



## Canadians in Malta Lash Back at Axis

### LAUNCH TORPEDOES AT ENEMY VESSELS

Donkersley and Crew Have Completed Tour of Successful Operations On George Cross Island

CREWS HAVE SEEN THEIR "FISH" STRIKE

CANADIAN fighter pilots played a magnificent part in defence of Malta when the George Cross Island was under siege. Now Malta is lashing back at the Axis, and Canadians in torpedo bombers have been making the waters of the Mediterranean a graveyard for enemy shipping.

F/L Harry W. Donkersley, D.F.C. and Bar, of Powell River, B.C., and his crew have completed a tour of operations on torpedo-carrying aircraft. The navigator is P/O Dick Cline, of Vancouver, the wireless operators and air-gunnery are P/O Irving Cowan, of Montague, P.E.I., Sgt. Murray Anthony, of Melville, Queen's County, N.S., and Sgt. Renee LeClerc, of Montreal.

The crew's first victim was a large enemy tanker which they left sinking. For their next exploit Donkersley won his D.F.C. They torpedoed another enemy tanker off the coast of Greece. This one was apparently loaded with high-octane aircraft petrol. They braved a destroyer escort but got safely home, while a second ship of the enemy convoy was sunk by another crew of the same Malta squadron, captained by an American member of the RCAF, since missing.

#### Sub. Finished Job

Donkersley and Company next attacked a large enemy merchant vessel off Cagliari, Sardinia, in company with other Malta-based torpedo aircraft, and saw the blast as their fish hit home. The following day a British submarine came across the half-sunken hulk and finished it off with gun fire.

The crew's later activities were largely in co-operation with the Navy and Fleet Air Arm. On one occasion they played an extremely important preliminary role in a combined operation which enabled them to wipe out an entire enemy convoy. It was for this achievement that the Bar was awarded to the pilot's D.F.C.

The crack crew must now break up, as Cline and Cowan propose to remuster to pilots, and its various other members have been or will be posted to other theatres of war.

One of the crews is skippered by P/O Reynolds, of Winnipeg. He has done 250 op. hours from Malta. Recently he came back with an Aussie air-gunner wounded by flak. With their brakes useless, they had to make a belly landing. On another occasion they ran into heavy ack-ack from an enemy destroyer, and more than once Reynolds has brought the crew back on one engine.

The WOP/AGs are F/O W. Baynton, of Ingersoll, Ont., and Sgt. Alan MacDonald, of Sydney, N.S., and the rear-gunner is Sgt. J. E. Peterson, of Durham, Ont. Another captain of a torpedo-carrying aircraft is Alexander Milne, of Hamilton, Ont. Not content on one occasion with torpedoing a large enemy mer-

### TWO BARS TO D.F.C.s HEAD AWARDS PARADE

Leading awards of the week are two Bars to D.F.C.s. They have been won by S/Ls C. S. Dowie, of Leader, Sask., and J. E. Walker, of Edmonton.

Walker has the destruction of four enemy aircraft in North Africa to his credit. Dowie, a bomber skipper, is officially cited for his airmanship in flying a badly damaged aircraft home after bombing Hamburg. His aircraft was hit hard by flak over the city and had to fly a gauntlet of ack-ack defences all the way to the enemy coast, but Dowie got it back to base and landed safely.

Two immediate D.F.C.s go to P/Os E. L. Gimbel, of Chicago, and L. M. Cavanaugh, of Calgary. In the course of many sweeps over enemy territory, Gimbel has shot two aircraft down and two locomotives up. Cavanaugh,

#### WAS IT YOU?

We mean, were you the RCAF sergeant who was "licked off" on Thursday, March 18, at Trafalgar Square, apparently on the Air-Officer Commanding-in-Chief's instructions?

If you were—it was all a mistake. Actually you had a commendation coming to you.

Air - Marshal Edwards, driving past, was impressed by your smartness, the way your buttons shone, the manner in which your shoes were polished, your hair cut and your linen spotless. He sent a messenger to bring you over so you could be complimented in person.

But humans err, and the messenger thought he was the bearer of bad tidings and an undeserved wiggling was handed to you second hand. Efforts to locate you to correct the error failed.

So if you were the sergeant a mistake has been made. To rectify it you are invited to drop into headquarters the next time you are in London. The A.O.C.-in-C. would like to say, "You were a credit to the service."

chant ship off Maritimo, Sicily, this pilot braved the furious fire of two escort vessels to drop down to mast height, from which his rear-gunner swept the deck and gun positions with machine-gun fire, knocking out the enemy gun crews. On another occasion his aircraft was shot up by an enemy cruiser near Crete, and on his return to base Milne had to force land.

A crew captained by P/O H. A. Dodd, of Vancouver, had a preliminary hand in an action in which British light naval forces sank three enemy destroyers and four cargo ships. All told, this experienced crew, with more than 200 hours of ops. on their books, have been "in on" the destruction of 11 enemy surface craft. Dodd's crew includes F/O R. J. Wilson, of Hamilton, and Sgt. Augustine Corcoran, of Bath, N.E.

a wireless operator, has taken part in attacks on heavily defended targets in Germany and Tunisia, where he recently distinguished himself by cool behaviour under particularly difficult circumstances.

An immediate award of the D.F.M. has been made to F/S R. E. Taylor, of Boonville, Ind. While skipper of an aircraft in an attack on Wilhelmshaven, he remained master of the situation despite a faulty instrument, flak damage and resulting engine trouble and a night-fighter attack.

Non-immediate D.F.C.s have been awarded to F/Os R. E. Cline, of Vancouver; I. C. Cowan; A. W. Gubb, of Montreal; P. A. Hartman, of Toronto; M. G. Mackenzie, of Kenora, Ont.; W. W. Sutton, of Gibsland, La.; and J. A. Reynolds, of Winnipeg.



The records Allied fliers have been chalking up in the Middle East have been in no small part due to their ground crew. Working on this fighter are members of a Canadian squadron in this theatre of war.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

### DESERT RATS TRIUMPH IN MID-EAST SOFTBALL

Headquarters Staff Grows With Recent Arrival Of Personnel

In a softball game played in the Middle East the Desert Rats won a 5-3 decision from the Headquarters Plutocrats. Tom Rathwell, K. of C. Welfare worker, summed up the losers' alibi in one word, "Sand!"

Sgt. Glen and Strouts chalked up a run apiece in the second inning and Sgt. Patterson scored in the third to give the Rats a 2-0 lead. P/O "Smoky" Gunette, North Bay's idol of the mound, belted out a two-bagger and Cpl. Wally Syrnky followed up with a homer over centre field to leave the Plutocrats only one run down at the end of the fourth. Pte. Norm Smith, of the Canadian Dental Corps, tied the game up in the fifth, but Sgt. Chubb restored the Desert Rats lead when he hit for four. Sgt. Leake scored the Rats' fifth run in the sixth inning to clinch the game.

#### Stopped for Tea

Cpl. Len Taylor, a former team-mate of Gunette's, did his receiving. Sgt. Gordon "Fat Boy" Bone, of Hamilton, the coach, had to reprimand Len for stopping for tea between bases in the seventh. The Plutes' shortstop, Cpl. Norm Hogg, explained the spectacular catch he made of the hit off Sgt. Stewart's bat. "The ball was coming so-o-o fast I couldn't see it. I put my hand out, and well, it just happened, that's all."

Capt. Crummy, of the Canadian Dental Corps and a former Eastern Canada umpire, lost his place behind the mound after the second inning through "crummy" (O.K., we apologise) decisions.

New arrivals in Egypt for RCAF District Headquarters to relieve the pressure on W/C Stewart Patterson, of Montreal, and his lonely clerk, AC Jack Stump, of Toronto, are: In the Canadian Dental Corps, Major Shillington, of Toronto; Capt. Crummy, Trenton, N.S.; Sgt. Eddie Schumacher, Bridge-water, N.S.; Sgt. "Red" Campbell, Ottawa; and Drivers Norm Smith and George Barton, both of Toronto. Sgt. Herb George, of Glenavon, Sask., has taken himself away from his position of chair assistant long enough to assist Mr. Rathwell.

In the Accounts section, S/L "Des" O'Brien, of Winnipeg, dishes out hundreds of plasters to the boys. But don't let it fool you, a plaster is only worth a nickel. The remaining Accounts staff consists of: Sgt. Gordie Bone, Hamilton; Cpl. Dave Mahoney, Vancouver; LAC

#### "FAR, FAR AWAY..."

ACI "Our Bruce" Jane, clerk to the "Moose" squadron, seems to be developing a case of "Bridegroom Nerves" as The Day draws nigh.

The other day the Adjutant asked him for a file. "Yes, darling," said AC Jane, happily.

Harvey Porter, Edmonton; LAC Allen Short, Toronto; Cpl. "Bart" Bartholomew, Soverville, Que.; LAC Mike Owen, Victoria, B.C., who has been suffering the ill-effects of the long boat ride and is in hospital; LAC Jerry Kraemer, Ont.; and Cpl. Norm Hogg, Summerside, P.E.I.

Running the Orderly Room we have: F/S Hal Gatenby, Cpl. Len Taylor and LAC Jimmy Houston, all of North Bay; Cpl. Ray Morgan, AC Jack Stump, both Toronto; Cpl. "Richie" Richmond, Winnipeg; Cpl. Bert Peppy, Ottawa; and AC "Slim" Slater, of Armprior, Ont.

In the M.T. section are: Sgt. Bert Townsend, Vernonwood, Sask.; Cpl. Mel Johnson, Bromhead, Sask.; Cpl. "Chief" Syrnky, Smithers, B.C.; LAC Freeze, Peterville, N.B.; LACs Vic Tucker and Fred Williams, of Toronto.

Hart Devaney, of Montreal, Y.M.C.A. welfare officer, left several weeks ago for the "Blue" to visit all the units where Canadians are serving. Accompanying him was S/L A. E. Harston, padre from Toronto; S/L R. L. McCallum, medical officer, London, Ont.; Major Shillington; and three M.T. boys, LACs Freeze and Tucker and Cpl. Johnson.

#### BARE FACTS DEPT.

Here's one for your line-shoot album:

P/O Earl Ward, of Kelowna, B.C., tells how a bunch of Canadians, Anzacs and RAF men were giving an earful to some of the fairer sex one evening.

One of the girls wasn't impressed by even the wildest line. "Why, that's nothing," she pined. "I know a Canadian who has just done his 200th op. and they've taken him off flying because he gets airsick."

Another told of a gunner who reported that cloud was 10/10ths over Cologne. "There were a few searchlights," he admitted, "but the only ones we saw were the ones that came through the holes in the cloud made by the 4,000-pounder."

### A/V/M E. STEDMAN NOW IN BRITAIN

Air Vice-Marshal E. W. Stedman, O.B.E., Director-General of Air Research for the RCAF, has arrived in the United Kingdom, RCAF Headquarters announced today.

The A/V/M, who has been connected with aviation as a technical officer since 1912, will confer with the Air Ministry and officials of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, and will visit research and experimental establishments in this country.

At the outbreak of war A/V/M Stedman was the member of the Canadian Air Council for Engineering and Supply. Expansion due to the requirements of the BCATP made it necessary to divide responsibility, and he became the Air Member for Aeronautical Engineering.

When the Canadian Air Board became the RCAF in 1924, A/V/M Stedman elected to join the service, and since that time has been closely connected with the technical aspects of aviation in the Dominion.

### ARMY-AIR FORCE HAVE COMBINED MANOEUVRES

Fighter and Army Co-op. Squadrons of RCAF Take Part

Fighter and Army Co-op. squadrons of the RCAF took a leading role in recent large-scale combined Army-Air Force manoeuvres in Britain.

Aircraft of RCAF Army Co-op. wing flew throughout the exercise on reconnaissance patrols, providing vital information for the Canadian Army. On several occasions pilots strafed transport and troop concentrations on the opposing side. In charge of their operations was W/C R. C. Waddell, of Peterboro, Ont.

A fighter squadron commanded by S/L Fred Kelly, of Beaverton, Ont., was also attached to the Canadian Army. It made many sorties escorting Bostor bombers of the RAF to attack "enemy" positions. In addition, members of the squadron—which includes F/O L. W. "Pip" Powell, D.F.C., ace train-buster carried out many low-level strafings of "enemy" convoy moving along the roads of England.

On the "enemy" side, opposing the Canadian Army, were two more RCAF fighter squadrons. One of them was commanded by S/L E. "Jeep" Neal, D.F.C., of Quebec City, who

### LARGEST AIR CONTINGENTS ARRIVE O.K.

Thousands of Canadians, Hundreds of Others In Group

MESSAGE FROM A/M

REINFORCEMENTS in thousands for the RCAF Overseas have arrived after an uneventful crossing.

It was the largest single RCAF contingent. With it came hundreds of RAF men, Australians, New Zealanders and scores from other parts of the Empire who trained in Canada. Many Canadians had regimustered from ground to air crew.

RAF Air Comm. T. E. D. Howe welcomed the boys when they disembarked at a north British port. Both air and ground crew, administrative officers, chaplains, auxiliary services and other branches were represented in the huge contingent.

Canadians cheered a message from A/M Harold Edwards, C.B., A.O.C.-in-C., RCAF Overseas, which said: "We shall do our utmost to post you to Canadian units, but if this is not possible I hope you will enjoy your service equally well."

Veterans of the last war were among those returning to Britain as well as veteran fliers of this one coming back for a second tour of operations. One of the latter was P/O J. S. Banks, D.F.M., of Torbrook Mines, N.S. A sergeant air-gunner when he won his decoration, Banks returned to Canada to train as a pilot. Now he says he's happy to be back on the fighting front.

F/L D. D. Doll, of Calgary, who was five years overseas in the last war, still wears his RFC wings. This time he is an administrative officer. Another last war veteran is Roland Cheeseman, of Toronto, now Canadian Legion officer.

The former adjutant of T.T.C., St. Thomas, Ont., F/O H. O. Holroyde, Toronto, is among the arrivals.

Two medical students who gave up their studies to train as pilots are P/O J. R. Stepe, Sudbury, Ont., and F/O D. A. Vonlauger, Philadelphia.

A former saxophone player, Eimer Aspeving, Manitou, Man., is now a sergeant pilot. Sergeants who regimustered from ground to air crew included J. J. (Continued on page 4, col. 5.)



# SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

## OF BALL AND BAT

By ARKAYBEE

SHADES of spring are evident these days with the lads getting out in sweatshirts and sneakers and limbering up the old biceps in preparation for softball. You can see the barrack windows slinch when Cpl. "Babe" Lingard gets a grip on that bat. That sound, as of a busy bee, is made by one of Cpl. Jim White's "specials" whizzing past the home platter.

Large bundles of congrats, to F/S T. "Jackie" Jackson; Prince Albert, who is wearing the ring around his wrist (and not the one his mother used to "bawl him out" about either); and to W/O E. "Hutch" Hutchinson, Amherstburg, Ont., at present u/s in hospital, who will be tossing aside that snappy W/O's greatcoat we saw him wearing recently.

Wedding bells have rung for Sgt. Denny Anzley (RAF) and P/O W. N. Keddie, Clark Lake, Mich., who are very carefully checking their leave entitlement.

The "Silver-tongued Barrack Joseph," LAC "Scotty" Strathern, was somewhat "brassed" the other day. Quoth he: "Four walls, six lights, six windows, 18 beds, 54 biscuits and 72 blankets! And where's it all gettin' me?"

Glad to see F/S Charlie Faulkner about again after a few weeks' sojourn in hospital-rarin' to climb back into that turret again, and he's a mean man behind those gait!



F/S G. M. Kruger, of Winnipeg, and LAC F. P. Williams, of Toronto, stand beside a sign in the desert which pretty well typifies the spirit of the RCAF fighter squadron in that area. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

## WELLINGTON O.T.U.

Brand new P/O W. A. Gardner, of St. Lambert, Que., has been in town to pick up his uniform.

He is studying at a Wellington O.T.U., along with Sgt. Pilot Vern Stinson, an Ontario man, and Jack Glydon, of Westerner.

## THE GOOSE COOKED

By LAC M. J. SEELEY

IF there had been eight days in the week just past, the Goose Squadron copy would have been ready. Sorry, fellows, we'll try not let it happen again! We have been trying to give old Schickelgruber a shaking lately though, so we know there won't be too many grenades tossed our way.

Now that Winco Clayton's lads are around things are beginning to get exciting. Why, only the other night a bunch of the boys were really whooping it up in the Sergeants' Mess, and did the Groupie ever let 'em have it later! Well, fellows, we're glad we don't pay mess bills!

Bright remark of the week comes from a prominent "B" Flighter. "What will I tell the wife when I get my good conduct stripes before I get the others?"

Dunc McKillop is right in the groove these days; he even parades WAAF's into the station movie now and blushes only slightly as the boys cheer.

Dumas and Fulton were the unlucky lads last week. Sorry about the breaks, fellows. Fulton, of Fort Francis, was due to take the cast off his hand within a few days, too!

Seems odd at first glance, but squadron erks, etc., really do go to the hospital to get "Churched." The new Squadron M.O. and the Padre are good pals though, so all's well. Which reminds us that Cpl. Art Heale (pronounced EY) was really born into his job with a name like that.

Our Discip recently enjoyed four days' compassionate-privilege leave. No doubt he spent St. Patrick's day in the land of the Shamrock.

Jim Carey, of Winnipeg, has noted what happened to Fulton, and now pledges to toe the line.

Hugh Slater, from Winnipeg and "B" Flight, has had a lot of stalling to do these past few weeks. He wishes it to be known that Stan Slater, of the Armoury, also of Winnipeg, is the lucky man. So next time any of you are in Manchester, bear this in mind when you return.

## W/C BEAN POSTED

By LACs HAROLD and WOLFF

TO our former C.O., W/C W. W. "Will" Bean, from that hot-bed of hockey, Kitchener, Ont., goes a most sincere farewell to a regular fellow on posting. On behalf of the gang, sir, it's been a real pleasure working for and knowing you. Loads of the best of luck in your new job, whatever it may be.

An extra big hello and how-do to our new headman, W/C G. H. D. Evans (RAF). We know you'll keep the "swordfish" banner flying high.

Greetings to, F/O J. Don McLeod, Moncton and Vancouver; P/Os Doug, Wraith, Vancouver; Manuel DelCampo, California; Clarke M. Chambers, Calgary; and Bob Gauthier, Montreal; Sgts. Lou Renaud, Ottawa; Don Montgomery, New Westminster, B.C.; Bill Mackay, Saskatoon; Jack Whipple, Winnipeg; Doug Scott, Windsor; Bill Haddock, Vancouver; John Bilecki, Regina; Tommy Dickson, Sydney, N.S., arrived, pants and all, and Cliff Coppin, Kamsack, who joined us, newly hitched to a Sgt. WAAF, Amelia Andrews. Blessings on thee, my son!

And in this cornah! Introducing nine newly crowned F/Sgts. Jimmy Donald, Barrhead, Man.; Grant Ellergood, Vancouver; Norm Lobb, Chilliwack, B.C.; Tommy LeBlanc, Margaree Forks, N.S.; Roy Clark, Liverpool, N.S.; Dave Coates, Toronto; Gordie Cline, Glenboro, Man.; Bob Watt, Winnipeg, and W. L. Hurl, Marquis, Sask.

## BASE CONDITIONS

By P/O GEO. BAIN

THE weather keeps good, don't it? Or, as the pilot said when he returned to find base conditions 10-10ths at zero feet, "I'm sure fogged now."

A sudden interest in matters naval (watch the spelling there, linotyper) has sprung up within rier Robert Bule, Zinc Cross with Poison Ivy, who has announced the intention of spending his next leave with the North Sea Fleet. Says he wants to go out with them to look for something he lost a while back. Incidentally, the same Boo has found a new beetle with whom to spend his less serious moments. It was love with the first plate of thoup, whatever that is.

One Punch Forbes ("Curly" to his friends) scored a quick knock-out in the local night club recently, thereby proving that jattered chivairy is not yet dead. A man of action, that Forbes; no WAAF need go undefended when One Punch is in there pitching.

Rumour has it, as Low Level says, that Butch Keiso, the voice of "A" Flight, is wandering about with one of those hearts and flowers expressions on his face. Aw-w-w, Butchie, and we thought the Hercules was your first and only love.

Jerry Luddy, the low-level merchant, left these parts a while back suffering from an assortment of pains in his beer-cellar. A few days later he was back with the story that it was acute appendicitis, but when he found how the extraction was going to curtail his recreational activities decided to have them left in and suffer happily.

Keen-types Big Gebрге Wood, Snoos Copenhaver, and Keith Murphy have been spending a lot of time in Ops. Room of late. At practically any hour of the day or night one, or all, of them may be found there poring over maps, charts, gen sheets, and—oh, lots of things. Task, task. Will you have milk and sugar in your tea, boys?

The softball season rashed in like a rheumatic cripple recently when the Gen. Flight and the other flight tangled. The game was declared no contest when the Beer Flight rushed off to fly while holding a slight margin. The Salvage Office gang was led by the Great Moustache Klassen. From the plate he looked like a man behind a hedge-fence at third-base.

Flat hats are the thing this spring. Newcomers to the Highly Sacred Order of Impoverished P/Os are Medium George Dugas, Paddy Paddock, L. W. Barr, and Stan Hackett. Ain't they all pretty in their new zoot suits, May-bul?

Most notable victory for the underdog since Nelson hit the headlines at Trafalgar was scored in Number Two hangar not so long ago. Yep, Wimpy, the Arnold-McNeill owned half-pint poodle, and the long, lean and lackadaisical Tory finally met. Wimpy gave out one of his best "git-up-them-stairs" snarls and Tory disappeared as though he was in as much danger as a beetle in the Black Bull come closing time. Heavens, we have lost heavily.

## ON LEAVE

THE "P.T.T.R." plan is Security Guard Jack Paton's strategy while on leave in London. Jack is an LAC from Souris, P.E.I., and his plan is—painting the town red.

F/S Barry O'Connor, a bombardier from Sarnia, Ont., follows a somewhat similar plan, known as "S.T.T.U." This is initial talk for shootin' the town up. Latest migrants to make the Great Canuck trek to Scotland are LACs Norm Halso, of Edmonton, and Murray Cullen, of Truro, N.S. Glasgow is the first hard-we-means-topover.

Wireless mech. Paul Pura, a Winnipeg corporal, has been buying technical equipment for himself around the Electrical Curiosity Shoppes of London.

Sgt. Obs. Cletus Lunny, young brother of the Montreal sports writer, Vince, has graduated from O.T.U. and is beginning his operational career. LAC Doug Hagerman, of Calgary, who is still hoping to get into air crew and make history before the war becomes just that, has been wearing a tweed sport suit ripped out of "Esquire" around London on leave.

Basketball practices hold the limelight in the Squadron sports news. As things shape up at present it looks as though Cpls. Al Harrop, Winnipeg; Eric Tatham, Winnipeg; and "Sully" Sand, Toronto, are three good bets for the first string with LAC "Robbie" Robertson, Nelson, B.C.; Percy McGillivray, New Waterford, N.S.; and Pte. Bill Polosky, Toronto, battling for the other two positions. We're still waiting to see F/O Bill Main, Winnipeg, Sgt. Paul Bergamini, Windsor, and Sgt. Tommy Dickson, Sydney, strut their stuff at one practice at least.

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## RUN, SHEEP, RUN!

By LAC F. C. JAMES

SINCE the arrival of a few weeks ago of P.T. Instructor Sgt. Jack MacFarlane, Ottawa, and Cpl. Bill Gibson, Welland, members of the squadron with athletic inclinations have been given the chance to work up a bit of B.O. The farmer's field across the road from the tech. site has had a diamond laid out on it and almost daily now 18 men, 24 sheep and several kids have been having a whale of a time with a softball.

Of the three most recent fixtures the game played between "B" Flight Squadron and "A" Flight Stars was most bitterly contested. The Busy Bees trounced the Stars 21-10 and now refer to the "A" Flight team as the satellites.

The line-ups:  
"B" Flight.—Sgts. Deane, McNamara, Vogan, Duval, Lyng, F/Ss Flanagan, Schmitt, W/O Crossman and S/L McKay.

"A" Flight.—Sgts. Stickey, Page, Higgins, Gagnon, Labarge, Asquin, Hamilton, Munson, Thompson and F/S Froude.

In another game the squadron beat the station 19-9. Cpls. Flint, Van Meer and Widner; LACs McKim, Cogley, Bardwell and Sumner and ACIs Favani and Riddell played for the winners. LACs Trepanier, Webber, Gray Stewart, Gausley and Eros, Cpl. Ratcliffe, P/O Fellner and S/L McCann formed the losing side.

The senior N.C.O.s chalked up 14 runs to the officers' 5 in a game in which Sgt. Vogan emerged as the individual star.

The line-ups:  
Officers.—S/L McCann, F/Ls Morrison, Chasanoff and Durocher and P/Os Berg, Fellner, Cadmus, Greening, Soeder and Milne.

N.C.O.s.—F/Ss Flanagan, Gagnon, Newcombe, Vandekerchove and Higgins, and Sgts. MacNamara, Blue and Huston and W/O Crossman.

Congratulations are in order for Navigator Len Brown, Pembroke, who now wears a gold crown above his sergeant's stripes.

Capt. J. A. MacDonald, Montreal, Sgt. Gus Oliver, Ottawa, and Pte. George Charlebois, Montreal, of the Canadian Dental Corps, have arrived

THE golden eagle, F/S T. H. Emerson, of Moose Jaw, is sporting underneath his AG badge is the pathfinder emblem in case airmen who have seen the flight around London are wondering. You have to do 15 ops. and pass a rigorous test before winning the right to wear it, so don't start saving your soap coupons, chaps.

The flight's navigator is S/L Bob Trickett, of Humboldt, Sask.

After eight years of living in England, including a couple of years' service in the RAF, AC "Bud" Broughton, one-time of Winnipeg, looks and talks like an Englishman, but still thinks in Canadian. He plans to return home after the war.

"Bud" would like Albert Williamson, of the RCOG to write c/o RAF Records, Gloucester.

P/O Chet Popplewell, of Dinamore, Sask., is piloting a Boston these days, with F/S Ted Kirk, of Toronto, as navigator. The boys have encountered F.W.190s a number of times while on day; light sweeps, but their Spitfire escorts keep the Hun fighters pretty busy.

They are squadron-mates of S/L "Ace" Hawkins, a Canuck who has been in the RAF for eight years.

Sgt. Nav. Jack Martin, of Hanev, B.C., is methodically taking in the shows of London this time. Last leave he took in the sights.

LAC R. J. Large, of Toronto, who has been taking an intensive armourer's course at a RAF school, has just been posted to a Canadian squadron.

Among Canadian sergeant pilots who have just graduated from a pre-A.F.U. course, are Sgts. Bob Crooks, of Mannville, Alta.; Gordon Dalton of Regina; Fred Baker of Vancouver; Max Belkin, of Calgary; Boyd, of Chicago; Bert Drury, of Charing Cross, Ont.; Dick Corbett, of Toronto; Hilmer Eyrjolfson, of Langruth, Man.; Dick Clays, of Chicago; Murray Bonner, of Minnesota, Man.; Jack Sills, of Vancouver, and "Lee" LeGate, of Kentucky.

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WEDDINGS

MOFFAT - SIMMONS. - F/S Jack Moffat, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moffat, of Regina, was married to Miss Jean Simmons, daughter of Pte. Frank Simmons, of the Queen's Own Regiment, and Mrs. Simmons. The wedding took place in a little church at Old Caulston, Surrey, on March 10. The Rev. Mr. Peg, of the Church of England, officiated, and Sgt. Rellily, of the Irish Guards, acted as best man. F/S Moffat first met the bride at Purley, before the Battle of Britain.

AWAITING O.T.U.

F/O C. M. Wilcox, of Miami, Fla.; P/O G. Fussel, of New York State; F/S Ted O'Leary, of Toronto.

J. ROBERTSON DOES A TOUR

Mammoth Essen Attack Is One He Remembers Most Readily

F/O John Robertson, of Verdun, Que., was still at an O.T.U. when he went on his first two ops. They were the thousand-bomber raids on Cologne and Essen almost a year ago. He figured the Cologne raid was a piece of cake, but the Essen show two nights later was a shaker.

The Wimpy went into a spin when a nightfighter attacked. They got out of that all right and bombed the target, but coming out they ran into trouble when a twin-engine job attacked them. The Hun sent cannon shells and machine-gun bullets into the bomber. The pilot's instrument panel was smashed, the rear-gunner was hit and the auxiliary oil tank was punctured. Luckily there was only one attack.

On the way back another fighter chased them, and during this attack Robertson was wounded in the arm, but they managed to evade him and reached their base.

Since then F/O Robertson has completed a tour to practically all German and Italian targets.



F/S W. T. Lewis of Montreal took part in a daylight raid on Emden last August. His efficiency as a wireless operator air-gunner on this and many other raids earned him the D.F.M.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

HEADQUARTERS

BY May 1 Headquarters officers will be playing the first softball game of the new season. For an opener they are lined up against last year's winners—the orderly room. Judging by the number of entries there are plenty of fellows who feel like swinging the willow this summer. Eleven teams, representing every directorate, are scheduled to play.

When W/O Bassett takes the morning parade, he's anything but shy, but apparently he's altogether a different sergeant major when he's trying to make a date. For two weeks he ate at the same restaurant where the pretty waitress worked, and tried to summon up courage enough to speak. But he finally did. He said "Hello."

The traffic jam around the elevator indicated that accounts had gone into the moving business. They are taking up new quarters at Harrods, and will handle deferred pay parades from there. The scene was a typical one. LAC Sutherland started the ball rolling by complaining woefully that he couldn't hold a job longer than five minutes. Harris moaned loud and long that all the furniture was being dropped on his foot. An unidentified AC pointed out the forty N.C.O.'s supervising the ten ACs, doing the work. W/O Wingate was in charge of operations.

LAC Binley was escorted home last night by an armed guard of service policemen. He has a banana. Binley plans to commercialise and charge a price to see the "forgotten" fruit.

WITH RADIO MECHS

(Continued from page 2) arrived from the Canadian Red Cross, and very welcome, too, the S.W.O. has had a busy time peering down turtle neck sweaters in search of a collar and tie.

Cpl. Smiley is leaving us for a fortnight to take a rest cure at a well-known Welsh resort. Two admirers of the terpsichorean art are "Pudge" Graham and Tommy Fry. They're even paying cash on the line. Let's hope that Arthur Murray doesn't do the job in a hurry.

COUNTY DURHAM

By LAC Bob Weeks

TWO Sundays ago the mother of a RAF bloke now in Canada reciprocated his treatment with a swell party for the Canucks here. Among eager cookie-snatchers and coffee-guzzlers were 'Sgt.-Pilots "Cap" Kidd, Humboldt, Sank, and Jack Brown, Toronto. Jim Outtrim took big Bingo dough, but couldn't spend it because a softball eclipsed one eye the next night.

"A" group aspirants glance nervously at the calendar. Next week Jeff McDowell, Hugh McVitty, both Toronto, Angus McMillan, New Glasgow, Paul "Slicker" Malsonneuve, Montreal, to mention a few, take the hurdle.

Dwight "Worm" (short for bookworm) Rivard is taking life easy these days because it's a long wait for P.N.B. Among others to get through the A.C.S.B. are Al Marks, Herb. Thompson, Bill Leith, and Wally Soyka.

D.U. IN MIDS

By Cpl. B. Underwood

LAST week-end Cpls. Brigham and A. H. Smith were the lucky holidayers. Smith was supposedly away on a job, but there wasn't much work attached to it, eh, Al?

At the beginning of the week Alr Marshal Edwards, C.B., and one or two other high-ranking Canadian officers, paid us a short visit.

Flash! It happened! Col. McCallum received a parcel from home. Nice going, Johnny. Anything for us?

We are losing the good services of Cpl. Givrot. Frank is reporting to an R.S. for a course preparatory to his officers' training. Best of luck from all here, pal.

LAC E. Hardy is our only vacationer this week. "Red" is spending seven days in London, because that's where you can get the deferred pay.

WEBER JUMPS ON FIRST OP.

Sgt. Gordon Weber, of Listowel, Ont., wireless operator of a Stirling, didn't mind becoming a caterpillar on his first bombing operation. What he objected to was his Canadian accent being taken for a variety of German by an English farmer, who thought the young Canadian was an enemy parachutist.

Weber's skipper, F/O Ross Campbell, of Consort, Alta., brought the aircraft back to base with only two engines going. "We just scraped over on the two," said Weber. "We reached base, but were asked to stand by while another aircraft with a badly wounded gunner landed first. When it was our turn the weather had closed in. We tried four approaches, but couldn't make it, so we baled out."

AIR CONTINGENTS

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Francis, Montreal; W. K. Oliver, New Glasgow, N.S.; E. S. Moran, Vancouver; and J. E. Parker, Calgary.

Two former college students who enlisted in the Fleet Air Arm and trained in Canada are Able Leading Naval Airman H. R. Wyman, Bolsover, Man., and C. P. R. Stevens, Montreal West.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

PHREW! You never saw such a pay parade as there was lined up last Friday afternoon at the zero hour of 16.30 (RCAF time)—and the W.D.s were well represented.

Everybody, bright and happy, with prospects of leave just around the corner. Cpl. Jill Wigg, a Nelson, B.C., gal, was in high spirits. Bournemouth, here she comes! Wonder who's there besides the RCAF? Sgt. Mary Ward, Shawinigan Falls, has been vacationing in Wales—how we envy her. IAW Jamieson, of Westmount, Que., was also on leave, "but where she went to nobody knows."

LAW MacKinnon, Moosomin, Sask., went dashing up to Inverness and points north, quite eager to investigate the various reports about the marvellous hospitality in that land. We know she won't be disappointed. And LAW Kendall was just a bit undecided as to where or what she was going to do, but she got a travelling warrant anyway.

LAW Molly Flak, a Montrealer, started off on her leave quite happily, but we understand she finished it in hospital—or it finished her in the hospital. Well, you know what we mean! Too bad because we only get two weeks a year at H.Q.

Our humble apologies to Cpl. McLaren. Margery halls from Montreal and not Ottawa, as has been intimated in previous issues. No rivalry between the two cities, we trust!

Advertisement for 'The Amazing Mrs Holliday' featuring Deanna Durbin and Edmond O'Brien at the Leicester Sq. Theatre.

Advertisement for 'Immortal Sergeant' featuring Henry Fonda and Maureen O'Hara at the Odeon Leicester Square.

Entertainment Guide table listing theatres (Hippodrome, Palace, Palladium, etc.) and cinemas (Carlton, Dominion, etc.) with their current shows and showtimes.

Advertisement for 'Cargo of Innocents' at the Empire Theatre, featuring Charles Laughton and Brian Donlevy.

Large advertisement for 'Star Spangled Rhythm' at the Plaza Theatre, featuring a list of stars like Bing Crosby and Fred McMuray.