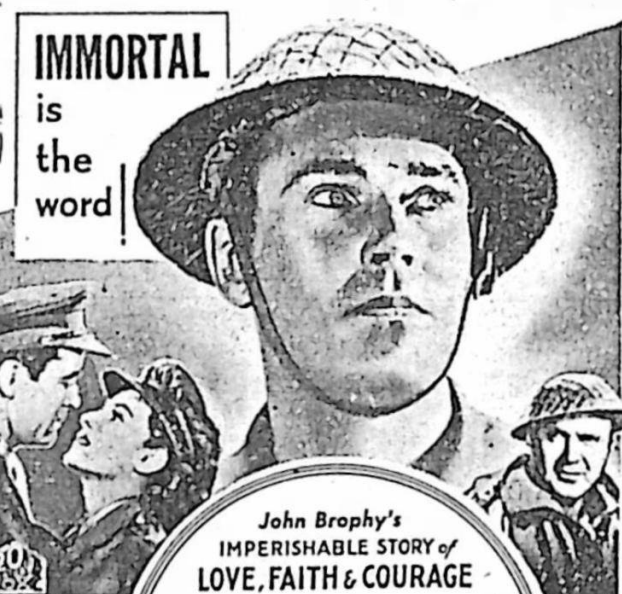
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