



## Winnipeg N.C.O. Bags Three in One Day

### MACCHI 202s ARE SGT. ASKEY'S MEAT

RCAF Fighter Pilots Help Clear Air Of German and Italian Aircraft On Tunisian Front

#### BOMBER FORMATION CHASED OUT TO SEA

SGT. WILMOT MICHAEL ASKEY, of Winnipeg, flying from an airfield beyond Gabes, recently destroyed three enemy aircraft in one day. In earlier battles news came in of two other Canadians destroying two more and getting one "probable."

Askey got the first of his three off Cape Bon at the tip of Tunisia. It was a Macchi 202. He gave it one burst and saw it crash on the beach.

In the afternoon he attacked two more Macchis off the island of Pantelleria. The pilot of the first enemy aircraft attacked baled out as Askey's bullets sprayed around the cockpit. The second Macchi turned to the attack, and as he did so Askey scored hits on the enemy's wings and cockpit and saw the machine dive into the sea. He then flew home alone and undamaged.

Askey, only 20 years old, is a former insurance clerk, and the son of a Canadian Army padre, Major William Askey. He said, "I don't think the first pilot's chute opened. I never saw him again after he jumped."

Askey's score now stands at four destroyed. He shot down his first, an Me.109, early in March at Arram.

#### Other Victories

W/O Fred D. Schofield, of Montreal, and P/O William R. P. Sewell, of Sewellville, Gloucester County, N.B., were concerned in the other victories. They were sent with their squadron to intercept an incoming enemy bomber formation which consisted of Do.217s and Ju.88s with Me.109 escorts. They chased the

### KEPT UP SPORTS IN NORTH AFRICA

F/L Clarence Lloyd Stevens, of St. Mary's, Ont., and F/O Roger W. Haven, of Malden, Mass., have recently returned from the active front in Africa.

They were kept busy with operational work, but still found time for sport. They hunted wild boars, which according to Stevens was "just about as fast a game as playing hockey." They also enjoyed some skiing on the mountains, where they found the snow perfect.

F/O Haven has several souvenir one-shilling notes issued by the British Military Authority, and franc notes issued by the Banque de l'Algerie, which carried an over-print on the left-hand side of the word "Tunisie." This was to guard against the German counterfeit issue.

whole lot out to sea. Schofield described his part in the battle thus:

"The flight leader attacked the rearmost Do.217, going into line astern. His first burst hit the port engine, which gave off black and white smoke. His second burst got the starboard engine, and that's where I came in. The flight leader had to turn away to deal with an Me.109, so I went for the Dornier as it dived away and got in a burst at short range. After that it dived more steeply, and at 4,000 feet burst into flames, turned on its back, and went right into the sea."

Meanwhile F/O Sewell was about to attack a Ju.88 when he saw an Me.109 about to pounce on a fellow pilot. He turned and gave it a long burst from line astern. Black smoke, bits and pieces and glycol came away, but he had to leave it to ward off another Me.109 which was firing at him. Just then a third 109 came dead in front of him. He gave it a short squirt from 30 yards, and saw the aircraft burst into flames and blow up in the air.

The unit these two Canadians fly with is the City of London fighter squadron. The previous day they knocked down two Me.109s.

In another African action F/S Orville Downey, of Hillsboro, N.B., lost his bearings in a dust storm while strafing enemy armoured vehicles, and found himself far over Hun lines in the thick of ack-ack before he turned to struggle back to base.

P/O John Gary Wright, of Ottawa, shot down an Me.109 to bring his score to three destroyed, while F/S L. S. Harvey, of Winnipeg, scored hits on an Me.109, as did W/O Ernest Shea, of Moose Jaw, on a Macchi. P/O Gordon Wilson, of Regina, and F/S Bruce Anderson, of Dawson Creek, B.C., each destroyed an SM79 when RAF fighters smashed a large Axis aerial convoy carrying vital petrol and supplies to the beleaguered Axis army. It was in this combat that F/L Duke, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, famed English fighter pilot, added two more victims to bring his total score to 22, making him the top-ranking ace of the Middle East.



When these four members of the RCAF Women's Division left Canada the ground was still covered with snow. They arrived in England to find spring flowers in bloom. The girls are wearing the new smartly designed uniforms and hats. Left to right: LAW E. Moore, Saskatoon; Cpl. C. P. Rushton, Edmonton; Cpl. M. L. Croucher, Hamilton; and LAW H. J. Dalgleish, Vancouver. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

### RCAF UNIT CHALKS UP FIRST KILL IN TUNISIA

S/L F. B. Foster's Boys Are In High Spirits At Front

Four pilots of a RCAF fighter squadron recently transferred to the Tunisian theatre of operations from the Middle East knocked out their first enemy aircraft in that area.

Sharing the credit for the summary destruction of a Heinkel 111 were the Commanding Officer of the unit, S/L F. B. "Brad" Foster, of Montreal, F/L W. H. Pentland, of Calgary, P/O J. H. Harmer, of Toronto, and F/O Douglas Bruce, of Penticton, B.C.

A formation from the squadron was acting as escort to a convoy off Gabes, when S/L Foster spotted a Heinkel coming in low to launch its torpedoes at the naval craft.

They dived in and the C.O.'s first burst winged the enemy aircraft. Pentland and Harmer each fired a burst, and it broke into flames. One of the crew leaped out of the Heinkel while the action was still in progress, and fell into the sea like a bullet.

#### Blew to Pieces

F/O Bruce, who had been watching the battle from above, came down fast to finish off the flaming torpedo-bomber, with a final deadly blast which literally blew it to pieces at wave-top height.

The Hun pilot, one leg broken by a cannon-shell, was picked up by one of the naval launches, along with his companion who had previously jumped, and who had miraculously escaped injury in his 150 mile-an-hour impact with the water.

The pilots of the unit are in high spirits about being in the front lines of the Tunisian campaign. They were originally posted out to the Middle East under the command of S/L Paul B. Pitcher. While waiting for their fighters to arrive they ferried aircraft all over Africa.

In September the squadron was equipped with Hurricanes, and was engaged in naval convoy duties. In one of the first combats F/S J. Leguerrier, of Montreal, shot down a Ju.88 over Suez.

In January of this year the Squadron was re-equipped with Spitfires, and sent to the Western Desert, where it continued to provide escort duties. F/L W. H. Pentland, of Calgary, gave the coup-de-grace to an Me.110 while escorting a naval intrusion force to Gabes.

### SUCH SUSPENSE!

When an excited reporter noticed Sgt. Bomb Almer George Sinclair of Saskatoon wearing Caterpillar insignia beneath his wing, and demanded a story—he got it, short and sweet.

"I had to bale out of a plane that leed up, but I landed okay," said Sinclair shortly.

"Yes, but what do you feel like in a leap for life?" drooled the drama-hunter.

Sinclair thought it over. "There was a great deal of suspense to it," he admitted sweetly.

### BOULTON GETS ANOTHER ONE

City of Oshawa Squadron Was Returning From Escort Job

Returning from an escort operation, S/L S. H. Boulton, of Coleman, Alberta, leader of the City of Oshawa Squadron, spotted a flight of six F.W.190s and shot one down. Leading the squadron into attack he singled out one, and after a few bursts from his cannons the F.W. went into a flat spin.

This Squadron and the Wolf Squadron had helped to take fighter-bombers to attack an enemy airfield in Normandy. Pilots said they saw hits on the aerodrome and several near misses on the hangars.

"I gave him one burst right on the tail," S/L Boulton said, in describing the attack. "Then I got in a better shot and I could see the cannon shells striking home on the cockpit and cowling. He whipped over and went down in a flat spin. I saw several pieces fly off him when I fired."

F/O R. D. "Dagwood" Phillip, of Toronto, flying with S/L Boulton, got in a burst of fire at another F.W. in the formation and was credited with a damaged.

### TOUR EUROPE IN FIVE OPS

Making a tour of Europe in their first five operations has not been easy for P/O Fred Ewer, of Kelowna, B.C., and his mid-upper gunner, Sgt. Dick Fitch, of Markdale, near Owen Sound, Ont.

Ewer brought a Lancaster home from the Skoda Works attack recently on three engines after being airborne for 111 hours. He landed it safely in spite of a useless engine and a flat tyre, both casualties of a combat with one of Germany's night-fighters. This was the crew's fifth op.

The first was to "Happy Valley," which is no bargain counter except for flak souvenirs.

Then they went to Berlin. Later they went to Berlin again. And then they made the long hop to the Gulf of Genoa to bomb the dockyards of Spezia.

### UNINVITED GUESTS WERE AT BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL

Although uninvited, Canadians were present at Hitler's fifty-fourth birthday festival along with their Allied comrades. Canadians in the RAF were in on the raid on the port and Heinkel works at Rostock. Four-motored bombers of the Canadian group started fires in the dock area and marshalling yards at the German Baltic port of Stettin.

On the same night RAF Mosquitos, Typhoons, Beaufighters and Whirlwinds attacked trains and barges in France and Holland. The Canadian Group reported well-concentrated fires in the marshalling yards that were visible for 100 miles in spite of a brilliant moon, at Stettin.

The Halifax piloted by W/C W. D. "Tiny" Ferris, of Edmonton, did some "extra-mural" shooting on the way to the target. The gunner was F/L Jimmy Hanson, of Westmount, who said: "We were down to 150 feet. The Winco said over the inter-com: 'Train below. Shoot if you like.' I did."

P/O L. H. Mulligan, of Sudbury, in the same kite, said that Jimmy also beat up a flock of searchlights and whopped out at

### A.V.M. CURTIS IS ON MISSION TO MID. EAST

Sees Air Marshal Tedder And Has Chat With RCAF Personnel BEGAN LAST WEEK

AIR VICE-MARSHAL W. A. CURTIS, Deputy A.O.C.-in-C. RCAF Overseas, began his mission to North Africa last week with a visit to Canadian air and ground crews fighting with RAF coastal squadrons. Earlier in the day he spent a considerable time with Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, in charge of air operations in the Mediterranean, and other high ranking officers of the Allied air forces in this theatre. With Air Vice-Marshal Curtis are G/C Hugh Campbell, Director of Air Staff RCAF Overseas, and W/C D. Patterson, Officer Commanding the RCAF in the Middle East.

#### Arranged Meeting

Pilots and other air crew from all parts of Canada met the Air Vice-Marshal in a series of informal chats that took place in crew rooms, hangars and beside aircraft warming up for sorties over the Mediterranean, and he was able to bring about a meeting of two fellow townsmen in different coastal squadrons unknown to one another. When Sgt. J. R. Blair, air-gunner, told the A.V.M. that he came from Cornwall, the Deputy A.O.C. said: "I've just met Sgt. R. U. Marleau from your home town. You chaps should get together."

At the conclusion of the chat Blair went in search of the other air-gunner from his home town.

A.V.M. Curtis spent some minutes with an all-Canadian crew which just recently arrived on a coastal squadron. The crew included Marleau and was skippered by Sgt. R. J. Gray, North Battleford, Sask. The navigator was Sgt. J. L. O'Neill, of Valleyfield, Que., and the other gunner was Sgt. P. P. LaPointe, Montreal.

G/C Campbell met a former flying mate in the course of the visiting. He was W/C Douglas Kiddle, of Ottawa, who has been in the RAF for some years. Kiddle has recently assumed command of a hard working coastal squadron.

W/C Patterson held several interviews and was able to give advice to many of the Canadians on administration problems. (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

### FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY CANADA AND BRITAIN

The Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, P.C., Canadian High Commissioner in London, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, British Secretary of State for Air, formally signed the agreement between the Canadian and British Governments covering the new financial arrangements for the Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas last week at the Air Ministry in London. The new scheme will cost Canada \$3,500,000 in the first year.

Canada has now assumed complete financial responsibility for the RCAF overseas. The new agreement will mean the following changes:

Canada previously paid for the training of all RCAF air crews up to the time they left Canada. After they reached Britain they were paid (according to RAF rates of pay and allowances) by the British Government. The difference between these rates and RCAF rates was made up

by the Canadian Government at home. Now the Canadian Government will take care of all pay and allowances for all RCAF personnel overseas.

Canada was previously wholly responsible only for the maintenance and provision of aircraft for the three original squadrons which came overseas as self-contained units. The succeeding RCAF squadrons which were formed overseas were maintained by the RAF. Now all maintenance, including the purchase of aircraft and the maintenance of RCAF stations, will be the responsibility of the Canadian Government.

Certain special RAF allowances to which members of the RCAF would not normally be entitled will continue to be paid by the British Government to RCAF personnel serving with the RAF.

The new agreement takes effect from April 1, 1943.

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EDITORIAL

EASTER MESSAGES

By G/O the Rev. G. O. LIGHTBOURN, Chief Protestant Padre RCAF Overseas.

I HAVE recently returned from a trip with Archbishop Owen, Primate of the Church of England in Canada. It included visits to many units and glimpses into different phases of the work that the Air Force is doing. We met air crew in training; we were with fighter squadrons in their dispersal crew rooms; we watched the bombers take off into the night. We saw not only the men who fly, we saw also the work of the ground crew and the fruits of the labours of those in munition and aircraft factories. It was an expression of the self-sacrifice and determination of the Canadian people. It reminded me of the magnitude of Canada's war effort.

The role that you are called upon to play in this great drama will test your resources. Whether you are dropping bombs on the Ruhr or servicing aircraft or lading out soup in an airman's mess, you need a vision of your task in its relation to a great whole. It is only when you see what you are doing as part of a gigantic campaign against the powers of evil that it becomes glorious and worthwhile.

Whatever it is, you want to know that your effort counts for something. If in the fulfilment of your duty you face death almost daily, you would like to think that your fight is linked up with some great purpose. You are not satisfied that our hope of victory should rest solely upon the strength of our armies and the quality of our armour. You want to be confident that we are battling for values which are eternal and indestructible — because God reigns.

In seeking this triumphant assurance, cast your mind back to the tremendous struggle of long ago, when all the mustered forces of evil were arrayed against our Lord. In that grim conflict even He was almost overwhelmed. On Good Friday it would seem as though the powers of darkness held sway. If the Cross was the end of a life such as the life of Jesus, then our human struggle is robbed of all meaning and purpose; there can be no God, or, if there is, He is impotent or does not care.

But the Cross was not the end; that is the great truth we commemorate at Eastertide.



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(Signed) Cpl. H.E., R.A.O.C. Moorland Indigestion Tablets are the best method of warding off indigestion. If you feel stomach pain coming on simply take two Moorlands — that's all. They are as pleasant to eat as sweets. They bring instant relief from indigestion, biliousness, dyspepsia, flatulence, acidity, heartburn, colic, gastritis, gastric catarrh, etc. Sold at all Chemists, 1/3d., also in 3jd. packets (incl. tax).

KEITH HODSON AWARDED BAR TO HIS D.F.C.

F/O Lawrence, Sgts. Mellin And Lepine Also Get Awards This Week

"For a long and distinguished operational career during which he has proved to be an excellent leader," W/C Keith Hodson has been granted a Bar to his D.F.C.

The citation accompanying his non-immediate award also remarks that he "has commanded the wing for nearly two months and during that time has led it on 18 operational missions."

The one immediate award of the week is a D.F.M. which goes to Sgt. A. A. Mellin.

Mellin was navigator of an aircraft that was attacked by an enemy fighter while on a mine-laying mission. The flight engineer and the rear-gunner were killed and Mellin was hit by a bullet that fractured the bones of a leg.

Despite his injuries he took on the job of flight engineer, while his crew-mates fought flames that had broken out in the bomb bay. Later Mellin returned to his navigational duties.

Although he had lost much blood and was in intense pain, it was only when the aircraft was about to be landed that Sgt. Mellin would consent to leave his post," his citation continues.

Non-immediate awards of a D.F.C. and a D.F.M. conclude this week's awards.

F/O Arthur Lawrence, of Brandon, Man., gains the former gong for destroying three enemy aircraft in night combats. He is commended as "a skillful pilot and gunner."

Sgt. Joseph Lepine, of Belle Vue, Que., gets the D.F.M. for "courage and devotion to duty" displayed in his capacity as wireless operator in the course of operations over Europe and North Africa.

Christ rose from the dead, and is alive for evermore. Death is swallowed up in victory. The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Strong in this Easter faith, let each take up his task with renewed vigour.

By G/C the Rev. W. V. MCCARTHY, Senior Catholic Chaplain RCAF Overseas.

I AM deeply appreciative to WINGS ABROAD for this opportunity to address a short Easter message to the personnel of the RCAF Overseas.

Last week, known throughout the Christian world as Holy Week, commemorated the Divine Drama of Infinite Love and Infinite Hatred: God's Love for Men and His Hatred of Evil. Then came Easter Sunday, commemorative of the Triumph of Failure and of the dissipation of the shadows of the Crucifixion in the light and glory of the Resurrection.

Eastertide has a tremendous significance for this war-torn world now undergoing its Good Friday. It is a Reminder that the Cross is not simply a Sign of Pain. It is also the Undying Symbol of Victory and the Eternal Pledge to the heart-broken bereaved of "Au Revoir."

Hence Easter is not merely commemorative—it is likewise prophetic, especially for us of the Allied Forces. Our Good Friday is by no means ended. But the Gloom has passed and given way to calm but certain confidence. And even the Shadows have been pierced, especially lately, by a generous glimmer of Light indicative of the Dawn. Our successes on land and on sea, and especially in the Air, are not merely "ephemeral"—they are the sure evidence of final victory. Much remains to be done, it is true, before the forces of Evil and of Death are finally paralysed and destroyed. But whatever sacrifices are required to achieve this final victory, the men, and women too, of the Allied Nations will be found ready and willing. This, it is felt, is particularly applicable to the men and women of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

My sincere wish for you all is the Lord's Easter greeting to His Apostles: "Peace be to you." And may a not too-distant Easter see the full realisation of the following: At the door of the resurrection, Wait Joy and Hope and Peace. The din of wars are forgotten, Where want and warfare cease. The shadows lift and scatter, And sorrows melt away, In the warmth of glad reunion, On that brightest Easter day.



Preceded by the Bandle, two Mace Bearer and followed by His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk, P/O Larry Fleming acts as sword bearer at the colourful Shakespearian festival held annually at Stratford-on-Avon. (Official RCAF Photograph.)



WITH THE RADIO MECHS.

VISITING FIREMEN

"I'VE been on eight stations in the last nine months," said LAC Livingstone, with a bitter smile.

"On every station I have to make a new circle of acquaintances," he went on with crowing sobriety.

"And as sure as shooting," he concluded, "every last bonehead I get introduced to says, 'Dr. Livingstone, I presume!'"

"Doc," who says he used to be a "humble brow-beaten bank clerk" back in Cannington, Ont., met an old friend in London last week, one Jerry Maloney, an LAC R/M from Grand Falls, Nfld. The boys took the same course together.

From male nurse at a mental institution to radio mech.—(no remarks, you old and jaded R/Ms)—that's the unusual career of Cpl. Cleve Foster, of Maidstone, Sask.

A radio "ham" in his spare time, in civil life Cleve used to like nothing better after a long day at work than to send out his call letters "VE4AET" and talk to his friends over the air. He admits to having more "ham" than personal friends.

To top off his flair for the extraordinary, Cleve didn't wait to marry an English girl over here. He did it in Canada.

Another Civvy Street hamateur is F/S Wylie Barrett, Summerside, P.E.I. By day he worked at announcing and technical matters for a P.E.I. broadcasting station; by night, to get away from it all, he signalled call letters "VE1CW" and sent his voice globe-trotting.

On leave last week the flight looked around London, then headed for Scotland to see his pals Cpl. Tommy Foster and Dean Gaffney, also R/Ms.

He would like to hear from an old friend who enlisted with him, LAC Eric Tanton. Wylie's number is R-72820 and Eric's is just one more. Try the Canadian Base P.O., Eric.

Brought up in the province of Assam, in India, Cpl. Dick Martin migrated to B.C. at the age of 15 and is a dyed-in-the-woolens Victorian now.

On leave last week he visited an aunt in Newton Abbot and then turned up in London to look for his brother Jack, a private in the R.C.A.M.C.

In town on a day off, LAC Ted Clarke, of Roland, Man., asked this column to buttonhole LAC Jack Gilligan in print and ask him to write. The address is Canadian Base P.O.

Also visiting London briefly last week was LAC Charles King, of Windsor, Ont. He met a friend, LAC Harry Bondy, of Tilbury, Ont., and they made themselves a few more memories to take back to Canada.

NORTH WALES M.U.

By Cpl. Harry Snyers WELL, North Wales's loss is South Wales's gain, we hope. Cpl. Bill Franklin and LAC Don Norris have left these parts to reinforce our brethren in South Wales. Good luck to you both and some day when the R/Ms have a reunion somewhere we'll meet again.

Softball practices continue, and soon we'll be able to pick out a pretty good team for outside competition.

Ted Dopson managed to bend one willow the wrong way a other day, but we still have a Ted Dopson to contend with.

Those playing on the RCAF team were: LAC Begin, catcher; F/S Bozak and F/S Smith, pitchers; LAC Peacock, first; Sgt. Hebert, second; Sgt. Hanowski, short stop; Cpl. Falconer, third; LAC French, left field; LAC McVittie, right field; Sgt. Kozachenko, centre field; LAC Refause, spare. The game was umpired by Cpl. McIntosh.

"STINKY MARK II"

By CPL JERRY CUTLER

EASTER season has come and gone and the proverbial egg as usual came in a tin; sometimes I wonder if that's how Little Tany came to being.

To bring fruit for the gossipers hereabouts, Sgt. "Bob" Chamberlain, Winnipeg; Discip. Cpl. A. E. "Art" Johnston, Toronto; and Cpl. "Hank" Allan, orderly room 1/c, could be seen sporting black eyes and such one morning not long ago.

Generally speaking, they were a little the worse for wear after an evening's hectic entertainment in a nearby town. No, they weren't struck by the beauty of the place.

LAC W. A. Rigby, Winnipeg, sidekick of LAC D. G. Johnson, Galt, Ont., is rumoured as being in the tailoring business these days, apparently going in for skirts.

Heard around dispersal: The only reason why "Little Burt's" blood circulates is because he brings it to a boil so often.

Wonderment is being expressed as to why Cpl. H. Marshall, Daysland, Alta., nicknamed "Schnozzola," finds it so difficult when approaching an aircraft with a starter plug.

Shiny new tapes repose on the arms of Sgt. "Boob" Chamberlain, Winnipeg; and Cpl. R. E. Jago, better known as "Split-pin," from Darwell, Alta. Congratulations from the gang.

Long at last the much-awaited arrival of Stinky Mark II has come. No official details yet available, but offhand they say it's a boy.

To be seen back off leave and none too happy, we find LAC Wallarid, R. D. photo man from Ottawa; Sgt. C. H. Bricknell, Nimco, who thinks all sweets should be rationed, including fumes; AC Wolfson, A. W.; AC F. Tucker; AC Avenall, J. E.; and A. C. Gallivan.

Looking for a cure for writer's cramp is our Westerner, Walt Shirley. Just when everything was getting on nicely his pretty WAAF was posted far, far away.

Bill "Bicycle" Ratchuk is off to distant parts for an interview regarding a commission. We all wish him luck, especially as Bill is taking the fatal leap in June.

Invasion struck the local village one evening last week. After a short, sharp attack the invading Canucks withdrew in full marching order, complete masters of the field. The occasion was the departure of Jerry Gale, Bob Hambleton and Jock Dugavell for alerew training; the place, a pub; the time, ad infinitum.

We won't soon forget this memorable occasion. Highlights were farewell speeches by the boys leaving, Cpl. McLeod's version of the Highland Fling, an attempted speech on temperance by a member, a new use for a raincoat by "Mac," speeches by "Laff," "Dippy," and "Spud," singing led by Walt and his guitar, and selections on the bagpipes by Jock.

To the amazement of the inhabitants the party formed up in column of route and marched back to the station led by the skirl of the pipes, like the 8th going into Tripoli—yep, verily. (Continued on page 4, col. 5)

RCAF P.R.C. DEFEATS AMERICAN ARMY 13-1

The RCAF Personnel Reception Centre won a softball game played recently against the American Army by a margin of 13-1. The Americans were at a disadvantage in not having their best team out, and a much stiffer opposition is expected at the next game. P.R.C. played a good, co-operative brand of baseball.

Those playing on the RCAF team were: LAC Begin, catcher; F/S Bozak and F/S Smith, pitchers; LAC Peacock, first; Sgt. Hebert, second; Sgt. Hanowski, short stop; Cpl. Falconer, third; LAC French, left field; LAC McVittie, right field; Sgt. Kozachenko, centre field; LAC Refause, spare. The game was umpired by Cpl. McIntosh.

SHAKESPEARIAN PAGEANT LED BY RCAF BAND

P/O Larry Fleming Carried Historic Sword In Parade

Canadians took part in one of England's most colourful pageants when the RCAF Band led the parade at the annual Shakespearian Festival at Stratford-on-Avon recently.

It was a pageant not in pomp and ceremony nevertheless. Stratford's ancient streets echoed to the strains of RCAF music as the Canadians headed a parade from the Guildhall to historic Holy Trinity Church.

The Mayor and Council in full regalia followed the band, the parade also embracing many old Shakespearian actors and actresses.

P/O Larry H. Fleming, of Montreal, was delegated to act as sword bearer. He carried the sword of the poet's father, John Shakespeare, High Bailiff of Stratford-on-Avon in the neighbourhood of 1568. It is annually carried in this festival.

"I don't think I was ever shakier on ops than I was carrying that upright sword to church and back," said Fleming, who was once a bombardier in the RCAF Moose Squadron, and now bombing leader at an RAF station.

To F/O Martin Boudy, leader of the RCAF Band, and LAC Ken Cornish, it was a case of coming from the Ontario Stratford to the more famous English one. Boudy had further interest in the Shakespearian birthplace, for he was visiting his wife's grandparents.

Later in the week the RCAF band made a return performance in connection with the Shakespearian birthday festivities.

CASUALTIES

For the week ending April 27, 1943:

- KILLED IN ACTION: E. M. Bell, Sgt., Montreal; G. W. Caldwell, P/O, Vancouver. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION: R. L. Gordon, Sgt., Hazelton, Ont.; J. A. E. Norman, P/O, Halifax; M. Griffin, Sgt., Victoria, B.C.; J. L. Hutchinson, P/O, Yorkville, Ont.; J. P. Ryan, P/O, Timaru, New Zealand. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION: P. C. Budd, P/O, Milton, Ont.; R. N. A. Crowell, Sgt., Regina; R. B. Goodman, Sgt., Calgary; A. C. Grimsh, P/O, Yeggs, Sask.; W. W. Mitchell, P/O, Vancouver; R. G. Read, P/O, Toronto; A. A. Smith, P/O, Fredericton, N.B.

- WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION: R. B. Charters, P/O, Toronto; H. W. Daves, Sgt., Prince Rupert, Sask.; P. E. Hurlbut, Sgt., McLennan, Alta. DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION: J. D. Baird, P/O, Sevelton, Sask.

- MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION: P. H. Leblond, P/O, Yibank, Sask.; C. H. Corrie, Sgt., Altonville, Ont.; Danahy, P/O, Riverside, N.B.; R. J. Keyes, P/O, Regina; W. V. Wallace, Sgt., Steveston, B.C.; H. A. Westover, P/O, Regina.

- MISSING: A. B. Ambrault, Sgt., Publics, N.S.; W. E. Cain, P/O, Toronto; L. W. Clark, P/O, Vancouver; J. C. E. Dellar, Sgt., Montreal; A. M. Heron, P/O, Edmonton; P. S. Jenkins, Sgt., Kesteven, Man.; P. King, P/O, Aurora, Ont.; J. F. Kirk, Sgt., Hamilton, Man.; V. H. Knutson, Sgt., Swift Current, S. A. P. W. McLeod, Sgt., Bradabane, P.E.I.; R. A. P. Shemild, Sgt., Vancouver; A. Arim, P/O, Dunville, Ont.; B. Thompson, P/O, Lawton; E. F. Fournier, Sgt., Detroit; E. J. Fry, P/O, Montreal; R. D. Fulton, Sgt., New Westminster, B.C.; W. R. Gray, P/O, Winnipeg; H. T. Jacobson, Sgt., Vancouver; B. H. Gresser, P/O, Clair, Madrasville, N.B.; C. A. Millan, P/O, Three Hills, Alta.; H. A. Partridge, P/O, Humboldt, Sask.; W. A. Robinson, Sgt., Calgary; J. E. Robinson, P/O, Estevan, Sask.; R. B. Van Buren, Sgt., Troy, U.S.A.; R. P. Wilson, Sgt., Lorette, Pa., U.S.A.

- KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE: J. D. Edwards, P/O, Essex, Alta.; A. A. O'Brien, P/O, Verdun, Que.; R. D. Fattis, Sgt., Indianapolis, U.S.A.; G. J. Cluzers, Cpl., Thebes, Ont.; D. R. Reid, P/O, Napawan, Ont.

- PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR: D. R. Thomson, P/O, Winnipeg; L. W. J. Hart, Sgt., St. Catharines, Ont.

- WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE: J. A. G. A. Brouillette, Cpl., Richmond, Que.; D. M. Coates, Sgt., Portage la Prairie, Man.; J. A. T. Bissac, LAC, Carleton Place, N.B.; J. G. A. Eastman, Cpl., Montreal; J. D. Wray, Sgt., New Westminster, B.C.

- DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE: J. M. G. Perron, Sgt., Dorville, Que.

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# SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

## AH! WILDERNESS

By P/O GEO. BAIN  
 MIDST the fields and grassy slopes there lived, alas, some aircrew dopes; And there, with crews cut off from friends, they dwelt where God's own country ends.

They loved their dear old former station Until it sent them to damnation In this place of long, rough roads, Mile long walks and cold abodes. What brought them to this rural place? What sins were theirs to bring disgrace? Why were they cast into this mess? God only knows—we can but guess.

And so saying, Oscar, the local bard, dashed away a furtive tear and set off to find the low-level merchant, Gerry Leddy, who was having a quiet cry by the roadside.

Rumour has it—and that lad

works overtime—that Wally "Coldstream" Pickard and Dick "Muss" Muesbaum have become O.C.s Transport, temporary, acting, unpaid. And who has become O.C. Leaves and Passes? Oh, yes, gentlemen; oh, yes! Oh, but it's all too, too terrible for words. Just too, too terrible.

## GAINS AND LOSSES

By P/O J. W. SANCTON  
 SUBTRACT seven and add 25. The net result is a gain of 18 in numbers for Canada's first fighter squadron, but it is still the loss through posting of seven good types and a welcome for 25.

With F/S Maurice Jacques, of Montreal, squadron disciplinarian, about due for posting and LAC J. A. "Red" l'Abbe, of Quebec, Montreal and Toronto, heading for an aircrew course, the famous Spitfire outfit led by S/L Eugene L. "Jeep" Neal, D.F.C., of Quebec City, loses two of its ten remaining "old original" members who came over with the unit nearly three years ago.

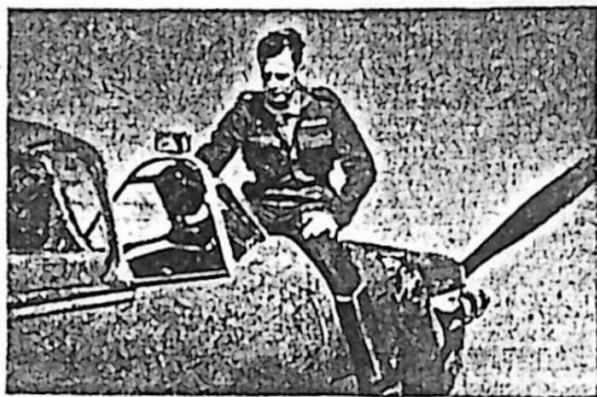
Likewise went five pilots. Newly-commissioned P/O J. A. "Wolf" Chapin, of Brantford, Ont., an ops tour expired, returned to an O.T.U. to show fledglings how it's done, while P/O P. K. Gray, of Toronto, W/O J. A. Wilson, of Hamilton, Ont., F/S G. M. Shouldice, of Chesley, Ont., and S/P K. D. Windsor, of LaRiviere, Man., departed for a brother RCAF unit where already P/O Gray, known hereabouts as "Mark II," has bagged a Hun.

Meanwhile, our new additions settle down. The list is headed by two Ontario flight lieutenants, W. S. Johnson, of Belleville, and J. M. Connell, of Waterloo and Ottawa, who have left instructing in Canada to become fighter boys.

Then, a short while ago, a minor invasion took place when no less than 17 ground crew tradesmen checked in one sunny afternoon. We've finally found out who they are and where they're from: LACs W. H. MacLellan, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; J. K. Cleary and W. Reynolds, Toronto, Ont.; A. J. Peters, St. Catharines, Ont.; A. MacKinnon, Inverness, N.S.; D. T. Remington, Kincardine, Ont.; R. S. Buckingham, Bluffton, B.C.; O. T. Ruffeldt, Ile Maligne, Que.; M. F. Bell, Viceroy, Sask.; J. A. Ramsay, St. Vital, Man.; A. C. Morris, Embro, Ont.; and H. Levett, Armstrong, B.C.; and ACIs C. L. Longmate, Drumheller, Alta.; W. E. Daniels, London, Ont.; A. A. Paik, Scarborough, Ont.; and H. C. Fox, Windsor, Ont.

But these weren't all. Not long afterwards six more arrived in the persons of LACs A. Pedley, Saskatoon, Sask.; E. W. Peake, Portage la Prairie, Man.; G. I. Lothian, Ranfarly, Alta.; F. A. Roberts, Toronto, Ont.; T. Simpson, Windsor, Ont.; and J. G. Simpson, Owen Sound, Ont.

Spring has arrived, buck fever with it. Cupid's darts are hitting more of the squadron's manly hearts this year.



S/L Brad Foster, of Montreal, sits astride the nose of one of the Spitfires of the RCAF fighter squadron he commands. His Canadian unit is now playing a part in finishing off Rommel in Tunisia. Led by S/L Foster they recently destroyed a Heinkel. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

## LONGING FOR WIDS

By CPL. M. J. SEELEY

WE hope you all had a very happy Easter, and trust that all you guys put your eggs in the right basket!

"Ah, Widdies! Whyfore dost thou thus prolong this agonising suspense? Better hurry up and get here, girls, for such heart-breaking outpourings are common in these here parts now, and the boys are, for the most part, in a precipitous delirium of anticipation. As friend Billy Shakespeare would say: 'Come. Stop not on the order of your coming, but come. . . At once!'"

Joe Jerrard has been rarin' to go ever since he read about his Wid friend, "Laughing Eyes," having arrived in this country. Nothing can hold him now, and he tells us that he's saving his tanners for a trip to the big town.

The advent of spring is not helping to keep the boys of the Goose Squadron at home much these evenings. As "Tiny" Poor so aptly remarked from the height of his bower the other morning: "Birds and bees are mating now, so why shouldn't 'Tiny' Poor?" As a matter of fact, "Tiny" will soon be putting on the old ball and chain. Congratulations, old man!

The boys of the Orderly Room would feign stifle and mention in these columns of their recent record gala "do" at Jock's, down the road. The squadron adj., P/L "Bert" Bond threw the party (no, not stag) for his staff and saw to it that they were well supplied with grub and better supplied with England's famed giggle waters. "Dusty" Miller doesn't remember a thing, and the O.R. cherub, "Mac" McDerby, told the first naughty story according to latest reports. The evening's high spot was the adj.'s initiation into the mysteries of "Chug-a-Lug." Recent newcomers present included Charlie Bernier, of Quebec, Don Ross, of Toronto, Marcel Besblens, of Chicoutimi, and Al Collard, of St. Thomas. Cpl. Worth was also in attendance, repeated attendance.

## Two New Erks

"Mac" McDonald, the "Dingy Kid," has two new erks to do his Joe jobs now. They are Dave Buchan, of Port Arthur, and Frank Clancy, of Vanscoy, Sask.

In Maintenance Hangar the other day we were amused as one of the flight boys put an "M" corporal in his place.

Corporal: "Maintenance is the big cheese in this squadron." ACI: "Yes, and some of the alrmen are the holes in the cheese and others are just the smell."

Cpl. Henderson (Instruments) complained to a waitress in a Lyons restaurant in a N.E. city recently:

Jack Henderson: "Say, waitress, this steak isn't very tender."

Waitress: "If it's affection you want, corporal, you'll have to speak to the cashier."

Five minutes before the Good Friday service in the station church, the padre, P/L Ashford, turned to the 22 members of the choir in the vestry and remarked: "If more don't turn up soon I guess I'll have to turn the pulpit round and preach to you." At eight o'clock, though, breakfast or no, nearly a hundred had turned up, to keep alive the station's proud tradition of successful voluntary parades.

Recent arrivals in the Electrical Section include Sgt. Harold Salaman, of Fort Francis; Cpl. Mel Clark, of Toronto; LACs Leslie Dickson, of Clairmont, Ont.; Ed Dick, of Munson, Sask.; Jack Angrove, of Sudbury; Frank Cash, of Sydney; Walter Bishop, of Carp, Ont.; and Benny Borkowitz, of Toronto.

## PAY TABLE CRUMBS

THEME song of the week, "Where did you get that hat?" Reason, of course—the appearance on Wednesday of the new W.D. chapeau. The alrmen offered their share of good-natured ribbing, such as W.D. hat for the use of . . . (use your own imagination); Legionnaires for French Morocco, etc., etc., but all in all the new creation was voted a "definite improvement." Thank you, boys!

AWI Anne O'Brien back from an enjoyable week-end at Bournemouth. Snooper Holmes is out to find what the attraction is down there. Recent additions to the roster, our "Hello" gals, LAW Muriel Fisher and AWI Dorothy Henry, new arrivals from Canada. LAW Cohen sporting her "props" since the first of the month. . . AWI Jackie Watts on sick leave trying to shake "old man" flu.

Baseball activities amongst the alrmen has hit a new low due to the pressure of work, but we did manage to hold one practice during the past week. F/O's Dolan and Batterby were absentees, accountable probably by their duties to fulfill social (?) obligations at Hammersmith the previous evening. P/O George Grant, newly posted to our ever-increasing unit will capably fill a chair in the hot stove league. Halifax claims George as a native son where he played softball and basketball for Dalhousie University. Cpl. Les Hardy looks fit again after a sojourn amidst beautiful flowers and nurses. The Bette Davis type must appeal to LAC Lew Rock as he wants to return to that station where he spent two weeks on temporary duty. Among the new arrivals this week was Cpl. "Hot-Shot" Hotson, the Tavistock Ontario prodigy.

Cpl. Jack McNeill, Dalhousie, N.B., thinks he will be able to get more sleep now as Cpl. "Shorty Guerette" his sparring partner has gone on temporary duty for awhile.

Time and effort has been put into the forming of soft ball teams at this unit, and all the boys need now is a little cheering. Come on everybody—watch the bulletin board, and turn out at Regent's Park on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

## STICK OUT NECKS

By "MAC"

WITH the possibilities of change on everyone's lips very little else is being rumoured around the Squadron these days, although recreation in the form of softball, volleyball and horseshoes have caused a few blisters and stiff joints.

A little gossip perhaps would not do any harm at this point, so forthwith we stick our necks out in the form of a "Snag Sheet." Returning from ops on his bicycle some time ago, F/S Parker, Discip., was placed U/S. The reason is not clear, probably Control Column trouble, as his nose has been trimmed ever since. Sandy Marks has been doing a lot of talking about weak mixture lately, but from what I can gather it's only N.A.A.F.I. tea getting into his blood stream.

The Sprague Sgt. that clutter up the ground crew look quite sweet in their coats of many colours, but very little grease.

LACs Gus Koch, Stan Lowe and Joe Lampman have just lately developed an acute case of "Mag" trouble. Methinks it should be spelled Maggie, and, after all, should it be called "Trouble."

Jimmy Christie, Moose Christenson and Tex Briscoe still have Trim Tab Trouble wherever they be. They followed three WAAF's for two miles the other day, only to be trimmed, as usual. The money they have left won't even allow them to warm up their engines.

Prepare for ditching, as we are finished.



"I'VE just been giving him a few pointers on how we bring them down," grinned Sgt. Frank McMartin of a Canadian Army heavy ack-ack unit.

"And I've been giving him a few on how we keep them up," added Sgt. Alec Cook, a Wimpy rear-gunner from Winnipeg.

It was in fun, though; the boys are friends from Canadian days. They met way back when Cook was a Trans-Canada Airways mechanic; and they met again for pop and argument at the Beaver Club snack bar the other day. McMartin is a Flin Flon man.

Cook should know about keeping them up, by the way. Over powerhouses recently—"Just when we were saying it was too quiet to be true," grinned Cook—all the hell that can be packed into a heavy accurate flak barrage broke loose.

The skipper dived and weaved the twin-engine bomber down 10,000 feet "in a real hurry" before he escaped the explosive storm.

Dube put it: "Maybe this time we'll be in on the kill of this man Jerry."

The bomb-aimer in their old crew, F/S Bill Gardner, of Sydney Mines, N.S., is still on U.S.

Three crew mates on leave together last week were Sgt. Skipper Vic Maitland, Cobalt, Ont., and Sgt. WAGs "Lucky" McKinnon, Kirkland Lake, Ont., and Bernard McKeough, Linwood, N.S.

"Lucky" picked up the nickname playing hockey for the Wireless School team at Guelph, and it has stuck as a happy omen for his ops career.

An air-gunner who wants to become a pilot when he returns to Civvy Street is Sgt. Doug MacNeill, of Calgary.

Doug would like a word from a friend who took the same course, Sgt. Bob Cummings, a Pennsylvanian. Try the Canadian Base P.O., Bob.

F/S Alec Johnson, a second pilot from Vancouver, and Sgt. WAG Ronald Wilson, of London, Ont., were a couple of drops in the lifeblood of this "heart of empire" last week. They are the only Canucks in their Wellington crew.

If you get called "Jojo" by a perfect stranger, the stranger is F/S Max Miller, of Toronto. The result of his penchant for the nickname is that his friends have tagged him with it now.

Max is taking a navigation instructor's course at present. Formerly a violinist, he has organised and led a swing band on every station he has been on so far.

If P/O "Casey" Jones lights on this guff, Max invites him to write in care of the Canadian Base P.O. It's important, "Casey."

F/S Cliff Schnler, a Lancaster flyer, was among those present at the Pilsen-without-pretzels picnic.

His brother, Norm, is an observer now studying at a Wellington O.T.U. He hopes to fly on Lanes himself.

Lady Frances Ryder, the most active hostess in these or most any parts, numbered one F/S Tim Shields, of Toronto, among her guests last and this week. The flight, a Lancaster mid-upper gunner at present though he is a WAG by trade, visited London and then Edinburgh under her auspices.



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WEDDINGS

PINNELL - McARTHUR. - On April 20, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Bedford, Cpl. Marjorie L. McArthur became the bride of Cpl. Ernest Pinnell, RCAF, of Winnipeg. The best man was Cpl. C. H. Pinnell, RCAF, brother of the groom.

ANDERSON - MILKS. - LAC W. Anderson, of Hamilton, Ont., was married to AW Marian Isabel Milks, of Ottawa, at the Church of St. Saviour, Knightsbridge, at 3 o'clock, Saturday, April 24. S/L F. K. Belton officiated. The bride, given in marriage by S/L T. R. Lamon, was attended by a sister in blue, LAW Cathrine Lillian Bagley, of Orillia. Both wore the uniform of the RCAF Women's Division, with which service they are serving overseas. Ushers were Cpls. Sarkissian and Ellis. As the couple left the church, LAW's MacBride, MacKinnon and Botterill and Sgt. McPhee and Cpls. Prevett and Lucas formed a guard of honour. The reception was held immediately following the ceremony, at the King George and Queen Elizabeth Club. Miss Corbin proposed the toast to the bride and groom, and S/L Lamon thanked the club, on their behalf, for the kindness extended to all present. The newlyweds are spending their honeymoon in Glasgow.

HEADQUARTERS

PERSONNEL is backing up their pre-season predictions with a good brand of softball. Their brand was just a little better than C.C.'s, for they won 7-6. Groves, Windsor and Rignall starred for Personnel while Alexander stood out for the losers. With the league starting out with a seven-game schedule for the first week we'll even have Cpl. Elliot playing softball. Regardless, the season got away to a good start.

"Chick" Stevenson and Jack Anderson have gone and bought themselves a six weeks' old dog. The pooch sleeps in Anderson's slippers. However, this proves nothing about the size of the dog possibly because a St. Bernard could sleep in Anderson's slippers.

Cpl. Smith, of the Service Police, left last week to trade his six-shooter for a Browning. He'll be air-gunning in a few months. Good luck, Smitty.

And as F/S Nuttall said last week, "I've been in records too long, too long, too long."

As a grim threat to those who prefer to wear their hair with the peek-a-boo bang at H.Q. there is a huge portrait of a military haircut hanging around the W/O's office. The portrait faintly resembles LAC Horneburgh, who was chosen to pose for the picture because of his military bearing and, of course, the way he wears his hair. Caption is usually supplied when you enter at 10 in the morning. Caption reads: "You don't want to look like that, do you?"

Whitby, of the big leaguers, stood out in the Sunday game at Harringay against the Americans in the international baseball league. The Amerks won by a 7-2 margin over the Canadian team. Our boy Whitby took the mound early in the game and bled the Americans to three runs during his session of pitching. Lutes, Stewart and Groves played a good game of baseball. With the material at hand a Headquarters baseball team is not impossible.

SWORDFISH WIN

By LACs D. W. HAROLD and C. K. WOLFF

AND still they come. Brother, A when you read or hear of RCAF personnel from Canada arriving in ever-increasing numbers, take it from the orderly room staff—they aren't kidding. The eleven new faces belong to: Kamploops' ACI Irving Galloway; Saskatchewan's Sgt. C. A. Evans (Lucky Lake), LACs Dick Barton (Enid P.O.), John Bell, Saskatoon; and ACI George Harasimiv, Waskatenau; Manitoba's LAC Bill Polachuk, Transcona; and ACI Dan McCormick, Flin Flon; Ontario's native sons are LACs Grant Andrews, Belles Corner; and Cpl. M. A. Adam, Whitby. LAC's Curt Haslam, of Montreal, and John Fowler, from Middleton, N.B., round out the draft.

"Veterans" transferred to the Squadron and looking all the better for it are:—Signals Officer P/O E. H. Burton, Vancouver; LACs Harold Helgerson, Prince Rupert, B.C., and Knight Morton, Minnedosa, Man.; ACs Vernon Stephenson, Toronto, and Alex Love, London, Ont.

The RCAF Educational Office, located in the K.C. hut, under the supervision of Toronto's Sgt. E. S. "Mac" McIlwain, is now open for business. Airmen and officers on the Squadron should benefit greatly from the service afforded by this welcome addition.

Sport—After losing their second straight game to a well-balanced 2nd Div. RCASC team by a score of 10-6, the Swordfish softball boys finally came to life in no uncertain manner to overwhelm their opening game opponents, the Canadian Black Watch RHR by an 18-4 count. The Air Force squad's big bats really boomed in this affair from the opening call to pound extra base hits at will all over the lot. As was the case in the first two games, the RCAF representatives built up a comfortable lead in the early innings of the return game with the RCASC aggregation only to fade badly in the final frames. The score stood at 8-0 before the Army squad scored a run. Down 11-9 going into the last half of the ninth, the Swordfish nine, slightly enraged at the prospect of a third game slipping through their fingers, battled up-hill to finally finish on the right end of a 12-11 count. More fever-pitched yells and cheers resulting from that hectic frame were never heard on this station in such a small confine by so comparatively few, we'll warrant. So with defeats avenged, the softball slate is once again clean.

A. V. M. CURTIS

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Canadian ground crew, although not so great in numbers as flying personnel, spent some time with the A.V.M. Wherever there are Wellingtons, Canadians will be found flying in them, and North Africa is no exception. In a visit to bomber squadrons flying these aircraft the A.V.M. had an opportunity to talk to off-duty crews and their commanding officers.

SOLEMN RITUALS

By LAO F. C. JAMES

SINCE this column last brightened the pages of Wings Abroad three weeks ago, four Lion Squadron Flight Sergeants have jumped to commissioned rank. Len Brown, Pembroke; George Dalton, Edmonton; Bill Thurston, Ottawa; and Jersey Crew, Wawata, Sask., are now learning their truth in the saying "A P/O's always broke."

Other promotions have gone to Red Soeder, Saskatoon; Frosty Fretor, Toronto; Stew Dunbar, Woodstock; Riehy Richmond, Vancouver; and Doug Milne, Campbellford, Ont., who are now F/Os, and LACs Bill McKim, Niagara Falls, and Roy Inkster, Toronto, who are corporals. Ernie Brason, Winnipeg, one of the old originals of No. 1 Canadian Fighter Squadron, now wears a third tape.

S/L Dan McCann, Ottawa, F/La Morry Morrison, Winnipeg, Rocky Durocher, Montreal, Doc Hagan, Mimico, and Capt. MacDonald, squadron dental officer, from Montreal, had a chance meeting in one of London's better known entertainment spots. Later the same afternoon urbane Londoners were treated to the spectacle of five Canadians seated precariously on edges and back of an open cab whirling through the streets.

The Lion Squadron had as its guest a short while back Alan Randall, of the London Bureau of the Canadian Press. Mr. Randall was engaged in obtaining background material for a forthcoming story on Bomber Command. During his stay the solemn rites of initiation into the select membership of the Lion Squadron were performed upon him.

Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Brookes paid us an unofficial visit, and an honorary squadron membership was bestowed on him as well. The Air Vice-Marshal was greatly impressed by the ceremony, which is of a secret nature. It may be said, however, that the chug-a-lug was included in the preliminaries of the ceremony.

S/L Rockingham, recently arrived from Canada, is our new padre. F/L Carlson has returned to a fighter station.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

NOW that Easter has come and gone, we've all settled down to work once more. Cpl. E. D. Hians, of Montreal, must have been pleasantly surprised when she received an Easter chicken—complete with egg! And eggs are rationed, too, aren't they?

And then there's the funny story about AWI Catherine Pearce, a Nelson, B.C., gal, and some friends of hers. It seems that they purchased some wine glasses to celebrate someone's birthday, and everything was going well till—drip! drip! drip! Yes, they'd been to a novelty shop, but didn't know it.

And now let Bomber Group have their say. Leave and 48s seem to be very much in order. F/O Craig and S/O Ireton recently had 48s, and spent with their husbands, too. LAW M. F. Letch, of Goderich, Ont., has purchased a beautiful new bicycle (is that crazy coming back again?) and had a 48 at Leeds as well.

Two of the W.D.s were quite excited when they recently visited London and heard the alarm sirens for the first time. AWI M. E. Prouse, of Little Britain, Ont., and LAW D. Stewart, a Torontonlian, will agree there's a first time for everything.

And it is reported that Cpl. Smithson, a Vancouver gal, arrived home from work wearing a crash helmet and hanging on to the back of the despatch rider's motor-cycle.

LAW I. N. Pass, Saskatoon, who has recently returned to her native land as a W.D., now finds herself engaged to a laddie in the English Army. Is wearing a lovely three-stone sparkler.

WITH RADIO MECHS

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COUNTY DURHAM

By LAC Bob Weeks

JUST now Mother Nature is our gang's best gal. Long bike hikes after tea with the odd stopover at nearby pubs, etc., are enjoyed en masse. Some of the most consistent journeyers are George Maybec, Brighton, Ont.; George Marra, Brockville; Beecher Watson, now hospitalized for a bad cold; Herb Thompson, Calgary; and Jimmy Outtrum.

Complications arose the last night, however, when certain station officials were met, and a lengthy debate took place as to whether the bikes were weaving round the whitewashed road marks or just weaving.

Winnipeg's Johnny Walker, our star soft-ball catcher, Doug "Baldy" Winfield, second base, and "Shorts" Burniston, Chatham pitcher, having arrived back from nine days in London, we'll be ready to take on the Americans again. Last game ended in our favour, 13-9, with Reg. Jackson, Hamilton, pitching a hot game.

F/O "Charlie" McKinnon, Vancouver, after a sudden swoop on a Sunderland damsel, led her up that "till death do us part" aisle. The ceremony was performed Easter Monday, and we all wish him the very best for the future.

FILM LOG



"THE LIGHT OF HEART"

(New Gallery and Tivoli)

The story of this film is based on the stage success by Emlyn Williams. Monty Woolley as Madden Thomas, the one-time great actor, who through misfortune, mostly of his own making, has "gone to the dogs." His daughter Kathi (Ida Lupino) stands by him, and he attempts a come-back on the stage. Just before he is due at the theatre he learns that Kathi is planning to marry a young composer (Gornel Wilde), but has kept it secret for fear it will upset Madden, who is dependent on Kathi's support and affection. The shock is too much for him, and the opening night is a fiasco. Madden eventually straightens himself out, and solves the problem in his own inimitable manner. This is a good picture, well acted, and well worth seeing.

"GET CRACKING"

(Dominion and New Victoria)

George Formby is in the role of a lance corporal, complete with ukulele and some catchy songs, attached to the Minor Wallow Home Guards. Ronald Shiner plays the part of Private Everett Manley, a Home Guard of the rival hamlet of Major Wallow. The most entertaining part of the film occurs when George is playing his ukulele. The story is rather weak, and not on the whole up to the usual Formby standard of entertainment.

CRIME WAVE ENDS

By LAC JACK COTTINGHAM

THE better type among our readers will be glad to know that the recent crime wave on this Squadron shows signs of abating. The most serious departure from the ways of the righteous occurred last week, when ten men, good and true, were swept up by the local Gestapo in one evening. When the boys were lined up to have their charges heard it looked for a while as if "Doc" Lundy was holding his sick parade in the C.O.'s office. It appears the boys had gone to town without the formality of booking out of camp, a practice frowned upon by higher authority.

The Squadron's "Coming Out Party" held in the Station Auditorium, last Tuesday evening, was well attended for a number of reasons, not the least of which was the trumpet tooting of W/O E. S. "Cookie" Cook from Sherbrooke, Que., and the bass strumming of LAC Stan Wardill, Nanaimo, B.C. The band was organised by LAC "Les" Van Nes, Victoria, B.C., fitter, and F/O "Mickey" Cochrane, popular navigator from Brantford, Ont., was master of ceremonies for the evening. Luckiest lad at the affair probably was LAC Joe Rodrigue, Verdun, Que., who, along with his partner, not only won the coin-tossing elimination dance, but also walked (or jitterbugged) away with the Jitterbug Contest.

6TH MOST SUCCESSFUL WEEK DEANNA DURBIN as THE AMAZING MRS HOLLIDAY (U) with EDMOND O'BRIEN BARRY FITZGERALD Performances 11.35, 1.15, 3.15, 5.20, 7.35 Leicester Sq. THEATRE

FRIDAY NEXT ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE WHI 6111 Rafael Sabatini's GREATEST STORY OF STIRRING ADVENTURE TEMPESTUOUS ROMANCE WITH Tyrone POWER Maureen O'HARA Thomas MITCHELL THE BLACK SWAN in Technicolor Directed by HENRY KING Produced by ROBERT BASSLER

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Table with columns for THEATRES and CINEMAS, listing venues like Hippodrome, Palace, Palladium, etc., and their current shows.

HAPPIDROME MILLIONS ARE WAITING for this quintessence of happiness and laughter—with the original B.B.C. cast, starring HARRY KORRIS, Robbie Vincent, Cecil Frederick and Bunty Meadows, with Guest Artists, Hutch and Cairol Brothers. Adapted from the original broadcast. Production by courtesy of the B.B.C. (U) GER. 1234 EMPIRE LEIC. SQ. Starting FRIDAY, May 7 (A) 3 MEN AND A DOPE (free American for a dizzy blonde) in a delicious comedy glorifying the best M.G.M. traditions and starring ANN SOTHERN, MELVYN DOUGLAS, with Lee Bowman, Reginald Owen, Felix Bressart, Richard Ainley, Marta Linden. THREE HEARTS for JULIA