



Heavy Blows Mark End of Bombing Lull

RCAF Bomber Group Out Twice in Row

Every Squadron In Group Represented
In Raid On Dusseldorf
Last Friday Night

CANUCKS WITH AUSSIES TO OBERHAUSEN

THE 12-day lull in the bombing offensive against Germany came to an end last week-end with three heavy raids on enemy targets. The largest four-engine bombing force to date attacked Dusseldorf on Friday. Bochum was the target on Saturday night, and on Monday night Oberhausen was the objective.

In the Dusseldorf raid every squadron in the RCAF Bomber Group was represented. Many aircraft from the Canadian squadrons took part. Dusseldorf was only the main target. RCAF squadrons were out for the second night running to attack Bochum. In the Oberhausen operations RCAF crews of an Australian Lancaster squadron unloaded their high explosives and incendiaries.

Wellingtons of the squadron commanded by W/C Don Smith, Preston, Ont., were on their first operation at Dusseldorf. Some of the other squadron commanders were W/C M. Fleming, D.F.C., W/C L. Crooks, D.F.C., W/C D. H. Burnside, D.F.C., W/C W. D. "Tiny" Ferris, D.F.C., W/C J. L. Savard.

Eight Great Fires

At least eight great fires and four terrific blasts, so great that they were considered too big even to have been caused by the 8,000-pound block-busters, were reported by returning Canadian air crews.

"At 20,000 feet we were just above the smoke," said Sgt. Bob Bradley, of Toronto, who flies with P/O Garth Dundas, Miami, Man. "The searchlights were very dim, due to the haze and smoke," he added.

"We could still see the glow of the fires while we were over the sea on the way home," reported Sgt. Art Lewis, Lethbridge, Alta.

As the crews of four-engined Canadian bombers went in to attack Bochum, in the heart of the industrial Ruhr, they could see fires already burning from a distance of 40 miles. The fires could be seen for 100 miles as the Canadians made their way home.

"It was a better show than the last time we cracked Bochum," said Sgt. Greer Johnston, of Rosetown, Sask., who wears a miniature beer barrel as a good luck charm. "The fires glowed even brighter than they did last night at Dusseldorf. We figured there were

about 40 cones of searchlights, but we didn't get caught."

"We had most trouble dodging our own aircraft," said F/O Robert Van Note, Boulder, Colo., a Lancaster captain. "They were thick as flies over the target."

Other Canadians who took part were Sgt. Wilf Willis, Flin Flon, Man.; Sgt. Geoff Whyte, Battle, Mich., formerly of Millbrook, Ont.; Sgt. Bob Burns, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; and Sgt. Bob Dale, Berlin, N.H., formerly of Quebec City.

Monday night RCAF crews who fly with an Australian squadron helped to unload high explosives and incendiaries on Oberhausen. Returning air crew found the flak was as heavy as any previously encountered in the Ruhr. Taking advantage of the bright moonlight the enemy had many fighters about.

"I saw eight at one time or another," said Sgt. Frank Fowler, of Toronto. "It was a wizard night for them."

He and the other Canadian in his crew, F/S Gordon Blair, Portage La Prairie, Man., told of another Lancaster which almost collided with theirs over the target. Banking to avoid them, it swept around Fowler's turret.

According to Sgt. Charlie Usher, of Vancouver, and his pilot, Sgt. Bill Ritchie, of Edmonton, the fires at Oberhausen were well concentrated. Other crews reported seeing dozens of explosions as the block-busters burst all over the target area.

Two other Canadians who flew with the Aussies on the "do" were F/O Ken Ingram, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Sgt. Charlie Nevin, Baldwin, Sask.

BOMB FOR ANNE MARKS "MOOSE'S" 1,000th SORTIE

To mark its 1,000th sortie over enemy targets the Moose Squadron, last week-end, dropped a specially-painted 1,000 pound bomb on Dusseldorf. The missile was dedicated to a little Dutch refugee girl now in Canada.

The little girl, whose name is Anne, had sent \$500 to A/M L. S. Brendner, C.B., D.S.C., Chief of Air Staff in Ottawa, during the last Victory Loan campaign, asking that a bomb be dropped for her on Germany by the RCAF.

The honor of carrying out the mission fell to the crew of the Halifax bomber "Mermald," skippered by F/S M. F. "Bill" Gray, of Vancouver, and including five other Canadians and one Argentine-born Englishman. Other Canadians in the crew are P/O Russ Harling, Winnipeg, rear-gunner, and daddy of them all at 31; F/S Chuck Hancock, navigator, Strome, Alta.; Sgt. Gordie Low, Edmonton, wireless operator; Sgt. Cliff Wilby, Winnipeg, engineer; and F/S Basil Saunders, bomb-aimer, of Annapolis Royal, N.S. F/O Beckwith, who was second pilot of the bomber, is a member of the Canadian squadron commanded

by W/C Don Smith, of Preston, Ont.

The bomb, painted black, bore this legend in white letters: "For Anne—to mark the Moose Squadron's 1,000th sortie." LACs Angus Fraser, Trenton, N.S., and Bob Ellis, Ottawa, handled the paint job. Others of the ground crew who helped service the "Mermald" and rack up Anne's bomb were LAC Dan Vancleave, Huntsville, Ont.; LAC Jack Harris, Hamilton, Ont.; LAC Ken Murray, Highland Park, Mich.; Cpl. Archie Campbell, Maxville, Ont.; Sgt. Fred Scott, Midland, Ont.; LAC George Wray, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; LAC Morely Couling, Wawanesa, Man.; and LAC Bill Taylor, Lenore, Man.

The Moose Squadron, led by W/C M. M. Fleming, D.F.C., of Ottawa, has ranged deep into German territory during its 1,000 sorties, pouring out more than 2,200,000 pounds of bombs on enemy targets, in addition to 435,000 incendiaries. The list of cities rocked by its bombs includes Berlin, Pilsen, Paris, Essen, Cologne and virtually every industrial centre in the Ruhr Valley. The squadron is named after its late leader, W/C "Moose" Fulton, D.F.C.



Before recent changes took place these three Toronto flyers were the leaders of the RCAF Wolf Squadron. They all received their D.F.C.s within a month of each other. On the left is S/L Hugh Godefroy (then a flight commander and a flight lieutenant) who now commands the squadron; centre is S/L C. M. Magwood, who was C.O., but who is now taking a well-deserved rest; and on the right is F/L Dean MacDonald, one of the flight commanders. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

CANUCK FIGHTER WING SCORES SIX KNOCKOUTS

Winco Johnson Gets Two And Four Others Bag Singles

In routine sweeps and escort flights last week the Canadian Fighter Wing knocked six more Luftwaffe fighters out in air battles and scored several probables and damaged along the way as well.

In one decisive victory over the Luftwaffe's fighters based in Northern France, Spitfire pilots of Canadian Fighter Wing destroyed three enemy fighters, probably got a fourth and damaged a fifth—all in one engagement over last week-end.

It happened as the Wing was escorting bombers to targets in Northern France. Just west of Rouen a group of Pocke Wulfs were spotted and the Spits, attacked. In the following battle W/C J. E. Johnson, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, the Wing leader, knocked down two enemy kites, both confirmed as destroyed, S/L Hugh Godefroy, D.F.C., Toronto, who recently took command of the Wolf Squadron, destroyed a third.

F/L H. D. MacDonald, D.F.C., also of Toronto, a flight commander in the Wolf Squadron, scored a probable while F/O Bob Bowen, of Edmonton, was credited with a "damaged."

Protect "Lame Duck"

While escorting Mitchell bombers returning from a daylight attack on Flushing, S/L Archer's Spitfires allowed one "lame duck" bomber to lag behind, S/L R. W. McNair's squadron taking over its protection.

A "gaggle" of 20 plus F.W.190s outnumbering the Canadian Spits, by about three to one, suddenly appeared and hovered about, waiting a chance to finish off the bomber without giving combat to the Spits. Two sections of Arthur's squadron immediately returned to assist.

As W/C Chaburn's section wheeled to attack Sgt. Les Moore, of North Troy, N.Y., attacked one F.W. and shot it down, using up all his cannon shells in the process. But he turned to attack another F.W. with his machine guns and the German fled. Another F.W. was damaged by W/C Chaburn, who was making his second op, since becoming Wing Commander Flying of the Sector.

Friday, S/L J. D. Hall, Trail, B.C., who commands the Red Indian Squadron, shot down an Me.109 and damaged a second while leading his unit in a sweep over France.

Saturday, F/O F. R. Fowlow, Windsor, N.S., a member of the Wolf Squadron, destroyed a Me.109 during an engagement over France.

NO CANADIANS IN ANNE BOLEYN'S DAY

LAC Bill Cox, of Moose Jaw and Vancouver, says his camp is supposed to be haunted by Anne Boleyn. A sergeant air-gunner, not a Canadian, who was with the squadron stationed there before Bill's outfit, decided to debunk the legend. He volunteered to stay alone in the "haunted room" all night. At midnight sharp he dived out of the window, sustaining minor injuries.

"Of course, if he had been a Canadian," observed Bill, "Anne Boleyn would have been the one to have to jump out."

MOORE BUSTS FIRST ENGINE

Gets In Four "Firsts" On This Type Of Operation

Sgt. Les Moore, of North Troy, New York, who flies with Lloyd V. Chaburn's squadron, chalked up four "firsts" last week. He flew on his first operation as a section leader, encountered flak for the first time, busted his first locomotive, and did his first operation of this type.

The section attacked the locomotive and cars on the railway track near Alkmar, not far from the Dutch coast. Diving from 300 feet, Moore gave the locomotive a long burst. At the time he couldn't see what happened, so he flew over it again and saw two spouts of water from the boiler. The locomotive has been claimed as damaged.

What surprised him at the time was the unconcern of a number of pedestrians on the highway nearby. They were all civilians and didn't try to make for cover, but just stood and watched the attack.

Sgt. Moore didn't know whether the flak was heavy or not. It was the first time he had seen any.

F/O Bill Lawrence, another American with the squadron, (Continued on page 6, col. 4)

ADD FLYING TIME IN "EGG HOURS"

On the Wellington Squadron under the command of W/C J. R. Savard, of Montreal, the air crews gauge their flying time in "egg hours." In other words, the man with most operational breakfasts of bacon and eggs under his belt has completed the highest number of operations.

After a tough raid the flyers will often call on their Adjutant, F/L E. J. Strathdee, of Toronto, for two eggs in their return. Sometimes they get them. F/L Strathdee has not long been with the squadron, although he is a Permanent Force man and has been in the RCAF for four years. He was formerly adjutant of St. Hubert's No. 13 S.F.T.S. before he crossed to Britain in February of this year.

MID-EAST CREW WORKED HYDRAULICS ON COFFEE

When Not Making Coffee Canucks Are Blasting Italian Bases

The heat is tantalisingly being applied to the Axis heels in the Mid-Eastern theatre of war. Bomber crews, including many Canadians, have kept up incessant attacks on Italy's air and sea bases in the Mediterranean.

F/S Mel Smith, of Glen Haven, N.S., returning from a recent raid over Sardinia, had to pour his coffee into the emergency hydraulic system to make it work after it had been hit by flak. F/S Smith is an air gunner in an RAF Wellington bomber.

Their "Wimpy" was the first over the target and they found the airdrome all lit up. They bombed from a low altitude, and by the time the last stick fell the flak had increased tremendously and the hydraulics were hit. Over their home base they discovered they couldn't get their wheels down. Coffee, poured in the emergency system, worked the wheels beautifully.

Smith believes he is the first Canadian from this theatre of war to fly over Rome. Their squadron had bombed a seaplane base not far from the Holy City and they flew over it after completing their mission.

Two other Canadians flying in an RAF Wellington squadron are Sgt. Jack Fox, of Clayburn, B.C., and Sgt. Stan Jennison, of Windsor. Stan has vivid memories of a recent large-scale raid when four enemy airdromes were raided in turn by their squadron. As they left Castel Ventrano

MANY AWARDS ARE GRANTED TO CANADIANS

Forty-Six Non-Immediate And Three Immediate Go To RCAF

D.S.O. TO STICKELL

THREE immediate awards and the extraordinary number of 46 non-immediate awards have come the way of the RCAF and Canadians with the RAF this week. They indicate the extent and quality of Canadian participation in the air war.

A bar to the D.F.C. heads the immediate awards. It goes to P/O W. S. Sherk, D.F.C. Other Canadian members of his crew who have just been granted gongs for the same feat are F/Os G. G. McGladrey and R. G. Morrison. They get D.F.C.s.

These flyers were pilot, wireless operator and navigator respectively in an aircraft which was struck by falling incendiaries, as reported in WINGS ABROAD recently. In the frantic struggle to regain control of their diving bomber and extinguish flames "these members of the crew displayed great courage, skill and determination," says the official citation. The RAF flight engineer, Sgt. Bebenese, was awarded the D.F.M. for his part in the do.

Among the non-immediate awards, the D.S.O. leads the list. F/L John Stickell, D.F.C., Gilson, U.S.A., wins it. He is a bomber captain.

F/L Harry Shapiro, of Montreal, has been granted a bar to add to his D.F.C. He is cited as "a conscientious and reliable navigator."

Non-immediate D.F.C.s go to the following: W/C Douglas Bradshaw; W/C Donald Smith, Sackville, N.B.; S/L Joseph Savard; W/C Robert Waddell, Peterborough, Ont.; F/L Douglas Hagerman, Saskatoon; F/L Robert Cook; F/L Leslie Anderson, Calgary; F/L Patrick McGee, Osceola, Ont.; (Continued on page 5, col. 1.)

the Wimpy was attacked by a Nazi nightfighter. Jerry poured a burst in their direction and as Jennison returned his fire he ran for cover.

Although he was a little late in finding his unit, F/O John T. Davison, of Toronto, caught up by completing 10 ops. in a Wellington in two weeks. He is a member of a RAF Wellington squadron operating under the command of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, and they have been paying regular visits to Italian islands in the Mediterranean.

Many coastal crews, who operate on enemy shipping and anti-sub. patrols in the Mediterranean, fly hundreds of hours and never spot a ship or a sub. F/O Herb Webb, of Hamilton, and his "sprog" crew of a Hudson had an engagement with the enemy on their first day out.

As they flew around on patrol, a shout from the navigator put them on the alert. Below, in the distance, they saw a large Axis submarine cruising along on the surface and immediately the "sprog" sprang into action. The sub. made a crash-dive but the crew dropped their depth charges on top of it as it went down. They then hung around long enough to make sure there was no further chance of action and returned to base.

With F/O Webb in the Hudson were F/O Eddie Whilhelm, of Kitchener, F/O Chuck Down, Toronto, and Sgt. Tom Farrer, Moncton.

Also with a Wellington squadron in North Africa is F/O Vic Baker, of Montreal. His Canadian crew-mates are F/O Sandy Wilhelmsen, of Elbow, Sask., and Sgt. Gordon Dawson, of Cookstown, Ont.

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EDITORIAL

TESTAMENT OF FAITH

A TESTAMENT of faith in the cause for which he fought, inscribed in his diary by a Canadian flying officer, was read at a memorial service for him.

"I was 32 two days ago. And how I hate the thought of it. I do hope this war ends quickly and I can get back to something more constructive.

"I can only hope that when this war is over there will not be those who will rise up and say, 'We who fought in this war were dupes of propaganda and duped by the armament makers.'

"I hope at any rate that those who fought in this war will not be condemned as those who fought in 1914-18 were condemned from pulpits, platforms and college chairs in the 1920s and 30s.

BALLOON HOPPED TO GET JUNKERS

A Canadian pilot, F/O D. R. McLachlin, of Kingsville, Ont., figured in the operations when four enemy raiders were brought down one night last week.

McLachlin closed in on his Junkers and gave him a burst of cannon and machine-gun fire which set the Hun's starboard engine alight.

This is the second enemy aircraft to fall to the guns of F/O McLachlin. He flies with an RAF Beaufighter squadron.

S/L JIMMY WALKER, D.F.C. AND BAR

Flew With the RAF Fighter Wing in Russia And Now Commands Spit Squadron in Africa



When this picture was taken Jimmy Walker, of Edmonton, was a humble P/O. Since then he has added two rings to his sleeve and a D.F.C. and Bar to his tunic. He has destroyed 10 1/2 enemy aircraft.

(Official RCAF Photograph)

SINCE obtaining his wings under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, Fighter Pilot S/L Jimmy Walker, D.F.C. and Bar, of Edmonton, has taken off from the snow-packed runways of Russia and the sand-swept dromes of Tunisia and a lot in between.

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His experiences in Russia will always be the highlight of his Air Force career. The comradeship of the RAF pilots in a foreign country and the opportunity to live and fly with the airmen of the Soviet was something that would be hard to beat, he says.

The squadron's job was to instruct the Russians in RAF tactics and to acquaint them with the Hurricane. Walker's squadron accounted for the majority of the German air-

craft destroyed by the visiting RAF wing. He destroyed an Me.109 and probably a Ju.88. The Hurricane pilots flew from landing strips of packed snow when winter came, doing both sweeps and escort jobs with bombers from their field near Murmansk.

Walker returned to Britain with the squadron in the spring, and in the summer of 1942 scored another destroyed. He was awarded the D.F.C. in August of last year.

When the North African campaign opened Walker was a flight commander and his squadron, now flying Spitfires, was the first fighter unit of the RAF to land in the new theatre of war. Walker brought his total score to 10 1/2. This is one of the highest scores of RCAF fighter pilots now on operations. He was given command of his present squadron in February of this year and was awarded the bar to his D.F.C. in March.

In a sortie over enemy lines Walker and other members of his squadron waded into a formation of Stukas. Walker shot one down and got squirts at one more at least before he was hit and was forced to bale out. He made his way back to the squadron uninjured and was flying again before dusk.

S/L Jimmy Walker is now 24 years of age. Before the war he was a bank teller with the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Edmonton. He was born in Claresholme, Alta., and attended school in Toronto and Edmonton.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

To the Editor of WINGS ABROAD. I notice in WINGS ABROAD that the Middle East and India Commands get a few lines in your paper. I'm taking the liberty of writing on behalf of West Africa.

There are quite a few Canucks where we are, radio mechanics and boys serving in the various squadrons. Among them are Scott, Toronto, of Signals; Sgt. H. B. Greenall, New Westminster, B.C.; Sgt. Schryer, Ottawa (on transit); and Sgt. Basset-Spiers Montreal.

Send our regards to the gang at the P.R.C. That includes greeting from myself and Basset-Spiers. His gang of workers put Canada badges on their shirts. "Canada" has no special appeal to the girls out here—the native women can't read.

We have been swimming all winter and the rainy season will be coming on soon. Then we won't be able to do very much, so a few copies of WINGS ABROAD will help us considerably.

The gang here would like to send regards to the Canadian cypher sergeants who are serving in the RAF. In Iceland, India, Middle East and God knows where, I think they would like to know that we're here.

Out here the only thing we can't catch is frostbite, so we take all sorts of vitamin tablets and loads of tea. Beer, of course, if you can get it. However, all of the boys are quite fit.

The last time we saw a white girl was six months ago. Of course, we miss the baseball, dancing, basketball and Canadian Wids. We'd sure like to meet up with some of that good ol' feminine Canadian slang.

I trust you are interested in what I have written. I am no writer. I am a stenographer. Cheers to all the gang in Blighty. Here's to WINGS ABROAD—the paper for the boys.

Sgt. A. MALLIA, Air Headquarters, West African Forces. P.S.—The mail gets through swell.

BOMBER PILOT BUYS A BOMB

George de Bussac Plans To Deliver Purchase Personally

Sgt. George de Bussac, of Lydden, Sask., got a bargain. He bought a 4,000-pound bomb for a mere five pounds. It was all the more valuable, too, since 156 worth of Savings Stamps had been stuck on it.

This happened when the hamlet of "ten houses and a pub" near W/C J. R. Savard's squadron put on their "Wings for Victory" drive. The station of the RCAF Bomber Group, on which de Bussac is a bomber pilot, carted a four thousand pounder into the village and placed it in a conspicuous position. The villagers were invited to stick any spare Savings Stamps upon it. Then the bomb was put up for auction, the purchaser being promised free delivery to Germany. The bidding was so brisk that George entered into it as well and became its proud possessor.

George de Bussac is not worried about delivery. He's engaged in the business himself.

Selthun, F/O, Ardmore, Alberta; W. A. Wainwright, P/O, Saskatchewan; L. Warren, Sgt., Prince Albert, Sask.; D. C. Way, Sgt., Alderidge, Alberta; T. H. White, F/S, Hamilton, Ont.; A. Allen, Sgt., Herschel, Sask.; E. Appleton, Sgt., New York, N.Y.; E. H. Bakeman, Sgt., New York, N.Y.; U.S.A.; I. S. Brown, Sgt., Winnipeg; J. H. Brown, F/O, Lexington, Ont.; H. E. Budd, F/S, Sudbury, Ont.; M. Mack, P/O, Glenora, Sask.; C. A. Gilne, Sgt., F/S, Souris, Man.; C. A. Gilne, Sgt., F/S, Glenora, Sask.; L. E. Corley, Sgt., Quinnman, Texas, U.S.A.; E. F. Dymarski, P/O, Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A.; T. W. Foran, Sgt., Holden, Alta.; D. A. Forestell, Sgt., Coniston, Ont.; P. G. R. Freberg, F/O, St. James, Man.; H. G. Geertz, Sgt., Elms Hat, Alta.; G. H. Helm, W/O, Meacham, Sask.; A. M. Kelly, Sgt., Winnipeg, Ont.; M. A. Lambert, Sgt., Cornwall, Ont.; M. L. Lemon, F/S, Everett, Ont.; F. G. McGrath, Sgt., Montreal; D. O. McMahon, F/O, North Bay, Ont.; H. D. Nesbit, F/S, Niagara Falls, Ont.; H. D. Nesbit, Sgt., Ellice Des Monts, Que.; W. E. Phillips, Sgt., Semans, Sask.; A. F. Ross, Sgt., F/S, Sudbury, Ont.; H. Smith, Sgt., Rudick, Sgt., Winnipeg; C. M. Smith, Sgt., Winnipeg; R. H. Stover, Sgt., Markham, Ont.; L. R. Townsend, P/O, Calgary; L. G. Vallance, F/O, Atwood, Ont.; E. B. Watt, Sgt., Ont.; D. B. White, P/O, Sussex, Ont.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. W. M. Hicks, F/S, Portage la Prairie, Man.; A. A. Dorack, Sgt., Otter Lane, Que.; R. A. Killham, Sgt., Toronto; A. N. MacLellan, Sgt., Inverness, N.S.; F. E. Rogers, Welland City, Ont.; D. H. Smith, Sgt., Elfron, Sask.; J. O. T. A. A. G. Taylor, Sgt., Montreal; R. H. Clark, Sgt., Moncton, N.B.; C. A. Field, P/O, Chillywack, B.C.; H. F. Puder, Sgt., Vancouver; W. A. Dixon, Sgt., Holland Township, Ont.; J. A. Town, P/O, Brandon, Man.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED DEAD. E. J. F. Paquette, Sgt., Toronto; M. T. Hammell, Sgt., Bracebridge, Ont.; J. A. McMahon, Sgt., Inverness, N.S.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. C. J. Pearson, Sgt., Vancouver; E. R. Watson, Sgt., Goderick, Ont.

WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. E. Richardson, F/O, Toronto; W. A. Sprinkle, F/O, Seattle, Wash., U.S.A.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. D. R. Morrison, F/L, D.F.M., Toronto

COMMISSIONED

It is announced by RCAF Overseas Headquarters that the following airmen have received their commission as pilot officer:

- Pilots.—E. C. Case, Kelvington, Sask.; M. E. White, Centerville, N.B.; L. G. Wilson, Niagara Falls, Ont.; G. H. Price, Montreal; A. G. Grant, Vancouver; F. V. Pledge, Toronto; C. W. Doodson, Port Alberni, B.C.; B. T. Hamill, Whitehead, Sask.; S. W. Hunter, Winnipeg; G. W. Watson, Toronto; G. W. Armstrong; L. A. Dodds, Calgary; G. R. Brown, Bartonville, Ont.; J. D. E. Turcotte, St. Pierre, Man.; A. Edwards, Hamilton, Man.; C. L. Spooner, Edmonton; H. Goodwin, Wyncoke, Pa., U.S.A.; K. W. Brown, Moose Jaw; H. H. Dickie, Edmonton; J. K. Eason, Toronto; D. A. L. Bell, Toronto; V. M. Rawbone, Burlington, Ont.; V. H. Creighton, Waterloo, Ont.; R. E. Nutter, Forest Hill, Ont.; P. C. Atkinson, Toronto; T. H. Dibb, London.

- Navigator.—L. R. Silver, McAdam Jct., N.B.; J. O. Peltier, Windsor, Ont.; R. L. Webb, Calgary; A. W. Beals, Truro; D. A. L. Bell, Toronto; V. M. Rawbone, Burlington, Ont.; V. H. Creighton, Waterloo, Ont.; R. E. Nutter, Forest Hill, Ont.; P. C. Atkinson, Toronto; T. H. Dibb, London.

- Navigator (B).—R. C. Seale, White Rock, B.C.

- Wireless Operator Air Gunners.—J. P. Withers, Peterboro, Ont.; J. A. F. McNeill, Montreal; L. M. Halliday, Hamilton; J. E. Lago, Timmins, Ont.; J. W. Hobson, Winnipeg; H. R. Cook, Abbotsford, B.C.

- Air Gunners.—L. M. Holtby, C. L. Morey, Cumberland, B.C.

- Air Gunners.—P. Y. C. Tremblay, Montreal; G. A. Fitzgerald, Toronto; E. J. Evans, Winnipeg.

- Administrative Branch.—R. S. Moe, Vancouver; R. J. Thompson, Rosetown, Sask.

- Equipment.—H. E. Wilson, Montreal; R. W. H. St. Lawrence, Toronto.

- Radio Branch.—J. M. O'Neill, Toronto; R. D. Wood, Westmount, Que.

- Flying Control Branch.—H. L. Spence, Toronto.

BARNES GOT A Ju88

Sgt. W. H. Barnes, of Sundridge, Ont., rear-gunner of a Halifax of the RCAF Bomber Group, during the heavy raid on Bochum last week, used his guns so effectively that five members of the crew saw the Ju.88 burst into flames and crash into the sea.

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S/L Chadburn took the leading boat and saw strikes on the superstructure. Smoke belowed out and debris flew up in all directions. His aircraft was hit several times, and when he got back to base he reported finding the flying "a bit rough" on the way home. Cannon shells tore into the wings and fuselage, making gaping holes. One near the tail assembly measured 12 inches across by about three inches in width. The leading edge of one wing was torn and chunks were knocked out of the propeller.

CHADBURN'S SQUADRON ATTACKS ENEMY SHIPS

Defy Anti-Aircraft Fire In Two Successive Operations

S/L Lloyd V. Chadburn's RCAF Spitfire squadron pilots are becoming a headache to enemy shipping, pressing their attacks close to hostile coastline and within easy range of Nazi fighter stations.

Three E-boats, an armed trawler and a merchantman are their latest victims, all damaged, more than one probably sunk, and, to prove that they are in there pitching, the Canadians picked off three victims on two consecutive operations.

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S/L Chadburn took the leading boat and saw strikes on the superstructure. Smoke belowed out and debris flew up in all directions. His aircraft was hit several times, and when he got back to base he reported finding the flying "a bit rough" on the way home.

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J. L. Blair, F/S, Goderick, Ont.; L. F. Cook, Sgt., Bradford, Ont.; M. Dunlop, Sgt., Abbey, Sask.; F. W. Kidson, Sgt., Penitence, B.C.; J. S. Lawson, P/O, Fredericton, N.B.; A. B. McNeilan, F/S, Prince Rupert, B.C.; P. O. Frank, Alta.; J. H. B. Woolgar, Sgt., Winnipeg; C. J. Porter, P/O, Hamilton; C. Kieckhefer, O. Millburn, U.S.A.; R. D. Sherring, Alta. Sgt. C. W. Wainwright, Sgt. B. S. St. James, Sask.; A. E. Hammond, F/S, Port Francis, Ont.; A. B. Morledge, F/O, Lloydminster, Sask.; H. D. Price, F/S, Sibley, Sask.; S. V. Stowe, F/S, Vickersby, Alta.; H. J. Stuart, F/O, Toronto; H. S. Sveinsson, Sgt., Winnipeg.

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J. A. McMillan, F/S, Winnipeg. D. G. E. Ball, S/L, Dutchman, Ont.; D. Birks, F/S, Ottawa; T. E. Richardson, Sgt., Montreal; A. L. Foster, W/O, Toronto; C. W. G. Burke, F/O, Toronto; J. P. Morris, Sgt., Alexandria, Ont.; J. F. Smith, F/S, Moose Jaw, Sask. Airmen from Windsor and Oshawa are made to feel at home by thousands of Canadian-built vehicles on the roads, from tiny trucks to huge water carriers. Many of them are "shod" with Canadian-built tyres, too. Some of the canned food, too, is Canadian. He eats beans from down Leamington way, and peaches from Niagara Peninsula. Available in the Indian stores are pre-war silk stockings from Ontario mills, although they are not the quality he would send home.

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SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

TUNIC AND TROUSERS

By Cpl. J. F. CUTLER

THE whereabouts of tunics and trousers caused some delay in the leave of that dashing pair, LAC C. F. "Fletch" Stockwell, Cottam, Ont., and LAC R. W. "Sully" Sullivan, Coaticook, Que. Suggestions regarding barrels and sarongs failed to get any response from our two gentlemen, and last seen they were still looking for tunic and trousers.

We are still wondering who spread the rumour that our Cpl. H. M. Allen, of Winnipeg, better known as "Hank," pardon me, Cpl. Hank, is sometime soon going to get a day off.

Seeking an opening for intended night operations were two gentlemen in the personages of P/O R. D. Booth, Vancouver, recently commissioned, and P/O J. C. "Mac" McLeod, New Brunswick, Herring, Man. Two Brown Jobs appeared to be their centre of interest.

East meets west in the instrument section with the arrival of LAC E. A. Whalen, of Toronto, and LAC M. H. McIlvren, of Winnipeg. The latest addition to the staff of Cpl. Baker, our English shock-proof electrical wizard, is LAC C. V. Asp, from Alberta. Heh, take that hayseed out of your ears! To the happy home of Little Burt enters AC T. H. O'Connor, Kingston, Ont.

For the information of all concerned, the guy behind the face behind the hand that dishes out the mail in future is LAC A. J. Salva, of Natal, B.C., who replaces our diminutive mail dispenser, Cpl. Tony Gallant, of P.E.I., who gathers in his belongings and says adios to the boys.

We are all sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Lister, wife of LAC D. D. Lister, our Glasgow electrician.



This medal is a Distinguished Service Order which should have been pinned by the King on the chest of W/C John "Moose" Fulton, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., of Kamloops, B.C., commander of the famed Moose Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force in Britain. But a few days before the award was announced in the summer of 1942, "Moose" Fulton was reported missing. Two of his brothers attended the Buckingham Palace investiture to receive the decoration in the "Moose's" stead. At right and holding the decoration is Pte. Alexander Fulton, R.C.A.S.C., eldest of the four Fulton brothers to whom His Majesty handed the award. At the left is Capt. Davie Fulton, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, who accompanied his brother to the investiture. Another brother, Capt. Fred Fulton, Rocky Mountain Rangers, is still in Canada.

NEAT ARRANGEMENT

By LAC F. C. JAMES

A NEAT arrangement with the RCAF and the USAAF has been made by former F/S R. W. Stuart, of our squadron. An American citizen from Buffalo, N.Y., Stuart joined the RCAF and came overseas to serve as a straight A/G on the Goose Squadron. Recently he received his discharge from the RCAF and was re-enlisted in the American Army Air Force with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He is now with the Lion Squadron, on loan from the AAF to finish his tour.

There's been bags of promotions on the squadron lately. Now sergeants are: R. Sabourin, Ottawa; R. P. Taylor, Verdun; P. D. Smith, Trenton; S. R. McCormick, Moose Jaw; C. J. Malone, Montreal; H. Smith, Ottawa; R. W. Lambert, Victoria; and J. W. LeCain, from Yarmouth. And elevated to corporals have been H. S. Noyes, Victoria; R. H. Croucher, Calgary; W. P. Holt, Greenwich, N.S.; A. K. McLeod, Edmonton; R. H. Hardy, Norwood, Man.; H. S. Groff, Grimsby; R. S. Goss, Kamloops; W. Knowles, Coaticook, P.Q.; R. R. Proff, Edmonton, P.E.I.; G. S. Nicol, Winnipeg; S. Blair, Mackayville, P.Q.; K. K. Maltman, Minnitas, Man.; W. P. MacMillan, Cowley, Alta.; and L. Ferguson and J. L. Charnley, Winnipeg. P/O G. T. Vicary, Toronto, navigator and official squadron historian, and J. Ferguson are now F/Os.

A recent intake has brought us two more ground crew fresh from Canada to replace RAF ground staff who are being posted away in accordance with the policy of Canadianisation of RCAF squadrons. We regret losing the English chaps, many of whom had become almost as Canadian as ourselves through their association with us. On the RAF squadrons to which they are posted they will doubtless act as goodwill ambassadors for Canada, for they were for the most part sorry to leave. They all take with them first-hand gen on the Canadian national games of baseball, crap and poker.

HE'S NOT MISSING

By ARKAYBEE

WING COMMANDER M. M. FLEMING, D.F.C. ("The Winco") of Ottawa, desires it to be known to all that he is still in occupancy of the chief executive chair of the Moose Squadron, as well as the pilot's seat in "N for Nuts." Apparently someone is trying to give him the "jitters" by sending him a signal asking if he is "missing." Said signal now reposes on the front page of the "Winco's" log-book as a highly prized souvenir. Big event of the week was the visit to the station of the RCAF band, and the music thereof was enjoyed by all and sundry. A good many Moosemen were noticed at the hop held in the Naafi on Monday night, their ears flapping in the breeze created by the blast from the band's terrific brass section.

The chubby countenance of F/S Al Carleton, of Edmonton, is once more seen around the premises on his return from a course. In celebration of his return he held an "at home" in his palatial room in the sergeants' mess last Saturday, from 20.30 hours until 23.00 hours. The cake was cut by F/S Charles Faulkner, of Toronto, and cigarettes and chocolates were dispensed by F/S Walt Partridge, of Vermillion, Alberta. Topics of the day, including "women," the war, "women," and other subjects, including "women," were discussed freely, and a terrific time was had by all.

Erstwhile Cpl., now "Sarge," I. H. "Howie" Groom, of Montreal, is the happy possessor of long-sought "third," as is Sgt. W. H. "Herby" Ball, of Perdue, Sask.

Sgt. R. E. "Dick" Nutter, of Forest Hill Village, Ont., is wearing a ring on his wrist instead of stripes on his biceps these days. Congrats, P/O Nutter! Gong of the week goes to W/O J. W. "Bonker" Beale, of the RAF, warrant-officer engineer, who has been made a member of the O.B.E. for what amounts to "long and darned good service" both here and overseas. Quoth "Bonker": "Aw, I didn't do anything THAT good"! Congrats, "Bonker!" "Moochin' around with the Moosemen" this week we noticed: AC A. H. "Maggie" Magnusson, of Great Falls, Man., climbing aboard a truck en route to dispersal in the early hours of the morning; Sgt. "Short-stuff" Godfrey Kane, of Montreal, "shaking a hoof" to the tunes of the RCAF band; F/L A. L. "Tiny" Parnall, of Peterborough, Ont., and F/O C. H. "Parkie" Parker, of Winnipeg, with their heads together over a tough navigational problem; Sgt. Les Chapman, of Toronto, ushering his crew through the intricacies of an "Arrival Certificate" on arriving at the squadron. Welcome fellas!



WITH THE R.A.F.

DEMONS CUT CAPERS

By SGT. A. ALLICE

RECENTLY the squadron enjoyed the anniversary of its second year of formation with a birthday dance.

The whole squadron turned out in full regalia for the occasion. Buttons glistening, shoes like polished ebony and creases in their trousers, which made their uniforms look like the military version of the "zoot suit."

The dance was a huge success. The squadron turned out en masse: erk-cook-WAAF-Group Captain-everybody.

S/L "Doug" Weightman, D.F.C., thanked the squadron for their past co-operation and was very warmly received.

The food was plentiful, and the rapidity and gusto with which it vanished paid full tribute to the excellent catering. Sgt. "Gus" Gomer and Cpl. "Andy" Anderson also came in for special mention for the manner in which they handled the liquid refreshments. The demand there was great enough to warrant the services of several trained octopi.

A very funny incident occurred when the music suddenly stopped during a hot swing session and everybody waited patiently while the piano player finished his refreshments (Democracy at its best).

AC1 "Timber" Weaver cleared half the floor when he started to sway after having "one over the eight."

Amongst the many who "tied one on" was P/O Freddie Foster, who later, in true Fosterian manner, solemnly vowed never to touch the stuff again.

Incidentally, Freddie still doesn't know who that cute little girl is who kissed him good night after having danced all evening with her, and he's now on the prowl.

All told, it was a very "good show" and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

Unfortunately, for some time we haven't been in Wings Abroad for several reasons. But we will be back pretty regularly from now on and try to give you the low-down on "what's cookin'."

At present we are situated in what is probably England's most scenic countryside, and thoroughly enjoying it. The nearby towns are amply supplied with the necessary requisites for a successful "night tour of Ops," and are very widely patronized by the boys.

The squadron's job is different too—no more enemy shipping with Hudsons—but U-boat "pranging" with the versatile Wimpy.

A POETIC ERK

A bank clerk turned armourer is an adaptable type. AC Bob Barr, of Stratford, Ont., who is just such a man, visited London last week, said that after he tired of the great city he would go "where my spirit lietheth." Adapt yourselves to that, erks!

"MY name," said the flight sergeant bomb-aimer, "is London-London-Charlie - Orange-Apple-Tummy-Harry-Inkkeerect. The first name is Harry."

That's a mansized introduction, Harry Hillcoat. Lesser men would stutter under that weight of words.

On leave in this historic boom town last week Harry encountered another Longueuil, Quebec, boy, an old school friend named Jim Maffre. Like Harry, Jim is also a flight sergeant, though of the WAG persuasion, and, like Harry again, he has been instructing at O.T.U. with a full tour of ops behind him.

One could write a book instead of a few paragraphs about their operational experiences. Jim flew with a Catalina squadron. Besides England, his wartime travels have taken him to Wales, Scotland, Iceland, Gibraltar, Arctic Russia and the Algerian coast, where he flew an escort during the great landing operations there. He's been around a lot of world, but says the only part of it that seems like Canada is Canada.

Jim wanted a mention of his gallant English skipper, F/L Healy, D.S.O., who was killed in action some time ago; and he sends regards to his brother John, who is now flying a Spit in Malta.

Harry's Stirling carried another Canuck along on his tour, F/S Tommy Hopson, of Toronto, the mid-upper gunner.

Tommy's skin needed 27 stitches after one Hamburg do. The boys had dropped a great load of incendiaries, and were passing over another German city when flak batteries began swinging haymakers hot and heavy at their big kite, while searchlights spotlight it like a glamour girl at a Hollywood premiere.

The Newzie skipper twisted out of the air ambush with great skill, but immediately encountered another one in the form of a couple of Ju.88 night-fighters. The Huns attacked five times, wounding Tommy but otherwise not hitting the Stirling with much success. Tommy kept on shooting despite his injuries.

Their lack of hits was caused by the skill of the Newzie skipper again. He got the D.S.O. for his brilliant flying that night.

Tommy got one of the Ju.88s credited to him as a probable. Flames appeared from it and it dived away.

Harry wants to be remembered to another WAG, Sgt. Bud Copping, Sherbrooke, Que.

"When I start on ops," said Sgt. Art Sparks, of Regina, an Army Medical man turned air crew trainee, "I want to start with a brand new Lancaster and peel the cellophane off it myself." Art was in town with a couple of other air crew trainees, Sgt. Cliff Morrison, Bruce, Alta., and Cpl. Gavin McWilliam, Quebec City.

Cliff has his heart set on a Mosquito, while Gav favours Army Co-op Mustangs, wanting to take advantage of his considerable artillery experience.

Wartime, Sask., is the curious name of WOI Frank McKnight's home town. It acquired that

handle as a result of being started in 1915.

The sergeant-major is just back from the Middle East, where he flew Wellingtons from Maltese and Libyan bases. Only other Canuck in his crew was F/S Bob Marshall, a Shelburne, Ont., WAG. Frank began his tour as a second pilot, ended it as skipper.

"By Guess And By God"

Coming back from Africa he met another WOI pilot, Harry Vern Boyle, of Saskatoon. Harry has been on about 20 fighter sweeps and has shot up German troops, trains and factories in Occupied France. His riskiest experience happened over the North Sea one night when his radio went dead and he had to navigate back "by guess and by God."

Harry would appreciate news of P/O Art Summers, who is in India, while Frank wants lines from the aforementioned Bob Marshall.

Acquaintances will be interested to learn how P/O "Dagwood" Sutherst, Windsor, Ont., acquired his nickname. It was given to him as a result of his being seen so often proceeding from mess to hangar at terrific speed, eating his breakfast as he raced.

"Dagwood" has just graduated from fighter O.T.U., and his friends expect to see him in a dogfight any day now, stickhandling, firing his guns, and balancing coffee and doughnuts expertly on his knees.

Speaking of "Dagwood," we just naturally have a "Blondie" to match him. But the blond happens to be a burly young sergeant WAG named Riley, and a Westerner from Edmonton at that.

"Blondie" has been getting in his airborne hours in a VLR Liberator. There are two other Canucks in his crew, W/O "Pranger" Prentice, of Winnipeg, navigator and bomb-aimer, and Sgt. Geoff Parker, Midnapore, Alta., WAG. They boys call "Pranger" that because they figure he's a good bomb-aimer.

They have a couple of U-boats credited to them as damaged. They got the two in one day, one of the subs. putting up a fight with its ack-ack gun. But the important thing to "Blondie" was that it "was a big convoy and they got through with no losses."

You have to show these boys from Missouri, so the tradition goes. Sgt. Pilots McConkey and Barger from that State were true to the legend, sure enough. They ran away from their home town down there together, tried to join the RCAF, and were rejected because of their youth. So they joined the Canadian Army instead, stuck around until they were old enough for pilot's training, and transferred to the RCAF together. Now they have just graduated from a fighter and tank-buster A.F.U. Good show, fellows.

Another Yankee who has just finished fighter A.F.U. is Sgt. Pilot Don Dempsey, Elyria, Ohio. Don expects to be transferred to the U.S.A.A.F. soon. He has been spending leave with other graduates of the same course, including Sgts. (Continued on page 5, col. 4.)



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SOLID SENDERS

By Cpl. M. J. SEELEY

STUART SAUNDERS' solid senders gave the Goose and Lion Squadrons, as well as the H.Q. Staff of this Canadian Bomber Station commanded by G/C H. M. Carscallen, a solree of syncopeation, typically Canadian, on a recent Saturday. Officers and men of the Station packed the NAAFI hall as never before, and lovers of 'slow tuncful numbers, as well as jive-jumping hepcats, gave the fifteen band members a rousing reception.

The London bandsmen and their smooth, danceable rhythm kept fans packed around the front of the stage applauding; occasionally, when the music really sizzled, these fans were driven to solos.

Among Goose Squadron notables present were S/L Newson, the "Adj.," F/L Bond, that much-gonged Irishman, F/L Paddy Reynolds, D.F.C., D.F.M. (often referred to as "that bad type!"), Bombing Leader F/L "Sammy" Samuels zealously "guarding" the coy and charming instrument bashers, Dorothy Robinson. Others attending, to mention but a few, were LAC "Zeke" Laszec, just repatriated, Staff Sgt. Dick Stuart in his American Air Force uniform, F/O Alex Stockdale, of Montreal, whom the squadron recently lost to the Lions' Winco, Sgt. Hank Henry and his wife Joan, who has been numbered among the squadron's Waafs for quite some time.

Prior to the dance F/S Ted Robbins, of Toronto, led his 45 piece overseas orchestra through a delightful two-hour concert, which included music from Noel Coward's "Cavalcade," several fully orchestrated popular dance numbers, and a number of light classical selections, all excellently played.

Following its visit to this station, the band went on to our satellite drome, where W/C Kerby's squadron holds sway, and where our former adj., S/L Frank Moore, is the station admin. officer. Other stations and satellites in the Canadian Bomber Group were visited later in their itinerary.

F/O N. M. (Blondie) Boyd, our control officer, "got some in" the other day when he went a-flipping with P/O Grant. "Blondie" arrived at the kite complete with every item of equipment known to fliers—most of which was half on and the remainder incorrectly positioned or secured. His chief beef was about the night before which, it is said he mentioned, had cost

him too much. It couldn't have been Naafi giggle-water by any chance?

It is reported that there has been a sudden "change-of-heart" complex running through some of the commissioned gentlemen of the squadron (who, by the way, we understand actually used finger-bowls and serviettes one day last week in the mess!). This change has given many a new lease on life, stimulated more interest in the work of certain high-winged fliers, and, above all, has brought out the "poet" in more than one victim. One such treasure of "liquid" prose we wish to quote, in part, for the benefit of some less descriptive lads who may wish to take advantage of this unique opportunity. So, boys, set your sights on this! . . . "She's as fleeting as a nymph in all her lithe ebullience." Though very womanly she is still intellectual; possessing a soft, gentle, warm and friendly nature, she is full of strength and appeal. Too, she is an oasis of sweetness, and has a tender, jolly humour, all of which adds lustre to this radiant, lovely specimen of womanhood.

This week's matrimonial news spotlights LAC Ken Goodwin, of Toronto, who has become engaged to one of Workshop's "sparkling" Waafs, LAC Evelin McDougall. Congratulations to you both.

Perhaps Sgt. Ed Giffin, of Brockville, one of the quiet, unassuming, and shy members of Milligan's Mohawk Crew, could tell the boys why he is called "Newsreel"?

ON LEAVE

NOW relaxing in London, the crew of an RCAF Wellington told of racing the unusual and unpleasant prospect of a crash-landing at sea without a dinghy recently. A flak-burst over Dusseldorf had blown the rubber float clean out of their bomber.

The Wimpy was just going into its bombing run when the flak barrage enveloped it, related Sgt. Joe Stoffco, Calgary rear-gunner. In a minute the undercarriage was ruined, the dinghy gone, several big holes had appeared in the wing and one petrol tank was damaged.

The skipper, Sgt. Dick Murray, of Hamilton, took the aircraft through the storm of explosives, and the bombs were released over the target area. Coming back they thought they would have to land at sea, but Murray and Sgt. Jerry Phillips, of Winnipeg, the navigator, managed to keep the battered kite in the air long enough to crash-land on British soil.

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"CONVERT" STATION

By JIMMIE GUNN

CANADA'S nine provinces, two other British Dominions and most of England's counties are represented among the personnel of this new RCAF Conversion Unit.

Flight Commanders are S/Ls D. H. Kenny, D.F.C., St. John, N.B., and Bob Boosey, D.F.C., Vange, Essex, the hero of the A.T.C., and F/L Jack Snider, of Hamilton (near Toronto).

"Gaulter" of the Orderly Room is Cpl. Dunc. "I wanna go home" Bothwell, Montreal, who is assisted (?) by LACs Art Gilbert, Toronto dance expert, Doug Hagerman, Reno, Nevada, and Calgary man of "affairs," and Johnnie Lemay, Ottawa authority on how to woo two or more females simultaneously.

Included among the G.D.s are a large number of "Canadiens": Cpl. Marc Devost, Quebec City; LACs J. Belanger, J. Blanchette, both of Montreal; J. Benoit, Knowlton, P.Q.; J. Boucher, Trois Pistoles, P.Q.; J. A. Cyr, Riviere Du Loup; M. LaChance, Ottawa; and J. A. G. Monty, Rosemount, P.Q.

Canadian trainees in the first class come from five of the Dominion's nine provinces and include P/Os Val Reilander, Regina Beach, Sask.; Reg. Fowler, New Liskeard, Ont.; Don Orr, San Lake, Sask.; Gordie Fanson, Winnipeg; and Sgts. Win Blackmore, Cardston, Alta.; son of J. H. Blackmore, M.P., Social Credit leader in the Dominion House of Commons; Frank Oliver, Ottawa; Bill Wood, Roseton, Sask.; Reg. Seaborn, Campbellford, Ont.; Mike Kimber, Saskatoon, Sask.; Jack Pilford, Blairmore, Alta.; Alex Leslie, Snake Lake, Sask.; Gordie Spearman, Stittsville, Ont.; Bob Borrowes, Montreal; Jim Leighton, Prince Rupert, B.C.; Lloyd Banks, Brantford, Ont.; Don McNeill, Toronto; and "Bourn" Pothier, Pinckney's Point, N.S.

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

Sgt. WAG Edward Fujat, of Toronto, had a real thrill on leave recently. He visited a couple of hometown pals, Sgts. Steve Babyn and "Doc" Savage, at their Coastal Command station and flew a bit with them.



WITH THE 'RADIO MECHS.

VISITING FIREMEN

JACK WILLIAMS, of Kingston, Ont., got a real break from the R.A.F. He joined in England in '38 and was posted to Canada at the beginning of the war, where he stayed for three years.

On vacation last week Jack visited town with a fair-sized delegation of radio mechs., including LAC Bill Cox, of Moose Jaw and Vancouver; Cpl. Bert Drake, a British Columbian; LAC Joe Cappozzi, Kelowna, B.C.; and LAC Jimmy Gibson, Niagara Falls, Ont.

The boys are all on different stations, but they convened in town in the age-old manner of visiting firemen in a convention. All survived in shaken condition. Cox and Drake joined up together; in fact Drake was the first other recruit Cox saw.

Three graduates from a special course are Cpl. Bill Fenimore, Whitby, Ont.; LACs Glen Prior, Dundas, Ont.; and Joe Reid, Glan studied radio before he joined up, so it looks as if he'll be a wave-slave for the rest of his natural.

LAC Ronnie Marshall, Vulcan, Alta., visited town hoping to meet a hometown pal and fellow radio mech. last week, one Don Greene. Instead he happened upon a girl from his hometown, now a Headquarters W.D.

As he finished telling about his engagement, Henry rose swiftly about a foot in the air, propelled by the boot of a delighted hometown, LAC Ian Wright, who hadn't seen him for a long time. Hearty fellows, these Westeners.

Ian was also on leave, in the company of Cpl. A. G. Martin, yet another ex-schoolteacher, and a citizen of Southey, Sask.

SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Sid and Hank

SPORTS news this week concerns a game with a local American team. The Canucks found the Fanks very good hosts. The Fanks' team provided strong opposition, but mainly due to Art Johnson's pitching we came out on the long end of an 8-3 score.

Mr. Moss, of the Canadian War Services, has arranged a game with another American team. This team has a good record back in the States and we're expecting strong opposition.

Last Saturday, in a quiet, little, centuries-old church, the old world and the new were united when LAC W. Ratchuk, of Edmonton, married Miss Audrey Evans, a local girl. LAC Walter Shirley was best man and saw that the wedding went off with only the one hitch. After a reception given by the bride's parents the couple left for their honeymoon in Torquay.

One of our ace fliers, Cpl. Ken West, has been taking spinning lessons in a Stirling. "Be kee-ful of them new-fangled contraptions, Kenny."

On leave in London at present is Staffa Drake, and soon (we hope) your scribe will be on his way to a quiet nine days on an estate in Bonnie Scotland, visiting friends in the lovely county of Bife.

We're beginning to think that North Wales M.U. has sent us two night-hawks in the form of Cpls. Gallager and Franklin. They've been away so much at night that we're thinking of installing lights on them; still, that red hair is quite a beacon as it is.

Preparing for two weeks of square bashing on the discip. course are those two indomitable, McInnis and Clearhill.



By LAC J. C. Cameron

COUNTY DURHAM

By LAC Bob Weeks

IT shore 'nuff is a small world. P/O Bob Dunn, LAC Jock Bell and myself had gone to school together, played sports on the same teams, gone to dances and even belonged to the same club. Mistress Fate smiled and Mr. Dunn came through my 'drome where Jock visited us the other day. Just a mere 5,000 miles away from home.

Norm Kabbin, Cobalt, Ont., having just returned from Edinburgh leave, reminisces that he was present at the opening of the new Canadian Legion club there. "Among other guests," he goes on, "were Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, and Major-General P. J. Montague."

Now for a list of future air heroes, i.e., if old age doesn't get 'em first. The following have all passed their A.C.S.B. and are waiting courses: Al Marks, now posted, Stan Crisp, both Toronto, Herb Thompson, Calgary, Dwight Rivard, posted, Jerry Locke, Banff, Alta., and Wally Soyka, who is probably in Canada now.

Facts about some of the airmen. Herb Thompson has been in hospital three weeks with appendix trouble. He looks something like an over-ripe tomato just now because he napped in the sun. Stan Crisp (he'll never know how I got this) is studying German. Jerry Locke exercises in nought but his shorts each and every night. His jiggling muscles excite a ring of admirers for at least ten minutes.

The other day I caught George Maybe smiling sweetly into his camera while it took his picture. Well, I suppose somebody had to do it, but it is rather conceited. Our baseball coach, George Marrs, went sprouting lately. He and Cpl. Wilf Nichols, Yorkton, had quite a tête à tête with the bus conductress. P.S.—It wasn't over fares.

NORTH WALES M.U.

By Phil Wright

Those two bosom pals are at it again. Visiting the local one night Ernie Nation boldly asked for a cider, causing his partner to faint. Rumour has it that it took six doubles to revive the partner.

Recently a pair of beautiful horn-rimmed specs, walked in the section, causing much consternation. Behind the storm windows was Canada's eastern gateway Cpl. Al Shaw. An accident caused the breakage of Al's No. 1 blinkers, which we hope are soon back on his Blue-nose. You look so different, dearie.

R. O. Smith was seen in an "eatery" at a nearby city one Saturday daintily pouring tea while the other table guests stood guard over a luscious (drool) steak and chip dinner. So that's why a solid Canadian line stands outside that café on Saturday afternoon.

PREP FOR FIGHTERS AND TANK-BUSTERS

RCAF graduates of British A.F.U. course for future fighter and tank-buster pilots include the following:

P/O "Red Dog" Werner, New Jersey; P/O Davidson, a Westerner; P/O Sorenson, Indiana; Sgt. Gooderich, Toronto; Sgt. Gunnerson, Winnipeg; Sgt. Culp, Austin, Texas; Sgt. Johns, Michigan; Sgt. Gray, Toronto; Sgt. "Buster" d'Albina, Montreal; Sgt. Tremblay, Quebec City; Sgt. Guillot, Lake Beauport, Que.; and Sgts. Joly and Boulais, of Montreal.

FIGHTER O.T.U.

Three new Canuck graduates of a fighter O.T.U. in Britain are P/Os "Mac" McCurdy, a Westerner, Norm "Moose" Bertrand, Ottawa, and Sgt. Jimmy Lanfranchi, Montreal.

CONVERSION UNIT

By "AN ERK"

THIS week your roaming reporter has been able to move around quite safely under the non-de-plume of "An Erk." So far no one has been successful in identifying the "smart guy" of the unit. Well, watch out, you lads, I've only just started.

Lots of muttering could be heard around the unit when a muster parade was called for 8.15 in the morning (quite an unearthly hour for some people). This was one time that everybody did get up for breakfast and even our "secret weapon," LAC George Jacombe, of Ottawa, had everything straightened away in good time. W/O Turnbull, of Govan, Sask., delivered the address. He thanked one and all for the good work that had been done recently and in which the ground crew had played such a formidable part.

When our old Adj. left we believed that it would be very difficult to replace him. However, we have been very fortunate in acquiring F/L Scott, of Ottawa, another officer with a pleasing personality.

The visit of the RCAF band provided an evening of delightful entertainment. Among those "carried away" by the musical interlude were Cpl. Neil, of Montreal, Cpl. Shortt, of Calgary, and LAC Johnny "Wolf" Baron, of Montreal, who was heard to sigh, "Gosh, what Glenn Miller."

The list of departures from our unit this week included Sgt. Bunce, Winnipeg; Sgt. W. Tinker, Sydney, N.B.; Sgt. O. H. Phoenix, Regina; Sgt. J. J. March, Man.; Sgt. J. E. Scott, Oshawa; and Sgt. Bob Sterling, Man.

On the arrival list a few more names are added. They are Sgt. Langdown, Ingersoll, Ont.; F/S F. Wood, Edmonton; Sgt. Johnson, Ottawa; Sgt. Ulrick, Cupar, Sask.; Sgt. Payne, Toronto; F/S D. H. Christie, Winnipeg; P/O Pariseau, Winnipeg; P/O Higgins, Charlottetown; and P/O Knights, Calgary.

All the gang here wish to be remembered to Cpl. R. D. Macle, of Toronto, who was posted to Headquarters. Good luck and we hope you haven't knocked the color off the bones.

Whenever news is wanted the best place to get it is at the post office. "Get up them stairs" Buehan can always supply information 'cos he hears all, sees all and talks plenty. Times have changed and even W/O Chess is getting letters (that SOS must have done the trick). The boys are humming that overworked melody once more, "We'll eat again." The reason? Cpls. Mechanic, of Windsor, Valley, of Brantford, and Bixby, of Calgary, got three parcels each.

Cpl. Cliva, of Galt, Ont., became a daddy just before coming overseas and his recent lack of mail had him worried. However, it's all fixed up now. He got a cable saying "All's well."

A letter arrived the other day addressed to "Shadow" Cpl. Traves, of Gravenhurst, Ont. The folks back home have evidently heard about his promotion.

ACI Hanslip, of Edmonton, seems quite interested in the heavier books. He was deeply absorbed the other night in the quiet room of the "Y." He can speak several languages and has travelled a lot.

Last week LAC Oliphant, of Dauphin, Man., was in quite a hurry to post a letter which looked important. All of us would like to know the phone number of a certain Canadian nursing sister. What say, Oly?

So far our salvage drive has been very successful, but in recent weeks many of us have not been pulling our weight. Unless this job is done properly our war effort cannot be 100 per cent. So how about it? "Save salvage, for salvage saves us."

HELPED CUT OFF HUN GAS RATION

"When we saw a tanker in the moonpath we knew there'd be that much less gasoline for Jerry tanks."

That is how P/O E. W. Facey, of Regina, describes the satisfaction he got from his work in "shifty aircraft" based on Malta—the "intruders of the sea" who light the convoy-quearries for the torpedo bombers that follow. Posted to the Near East early last year, he was told one day: "You're going into the blue; see that you don't talk about it."

"The blue" turned out to be a torpedo-bomber Wellington squadron on Malta. His own job was wireless-operating-air-gunning.

They would not see much, said Facey, "we'd just see a sheet of flame." His big day, oddly enough, came before he went to Malta. Just prior to the Alamein victory, he was with a squadron that sank six out of seven tankers in an enemy convoy.

"TROPIC TOPICS" BRINGS NEWS OF FAR-EAST UNIT

Activities, sports, entertainment and skulduggery of a Canadian squadron in the Far East is covered by their own six-page sheet, "Tropic Topics." The first edition appeared in May, 1943. Herewith are the choicest extracts from "Tropic Topics."

"Baseball was introduced to the squadron in October, and a league of ten teams was organized, which functioned satisfactorily, until the equipment ran out at the end of November. A/M Edwards, on his visit to the squadron early in December, put this number one on his adjustment list, and the recent reorganization of baseball on the squadron has been the fruits of his efforts.

"Credit for bringing home high honours in the RAF sports meet last September goes to LAC John McManus, Winnipeg; Cpl. Stan Latawiec, Winnipeg; W/O L. E. Pattison, Toronto; LAC D. C. Keele, Vancouver; Cpl. G. A. Rickards, Ottawa; LAC G. A. Sargent, Saskatoon; LAC C. H. Sweeney, Yarmouth, N.S.; LAC G. J. Metcalf, Fergus, Ont.; LAC A. L. Patterson, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Cpl. J. A. Brousseau, Quebec City; LAC A. M. Carr, Bulyea, Sask.; LAC J. L. N. Corbell, Kapuskasing, Ont.; and LAC F. K. McVeigh, Renfrew, Ont.

"In December, under the able stewardship of LAC Ted Weaver, the Rota Mota Club got under way, and has since been dispensing nightly coffee and doughnuts to bull-beef weary airmen.

"Late in January our popular C.O., W/C J. C. Scott, was awarded the D.S.O. This is the first gong that has fallen to the squadron, so we naturally all feel very elated.

"F/O Hill, of Winnipeg, is the presiding genius of the Signal Section. W/O Harry Vernon, from the same city, is N.C.O. i/c. F/S Cliff (Jungle Hiker) Partridge heads the W/T Section, followed by Cpl. Gibson, the Pride of Prince Albert; Cpl. Walker, Victoria; Cpl. Green, Edmonton; Cpl. Carter, Vernon; Cpl. Reeve, Vancouver; Cpl. Robinson, N.S.; Cpl. Webb, Regina; LAC McManus (Kurumba King), Winnipeg; Sllm Sommerville, Goodlands; and LAC Theberge, St. Brieux.

"F/S Lyons (The Mad Trapper) heads the electricians and hails from Montreal. There follows Sgt. Gillgrass, Timmins, Ont.; Cpl. Morton; LAC L. North, Vancouver; LAC Edge, same place; LAC Louder, Windsor; LAC Kirkwood, Noranda; LAC Campbell, Hamilton; LAC Weaver, Ottawa; LAC Rath, Harrow; LAC Don Grant; and LAC Craggs, England.

"Sgt. Joe Soper, Edmonton, heads the (censored) merchants with Cpl. Bird, Hamilton; Cpl. DeMontmorency, Hamilton; LAC Turner, Glace Bay; LAC MacDonald, same place; LAC Henderson, Montreal; LAC Bell, Toronto; LAC Joe Cumming, same place; LAC Chealty, Hamilton; LAC Coy, Winnipeg; LAC Valliers, Ottawa; LAC Pete Worden, Preston; and LAC Glen Farrell, Norwick, Ont.

"Monday evening at 2100 hours, January 11, 1943, marked the official opening of the newly appointed studios of C.O.R.N. W/C Scott officially proclaimed the newly installed plant opened during the unique variety show which featured the 'Corn Huskers' in a 15-minute barn dance program from studio 'J'."

An RCAF fighter squadron in the Middle East has as its adjutant the second youngest member of the Canadian House of Commons and the only one on active service in this theatre. He is F/L James Sinclair, M.P. for Vancouver North.

Cheated by the calendar out of a pilot's career by a mere matter of days when he passed the maximum age just before being called for his medical, after having volunteered for the RCAF on the second day of the war, 34-year-old Sinclair has made a success of the "admin." side of the Air Force.

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Records Office

A2 (CAN)

By LAC WALLINGTON

NEWS filtered through this week from one of our old gang, namely, F/O Bill ("Gen man") Fader. From the reports on the eggs out there we are seriously considering moving the Record Office. Another former Wreckords man, LAC Jack Smith (Sir 340), dropped in to see us this week. Glad to see you, Jack.

With W/O Cliff Neill presiding and LACs Milt Starr, Irish Booth, Jack Anderson, yours truly and a few others as star pupils, a class was born. Reason? The The C.T.T.E. paid us a visit and the boys were genning up. Cliff Neill looks haggard and grey after the ordeal, but has hopes of looking triumphant soon.

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G1 (CAN)

By SGT. "MEM" AITKEN

BOY, oh, boy! Talk about grunts and groans! We had a little track and field "do" and most of the boys hadn't been in anything but "pub" condition for years. Credit for the success it was goes to Cpl. "Benny" Bennett and his hard-working committee of LACs Norm Clark and Carl Walstrom. Nice work, fellas!

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LINDO'S TOUR TOOK IN LOTS OF TERRITORY

Navigator Has Visited Nearly Every Target in Germany

S/L Les Lindo, D.F.C., of Vancouver and Kingston, Jamaica, now navigation officer at an RAF Bomber Group, has been to practically every target in 37 operations over Germany. Once he was reported missing following an operation on Hamburg; he was actually tossing about in a dinghy with five other members of the crew of his Wellington.

They had been in the sea a few hours when they saw aircraft approach them and they began to wave. Then they saw it was German. It circled them, flying very low, and dropped a depth charge. The charge exploded close to the dinghy. The waterspout from the explosion shot them up into the air, but it did not capsize them. "Our language," Lindo said, "was sulphurous."

S/L Lindo did his first op. in the summer of 1941 in a Wellington and went into "the drink" on his sixth trip. They had been hit by flak over the target, but Jerry's coastal batteries in Holland hit them in all tanks and the gas soon drained out. Shortage of fuel was the only trouble that led to the ditching.

He claims that most of his trips were uneventful—with one exception—besides the Hamburg op. of August, 1941.

This "eventful" trip occurred when the Wellington hit a high-tension wire somewhere in England after returning from an op. The aircraft hit the ground and burst into flames. None of the crew was killed, but all were hurt. Lindo was in hospital for six weeks.

After 14 ops. he was appointed navigation officer of his squadron and left it in August, 1942, to become navigation officer at another station. He was there two months and then was appointed to his present job at Group.

MORE AWARDS

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F/L Frederick Smith; F/L William Dierkes, Cincinnati, Ohio; F/O George Sweany, Lockwood, Sask.; F/O Frederick Chittenden, Tam., Ont.; F/O Victor Rolfe; F/O Norman Thorp; P/O James Fairley; P/O Marcel Ceulenaere, Leask, Sask.; P/O Daniel Gaunt, Pennant; P/O John Bell, New Glasgow, N.S.; P/O Robert Berry, Hamilton; P/O John McGavock; P/O John Price; P/O George McMenemv, Hamilton; P/O George Talt; P/O Irvin Luckner; P/O Ernest Miller, Victoria, B.C.; P/O John Patterson, Medicine Hat; P/O George Laney, Toronto; P/O Leonard Cuddington, Vancouver; P/O Thomas Reeves; P/O Richard McClelland; P/O John Towse; P/O William Senger.

Non-immediate D.F.M.s go to the following: F/S Daniel King, Winnipeg; F/S Harold Goodwin; F/S Cecil Robinson, Toronto; F/S (now P/O) Carroll Donahue; F/S George Williams; F/S Lyle Humphrey, Medicine Hat; F/S Alan Laughland, Guelph, Ont.; F/S Cyril Butler; F/S William Hill, Ottawa; Sgt. John Burke, Truro, N.S.; Sgt. William Townley; Sgt. George Finnerly, Rosetown, Sask.; Sgt. Joseph Rivard, Lavolette, Que.; Sgt. Lawrence Holtby; Sgt. John Anderson, Grimsby, Ont.

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Softball is vying with Shakespeare as an attraction at Stratford-on-Avon. Recently an American and an RCAF team played a game there.

RCAF Team: Craine (c), Scott (p), Stephanowski (1b), Farbe (2b), Wilson (lf), Barhart (rf), Turcott (cf), Baker (ss), Thompson (3b), Sup. Mundy (Salvation Army). Americans: Guidry (c), Lopresti (p), Ruiz (1b), Cashman (2b), Wallace (3b), Hymel (ss), Matherne (lf), Kushner (cf), Knoblock (rf), Lacombe (spare), Lieut. Stansbury, Sports Officer.

WILD MUSTANGS

By F/O J. H. BARCLAY

TIME out for a bit of gen from the Mustang men. Seems ages since we were talking to you in WINGS ABROAD. So here goes. We have three new faces in our crew room—F/L Harvey Cochran, of Toronto (remember him instructing at Borden?); P/O Lou May, of Toronto, formerly instructor at Malton; and P/O Lewis, of Belleville. We have a new Adj., too, F/O Barclay, of Saskatchewan. He's taking over the burden of Begg's boys, but he seems to be standing up very well under the strain.

We are sorry to lose P/O Rod Patton, who left us for the U.S. Army Air Force. And now AC Peter Patrick and LAC Bill Gibbs are departing. We are sorry to hear that Cpl. Ray Campbell is seriously considering remustering to barrack duties. Understand the C.O. of our last station is very impressed with his work. And Sgt. Roherty wants to know what happened to the resolution made by Sgts. Emery, Bruce and Miller to stick to cider on their last night out.

We'll be seeing you next week.

ON CREDIT SIDE

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

ON the credit side of the posting ledger the following new names have been added to offset the loss of Cpl. Wally Urlin, London, Ont.; LACs John Husbellee and Stan Tavroges; and AC1 Dan Simmons, Toronto; LAC Ed Gushue, Vancouver; AC1s Dean Shriner, Niagara Falls; and Tommy Thompson, Hamilton; LACs Stan Nelson, Sherbrooke, P.Q., and Paul Girard, Quebec City; AC2 John Deguire, Montreal. What ho, guys!

Now signing themselves "F/O" and seeing it all for sure, all too true, on the mayfly are: D. L. R. "Angie" Angus, Montreal; Bry Sutton, Regina; and George "Hank" Taylor, Ottawa. F/S Jack Brown, of Vancouver, and Cpl. Tom Howard, from Windsor, keep pace in the airman ranks. So it's off with the old, on with the new! Down with the new—yoop with the old. (Make mine a mild.)

Life among the married progresses. Happier now, we're glad to report, for Sgt. Kit Summers, of Aylmer, who recently was joined on the squadron by his wife, a WAAF—and pretty, too. ACW Nesta Hunter, of the M.T. Section, is having her troubles, though. The reason being that her husband, W/O Jim Hunter, Yerlo, Sask., received posting notice on returning from their honeymoon. Such is married life in the Service.

Diamond dolings: A sweet win over our arch rivals, the RCASC Unit's team by a decisive score of 11-5 topped the week's sporting achievements on the Swordfish Squadron. Heavy hitting, tidy twirling and smart fielding were convincingly combined by the Swordfish slickers over the seven inning jinx breaker. Well played, mates. Special mention might be made of the five-hit pitching performance turned in by LAC "Handy" Andy Crook, Toronto, and the big bats wielded by LAC Hank O'Grady, Toronto, who had a perfect night at the plate, with two home runs included. Cpl. Archie Pow, from Rldgetown and NOT Hamilton, with a four for five batting average for the evening, formed the other half of the dynamite duo.

NO "CANADA" BADGES

So new overseas that he still hadn't his "Canada" badge up, Sgt. Bomb-Almer Gerald Overend, Toronto, passed through town on his way to a new unit last week.

Gerald hopes to go on Lancaster eventually.

AMERICAN CIGS

Since it was announced in "Wings Abroad" that American cigarettes were available to RCAF personnel at 2s. 6d. for two hundred, Auxiliary Services at RCAF Headquarters have been flooded with postal orders for these cigarettes. Many of the letters have come from Canadian squadrons.

S/L J. J. Hogan, Senior Auxiliary Services officer overseas, advises, "In justice to all it is not possible to supply the Canadian Squadrons with two issues, although the letters received to date will be honoured. The mail order facilities are to be extended only to Canadian personnel attached to RAF squadrons and units."

The Canadian squadrons will purchase their cigarettes in bulk from Auxiliary Services and then re-sell them to their personnel.

MAURITIUS

By F/L BARNEY RAWSON

YOU'VE probably never heard of Mauritius before, and I don't blame you, and this is also the first you have heard of this squadron in WINGS ABROAD, but from now on there will be plenty.

It is firmly believed, and by some hoped, that we are the only Canadian squadron to have a person from that strange and little known spot of Mauritius on its roll. Look it up in your atlas with a magnifying glass handy; you'll need it!

This week we have had a mixture of the sad and the glad. We said a sorrowful "Good-bye" to W/O Owen, our departing C.O., and wish him all luck in his new job. In the same breath, in best royal fashion, we say, "Welcome" to our new Winco, Logan Savard. Watch the squadron's dust—stand aside.

There are a lot of strange faces around these days, but they're not bad chaps, as the old-timers are finding out!

The RCAF Overseas Orchestra was with us last week—they can come again any time. The English lads thought the Canadian jitter-specialists were a bit crazy. Even our u/t playboy, F/O Loomis, does it nowadays. It was good to see the erks piling into a liberty bus the other day—you are doing a grand job and deserve it. Hats off to F/S Thompson and Sgt. Ward.

Congratulations are in order for a few of the lads who have gained their commissions lately; namely, "Mac" Spence, "Coach" Cawthorn, "Bob" Denamore, "Fitz" Fitzgerald and "Frenchy" De Bussac. Then, too, we mustn't forget Mr. Scruffy!

So long until next week, and I'll bet you haven't found Mauritius by then!

WITH THE R.A.F.

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"Baldy" Nicholson, Calgary, Syd Roth, Toronto, "Mitch" Mitchell, Toronto, and "Lucky" Paradis, Montreal.

Don and "Lucky" hope to stay with aviation after the war. If Sgt. Ken Harvey, a fighter pilot of England and New Brunswick, chances upon this he is invited to write Don; and the same goes for "Lucky" and P/O Paul Sorel, observer, and Sgts. B. Larin, air-gunner, and Georges Lamarre, WAG.

"Target for to-day" for Sgt. Nav. Jack Thaler, Chesley, Ont., was a historic castle the last we heard of him. But the sarge was doing his shooting with a camera, and we understand he got a number of good pics to commemorate his leave, a good part of which he spent visiting a cousin in Leamington. He has just graduated from a Wellington O.T.U.

Celebrating the parting of the ways of their ops careers last week were F/S Johnny Clarke, Calgary, and Sgt. Eddie Callander, Montreal, both WAGs. Their navigator, Sgt. "Glad" Taylor, Long Branch, Ont., who will be staying with Johnny, was with them for the first part of the celebration, but he had to return earlier.

All the boys will be staying with Air Transport Command, however. Johnny and Eddie both hope to remain in the game after the war.

Also on leave last week were fighter pilots Jimmy Muir, Montreal, and Jack Calvert, Biggar, Sask., both sergeants. Jimmy is a Loyola College man, while Jack went to the University of Saskatchewan before enlisting.

Member of an all-Canadian crew with the RAF, Sgt. WAG Keith Dolan, Cornwall, Ont., expects to be flying Beauforts soon.

Last week he and a friend who took the same wireless course, Sgt. Ken Field, a Liberator flier from Clifford, Ont., visited a South Coast resort together

RCAF WAS KEY FACTOR IN TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN

Canucks Flew in Own Units As Well as With RAF And U.S. Outfits

In the Western Desert, as in other theatres of war, members of the RCAF formed a large percentage of air crews and earned a proportionate share of the glory and honours of aerial warfare. From November until May RCAF members of Montgomery's air support, which was known as the Western Desert Air Force, won 36 D.F.C.s, five bars to the D.F.C., and 21 D.F.M.s. These are in addition to the awards won by numerous Canadians who are members of the RAF.

At the climax of the campaign there were in the Western Desert Air Force about 1,000 RCAF air crew members, again not including Canuck members of the RAF, and there were about 600 RCAF ground crew and technical and administrative officers and other ranks.

During those same months from Alamein to Tunis there were 132 members of the RCAF in the Desert Air Force who were killed or missing. Virtually all these were air crew. The proportion of loss shows only too well the vital and hazardous rôle which Canadian flyers performed in the elimination of the Axis from Africa.

Many more have been wounded or are prisoners of war. Not only do RCAF personnel thickly populate every RAF squadron and crew-room, dominating many fighter units, and being represented in practically every British bomber and flyingboat in the air, but the Canuck WAG was to be found even in units of the U.S.A.A.F.

One U.S. bomber squadron which had to borrow RCAF gunners when it first went operational is now battling to retain them permanently, and the American C.O. has recommended the entire batch for commissioning. Australian and other Dominion squadrons have also retained RCAF pilots despite the general trend toward nationalisation of units in the Desert, and Canadian air gunners have proved as popular on South African bomber squadrons as on American units.

Headlining the RCAF page in the Middle East log book is the City of Windsor fighter squadron under the command of S/L F. B. Foster, of Montreal. After months of hard training and preliminary ops. this unit—100 per cent. Canadian as to air crew and 90 per cent. as to ground crew—finished the African campaign with a crack first-line fighter wing.

In this vital job the City of Windsor Squadron carried the RCAF flag into the last hectic

weeks of the campaign, when its tireless ground crews worked within range of German artillery making a last stand in the mountains near Enfidaville. Despite everything they established a record of aircraft serviceability comparing favourably with any other Allied air unit in the Middle East. One of the most notable Canucks to rise out of the campaign's history is F/L James Edwards, D.F.C., D.F.M., of Battleford, Sask., who with a record of 10 enemy aircraft destroyed and many others probably destroyed or damaged, is one of the top-ranking RCAF fighter pilots in the North African theatre of war.

Close behind him, with eight destroyed, is F/L William Chisholm, D.F.C., of Kentville, N.S., while many others are only a short way behind.

Two Canadians who distinguished themselves by unusual feats in the course of the campaign are F/S Michael Askey, of Winnipeg, and F/O Frank Regan, of Vancouver. Askey downed three Macchis in one day, and Regan attacked and shot down the leader of an enemy formation. He later found out that he had shot down Feldwebel Kurt Helmann, celebrated Hun ace.

But aces or near-aces, vets or sprogs, members of the RCAF's formidable force in the Western Desert fought and flew with distinction throughout a campaign the hardships of which had to be endured to be believed.

LINK TRAINER MEN LOSE BOTH GAMES

Two games featured the week's ball games at a Canadian Reception Centre with the Link Trainer team coming out on the wrong end each time. The Canadian Dental Corps came from behind a seven-run lead and won 13-10. Equipment Section administered Link Trainer their second defeat of the week as they registered a 15-10 victory.

With the Dental Corps behind nine to two in the second innings, Wing Commander Sinclair went in to pitch. The former gridiron ace held his opponents to one hit, and struck out nine men in the remaining five innings. His team-mates, inspired by the pitching, went on to score eleven runs to win. Brown, Fraser, Watters, Butler and Sinclair stood out for the Dental team, while for the losers Hebert and Nucel were best.

Bobby Bauer, Boston Bruins great right winger, made an appearance with the Equipment team and pitched a good game.

Phillips' Dental Magnesia is sold by all N.A.A.F.I. canteens. Same size, same quality as you got at home. Keeps teeth white, the breath sweet and the mouth fresh and clean. Get a tube to-day.

KLEEN 1 BLADES... Supplies are lean BUT I'm a KLEEN!

H.Q. LOSE 9-3 TO AMERICANS

USAAF Baseball Nine Had Big Inning In Seventh

A strong United States Army Air Force nine defeated an RCAF Headquarters team last Wednesday by the tune of 9-3 in an exhibition baseball game at Sutton.

His Worship the Mayor presented a large cup to the winning team and a smaller one to the losers at the close of the game.

The Yanks, who have played 15 games and the Canucks, who were playing their first game together, put on a good brand of ball.

It took the Yanks four innings to get at LAC Jack Whitby's pitches. In the fourth, S/Sgt. A. Cappozzoli, an outfielder, came up to bat with two men on base, one by a walk, the other a single over second.

MIDLAND TRACK DAY SLATED FOR JULY 3

A track and field meet will be held on Saturday, July 3, at an RCAF station in the Midlands for the championship of No. 3 district.

It is announced that entries, which are free, will be accepted until June 30. These should be addressed to No. 3 District Headquarters, RCAF.

The winner of each event will be entitled to qualify for the RCAF overseas meet to be held in London late in July.

hard luck errors by the H.Q. team resulted in the Yanks chalking up six more runs in that innings.

The Canadians came in for their last turn at bat determined to break that "goose egg."

The line ups: RCAF—F/L Fred Alexander (c), LAC Jack Whitby (p), Cpl. Red Groves (1b), F/O Cliff Dolan (2b), F/O Walt Battersby (ss), LAC George Alexander (3b), Sgt. Chick Windsor (lf), LAC Jack Stewart (cf), Cpl. Jack Heenan (rf).

USAAF—M/Sgt. H. Cattena (3b), PFC F. Davis (2b), Sgt. H. Jenkins (1b), Cpl. Nieregarten (ss), Sgt. Knowlton (lf), S/Sgt. A. Cappozzoli (cf), Sgt. C. Johnson (rf), T/Sgt. A. Smith (c), Sgt. G. Frocheck (p).

GETS DRAFTS SAFELY OVER

S/L Alexander is Awarded O.B.E. for Services As Conductor

In recognition of his services as a draft conducting officer S/L J. B. "Alec" Alexander, of Toronto, has been awarded the O.B.E. in the King's birthday honours list.



air and ground crew men overseas in the last two years.

In the last war S/L Alexander flew as an observer after transferring from the Army. At the time he held the rank of captain and he took part in the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

In October, 1939, S/L Alexander was in the RCAF as a flying officer. He made his first conducting trip in August, 1941.

He has not been hit by U-boat attacks and has sufficient confidence in the British and Canadian Navies not to be worried about it.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

TWO-NIGHT'S the night! The Wids are picnicking—if it doesn't rain, of course. Hope to see you all out in fine fettle so that the get-together will be a success.

These days LAW Norah Botterill is sporting a neat white patch just above her left eye. Are we to assume that holidays don't agree with you, or what is the answer?

Welcome back, Jeannie Inglis. But do you have to proudly display snaps of your handsome husband to make everyone else jealous? We think there should be a law against it.

BUSTS ENGINE

(Continued from page 1) from Pittsburg, has had two scrapes with birds. Once a pigeon flew into his air intake, distributing feathers and entrails all over his engine.

An attack was also made on a barge in a canal near the Dutch coast by F/O Doug Drummond, of Montreal, who, like the others, was carrying out his first operation of this type.

FARMING GAME

This farming game must be all right. Every farmer-turned-airman you meet says he is going back to it, which is a resolve that many fellows who were in other professions don't seem to be making.

The latest is LAC Malcolm Campbell, a fitter, from Neillburg, Sask., who was visiting here last week in the company of LACs Jim Libbey, airframe mech., from Moose Jaw, and Ernie Emery, another airframer and a native of Vancouver.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Cpl. Henry Berg, Govan, Sask., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berg, to Miss Renee Mitchell, London, Eng., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mitchell.

FILM LOG

"THE LIFE AND DEATH OF COLONEL BLIMP" (Odeon)

One of the most lavish technicolor films and certainly one of the best produced from a British studio. It is also the longest film ever made in this country.

The picture has laughter, tears, romance and drama brilliantly interwoven in 40 years of the career of a gallant soldier, his loves, sorrows and triumphs.

Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, joint authors, producers and directors of this technicolor production, claim that it will make film history. We are inclined to agree with them.

As the title suggests, it is another air force picture. The Yanks against the Japs. Franchot Tone, who is dispatched on a suicide mission of crashing his plane on a Jap aircraft carrier and blowing her up.

"IN PILOT No. 5" (Empire) As the title suggests, it is another air force picture. The Yanks against the Japs. Franchot Tone, who is dispatched on a suicide mission of crashing his plane on a Jap aircraft carrier and blowing her up.

"THEATRE ROYAL"

Featuring Flanagan and Allen, the English comedy team, in their latest attempt to be funny. Some of the jokes might appear funny to those of you that are easily amused, others definitely corny.

HEADQUARTERS

OVER the week-end, while the rest of the Headquarter Joes were busy with whatever a Headquarters Joes does over the week-end, our softball team switched on the high octane and won a game in the international softball league.

Our hardball men will soon be unapproachable. After losing a game 9-3 in a "Wings For Victory" plug they were besieged by fans for autographs.

Red Dalstrom got on parade yesterday only by instinct and force of habit. He was seen walking along the road in the general direction of the parade square with eyes shut and both hands outstretched as if he had been walking in his sleep all his life.

Bob Birchhall has threatened to cut family relations. About the same time he dropped in to see brother Andy the other day, Andy saw that he was a man short on the Canadian section of the "Wings For Victory" parade.

An Auxiliary Services NCO had a chance to clear up this "Man or Mouse" question once and for all. The mouse was finally trapped in the man's bathtub. The man, armed with a heavy broom, took over ten minutes to knock out the mouse. The question is still open.

are sleeping on the stage, which is set with an elaborate bedroom scene. Before retiring, Flanagan whispers something to one of the stage hands. Next morning they are awakened by the blast of two trumpets.

The story is not new. Because of financial difficulties following a series of flops, Gene Maxwell (Allen) calls his star, together and tells them that he is about to part with the Theatre Royal to a syndicate headed by Alfred Harding (Owen Reynolds), who is trying to squeeze them out.

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Table listing theatres and cinemas: HIPPODROME, PALACE, PALLADIUM, PRINCES, SYDNEY HOWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, SAVILLE, SAVOY, STRAND, VICTORIA PALACE, WINDMILL, CINEMAS (DOMINION, THE MEANEST MAN IN THE WORLD, EMPIRE, GAUMONT).

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