



Canadian Pilots Do a Job in Tunisia

WALKER GETS TWO AND JOINS "CATS"

Many Low Level Attacks Are Directed At Axis Armour and Transport On North African Front

ENEMY AIRCRAFT FALL IN ALLIED PUSH

RCAF fliers have distinguished themselves many times over in the Allied blitz on Axis forces in Tunisia. Numbers of enemy aircraft destroyed and damaged, and tanks, armoured vehicles and motor transport knocked out in low-level attacks are credited to Canadian airmen.

S/L Jimmy Walker, D.F.C. and Bar, of Edmonton, shot down two enemy aircraft and qualified for the North African Caterpillar Club all in two days. Leader of a RAF Spitfire squadron, he shot down a Me.109 the first day and a Stuka dive-bomber the second.

He and another member of his squadron sighted 14 Stukas manoeuvring into line abreast. As the dive-bombers began to peel off, Walker streaked right along their line, giving each a burst. He scored strikes on the first and sent the last down in flames. His own plane burst into flames and he had to bale out. He returned to his squadron in time for lunch and took part in another sweep the same afternoon.

Walker's North African score is now eight and a half destroyed. F/L Fred "Dutch" Alkman, D.F.C., of Toronto, shot down another Me.109 the same day that Walker got his.

Hit by Flak

W/O Raymond Gourdeau, of Quebec City, also qualified for the Caterpillars that day. His kite was hit by flak and he baled out, getting back to his squadron the next day with only slight injuries. He is a member of the same Spitfire squadron.

Another Canadian Spitfire ace in Tunisia is F/L Lawrence "Red" Chisholm, D.F.C. and Bar, whose score now stands at seven destroyed with many probables and damaged. A Kentville, N.S., flier, his latest victories are an Me.109 destroyed and a Macchi 202 probable.

In a recent scrap he led Sgt. Michael Askey, son of a Winnipeg army padre, and a third pilot, who was English, against a strong formation of enemy fighters. Chisholm and Skey each got one.

Also adding to his score in the current push is W/O E. A. Ker, of Fenwick, Ont., whose latest additions are a Macchi 202 destroyed over Mareth the week before last and a Me.109 destroyed over the Mediterranean. His total is three destroyed with other probables and many damaged.

Three Canadian members of a front-line fighter squadron have piled up an impressive record of low-level attacks on Axis tanks, armoured vehicles and motor transport.

Braving intense ground fire, F/Os James Carswell, Turleton, Sask., Kenneth Bendall, Hamilton, and P/O John Wilcox, Cobalt, Ont., have set tanks afire and disrupted armoured forces trying to stem Montgomery's spectacular advance. Huddled repeatedly with bullets and flak, their aircraft have never failed on a mission since the drive began.

ARMY CO-OPS HIT ELECTRIC RAILWAY

When Army Co-operation Command of the RAF took a hand in the bomber offensive by making successful attacks recently on four transformer stations serving the Paris Le Mans electric railway, Canadian pilots played a prominent part. F/L W. W. Flynn of Regina is navigation officer of his squadron and he guided his Wing Commander right on to the small target for which they were bound. In moonlight four bombing runs were made to make certain and then they let the load go. Brilliant flashes of blue and green proved the accuracy of their aim.

Another Canadian navigator on this attack was P/O L. Rushon, of Toronto, and in the same show was F/O A. M. Plampton, also a navigator and from the same city, and Sgt. A. R. Westgate, Vancouver, wireless air gunner. F/O Plampton's crew were first home and brought back the first story of the success of the raid.

CANUCK SPITFIRES GET FOUR HUNS IN ONE DAY

Over the weekend Spitfire squadrons of Canadian Fighter Wing escorted New Zealand Ventura bombers to Dieppe and Abbeville and fighter-bombers to Paix. In the course of these ops, four enemy fighters were destroyed.

The Wolf squadron upped its total to 11 enemy fighters shot down in the past two weeks, with three destroyed Saturday, while the City of Oshawa Squadron accounted for the fourth.

One fighter pilot remarked after returning from the Abbeville raid: "The bombing was great. They plastered the marshalling yard and we could see a column of smoke coming up even after we had crossed the coast on the way out."

F/L H. C. Godefroy and P/O P. K. Gray, both of Toronto, spotted a formation of three F.W.190s and attacked them from the rear over the sea. Godefroy went for the one on the right, and when they broke formation switched to the centre fighter. Gray took the one on the left. He let the F.W. have one burst and it started to roll over. Gray rolled his Spit with it, loosing another burst, but he

is not sure if the second one hit. The F.W. dived, screaming smoke, and the pilot baled out. "The chap baled out of the machine Godefroy hit, too," Gray related, "and right after he jumped, the kite burst into flames."

Both F.W.s were seen to crash in the sea.

The third F.W. that the Wolf Squadron hunted down Saturday, was seen to dive into the Channel. But as was the case with the Me.109 sent "into the drink" by the City of Oshawa Squadron, the actual pilot who made the "kill" could not be determined.

After the Venturas' visit to Dieppe on Sunday, a pilot from S/L B. D. Russell's Spitfire squadron reported: "I never saw a single bomb land in the water. They all appeared to drop right in the dock area. The bomber boys were in great form all right."

There was some flak, but none of the Spitfires were damaged. Later on Sunday, the City of Oshawa and the Wolf Squadrons took a formation of fighter bombers to Paix where the aerodrome was the target.



Spring weather and scores against enemy fighters both being good these days, it is no wonder that members of S/L F. S. Bolton's RCAF squadron feel a bit kittenish. Safe to say, they don't feel a bit more kittenish than Momma Cat and her offspring shown here. These three fliers, left to right, are: F/L Norman Keene, White Rock, B.C.; F/O "Rog." Rogers; and F/L R. A. Buckham, Vancouver. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

CANUCKS WIN MANY AWARDS FOR HEROISM

Grand Total of 25 Awards For RCAF Fliers Last Week

D.S.O. FOR BAUDOUX

ON a Berlin raid last March the aircraft captained by F/L Alan Avant, of Rosetown, Sask., was coned by searchlights and hit by "intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire." One engine was damaged but F/L Avant executed the bombing run, "releasing the bombs with precision," and took evasive action, though his bomber was damaged again and lost height as it soared out of the flak-riddled Berlin sky.

"The damaged engine burst into flames," the citation continues, but they were put out, and F/L Avant piloted his craft back. The port engine "conked out" over the airfield, but he landed the bomber on the remaining two.

For this feat of airmanship Avant has been awarded an immediate D.F.C., as announced by Prime Minister King Monday night.

Others to be awarded immediate D.F.C.s in the past week include F/L Malcolm Brown, of Montreal, and F/Os Laurie Philpotts, of Calisterville, Ont., and Alfred Haines, of Victoria, B.C.

Immediate D.F.M.s are awarded to F/S Robert Charters, of Brampton, Ont., and Sgt. Lucien Thomas.

A navigator, F/S Charters was wounded during an operational flight in which his bomber was badly knocked about. His citation commends him for remaining at his post despite his injuries.

Sgt. Thomas is an air-gunner who has shot down one enemy fighter and has driven off others in the course of his many raids.

A D.S.O. leads the non-immediate awards for the week. It goes to S/L Everett Baudoux, D.F.C., of Stellarton, N.S. He has completed a second tour of ops.

Non-immediate D.F.C.s go to the following:

S/L David Jacobs, Toronto; S/L Garnet Jacobsen, Winnipeg; F/L Jerrold Bell, Victoria, B.C.; F/L Wier Klassen, Llac, Sask.; F/O William Colledge, Vancouver; F/O Thom McDougall, F/O William Crimmins, Guelph, Ont.; P/O Howard Harrower; P/O Thomas Lewis, Akron, Ohio; P/O Roland Newitt, Vancouver and W/O Llewellyn Gardner, Kingston.

Non-immediate awards of the D.F.M. have been made to W/O Sidney Back, Toronto; F/Ss Russell Dorland, Toronto; Johann Einarson, Shalbrook, Sask.; Clarence Lundeen, Preeceville, Sask.; John Wolley, Wytecliffe, B.C.; and Sgts. James Burton, Bittings, Mont.; and Ernest Taylor, Vancouver.

ENEMY ARMAMENTS ARE STRUCK SEVERE BLOWS

Skoda Works and Mannheim Are Raid Targets On Same Night

Heavy and medium bombers from the Canadian Group were well represented in the giant two-pronged attack on the German armament industry last Friday night. By far the heavier of the two blows was made against the huge Skoda works at Pilsen—Canadian Halifaxes, under the command of Winco Flemming and Ferris, were in this force—and in the attack on the armament centre of Mannheim there were Canadian Wellingtons. Canadians with RAF Lancaster squadrons also participated in the Pilsen raid.

The trip to Pilsen was a haul of about 1,600 miles, mostly over enemy territory, which took about 10 hours to complete. S/L D. H. Kenny, of Millerton, Ont., who was detailed to make a special reconnaissance, remarked on his return, "Yes, I think Skoda really got hurt."

The Halifax in which Sgt. G. F. Clark, of Summerland, B.C., was gunner was attacked four times by two Nazi night-fighters. He opened fire first each time and thinks he hit one. F/O Kearney Shields, of Redditch, Ont., saw his bombs fall smack on a big factory. Sgt. P. J. Sebastian, of Timmins, Ont., Sgt. Jimmy Allan, of Edmonton, Sgt. K. L. J. Deane, of London, Ont., and P/O G. B. F. Helntz, of Regina, reported excellent results.

Town Left Unscathed

According to the crew of one Lancaster the raid on the Skoda works left the town of Pilsen practically unscathed. Sgt. Harold Raven told of stinging around outside the target for 10 minutes and then going in to drop high explosives and incendiaries. Raven, from his vantage point in the mid-upper turret, could see fires burning from 100 miles distance on the way home.

F/L Tom Julian, of San Antonio, Texas, and Sgt. Jack Thurlow, of West Vancouver, are two pilots who are sold on low level attacks. "Nothing came near us," said Thurlow.

Other Canadians who took part in the Skoda attack in-

TRUMPED AN ACE

Sergeant-Major Hellman, ace German fighter pilot, was the first victim of F/O Frank Regan of the RCAF. The "kill" was made near Gabes.

Another member of Hellman's Luftwaffe squadron was shot down and captured on the same day.

He claimed that Hellman had knocked down 32 Allied aircraft in the course of his operational career.

cluded F/S Al Magee, New Westminster, B.C., wireless operator; P/O Stan Bishop, Montreal, navigator; F/O C. J. Vaillancourt, Saulte Ste. Marie.

Members of W/C Carscallen's Wellington squadron told of starting large fires at Mannheim. P/O George Souch, Toronto bomb-aimer, gave the most graphic picture of the attack. He said:

"It stood out like an overgrown blast furnace, shooting up billowing waves of black smoke, overcast by cherry red reflections of fires. This sea of fire was pockmarked by concentrated searchlights, exploding flak and incendiary and high explosive bombs. Air traffic over the target was jammed with the target, broken only by the odd nightfighter."

Others on the Mannheim "do" included F/O Finley Taylor, Parksville, B.C., navigator; Sgt. Donald McEntee, Toronto, bomb-aimer; Sgt. John Kelly, Minicote, Man., rear gunner; Sgt. Phil Heden, Regina pilot; two lifelong friends, P/O Bill Dark, navigator, and F/O C. Borden Hess, both of Ironquils, Ont.; and Sgt. Howard McManus, North Bay, pilot.

Waiting to pay respects to the boys on their return was S/O Kathleen Walker, Ottawa, climbing a tour of airwomen in the Canadian bomber group. She was escorted on her trip by the base commander, Air Commodore C. M. McEwen, Montreal, and G/C B. F. Johnson, station commander, Toronto.

MUSTANG DUO TREE HOPPED

A small wood in a French valley, instead of the usual fighters and flak supplied the excitement for two RCAF Army Co-op. pilots on a recent training expedition.

The fliers, F/O E. I. Hall, of Ottawa, and F/O J. M. Robb, of Toronto, had just shot up three trains between them and were about 20 miles inside enemy-occupied territory when they found themselves the centre of a concentrated flak barrage.

"Every portable gun in the country seemed to be there," said F/O Robb, "so we got right down on the deck doing violent evasive action."

They did go right down on the deck, into a wood, and a jarring sensation was felt by each pilot. Robb found that his engine temperature was rising above normal so they decided to make for home.

They arrived home safely, feeling rather fed up and discovered that Robb had left eight inches of a wing-tip back in the French valley. Hall's air-screw boss was bent, and the wing root and tail plane were damaged.

CANUCK BOMBER GROUP SENDS OUT EVERY UNIT

Stuttgart Was the Target Of Cascade Raid Last Week

Every squadron of the RCAF Bomber Group took part in the very heavy and concentrated cascade attack on Stuttgart, important German industrial centre, last week. Returning air crews of Halifax and Wellington bombers spoke of the havoc they had created with their 4,000-pound bombs and showers of incendiaries, of smoke palls rising to 14,000 feet, and of frequent encounters with enemy nightfighters which were up in force. Two Me.109s were shot down by one RCAF squadron.

Canadians were also well represented on RAF units on the raid. "Another Essen job," was

the verdict of crews of an RAF Wellington squadron.

Sgt. Chester Dixon, of Maple Creek, Sask., pilot of a Halifax in W/C "Tiny" Ferris's squadron, told of seeing smoke rising to 14,000 feet as he flew away from the target. Sgt. Lloyd Kerr, of Truro, N.S., saw his bombs explode in the middle of a tremendous fire which "seemed to bloom outwards."

Sgt. Cecil Heming, of Pelly, Sask., got in a short burst at a Junkers 88 before it was lost in evasive action. Sgt. Edward Griffin had a similar experience. The Halifax captained by F/S Harry Leaver, of Ottawa, landed at base with one five minutes' petrol supply left because of the violent evasive action necessary to avoid nightfighters.

Others from the Ferris squadron on the raid were: P/O F. C. Culbert, of Winnipeg, Sgt. Stan Young, Vancouver Sgt. (Continued on page 5, col. 3.)

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

ROARING SQUADRON

CPL. FRED HAWKINS, Armourer, is on his way to undergo air crew training. Happy landings!

LAC "Larry" Matthews has proceeded on a Clerk N.C.O. course to improve his already high state of efficiency. He is routed via Lincoln. We wonder why?

S/L Norm Bretz, D.F.C. our former C.O., paid us a brief visit before returning to Canada. A presentation of a silver tankard was made on behalf of the officers and pilots.

F/O "Chuck" Semple has taken over command of "A" Flight, and is now sporting two rings on his sleeve—a very popular promotion.

P/Os "Rus" Orr, John Howarth, and John Robert Spatzel are standing drinks on their long awaited promotion to F/Os.

F/O A. J. Dale, of Westboro, Ont., has been posted in as Adjutant Mark II. Before crossing the Atlantic recently, he was Adjutant of No. 3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

It was with regret that we left our "spy" Mark I, F/O R. J. Hickey, behind when a move was made recently. "Max" has been our "spy" these many months. We only hope the change means a well-deserved promotion.

"Spy" Mark II, F/O Bert Daykin, has been discharged from a short stay in hospital. He is now enjoying a well-earned leave, which, he maintains, is with relatives!

Recent promotions include: LACs "Six-gun" Allen, "Red" Francis, Charlie Morton, "Jock" Campbell to corporals, and now sporting three hooks we have "Pop" Murray, Tom Burton, and "Robbie" Roberts. Congrats., all round!

Who is this Corporal "Irish" Grant? LAC "Almost-a-corporal" Scott, our long-service stores basher, would like to know who started this raincoat racket. Okay, boys, settle it at the local! We only want the coats.

LAC McDonald, of the Orderly Room, who, unfortunately, lost his arm, due to enemy action, is to be repatriated. Good luck from all of us, Mac!

The boys would like to know when McLaren is going to spring, and dip into his Post Office savings account for a few beers.

LAC Pilon just arrived back from nine days' glorious leave, he was heading for Bonny, Bonny Scotland, but according to reports got lost in the Big City.

Glad to welcome Corporals Wilson and Loyer to the "roaring" squadron.

AC Eilams seemed over-anxious for his 48 this week-end; rumours are that he is buying "the ring."

Cpl. Powell, the champion weight-lifter, has only three years to go before he can sport another "star."

The troops are kept busy in their spare time these days fixing these two-wheeled contraptions they call bicycles.

That's all, "Foo," until next time.

MARRIAGE FEVER

By LAO N. L. D'ARCY

THERE'S an epidemic of "marriage fever" going on in this squadron. F/S Harris Marchant, of Winnipeg, and LAC "Rolly" Selkirk, of Peta-wawa, took the necessary vows during the past few months and can now be heard moaning for the company of "the little wife." F/S "Chuck" Morren, of Toronto, and LAC "Two-Gun" Edey are both away on leave at this time, and plan to come back as married men. F/S Morren



His Grace, the Archbishop of Toronto, was greatly interested in meeting the airmen who fly over Germany, and the ground crew who keep them flying. In this picture he is seen with some of the air crew of one of the RCAF bomber squadrons. On his left is F/L "Happy" Hatton, of Toronto, and on the extreme right is G/O G. O. Lightbourn, Senior Protestant Padre Overseas. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

HOCKEY WIND-UP

By CPL. M. J. SEELEY

THE squadron hockey team wound up the season's activities last week by having a jolly one go in Jock's Cafe and several pucks in a nearby village. The players, with their guests, enjoyed a nice dinner, following which the team manager, M. Kuitert, took the chair to welcome the station commander, G/O Dunlop, the "Goose" Squadron C.O., W/C "Tiny" Ferris, and many other officers connected with the team. The activities of the season were outlined in brief and the players introduced in turn.

Before the players headed for the locals, Kuitert, on behalf of the team, presented the Winco with a memorial hand-painted parchment signed by all the members of the team. The "Groupie," "Winco," "Padre," "Adj.," "M.O." and the team's active and successful coach, Jim Innis, of Moncton, all had a few words to say. Then the boys went to the pucks and the Winco stood the first round.

Reports are incomplete as yet, but many and varied were the means of transport back to camp. Many pushed their bikes and many "pranged" on their return from this highly successful operation.

Congratulations to Fred King and Don Nagle, of the Bombing Armory, on their recent promotions. "Mel" Meistad, the photographer with the biggest capacity on the station, is another twin hooker. From instruments we are pleased to report Jim Innis, Jack Henderson, Johnny Stang and Emby Vein, all with shiny books on their tables.

The Armoury and the Instrument Section teams both gave W/C Clayton's softball contenders a severe trouncing last week, 5-1 and 19-15 respectively. While on the subject of sports, W/O Joe Young's darts champions tallied a 2-2 victory over H.Q. Stores Section in a nearby village pub.

Congrats. to S/L Bob Boosey on his promotion. He stood host to crew and ground crew in a nearby village shortly afterwards, and proved once again that he could indeed "out-chugg-a-chugg" any of the thirty-odd boys present.

Don Hartman, of the Dental Corps, sticks to beer and skittles after duty and proves over and over again that he can still out-smart any of his airmen friends when it comes to the ladies.

Mervyn Ridgway, the Instrument "basher," has turned over a new leaf. The "once-upon-a-time" recluse and lady hater has now gone to the other extreme and has twice recently been seen with no less than two A.T.S. girls at one time.

Nightfighter Jonta, ex-schoolmaster, shot down Fred King the other night on his way home from a shabby do. Fred says he is presenting a bill and giving his bike to the station salvage committee.

Another schoolmaster, Bill Rowe, took off his turtle neck sweater the other day and found two collars he never realised he owned. Having heard him bemoan the loss of a pair of pyjamas recently, we suggest he look a little closer home before looking afield.

Emby Vein has nearly completed his first tour of ops. in a nearby Spa.

Frank Ritchie's platonic friendship is one thing, but his health is another, and insofar as the latter is concerned those little bike rides are beginning to put him on his knees in no uncertain fashion.

BAD TYPE DISCIP.

Members of the Discipline Union are busy tanning their various books these days to discover how best to discipline a disciplinarian who is not living up to the vows he took when joining the order. It appears that W/O Charlie Matheson of Calgary, who is the discip. on W/O Crooks' RCAF bomber squadron, appeared at breakfast the other day without collar or tie. Furthermore, he is a graduate of the ultra-strict discip. course at No. 1 Technical Training School, St. Thomas. And furthermore again, the boys figure that a guy who has listened to as many excuses as he has should have something better to offer than "I forgot all about 'em, fellas."

OUR NEWLYWEDS

By AC2 HURLEY-EVANS

ALL members of W/C A. D. W. M. Smith's squadron are glad to take this opportunity of extending congratulations and best wishes to our "newlyweds," F/O H. B. Ward, of Humber Bay, Toronto, and WAAF Cpl. "Babs" Seward, of Julliford, Surrey. The ceremony, which took place on April 9, was conducted by the vicar of the local parish, assisted by the Right Reverend D. T. Owen, Archbishop of Toronto.

Apart from the above "hitching," the most interesting news comes from the Camp's hot spot, the officer's mess. No blinking wonder it's lively. First of all Bill Suggitt, of Toronto, blossomed forth as a Squadron Leader, and Don Morgan, of Lucan, Ont., is now a Flight Lieutenant. Just to top that off, half the Sergeant's Mess has moved in as sprog P/Os.

Incidentally, most of this bunch is milling around the bar every night: Ferry and McLeod, of Toronto; Carter, of Lewisville, N.B.; Derenluk, of Wimmer, Sask.; Fitzgerald, of Winnipeg (and points west); Hawkins, of Clinton, Ont.; Knapp, of Pittsburgh, U.S.A.; Maddin, of Vancouver, Stewart, of Oxbow, Sask.; Westell, of Hamilton, Snow, of Winnipeg, and Douglas, of Balcarres, Sask.

Comes spring, and the little lambs that play in the fields are having a pretty tough time of it around these parts. The little duffers are finding out how hard a softball is, especially when it hits just south of the border. The Squadron has become baseball conscious, and every Section is ready to get the pants off every other Section. It looks as if we'll either have to organize a Squadron league or have a civil war. Ain't Spring wonderful?

At present waiting time in a local hospital is "Bowler-Driver" Bingham, of Montreal. The boys of Hut 97 hope you are feeling better, Bing, and figure it's about time you were up and around again.

Doggone it! Who got all the newly-arrived "Wid's"?

GRADUATE FROM O.T.U.

Canadian AGs who recently graduated from a Whitley O.T.U. in Britain include Sgts. George Fraser, Truro, N.S.; E. R. Foster Brantford, Ont.; "Cherry" Richmond and "Gooch" Rennieck, also of Ontario.



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ADJ "PASSES" FOUR BROTHERS IN CANADIAN FORCES

By ARKAYBEE

"YUP—it's the only thing—I'm in favour of this 'gettin' hitched' business! and, by the way, when's my next 'leave'?" So quoth ACI "Our Bruce" Jane, of St. Catharines, on returning from his all too-short honeymoon.

Makes us unhappy to have to announce the "passing" of our erstwhile "Adj." (but don't take that "passing" business too literally), as F/L W. C. "Goldie" Harrison, of Ottawa, takes leave of us and passeth on to greener pastures, where, it is understood, the "third ring" will appear magically upon his cuff. We all wish you success and "all the best" at your new unit, Adj.!

The "new Adj." is F/L A. B. "Art" Crawford, of Willowdale, Ont., whose Scotch "burr" testifies to descent from the not-so-distant past.

The sunshine enjoyed here of late has pepped up the softball enthusiasts tremendously, and some good inter-flight and section games are anticipated in the near future.

The old "glad hand" is extended to all the "new Canadians" who have joined us in our exile.

One of the "old originals" of the Moosemen, F/S A. W. "Art" Eden, of Edmonton, was with us for a couple of weeks—just long enough to get in some leave and a set of W/O's coat-of-arms and he's away again. "Art" had quite a stretch in "sick-bay," but he's looking well and fit again.

For displaying the possession of a lot of "spunk" while on a "do" in February, Sgt. "Art" Mellin, of Duncan, Vancouver Island, has been awarded the D.F.M., and the entire squadron wholeheartedly send their congrats to "Art," who is still "U/S" in hospital at present.

"Moochin" round the Moosemen we noticed this week: Cpl. C. A. George Porritt, Winnipeg, irrigating his tonsils with a spot of tea at noon; LAC N. M. "Neil" Jennings, Rodney, Ont., making arrangements for the extraction of a few quid from his deferred pay account to meet heavy nuptial expenses in the near future; Sgt. A. P. "Alec" Manson, Toronto, chopping off a few whiskers in the cold grey light of dawn (it seemed that early to me, anyway); LAC G. W. George Bilyard, Yorkton, Sask., industriously plying knife and fork in the airmen's mess.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

By LAC JACK COTTINGHAM

THE influx of new blood referred to in our last budget of news still continues. F/L R. H. Beveridge, Westmount, P.Q., F/O R. H. Lee, Winthrop, Mass., and F/O F. L. Hoar, Truro, N.S., are three new pilots who have taken up residence in our midst during the past week. We have also welcomed Cpl. Pete Saydak, Winnipeg armorer, and LAC "Mac" McMartin, clerk, from Edmonton, both of whom have spent some time in England.

A softball team from the squadron whipped a team from a nearby Canadian Army unit to the tune of 15-4 recently. The boys are pretty proud of the effort, which was organized on rather short notice. LAC "Red" Stephen, Toronto, pitched his usual good game, which did much to hold the ambitious boys in khaki.

Former IAC Joe Barbeau, popular ACH from New Liverpool, P.Q., is sporting two new stripes these days.

ADV.—Would any squadron personnel able to supply information concerning the feminine attractions in Brighton for LAC "Casey" Jones, Vancouver stores basher, and LAC "Moose" Leone, Niagara Falls, please communicate same to the inmates of Hut 25, who would be deeply grateful.

SHARE FOCKE-WULF

It has been learned that the second of the two F.W.190s shot down by a Canadian Spitfire squadron recently was shared by two members of the unit, F/L G. C. Semple, of Toronto, and F/O A. M. Barber, of Victoria.

The other enemy aircraft was destroyed by P/O C. S. Pope, of Stratford, Ont.

FOUR BROTHERS IN CANADIAN FORCES

F/O Godfrey "Dusty" Miller, 23-year-old wireless operator who recently joined an RAF Lancaster squadron, is one of four brothers serving in Canada's armed forces.

The family hails from Point aux Trembles, Que. "Dusty" is the eldest of the quartet. Next in line is 21-year-old Pte. Cory, who is overseas with the R.C.O.C. The two younger brothers are Linden, a private in the R.C.A.S.C., now overseas, who is 19, and Lorne, 17-year-old boy seaman in the R.C.N.

The four Millers are following the footsteps of their father, an Instructor-Sergeant in the R.C.H.A., who served all through the Great War and was wounded three times in France.

DUCKS ON STRINGS

By CPL. J. F. CUTLER

NEW arrivals, rookies at that, have just been taken on ration strength, and two of them are females. AC2 Cadillac, ACW LaSalle, AC2 Buick, AC2 Oldsmobile, ACW Chevrolet are the recruits. No one seems to know where they came from—they just developed. What with pilots bringing back mice from ops and cats using the pilots' room for a nursery, your truly wouldn't be a bit surprised to see our noble ground crew parading around with ducks on strings. Rumours are very strong as to the condition of F/O J. A. Rae's mascot, "Slink," or "Boomer" as the boys know her. It seems that she too is mothering expected offspring. I guess some people will wonder just what does go on around here.

F/L R. H. Walker, of Stanford Centre, Ont., heads the honour roll this week by taking over duties as O.C. "A" Flight. Best of luck and happy landings, "Kelly."

F/O H. MacDonald, Sydney Mines, N.S., lately known as "Moosey," and F/O J. Richardson, Windsor, Ont., with the handle, "Sleepy," also step up another rung and are extended related but hearty congratulations. Congratulations also to W/O L. C. D. Pow, who was seen stepping out in a first-class suit of blues.

Silent wedding bells are soon to ring for LAC J. L. Grundie, Powell River, B.C., for placing a ring on the finger of pretty ACW "Milly" Parker, of the WAAFs.

Tuesday evening was the scene of our long expected gathering of the squadron yokels. Under the roof of our humble mess there congregated the lowliest of the ACs to the highest of G/Cs. With the able guidance of F/O Lingings, squadron adjutant and our broad and genial ex-comedian and showman, F/S Harry Flowers, the party was a huge success. The rounds of refreshment and the amount of nutri consumed by all was in some ways a marvel. Before the entertainment S/L F. H. Boulton, squadron C.O., thanked the boys for their co-operation in the past. G/C Fenton, D.S.O., D.F.C., spoke next, followed by S/L L. V. Chadburn, D.F.C., former squadron commander.

The platform was then taken over by timid F/S "Stew" Crampton, who with the aid of Cpl. Hunter, presented S/L Archer, D.F.C., with a toilet outfit on behalf of the ground crew. A silver cigarette case was presented by F/L "Poke" Buckham on behalf of the air crew.

Musical entertainment was supplied by LAC "Red" Gordon and AC "Scruffy" Marshall. LAC "Sully" Sullivan and F/O W. Lingings, vocal refrains by Pte. John McManus, of the C.D.C., were encored again and again. Irish ballads were supplied by Sgt. "Little Tannoy" Simons, featuring "I whooped it up to her." LAC "Curly" Garding, LAC Tommy Hopkins and a host of others also entertained. The delivery of "The Green Eye Of The Little Yellow God" by "Tich" Pugh, and "I'm Only A Volunteer" by LAC "Pappy" Humphreys were items long to be remembered. Summing it all up we can truthfully say that it was "solid."



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WITH THE RADIO MECHS.

DADDY of 'em all as regards the legion of schoolteachers turned radio mech. is Cpl. Roy M. White, who recently arrived overseas after instructing in Canada for many months.

Instructing comes naturally to Roy; he used to be a public school principal back in Weston, Ont. He was a student of the first radio mech. course in Canada.

Last week in London he met a friend and fellow veteran of that course, Cpl. Jim Mayne, of West Summerland, B.C. Roy was in town to see his son, an officer in the Canadian Navy.

Youngish and breezy for a school principal and father of an officer, Roy sends his regards to the boys back at his old station in Canada. By the way, the boys know him better as "Duke" than Cpl. White.

If Sgt. Johnny Carrick, another R/M, sees this Roy would like him to write in care of the Canadian Base P.O.

Cpl. Ray Wallace, of Halifax, and LACs Stan Currie, of the same city, and Steve Anderson, of Vancouver, spent a few days in London early last week. Steve went on to Essex to look up civvy friends.

LAC Joe "Take that literally" Lashmore, of Wallaceburg, Ont., and LAC Don Manson, of Hamilton, happened to meet up at the Beaver Club last week. The boys came over together.

Joe would like R-112228 LAC Roy Leard, a R/M, to write. The Canadian Base P.O. in England will do the trick, Roy.

Despite his nickname, LAC "Scotty" MacKay, of Limerick, Sask., has been spending almost all his leaves in England. He wants to rouse another tardy letter-writer, too, one Lloyd Lorimer, an LAC R/M.

"After the war I'm going to bum around the world and then settle down in the mountains," says LAC Norm Wallace, of Calgary, as his contribution to post-war problems.

Norm visited around town last week with LAC Gord Sutherland. It took no more than one glass of pop to work Gord up to declaring, "I come from Toronto, garden spot of the world."

Cpl. Clair Clark, of Orillia, Ont., spent last week with his observer brother, "Merv." London is reported as worn out but doing well.

By Cpl. Harry Sayers

WITH balmy spring in the air, our thoughts turned to softball last week and we had our first practice of the season. Some pretty good players are present on this station. A three-team round robin was played so everyone could show their stuff. Batteries for the three teams were: Neilson and Currie; Murray and Ford; Smith and Smithson. We soon hope to have four teams on the station to play in a station league, and from these we'll draw players for a team to engage nearby units, including American teams if possible.

Gord Duff paid us a return visit and brought some magazines and a few goodies along as well as some softballs.

Our "Au Revolt" party was a success and we do mean SUCCESS. For the occasion a special decoration was instituted, and P/O Vern Ellars pinned the gong to the tunics of Cpl. Jack Allen, LACs Dick Fullford, Bill Sellors and Frank Delavigne who are leaving our midst with Cpl. Ivan Wasson and LAC Harry Hall, who did not return from leave in time for the party. Also honoured were LACs Joe Freeman and Danny Daniels, who are going to take air crew training.

Incidentally, when we first reported the names of those leaving us the name of Dick Fullford was omitted. However, Dick, who comes from Toronto, is going, too.

Already left are Cpls. Hal Sjoquist and Johnny Parkin, both B.C. men. We suggested that Cpl. Jack Hurd would be joining the postees, but later information intimates Jack is staying with us for a while at least.

Al Shaw is enjoying a potential N.C.O.'s course, while Jack Wallis has a nice suntan (on his face) as a result of his two weeks' "Command" training. Tough boy, Jack!

On leave are LACs Waldman, Nation, Horn and Murray, all of whom are heading to London. Nation and Horn expect to visit other southern points in their travels.

Recovering after a tonsillotomy and anticipating some sick leave is Arnie Selwood. Hurry up and get back, Arnie; softball has started you know.

AT RECEPTION CENTRE

At a RCAF reception centre in Britain awaiting further training are Sgt. Pilots Orville Brownlee, Isham, Sask.; Sandy MacPherson, Myrtle, Man.; "Beebe" Brown and Bob Younger, both of Winnipeg; Louis Turatola, Montreal; "Mac" McIlwain, Boston, Mass.; and Julian Rabehuk, Yorkton, Sask.



At a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace some of the members of the RCAF (two are now in the American forces) to receive their medals from His Majesty the King are shown above. Front row: P/O Earle F. Warren, Regina; 2nd Lt. W. D. McMonagle; F/L Gordon L. Goodall, Brantford, Ont. Back row: F/O H. H. Wright, Southend, Eng., the English member of the group; P/O Frank F. Hamilton, Mazewood, Sask.; and F/S W. G. Egri, Abbotsford, B.C. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

RCAF MEMBERS ATTEND INVESTITURE CEREMONY

LAC Carter Gets B.E.M. And Two Americans Receive D.F.M.

Marking their gallantry in operations the largest number of members of the RCAF yet to be decorated attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive medals from His Majesty the King. All told, 16 RCAF members appeared on the list but, owing to exigencies of the service, not all were able to turn up.

Two wore uniforms of the U.S. Army Air Force. They were Second Lieut. Dale Soderquist, of Underwood, North Dakota, and Second Lieut. W. D. McMonagle. Both received the D.F.M. They were among the many Americans who had transferred to their country's forces.

Soderquist was gunner in an aircraft over Germany when it was attacked by two Ju. 88s. Though wounded in the arm he maintained his fire and shot down one of the German fighters. McMonagle was captain of an aircraft raiding Germany when two Me.109s attacked and severely damaged his kite. The gunner got one Me.109 and McMonagle flew on to bomb the target. Despite

attacks and further damage on the return flight, he brought his aircraft back.

Sole representative of Canadian ground crew was young LAC R. Carter, of Kelfield, Sask. He received the British Empire Medal. When he saw an aircraft crash in flames, he rushed up, enlarged a hole in it with his bare hands and, although his hands bled badly, he went in and effected a rescue.

Two other D.F.M. winners who received their decorations were P/O Robert Oates, of Badgerose, Ont., and W/O Desmond McCabe, of St. Catharines, Ont.

Other Canadians on the investiture list were F/L Gordon Goodale, D.F.M., Brantford; P/O Frank Hamilton, D.F.M., Mazewood, Sask.; P/O James Meagher, D.F.M., Mulgrave, N.S.; F/S Libere Boucher D.F.M., Grand Falls, N.B.; F/S William Leavitt, D.F.M., Regina; F/S Francis Mitchell, D.F.M., Letterville, Que.; Sgt. William Bihoray, D.F.M., Redwater, Alta.; Sgt. William Egri, D.F.M., Abbotsford, B.C.; Sgt. George Reardon, St. George, N.B.; Sgt. Leroy Stevens, D.F.M., Rapid City; and Sgt. Earle Warren, D.F.M., Regina.

Nine Canadians of those decorated came from one RAF squadron. Of these eight were members of the RCAF.

ARMY NINE WINS

By LAC DOUG. HAROLD ONE game under our belt and umpteen to go. So much for the coming softball season for the Swordfish Squadron's nine, whose opening game opponent was a team representing the Canadian Black Watch R.I.R.

The game, apart from being evenly matched, also provided some humorous moments such as Base Umpire Ray Ponzers' rush in from the second base line, arms waving, to impose a "\$20 fine" on relief hurler Polosky for throwing the ball earthwards in disgust after walking three men. Bill promptly replied by disposing of the next three men via the strike-out route. And Speed Kelly's yell from the second sack, "Get that ball down here—don't you know there's a war on?" coming at a time when our thoughts were temporarily oh, so far from the realities of war, focused back on that familiar sand-lot at home. P.S. There was a man on third at the time.

With our team out in front by an 8-6 count at the end of the scheduled seven innings, it was agreed upon to prolong the game for the full nine frames. The top half of the 8th was all the Army boys needed to turn defeat into victory, for, as the scoring summary so sadly shows, four runs were pushed across before the third man was finally retired.

The three stars for our side: Cpl. Sandy Sand—for his tidy twirling during the major part of the game and the clean double and single he contributed to the team's batting average (Officers and WAAFs in Pay Accounts, please note); Pte. Bill Polosky, a star on any man's softball team, and F/S C. G. Kelly, the Kingsville Kulte for his classy catching, cute cracks and colour. For the Montreal Black Watch squad, the work of short-stop Pte. Wally Thomas and Sgt. Bert Garner in left field stood out. Thomas connected for the game's lone home run.

The Black Watch, who were accompanied by Supervisor Bernie O'Callaghan, of Ottawa, fielded the following team: Sgt. Johnny and Cliff Isherwood, Bert Garner, Gord Cummings, and Eric LeMoine; L/Cpl. Jimmy Barclay and Ptes. Jack Millar, Wally Thomas, Red Thomson, Moe Murdock. The line-up for our outfit, in addition to the

three mentioned above: Sgt. Paul Bergamini, Cpls. Bob Bogie and Bob Hammond, LACs Dock Sullivan, Squeak Teale, and Bert Bleiby, Umpire: Sgt. Doug McEwan (Army). Gossip originating from the SDO's office has it that P/O C. C. Smith, Edmonton, N.B., spent last Sunday in the good (subject for debate) old-fashioned way. Yes, indeed, "Smitty" was not only present on church parade, but subsequently spent a good portion of the day taking knitting lessons—WAAF style. Knit 1, pearl 1, drop 1, skip 1, retrieve 1, and so forth. DETERMINATION, that's what.

ON LEAVE

A HAPPY man in a cold sweat—that was Sgt. Wilbur Hoppus, of Lacombe, Alta., on a morning not long ago. His Wellington had been over Duisberg the night before and had come through unscathed as far as the crew knew. Next morning the "erks" found 26 small holes clustering in the tail around his rear turret.

Other members of his crew are Sgt. Dan Rae, of Regina, captain, and Sgt. Dave Lyn, of Montreal, bomb-aimer. Two sergeant WAGs from another Wellington squadron visited London last week. They are Reg. Cressall, of Winnipeg, and Bert "Frenchy" Lafreniere, a Saskatchewan man. On duty the boys fly on the Sub. Front.

In London alone "and having a good time at that" was Cpl. Jimmy Aitchison, of Vancouver, last week. Now an A.F.M. the corp. was a steamfitter in Clivy Street. He would like his brother, F/O George Aitchison, to write in care of the Canadian Base P.O.

HALIFAX O.T.U.

Canadian graduates from a Halifax O.T.U. include: P/O Joe Laurel, a pilot from Chicago; Sgt. AG Kelly, Montreal; and three sergeant pilots, "Grif" Griffiths and Brandow, both of Seikirk, Man., and Al Hatch, Saskatchewan.



WITH THE R.A.F.

IN town after a refresher course at O.T.U. Sgt. "Andy" Anderson, a WAG from Anna-polis Royal, F.S., was asked by some dull humorist if he really was refreshed. "Not after last night," said "Andy" wearily. Two sergeant WAG pals of his who took the same O.T.U. "pause that refreshes" and came to London with him afterward are Don Heard, Oshawa, and Tom Granville, Portreede, Sask.

Three times light-heavy champ. of No. 4 Wireless S.F.T.S. in Canada, Sgt. WAG S.F.T.S. in Canada, Sgt. WAG Johnny Borthwick, Brantford, Ont., was seen displaying football work that he certainly didn't learn in the fistcuts game at a Beaver Club dance last week.

While at S.F.T.S. he also captained the station hockey team. Johnny's civil job was unusual—carpet-weaving.

Crewmates of his in town with him were F/O Frank Stone, an Ottawa pilot, and Sgt. H. M. Anderson, another WAG and a Nova Scotian.

P/Os Arnold Guy, Woodstock, N.B., and "Robbie" Robson, Toronto; F/Ss "Ernie" Erneuwine, Toronto, and McPhee, an Albertan; Sgt. "Bud" McKay, Windsor, Ont.; Ken MacSween, Kincardine, Ont.; Collin Ettles, "Buck" Buckles and Don Lauder, all Torontonians; and Bob Eble, Orange, N.J.

Visiting a cousin in Brighton and friends in Bournemouth took up Sgt. Oliver Keddy's time on holiday last week. A WAG from the Nova Scotia Kingston, he spent leave with the other sergeant WAG in his crew, one Bill Hardy, of Fort William, Ont. The boys have just graduated from "acclimatization" course at a Hudson O.T.U.

Three Canadian fliers who are instructing in Britain at present are F/O Jeff Slocombe, Vancouver, F/S Turner Frederickson, Glenboro, Man., and Sgt. Barton Smith, Toronto.

Other Hudson "acclimatization" course grads, who showed up last week were Sgt. WAGs Vernon Walsh, Sydney, N.S.; "Lefty" Fox, Ottawa; Laurie Lawrence and Dick Windsor, chums from way back in Fort William, Ont.; and Jimmy Ellis and Ron Leber, both Ontario men.

Vern and "Lefty" now that they are used to British weather visited London last week to get that weatherbeaten look.

Sgt. S. J. Peacock, a WAG from Orillia, Ont., has just been posted to O.T.U.

Five sergeant bomb-aimers who have just graduated from A.F.U. and were last heard of dropping on target areas of leave are Copping, of Ottawa; Ashbury, Anderson and Forge, all of Toronto; and Barlow, also an Ontario man.

It's a far cry from Redwater, Alta., to Buckingham Palace, but Sgt. W. W. Bigoray did it last week. What's more he met the King, and the King gave him a D.F.M. Right—it was at the investiture ceremony that so many Canadians had the pleasure of attending. Along with Bigoray were crewmates P/O W. A. R. Barry, D.F.C., Russell, Man., and F/S S. P. Grant, Brockville, Ont.

The boys are members of an all-Canadian crew in a RAF Wellington squadron. Their skipper is P/O Ted Paulton, D.F.C., Windsor, Ont.

F/O Harvey Pollock, McConnell, Man., P/O Al Sturrock, of Hamilton, pilot and observer respectively in a Coastal squadron, spent leave in London, Dundee, Nottingham and points north.

No. 7 DIST. H.Q.

ABOUT time our small but efficient sub-headquarters from the far north supplied a few henricks for WINGS ABROAD. Our one and only F/S "Willy" Harrison, from Hamilton, Ont., has found night life of this north country town a wee bit hard, and so, very much against his will, he had to have a forced rest in hospital to recuperate, which took a couple of weeks, but he is now back to work, and has found that he is still all in one piece. F/L F. W. MacLean, Protestant Padre, from the "Feg," has left our district for a view of England from No. 3 District. Good luck, Sir! S/L E. W. Gillen, R.C. Padre, from the Maritimes, has just returned from the land of the green, where he had a short chat with Prime Minister De Valera. Our small staff has been enlarged by the posting of Mr. Cheeseman, Canadian Legion, from the Queen City of Canada, who will assist Mr. H. F. Mills in making the boys in Northern Scotland happy.

We also have two new G.D.s, namely Cpl. Dearing, from Edmonton, and ACI Lee, another Queen City chap. Take heed, all you Wild Westers (if you're home-sock), of the following that could only happen in two places: here and the wild and woolly west of Canada. Reminiscences of a Wild West Rodeo were brought to mind recently when the staff were amazed to see a bevy of bovine beasts (cows to you) being herded past the office (incidentally, we're on the main street, and in the centre of the town). LAC "Home on the Range" Anderson was all for getting back to his boots and saddle, to give a preview of the Calgary Stampede, but the restraining voices of the Easterners present seemed to damp his ardour, so he reluctantly admired them through the window.

Another little item of interest to the ones who are lucky enough to get leave, and any Westerner who happens to read the above and decides to visit this town, we have now opened the Canadian Legion Hostel on the third floor of this Headquarters.

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Sgt. WAG Ken McConnell, of Toronto, visited Sgt. Oba. Tommy Watmore, of Regina, last week. Tommy was staying with friends at Croycroft.

"A jolly visit to Germany" was described by Sgt. AG Gord Wickson, of Vancouver, the other day. Cloud was 10/10ths, and the flak, searchlights and nightfighters just didn't show. Despite the visibility drawback the boys let their target have a "smooie," "cookie" smack on the snout.

Only Canuck in his crew, Gord flies as a Lancaster rear-gunner. Should P/O "Mac" Carter, a friend of Gord's from Civvy street in Vancouver, scan this line, he is invited to write him in care of Canadian Base P.O. Though born in Czechoslovakia, Sgt. Steve Repchik, now of Toronto, says:

Canada's a great place. I think I'll stay there after the war.

Awaiting O.T.U., Steve visited London last week, looking for Signaman Frank Blake, of the Canadian Army. If Steve didn't succeed in his hunt and Frank sees this, will he write in care of the Canadian Base P.O.?

"Bags of excitement on and off duty" is how F/S Bruce Powell, of Winnipeg, describes life on an Aussie Hampden torpedo-bomber squadron.

A navigator (B) and a member of the RCAF, he is one of the few Canadians attached to the RAAF. Bruce used to go to the University of Manitoba before he enlisted.

P/O Jim Orr, of London, Ont., finished a Lancaster conversion course recently. Before enlisting he was a high school teacher, specialising in French and German. He got his B.A. in Western University on a four-year scholarship. Now Orr is a navigator.

Glebe Collegiate

One-time editor of the students' paper at Glebe Collegiate, Sgt. Wyck Whelan, of Ottawa, is flying nowadays in a Coastal Command Hudson piloted by F/O Art Henderson, of Edmonton. He is a WAG.

F/S Russ Whelan, a Calgary navigator, has finished his first tour of ops. He began with Coastal Command Hudsons and finished with Ferry Command. "No complaints either," said Russ. "It was all right, the whole tour."

If hometown pal, Sgt. J. B. Thompson, sees this Russ would like him to write in care of Canadian Base P.O. The same goes for F/L Ed Mason, Assiniboia, Sask.

Wearing an observer's wing of unusual design—"It should be okay, it cost me ten bob"—Sgt. Kevin Mulcair, of Montreal, visited London on leave last week.

Other Canadians taking the same course at his Mosquito O.T.U. are Sgts. John Yanota, Blairmore, Alta., and Roger Gurnett, another Albertan.

Canadian Spitfire pilots who have recently graduated from British O.T.U.s include:

CANUCKS JOIN RAF RAID ON ITALIAN PORT

Returning Crews Describe Pathetic Defences Of Naval Base

Canadians who flew in the RAF's heavy attack on the important naval base of Spezia, northern Italy, last week reported that the dockyard and town were well ablaze when they left the target. Defences were described as "pathetic."

P/O Robert W. Randolph, of Winnipeg, saw a large ship burning in the dockyard. Randolph's crew only just managed to get home with only two gallons of gas available for their engines, though they had a hundred gallons left in one tank. Half-way home they discovered that the balance cock from one of the tanks was defective and it was impossible to make a repair. So they flew on and landed safely at a coastal airfield.

Bombed Dockyard
F/S Graham Coburn, of Barry, Ont., and Sgt. Garvin Porter, of Saltcoats, Sask., flying in a Lancaster, saw a great deal of smoke over the town and harbour, so they bombed the dockyard. There was so much smoke they couldn't tell whether it was caused by bombs or an Italian smoke-screen.

Other Canadians who flew on the raid were: Sgt. Ken Millar, Ottawa; Sgt. John Victor Watson, Lansing, Ont.; F/O Eric W. Patterson, Moose Jaw; Sgt. Jack Price, Los Angeles; Sgt. Charlie Glover, Winthorpe, Sask.; Sgt. Marathon, Hefferon, Salisbury, Rhodesia; and formerly of Hamilton: P/O Maurice McCullagh, Calgary; Sgt. L. H. Todd, Stettler, Alta.; Sgt. Thomas McDowell, Vancouver; Sgt. Glen Harris, Stratford, Ont.; Sgt. Cecil Gording, Vulcan, Alta.; P/O Roy Collins, Toronto; Sgt. M. E. Baker, Montreal; Sgt. Howard Thornicroft, Westmount; Sgt. Stanley H. Allison, Toronto; Sgt. George Leach, Minburn, Alta.; Sgt. Mel Levins, Lyleton, Sask.; F/S Hugh McNeill, McKinnon Harbour, N.S.; Sgt. Harry Sheenan, Vancouver.

BEGG'S SQUADRON PLAYS SOFTBALL

Softball is in full swing at W/C Begg's squadron. Two exhibition games have been played, and it looks as though there will be plenty of competition in the four-team league which will be formed with entries from "A" Flight, "B" Flight, Maintenance and Headquarters.

In the first encounter "A" Flight staged a sixth inning rally to shove across five runs to defeat Headquarters 6-4. A home run in this inning by ACI Haney with two men on bases was the deciding factor.

In the second contest, Maintenance swamped "B" Flight 18-1, the loser getting their only tally in the seventh frame. Jack Diamond pitched a stellar game for the winners, allowing only four hits. ACI Haynes and Cpl. Buckle hammered out circuit clouts for Maintenance.

Batteries—Headquarters: Sgt. Sturte. Cpl. Williamson and ACI Jopling; "A" Flight: LAC Davis and P/O Theriault; "B" Flight: Sgt. Sturte, Plastow and P/O Zetterstrand; Maintenance: LAC Diamond and LAC Blicher.

CANADIAN CREWS MAN MOSQUITOES

Bill King, of Orangeville, Ont., the young navigator who stuck to his work when wounded in the leg and stomach over Dusseldorf last September, and brought the bomber home by dead-reckoning to win the D.F.C., is back on operations now after a long spell in hospital.

A flying officer, he is a navigator in a Mosquito of Bomber Command.

There are several Canadians with this squadron, all navigators except F/S Kent "Tubby" Chrysler, pilot, of Kerrobert, Sask.

Chrysler, who puts in polishing hours each day on his Mosquito to get the last ounce of speed out of it, has a Canadian crew, the other half of it being F/S Ray Logan, of Winnipeg.

Two new members of this squadron are P/O George Tait, of Vancouver, who has done a tour of ops on Stirlings, and WO H. W. E. "Bud" Hammond, of Toronto, who has done his tour on Lancasters.

Another Canadian with this squadron is F/L G. D. S. Koester, an RCAF trained navigator from Senahu, Guatemala.



This is how W/O Robert E. Spence, of Highgate, Ont. (right) and his Australian air-gunner looked when they were picked up by a British patrol near El Alamein after walking some 500 miles over the desert... a feat that took them almost a month.

(Official RCAF Photograph)

PAIR TREK 500 MILES OVER WESTERN DESERT

W/O Spence and Australian Spend Nearly a Month Walking

After being given up for dead, and actually sleeping in a tomb, W/O Robert E. Spence, D.F.M., of Highgate, Ont., is back in London from the Middle East—with quite a reputation as a pedestrian.

Bob's reputation began the night of October 8, 1942, when his Wellington bomber was shot up during a raid on Tobruk. The port engine was hit and it immediately packed up, hundreds of miles inside enemy territory. The Wimpy lost altitude rapidly, and it was decided to bale out. Four of the crew got together again on the ground, but the tail-gunner had a shrapnel wound, and another member had a recurrence of an old ankle injury. On their suggestion they were left behind near railway trucks where they would be picked up and taken care of, while Spence and his Australian air-gunner, Sgt. Johnny Wood, would try to walk back to the British lines.

They had a few cans of bully beef, a can of tomato juice, emergency dinghy rations and escape kits. The Horlick's tablets proved to be their salvation. They kept up their strength and didn't make them thirsty.

Precious Salvage
The pair had to take plenty of detours to avoid enemy patrols and several times were chased by German aircraft. When they came across wrecked tanks and transport they were able to collect precious salvage—water from radiators and canned food from the debris. Walking was very rough, and their service boots began to give them a lot of trouble, so they made rubber insoles, salvaged from a wrecked bomber, which proved a big help and enabled them to maintain a pretty fast pace. By day they suffered from extreme heat. At night the cold was bitter. Until they found two German blankets they had been using part of a parachute to wrap themselves in at night. Despite the fact that they were dead tired, they found it almost too cold to sleep. They got terribly thirsty at times, and one night when it poured rain they were able to collect water in the hollows of the lava rock.

One day they stumbled across an Egyptian tomb and explored it in the hope of finding water. There was none. They cut weeds nearby, made mattresses and spent the night in the tomb. As they plodded through the Quattara Depression they were getting weary and almost exhausted, until they came across an Arab camp. They stayed with the Arabs for a few days to regain their strength and found the camel's milk and the rice queer tasting stuff.

Anxious to rejoin their squadron the two airmen were soon on their way again. Their weight was dropping steadily as they struggled on, and the closing stages were cruel. It was a great moment in their

lives when they sighted a British patrol some distance south of El Alamein. The pair, looking like a couple of scarecrows, were placed in a hospital for a few days, where they fully recovered and learned that they had been given up for dead. They went off to Palestine for a rest, and within two weeks had regained most of their lost weight.

W/O Spence is happy to be back in England again, but would have liked to stay for the Tunisian campaign. To-day I would take a lot of argument to entice him into anything which resembles a long stroll. "The pedestrian" is tired of being a pedestrian.

EVERY UNIT
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Dave Aiken, St. Catherine's Ont.; F/O H. W. MacDonald, London, Ont.; Sgt. Jim Dallyn Brockville, Ont.; Sgt. Steve Suprunoff, Trail, B.C.; and Sgt. Jack Box, Ca'ahocle, Ont.

F/S Jack Marriott, of Ottawa, a navigator of W/C Plt Clayton's squadron reported a few flak holes in his aircraft, which at the time he attributed to the wind.

Sgt. David Crockett's version of the raid was: "If we'd been a few feet farther down we could have roasted some hot dogs."

Among other Clayton men on the raid were: Sgt. Larry Sturdy, North Wiltshire, P.E.I.; Sgt. Joe Penner, Nipawin, Sask.; Sgt. Jack Prieur, Norville, Que.

Captain of a Wellington of an RAF squadron, F/S Bob Currie of Red Deer, Alta., former Turner Valley engineer apprentice, was in on the beginning of the show. We were able to make an "O.T.U. bombing run," he said.

Rear-gunner Sgt. Jack Booth of Saskatoon, figured that if the raid continued as it started that Stuttgart was in for a good "prang." It did.

CANUCKS ARE TO PLAY U.S.

Baseball Season to Open Sunday at Haringay For Aid to Russia

The RCAF will be represented in the Canadian v. American baseball league which will open at Haringay Arena at 1.15 p.m. on Sunday, April 25th. The game is being held under the auspices of Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund.

Eight teams are represented in the league—four American, three Canadian and one English team. Football parks in the London area will be given over for a game that is fast becoming popular with the English people.

The league is being played in aid of the Red Cross. No admission fee will be charged for games but a silver collection will be taken up.

The Canadian airmen will play with Canadian Military Headquarters. They are: P/O Jack Lutes, Moncton; LAC Jack Stewart, Saskatoon; LAC Jack Whitby, London, Ont.; Cpl. "Red" Groves, Stratford, Ont.; LAC Jack Tuxford, London, Ont.

FORTRESS CREWS THANK FIGHTERS

Fighter pilots of the RCAF who have taken part in many operations as escorts to U.S. Flying Fortresses recently received recognition from American air crews for their part in these forays.

A signal sent to all fighter squadrons that have taken part in the raids, including those of Canadian Fighter Wing, read:

"A British liaison officer attached to U.S.A.A.F. Headquarters has recently visited all U.S.A.A.F. bomber squadrons in this country.

"U.S.A.A.F. bomber crews are unanimous in their praise and gratitude for the magnificent escort protection which fighters in this group have afforded them. They wish their appreciation conveyed to all pilots in the group."

PAY TABLE CRUMBS

AT the newly formed U.K.B.A. Unit, Airmen and W.D.s alike have been seeing red for the last three weeks. Pay books, hundreds—yes! thousands of red pay books have been completed in this short time.

AW Brenda Moffatt makes the first headline at this unit. It's wedding bells for Brenda early in June—the lucky fellow, Sgt. Harry Mayson of the Forestry Corps.

And what was that incident in the S.A.O.'s office one day last week? LAW Smith (Myrna) recommended Harvey Nichols as the best place to buy men's shirts, collars and "things." F/L Seidel, however, suggests for the benefit of all other male shoppers that said store should have a large sign prominently displayed reading: "Exclusive Ladies' Wear."

Who's face was red? Both F/L Seidel and LAW Smith are wearing a permanent blush these days. Last week's investiture at Buckingham Palace saw LAW Della Baxter's brother awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry at Dieppe. And it was a happy week-end for LAW Doris Vincent, who received news of her brother's arrival from Canada.

Sgt. Mary Ward busier than a "flea in a fit" getting things organized, and although several of the W.D.s "go to the dogs" on Saturday afternoons, there's no lack of enthusiasm or co-operation at U.K.B.A.U.

"This and That Department..." "You've-got-to-play-ball" Sulker has added a crown to his three stripes... Cpls. Ladouceur and Webster are sporting a third hook. F/O Calloway soon leaves us to take up new duties elsewhere. Willie, The Office Prophet, says W/O Clem Kavanagh has quit Hammer-smith on Saturday nights in order to be in good shape to coach his softball hopefuls on Sundays. They played a game against the rookies last week, and according to the score Clem should stay at home Fridays also... Bill Moulton, the rookies' hurler, had Ran Mornhey, Mike Haffey and Ken Moore eating out of his hand. Every time this trio came to bat a blonde in centre-field waved back at them. LAC R. D. Smith is looking for capable tooters to offer their wind for a unit orchestra. LAC Bob Price returned from temporary duty with a hair-cut resembling a well-worn Fuller brush. LAC Beefer Greer was being conveyed around the Queensberry Club by a five-by-five wren last week.

AIRCRAFT AND U-BOATS FIGHT IN THE ATLANTIC

RCAF Sunderland Crew Hit Two Subs in Course Of Operations

In what was described as the "biggest battle" yet between Coastal Command aircraft and submarine wolf-packs, air crews were able to claim 19 attacks on the U-boats. Numbers of Canadians were scattered among the crews of the Sunderlands, Liberators and Fortresses that were entrusted with the protection of two convoys. The air-sea battle went on for four days and Coastal Command recorded tens of thousands of miles flown in their course.

"We saw our first Jerry within a short time of meeting the convoy," said F/O Brent Howell, of Boissevain, Man., a Sunderland captain.

Sharing the controls with him during the sortie was P/O Dick Stallinger, of Norwood, Man. Other Canadians in the crew were F/O Norman V. Martin, Winnipeg observer; Sgt. D. M. "Doc" Proudlock, WOP/AG, of Calgary; and Sgt. T. D. V. Bescombe, flight engineer of New Westminster, B.C.

Saw Conning Tower
Howell sighted the conning tower of his first sub in the morning and ordered the crew to attack positions. With depth charges out on the wing positions he dived to the attack and straddled the U-boat with a row of depth charges as it crashed.

Later in the day they saw another U-boat and dived to attack. The U-boat remained on the surface and sent up light A.A. which burst just ahead of the Sunderland. All gun turrets registered hits on the sub's conning-tower before it finally dived. By this time the flying-boat was making its bombing run and a depth charge was dropped almost directly on the sub.

The stern of the U-boat was blown about 70 feet in the air and as it went down there were three underwater convulsions followed by a great swirl of bubbles.

Howell returned later to the scene of the attack and found an oil patch approximately 100 by 30 yards, and heavy air bubbles rising to the surface.

CONVERSION COURSE
Recently finished a conversion course to multi-engined bombers in Britain are Sgts. Jack Patterson, Winnipeg, Bob Ferguson, Brantford, Ont., Johnny Cummings, Vancouver, and Art Hamilton, Eastern Ontario, all four pilots; and Ted Froats, air-gunner, Ottawa.

Another RCAF veteran of Britain and Malta is F/O Cyril Gosling, of North Battleford, Sask. He got his baptism of fire at Dieppe, where he was hit in the leg by machine-gun fire. He had the chunk of metal removed by the M.O. and was back in action in half an hour. He's been over Sicily so many times he knows the island like a book. On two recent "do's" he hit a Syracuse marshalling yard and destroyed a floating seaplane off the Sicilian coast.

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Two Malta fighter squadrons, to which F/O George Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. and Bar, belonged in succession, still have many representatives of the RCAF.

One is now led by one of the American squadron commanders still in the RAF, S/L John Lynch, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who in peace time taught civics to fly at Alhambra, California.

Recently promoted to flight commander in one of the squadrons is burly F/L Steve Randall, of Toronto. Steve got the first half of his 140 hours of ops. on an RCAF Spitfire squadron in Britain. Since coming to Malta last year he has been in the thick of sweeps, patrols, "low levels" and fighter-bomber attacks. He has come through his full share of scraps unscathed.

Like a Book
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WOMEN'S DIVISION

EXCITEMENT ran high early this week among the W.D.s. No, the reason wasn't morning parade at 08.00 hours (which is really only six o'clock if you stop to figure it out) although that announcement in D.R.O.s. we have to admit, had its effect. But our numbers were increased once more with reinforcements from Canada and this time some of the girls were lucky enough to sport the new uniform and hat. A mock fashion parade was staged in one waiting room while the old timers gazed in awe at this new creation.

JERRY MUSGROVE IS BACK FOR MORE OPS

After seven months in a hospital with a broken arm, F/S Jerry Musgrove, of Calgary, is back on ops, with his old squadron. First trip since his long lay-off was actually the 13th of his tour, a successful raid on Wilhelmshaven. Jerry trained as a wireless op and remustered in England to the newer trade of bomb aimer on Stirlings. He is now with a crew in which are four other Canadians: F/S Gordon Vinod, navigator, from Pittsburgh, Sgt. John McCrindle, wireless op, of Miami, Man., F/S Paul Shaughnessy, of Westmount, Que., and F/S T. R. Bond, rear-gunner, of Winnipeg.

Cpl. Jill Wieg visited there. And Windsor Castle had its share of Canadians on Sunday afternoon, among them being a few W.D.s. Everyone seemingly enjoyed the tour, which was arranged by the Beaver Club. And then there were those who remained in London and sun-burned on roof tops! Cpl. Cotterill, a Hamiltonian, had a couple of days' leave last week and we understand spent it here in London. That tall blonde with wings on his chest wasn't in town at the same time, by any chance? Now let's hear from the girls at Bomber Group. LAW Dorothy Wilson, of Ottawa, spent leave with her husband whom she hadn't seen for a couple of years. A Scotch lass, LAW A. Coutts, is visiting her family in Scotland. In hospital with 'flu were S/O Kendall, a Montrealer, and LAW June Taylor, who hails from Ocean Falls, B.C. Both are recovered now, we are glad to report. LAWs Rose Spencer, Faery Glenn, Sask., and Mary Rurbeck, a Unitv. Sask. gal, recently had 48's in London. And we understand that LAW Florence McCann, another citizen of Ottawa, has gotten herself engaged to a lad in what?

HEADQUARTERS

AT 7 o'clock on Easter Monday evening Headquarters softball will open with the Officers playing the C.C.'s branch at Regent's Park. To date the practices have shaped up well, with all teams showing a good brand of ball that promises an excellent season. Personnel will be the team to beat this year, it is whispered around the Personnel section. Five H.Q. men will be playing hardball in the Canadian-American league which starts Sunday at Harringway. The big-leaguers are Windsor, Whitby, Tuxford, Lutes and Stewart.

The unusual pall of quiet that has descended over H.Q. can be attributed to only one thing. The M.T. Section has moved down to the garage—completely. Cpl. Clarke, the H.Q. Commando, slams that drill foot of his down harder than a pile driver. One day that foot will come up wearing a sizeable chunk of sidewalk. Bobbie Davies can be seen almost any noon hour in the Canadian Salvation Army Canteen entertaining the troops with a 14kt Crosbyish voice. He's in a rut though, knowing only the "Road to Morocco." Around him also can be seen any noon hour many H.Q. minions reclining in various positions and wishing fervently that Bob would take the road instead of murdering it. Ho hum can Central Registry stand it?

"London," Ian Grimsgarde says, "is a bar, around which is built the Hammermith Palais, around which are built some awfully vague houses." Those cries, splashing and screaming coming from the general direction of the men's wash room will always be LAC Chinivert, the original little moron, washing his hands and, believe it or not, singing. In an effort to expedite pay parade last week Sgt. Jerry Walsh started one line of men up to the paymaster's desk with the order to "March in threes." The pay parade wouldn't expedite however and it went back on a legitimate basis.



Sgt. E. E. Wertzler, of Regina, won his D.F.M. during an attack on the Ruhr. His aircraft was attacked by a nightfighter, and although he was wounded in the leg he continued to man his guns until the enemy was driven off. In the meanwhile a fire had started in the bomb bay. He put this out in spite of an injury to his eye from the extinguisher. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

EMOND'S SHIP WAS SUNK BY ITALIAN SUBMARINE

Former Adjutant Has News Of Canuck Squadron In Ceylon

S/L E. R. Emond, of Ottawa, who was adjutant of the RCAF Catalina squadron in Ceylon, has just arrived back in England. The ship in which he was returning to Britain was torpedoed on the way by an Italian sub. Emond was in bed when "there was a deep shudder and a dull thud." He put on a shirt and a pair of pants, went hastily through his trunk for a few small belongings and then made for the boats. "There was a bunch of Polish A.T.S. girls aboard," he remarked. "I want to say I have never seen anything like the courage and discipline that those girls displayed. They literally queued up to wait their turn to get into the boats. When they were all safely aboard, some other men and myself got in, and we managed to lower the boats all right." Not much later the sub surfaced and a member of its crew asked for the name of the ship. "They also asked for one of the ship's officers," Emond continued, "but we just couldn't

find one of them. They seemed to be very disappointed. Later they fired another torpedo into our ship, which sank within ten minutes or so. In Emond's boat there were 92 passengers. All they had was dry biscuits and water. They stayed around the wreckage, picking up such survivors as they could find. The water was covered with a thick oily slime and all aboard were violently sick from the fumes. A Catalina flew over and circled 15 hours after they had taken to the boats. "I never knew one could look so good," Emond grinned. A British destroyer and two corvettes turned up the next evening and picked them up. "It was pretty much of a crush, but I just found an empty space of deck and went to sleep until next morning," Emond concluded. "The Canadians in Ceylon are making themselves comfortable at their base, which is one of the wilder sections of the island," he said. "Some of the radio boys have fixed up a hut as a broadcasting studio. They run regular programs with music, comedy and news. Loudspeakers are spread through the camp. A squadron newspaper is in preparation now as well.

TORPEDO BOMBERS

Canadians who recently wound up studies in a Wellington torpedo-bomber course in Britain include the following sergeant WAGs: Harold Irvine, Iroquois, Ont.; Guy Cyr, Eastview, Ont., who sports Fighting French insignia as well as his WAG wing and Canada badges, out of sympathy for the land of his forefathers; Bernard McPherson, Grand Falls, B.C.; and Bill Brady, Montreal.

WEDDINGS

JANE-JONES.—ACI Bruce Jane, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jane, of St. Catharines, Ont., was married to ACWI Violet Jones, only daughter of Mrs. Thompson, of Scarborough, England, on Saturday, April 3. The wedding took place at St. Mark's Church, Newby, with the Rev. Stokes officiating at the ceremony. LAC Roger Massicotte, of Montreal, was best man. ACI Jane met his bride while they were both serving with the RCAF "Moose" Squadron.

WELLINGTON O.T.U.

Just graduated from a Wellington OTU are the following: P/O A. B. Douglas, B.A., Edmonton; P/O Hieland, B.A.; P/O W. F. Armstrong, Nav., Truro, N.S.; Sgts. A. J. Grennan, WOP/AG, Winnipeg; Mucklow, B.A., Edmonton; Jackson, B.A.; Touchie, WOP-AG; Simpson, pilot; Link, rear gunner; W/O Tripp, pilot; Sgt. A. Howes, AG. One of the instructors at their unit is P/O Earl Sauve, Pembroke, Ont.

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