



Canadians Win Air Battles Over Sicily

RCAF WELLINGTONS RAID FROM AFRICA

Fighter Pilots Are Adding to Scores Of Enemy Aircraft Destroyed In Numerous Encounters

F/L CYRIL GOSLING IS SETTING THE PACE

DAY and night as Canadian troops push deeper into the interior, RCAF Spitfires from Malta are sweeping the skies clean over Sicily—key to the Fortress of Europe. And from bases in North Africa, Canadian Wellingtons, newly arrived in this theatre, are helping to soften up enemy positions in the path of the advancing Allied armies. The Canadian bomber crews, commanded by G/C C. R. Dunlop, Vancouver, arrived at their desert base as the curtain was being rung up on the invasion and successfully raided Sicily's Sciacca airfield in their first operational sortie. Meanwhile Malta-based fighters paced by F/L Cyril Gosling, D.F.C., North Battleford, Sask., took a hand in the slaughter of enemy aircraft over the battle area.

Recently appointed a flight commander with Beurling's old squadron, Gosling has destroyed four enemy kites in the past few days, jumping his total to nine, has damaged four others, and probably destroyed one more. Another high scorer, S/L George Hill, D.F.C. and Bar, Picton, N.S., gave his squadron a few uneasy hours when he failed to return from a sweep over Sicily. He was later reported forced down and safe behind the British lines. Thus far, Hill has destroyed ten enemy planes. His last, a Heinkel III, was shot down the day before he turned up missing.

Other Kills

Among the Canadian pilots sharing the heavy toll of enemy fighters destroyed are F/O George Keith, Taber, Alta., who was credited with a Macchi 200, and P/O John Stock, Ottawa, who shared in the destruction of a Ju.88. Another Junker fell to F/O J. H. Turnbull, St. Thomas, Ont., and P/O William "Red" Dutton, Winnipeg, damaged still another 88.

Malta fighter boys alone destroyed at least 10 enemy aircraft on Saturday, the day of the first landings. And on Monday, a Spitfire formation completely wiped out a flight of Stukas as they were preparing to dive-bomb British troops. It was all over in a few seconds before the Jerries could drop a single bomb. A veteran desert flier, F/O W. R. Sewell, Carleton Place, N.B., probably destroyed one of the Stukas. F/S George Mercer, St. Mary's, Ont., added a Macchi 202 to the Me.109 he destroyed earlier in the week, and F/O Milton Jowsey, Ottawa, destroyed one of a Ju.88 formation after British airmen had scattered their escort of 30 Me.109s.

Another Ontario pilot, F/O Lloyd Hunt, Owen Sound, sent another Messerschmitt crashing to the ground during the day-long air battle between Allied and Axis fighters. Even a ground technical officer, F/O James Ritchie, Montreal, shared in one kill. Ritchie, taking the

place of radio operator in a two-man intruder plane, helped his British pilot intercept a Heinkel III as it approached Allied shipping off the Sicily coast and shoot it down in flames.

Malta-based fighter bombers surprised German troops and transport behind the enemy lines and quickly blasted them off the roads, several RCAF men taking part in this action. Among them: F/S Albert Shaw, River side, Ont.; F/S John McCauley, Quebec; W/O Wilfred Brown, Vanden, Man.; P/O Lyne Swaver, Avenmore, Ont.; and F/S Fred Vance, Norfolk, Va.

Earlier in the week three Canadian Spitfire pilots, S/L Duke Arthur, Winnipeg, F/L William Olmsted, Toronto, and F/S George Nadon, Temiskaming, Que., got the lion's share of claims when Malta-based fighters had a series of hectic dogfights over Comico airport.

S/L Arthur got the day's first score, shooting down an Me.109. F/L Olmsted, one of Arthur's flight commanders, got another Messerschmitt "probable" and F/S Nadon destroyed a Macchi 262 and damaged a third 109.

Bombers Into Battle

Leader of one of the Africa-based Wellington squadrons that jumped right into the battle for Sicily upon arrival is W/C Joseph St. Pierre, St. Eustache, sur-le-lac, Que., and in his crew on their first sortie to Sciacca were two veterans, formerly of the Moose Squadron, F/L Jerry Fell, D.F.C., Victoria, B.C., navigation officer of the new formation, and F/L Les Wainwright, Toronto, squadron signals officer.

Most of the crews on this trip reported they had hit the target squarely, but one aircraft, piloted by F/L "Mac" Blakeney, Stephenville, Texas, failed to reach its objective. All was not gloom, however, with the men of this kite, for the rear-gunner, a flight sergeant from Sorel, Que., shot down a Ju.88 during the trip.



My, my, so that's where we're going! This picture was taken just before the RCAF Wellington squadrons went to North Africa. Left to right: Sgt. E. Wormmid, Leeds; Sgt. M. W. Bradshaw, Victoria, B.C.; Sgt. E. P. Mallman, Bayend P.O., Man.; F/O B. D. Campbell, Argyle, Ont.; P/O R. F. Nasstrom, Lac du Bonnet, Man. (Official RCAF Photograph)



Harry McDaniels of Vancouver, British Columbia (left) and Dan Brennan standing by the rear turret of a Handley Page Halifax before take-off for the first attack upon the Krupp's steel works at Essen.

HEAVY BOMBERS STRUCK THREE TIMES THIS WEEK GRANT BRINGS DORNIER DOWN

Two Ruhr Industrial Towns And Turin Naval Base Are Blasted

Three major bombing raids over Axis territory filled Bomber Command's time-table during the past week. Canadians with the RAF were out on all three occasions. The first attack was on Cologne, the third raid on this city in less than two weeks. The central Ruhr and Gelsenkirchen were hit in the second attack. Bombers of RCAF Bomber Group were out on this occasion. The latest raid was a long distance hop to Turin.

Although weather conditions were adverse and flak was heavy, Canadians with the RAF completed another successful raid over Cologne. It was the third time in 11 nights that the Ruhr city had been bombed.

Heavy cloud banks obscured the targets, but through a few breaks the crews could see enough to satisfy themselves that they had left large fires burning below.

Even though the clouds were thick I could see the glow from the fires when we were 50 miles away," said a gunner, Sgt. Bill Cardwell, Whitby, Ont. Cardwell and P/O George McTaggart, Vancouver, a navigator in the same crew, were making their first bombing operation.

Probably the busiest crew of the night was that in which Sgt. J. P. Hind, Vancouver, was the navigator. Charging through an electrical storm at sub-zero temperature, shaking off a direct hit from enemy anti-aircraft fire, barely missing a head-on collision with one of their own bombers by a scant 20 feet, and finally returning safely to base with the navigational instruments out of commission were all part of the hectic evening. F/O D. A. Doug Macdonald, Rock Glen, Sask., piloted another bomber from the same squadron. It was his second trip to Cologne, and he was more pleased with himself for being the first man home than for driving off an attacking enemy aircraft.

When we left all the guns were quiet and the lights went out. Just as we turned into the target, a Ju.88 came up on our tail and our rear-gunner opened up at point-blank range. It shook him so much he disappeared," Macdonald reported. Another Canadian, F/S Bill Vander Dasson, Windsor, Ont., was in a plane that had a brush with an enemy fighter. "We were just going over the target," he says, "when an Me.109 was sighted about 700 yards astern.

WANTED: BAGPIPES, SCOT, FOR USE OF

When a Scotsman—though he be a Spitfire pilot—sits around with a face as long as a wet week-end you can be pretty sure he's pining for the sound of the pibroch. It's as simple as that, and you can't wring a smile from him nohow, especially if he's played the pipes himself.

Ever since he joined "Jeep" Neil's fighter squadron, P/O A. F. "Sandy" Halcrow, Pentleton, B.C., has been mooning. It seems he used to play in the Gordon Highlanders' pipe band before joining the RCAF, and his soul hungers for the shriek of bagpipes. But bagpipes are not to be had in Britain. So "Sandy" sits around the squadron dispersal playing scratchy Bing Crosby records, with a faraway look in his eyes. Suni total of the matter is this: Halcrow won't be happy till he has a set of pipes, and the squadron will have no peace until Halcrow is appeased.

We did a steep dive into port from about 20,000 to 15,000 feet and our rear-gunner spurted him till he broke off at about 150 yards.

F/O E. G. Prest, of Upper Stewiacke, N.S., and Sgt. E. H. Monture, London, Ont., were navigator and wireless operator in the same crew. Another Canadian taking part in the raid with the same squadron was rear-gunner Sgt. R. A. Westad, Saskatoon.

For four members of one Lancaster it was the 13th trip. Three of the boys are Canadians: F/S Johnnie Merchant, wireless operator, Sturgeon Falls, Ont.; F/S Wilbur McCombs, Port Medway, N.S.; and Sgt. Frank Finlay, Verdun, Que.

Other RCAF men on the operation included Sgt. Douglas Duncan, pilot, Antler, Sask., and Sgt. David McMillan, rear-gunner, Hamilton, who flies in the same crew.

A heavy curtain of flak was draped over the central Ruhr, but heavy bomber squadrons of the RCAF Bomber Group and Bomber Command's RAF squadrons penetrated it, to stage a "very heavy attack" on industrial targets. (Continued on page 5, col. 1.)

Five German airmen flying in a Do.217 bomber near Chartres, 100 miles inside France, had to bail out to save their lives Monday night.

Their Dornier was attacked by a Fighter Command Mustang piloted by F/L D. M. Grant, D.F.C., of Trenton, Ont. His was one of several Mustangs which set out to shoot up transport and other targets.

"The Dornier was one of four flying north of Chartres," said Grant. "I opened fire from 400 yards away and blew up its port engine. The crew took to their parachutes and the bomber crashed in flames."

F/L Grant also damaged three locomotives in the same evening's work.

MacDonald Scores

Another enemy fighter fell to F/L Deane MacDonald, Toronto, bringing his personal score of aircraft destroyed to seven. MacDonald gave his Jerry a very short burst—about two seconds in all—saw it dive away very steeply, clouds of black smoke pouring out and finally crash to earth.

F/L Walter Conrad, D.F.C., Richmond, Que., who flies with the Wolf Squadron, destroyed an F.W.190 in another operation. Conrad dived with his section on a formation of F.W.s and fired a three-second burst into one of them at fairly close range. Before he could fully observe the result of his fire Conrad was forced to break off the engagement. But other pilots in the squadron saw his (Continued on page 5, col. 2.)

S/L WALKER AWARDED SECOND BAR TO D.F.C.

Heads Lengthy List Of Decorations For Canucks

The award of the second bar to the D.F.C. went to S/L Jimmy Walker, of Edmonton, heads an impressive list of 13 immediate and 27 non-immediate awards announced by the London Gazette recently. S/L Walker is the first member of the RCAF to be so honoured.

He has just returned from North Africa, his third theatre of operations. Before that he had flown with the RAF fighter wing in Russia and also that of command of an RAF fighter squadron on his arrival in North Africa. This squadron, composed entirely of newcomers who hadn't yet met the enemy, chalked up a score of 24 destroyed, about 12 probables, and 23 damaged in the space of two months. Walker has 101 enemy planes to his credit.

A non-immediate D.S.O. was won by S/L Reginald J. Lane, D.F.C., of Victoria. S/L Lane has been engaged in operational duties for a long period and over a wide range of targets. His missions have been marked by unvarying success. He is cited for his courage and devotion to duty and his leadership and example, which has been inspiring to all the air crews with whom he has come into contact.

The immediate award of the D.F.C. went to F/O Thomas R. Wilby, P/O Clifford C. Stovel, F/O H. F. Carter, F/O I. F. Kennedy, F/O B. H. Tupper, S/L L. E. Logan, F/O H. J. Jennings, F/O W. B. Fee, and F/O K. H. Owens.

Immediate D.F.M.s were won by Sgts. Stanley Gaunt, H. L. McBeath, L. G. Collins and D. V. Smith. Of the non-immediate decorations, D.F.C.s were awarded to W/C Henry M. Carscallen, Hamilton; S/L William R. Suggitt, Toronto; S/L John F. Clark, London, Ont.; S/L John T. McCutcheon, Montreal; S/L William H. Adams, Toronto; F/L John Hudson, Zealandria, Sask.; F/L Ian W. Bazalgette, Calgary; F/L Thomas A. Julian, Fort Worth, Texas; F/L Nicholas Smith, Arrprior, Ont.; F/L Ross G. Campbell, Stewiacke; F/L Paul B. White, Harrow, Middlesex; F/L Robert A. Scholes, Fort William; F/L Clare W. Bradley, Fort William; F/O Harry Beckett, Hull, Yorks.; F/L Arthur S. Jackson, Fort William; F/L Joseph V. Gibson; F/L Allison B. Howell, Boissevain, Man.; F/L Charles R. McMillan, Salt Lake City; F/O Donald A. Beresford, St. John, N.B.; F/O John William P. Draper, Toronto; F/O Elvert J. Haughen, Pelly, Sask.; F/O John H. Striebel, Chicago.

Non-immediate D.F.M.s went to F/S Phillip F. Connell, St. John, N.B.; F/S James A. Sneedon, Edmonton; Sgt. Reginald J. Booth, Saskatoon; Sgt. Alfred G. Smith, Toronto.

NIGHT FIGHTERS ATTACK ONE BOMBER NINE TIMES

One Attack Fires Bombs And Kills Kite's Pigeon

When F/O Don Arnot, Toronto, made his first operational trip as the captain of an aircraft he led his crew through a hectic evening of fire and fighting. He piloted a Halifax over Cologne the other night after making three previous operational sorties as a "second dickie."

Placidly moving in on the target, the plane was attacked by an Me.109, which the crew didn't see until it opened up with machine-gun and cannon fire. One shell tore into the nose and past our bomb-aimer, P/O Bill Thom, Winnipeg, to knock our camera out of action along with our radio and some of our navigation instruments," Arnot relates.

One blast came in through the bomb-bay and set some of the incendiaries on fire. The crew managed to get the doors open, and the burning bombs fell out. The next blast killed the pigeon.

With the cabin filled with smoke and the aircraft diving to lose the fighter, Arnot ordered the crew to prepare to abandon aircraft. "After our flight engineer reported the fires in the bomb-bay were under control we decided to proceed to the target and drop our bombs," the skipper said.

In addition to the attack which found its mark, four other enemy fighters had previously threatened the bomber, and on the return journey four other attempts were made to attack, but the Halifax eluded the enemy fighters on each occasion.

Other Canadians in the crew included: Sgts. Roland Nickerson, Clark's Harbour, N.S.; Lloyd Jones, Toronto; W. A. Peterson, Toronto.

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IT'S A FACT

RAF Mosquitoes carried out the first daylight raid on Berlin, January 30, 1943.

The first USAAF bombing raid on Germany took place on January 27, 1943. The principal target was Wilhelmshaven.

No 6 Group, Royal Canadian Air Force, became operational in Bomber Command on January 1, 1943.

On December 4, 1942, all nine Blenheim V's of 18 Squadron sent to attack an airfield in Tunisia were shot down when intercepted by 50 Messerschmitt Bf109s.

The formation leader, Wing Commander H. G. Malcolm was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross.

The first Boeing B17E Fortress of the United States 8th Army Air Force landed in Britain at Prestwick, Scotland, on July 1, 1942.

No 6 Group top bombers



DAVIS CUP STARS IN CHARITY SHOW

F/L Walter M. Martin, at one time Canada's No. One tennis player, will carry RCAF colours on to the centre court of London's historic Queen's Tennis Club next Saturday afternoon.

From 1930 to 1934 F/L Martin was a member of Canada's Davis Cup team. In 1932, 1933 and 1935 he held No. One ranking and has won titles in every province in Canada, as well as the Dominion doubles championship in 1937.

Advertisement for RCAF Officers' Uniforms, featuring a logo and text: 'MADE TO MEASURE IN TWO DAYS', 'Hadaway's', '133 REGENT ST LONDON, W.1.', 'ALSO STOCK UNIFORMS'.

HE FLIES AGAINST THE JAPANESE

At 26 Sackville's S/L Hart is the First Canadian to Lead a Squadron on Burma Front

At 26 years of age S/L John S. Hart, veteran of the Battle of Britain, has been appointed to command an RAF fighter squadron on the India-Burma front, the first and certainly the only Canadian to lead a squadron in this theatre.

As a Spitfire pilot with the famous City of Glasgow Squadron—which he joined in August, 1940—Hart learned fighter tactics the hard way. Those were the days when every day was throwing every bomb he could muster against the British Isles, and was not unusual for the squadron to tear into as many as 60 enemy aircraft at once.

Hart entered the RAF before the war with a short service commission. He had done two years of engineering at Mount Allison University in his home town, Sackville, N.B., when he had the idea he'd like to fly. So the summer of 1938 he thumped up his spare cash, travelled to Halifax, and laid down the money for 25 hours flying time at the old Halifax Flying Club, "so I'd be sure of having the course."

He trained on Gipsy Moths and Fleets, got his "A" licence as a pilot, made his first flight to England, and enlisted in the RAF in December.

One of Hart's classmates during his RAF training, a young pilot named Mowatt, now commands the wing in which Hart heads a squadron. After preliminary training at an army co-operation course Hart was posted to an army co-op squadron. Flying



S/L John S. Hart commands a fighter squadron on the India-Burma front nowadays. He won his sky spurs in a Spitfire during the Battle of Britain.

slow obsolete Lysanders this squadron patrolled the Channel and the British coast from an hour before sunrise to an hour after dark watching for signs of a German invasion.

One year of this and Hart was transferred to the City of Glasgow Squadron, following a conversion course on Spitfires. He spent more than a year, with this crack fighter outfit during the darkest days of the war. And in October of 1941, operating with another squadron, he got his first score, an Me109, over Maldstone. On two other occasions, Hart shared in the destruction of a Junkers 88.

It was while engaging 12 Ju88s over Portsmouth that he was shot up and forced to crash land, fortunately without injuring himself seriously.

In July, 1941, Hart was promoted to command a flight, and in October finished his tour of duty. He was then posted to an O.T.U. as an instructor, where he commanded a flight.

S/L Hart went to India in August, 1942 and flew against the Japanese in the Burma campaign. His squadron has engaged in dogfights, shot up enemy fighters, including the Japanese area headquarters. Hart himself has pumped a few bullets in the general direction of Jap aircraft, but claims no scores yet.

He was posted to command his present squadron—composed chiefly of United Kingdom and New Zealand pilots—in May of this year.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. L. Boyd, Sgt., Renfrew City, Ont.; D. Davis, Sgt., St. Anthony, Idaho; C. Leckie, Sgt., Port Arthur, Ont.; J. W. Reynolds, P/O, Pembroke, Ont.; J. W. Simpson, P/O, Hamilton, Ont.

EVIDENTLY REPORTED MISSING PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. L. O. Hill, P/O, Port Arthur, Ont.; D. R. Kinross, P/O, Sedalia, Alta; D. C. Burdham, P/O, Winnipeg; A. F. Christie, P/O, Toronto; W. G. Galt, P/O, Ottawa; L. P. Fargher, P/O, Windsor, Ont.; J. P. Strick, P/O, Springfield, Ont.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. H. F. Durbin, P/O, Portage La Prairie, Man.; J. S. Evans, Ont.; Lanning, Ont.; F. E. Johnson, Sgt., McNutt, Sask.; H. L. Laxell, Sgt., Salt Coates, Sask.; P. C. Leckie, Sgt., Montreal; W. Newman, P/O, Toronto; G. F. Smith, Sgt., Brantford, Ont.; H. A. Smith, Sgt., Elgin, N.B.; E. E. Walsh, P/O, Saskatchewan; C. A. White, Sgt., Toronto; J. D. O. L. Cooney, Sgt., Montreal; G. W. Desjardis, P/O, Sudbury, Ont.; E. W. Nease, Sgt., Quebec; J. G. O'Shea, P/O, Toronto; W. G. Swift, Current, Sask.; S. R. Lupton, Sgt., Chatham, Ont.; W. G. McKeown, Sgt., Reveston, E. C. Secq, Palmer, P/O, Toronto; A. G. Amien, Sgt., Calgary; M. A. Claron, Sgt., Montreal; G. J. Conroy, P/O, New Waterford, N.S.; H. C. Empey, Sgt., Montreal; J. G. Fletcher, P/O, Call, Ont.; E. Fortin, P/O, St. Urbain, Que.; W. C. Francœur, Montreal; W. W. G. Galt, P/O, Hamilton, Ont.; H. Haselden, Sgt., Toronto; C. H. Hincks, P/O, Victoria, B.C.; G. P. Hughes, P/O, Buenos Aires; C. W. Kealey, P/O, Montreal; S. J. Kenney, P/O, Portland, Me.; J. E. McKenna, P/O, Pictou, N.S.; J. E. Merritt, Sgt., Lusk, Ont.; J. A. McNeil, P/O, Press River, Alta.; J. Patterson, Sgt., Toronto; L. N. Skinner, P/O, Berwick, Ont.; J. D. Smith, Sgt., Halifax; A. Swindorski, Sgt., Malib, Man.; R. H. Urmahart, Sgt., New York City; R. W. Trull, Sgt., Whiskey, Ont.; Montreal; R. W. Trull, Sgt., Whiskey, Ont.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. E. G. Thorne, P/O, Mathew, Man.; J. A. Dalton, P/O, Merritt, B.C.; L. M. Clark, P/O, Hollywood, Calif.; D. E. Giles, Sgt., Toronto; H. A. Macintosh, Sgt., Montreal; N.S.; L. Dubois, Sgt., Edmonton, Alta.; W. A. G. Hardy, P/O, Windsor; A. E. Parsons, P/O, Sarnia, Ont.

C. E. Armstrong, Sgt., Ottawa; R. O. Blackhall, P/O, Vancouver; K. E. Emmott, Sgt., Elgin, Ont.; C. D. Hamilton, Sgt., Pelly, Sask.; J. G. Alderson, Sgt., Alliston, Ont.; G. R. Balcer, Sgt., Westmount, Que.; C. J. Galt, Sgt., Brantford, Ont.; C. A. D. Cameron, Sgt., Glasgow, Scotland; H. Cossette, P/O, St. Anthony, Ontario; D. D. Durrin, Sgt., Callaghan, Ont.; W. G. Dent, Sgt., Regina; J. R. Crasley, Port Arthur, Ont.; R. W. Hudson, W/O, Sudburt, Ont.; J. E. Keith, Sgt., St. Catharines, Ont.; R. D. Mills, P/O, Toronto; W. E. D. Priddon, P/O, Toronto; Sgt., Winnipeg; H. A. Steffer, Sgt., London; Sgt., Fenlon, Man.; R. J. Lee, P/O, London; Ont.; J. C. Lyman, Sgt., Calgary; Sgt., Toronto; Sgt., Hamilton; Sgt., Toronto; H. M. McCallie, P/O, Toronto; R. B. Mouton, W/O, Brockville, Ont.; H. N. Nesbit, Sgt., Toronto; J. Rampton, P/O, Ontario; J. E. A. Thibault, Sgt., St. Eustache, Que.; J. White, Sgt., Theroid, Ont.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. C. R. S. Blenkern, Sgt., Rapid City, Man.; S. G. Bourne, Sgt., Jeddah, N.S.; J. W. Freeman, Sgt., Toronto; W. Hudson, Sgt., Renown, Sask.; A. W. Klauer, Sgt., Fernie, B.C.; E. H. Park, Sgt., Toronto; E. E. S. Blake, Sgt., Calgary; J. E. L. Burgess, Sgt., Montreal; J. Chermak, Sgt., Toronto; A. A. Hall, Sgt., St. John, N.B.; R. K. Holmes, Sgt., Station, Ont.; P. R. Santis, Sgt., Bender, Sask.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. G. K. Irwin, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; A. W. Lutzer, Sgt., St. Eleanor's, P.E.I.; J. P. Maguire, P/O, Coleman, Sask.

LARGEST SINGLE DRAFT OF RCAF AIR CREW HERE

Many Flying Instructors Ready to go on Operations

The largest single draft of Canadian air crew ever to land on these shores has arrived safely. In addition to pilots, navigators, air bombers and gunners, who made up the majority of the draft, there was a large representation of ground personnel and administration officers. Another group of the Women's Division were aboard.

Among the new arrivals were a number of instructors who have served for many months in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Among those who held key positions in the training plan and who arrived with the draft are F/Is J. H. "Sonny" Acer, Montreal; V. W. Haines, Halifax; Wilson Iversen, Winnipeg; C. F. B. Stevens, Westmount, Que.; J. A. MacKellvie, Winnipeg; Pat Hermitage, Montreal; H. A. Cameron, Perth, Ont.; F/Os John Trull, St. Thomas, Ont.; Gordon McDonald, Toronto; Cecil Brown, Prescott, Ont.

Two well-known athletes arrived with the draft. Joe Krakauskas, Hamilton, who pitched for the Cleveland Indians and Washington Senators in the American League prior to last season, is now a radio mechanic. "Where do they play ball, and I don't mean softball, in this country?" asked Joe.

P/O W. P. "Wally" Sheppard, who stepped down in rank in order to take air crew training, is well known in the football realm. He was quarter-back for Montreal's Big Four entry from 1925 to 1931. Sheppard was a Link Trainer instructor and regional control officer before re-mustering.

"The girls were about 98 per cent seaworthy and enjoyed the crossing immensely," declared Flight Officer F. M. Douglas, Women's Division Public Relations Officer from Winnipeg.

WINS COMMISSION

P/O Gordon Raymond, of Edgerton, Alta, has completed his course at air-gunner's school. He passed second highest in his class, thereby winning his commission. He has been posted to a Coastal Command O.T.U. Before re-mustering to air crew, P/O Raymond was a service policeman at RCAF Headquarters.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

D. P. Clintz, P/O, Oak River, Man.; W. R. Howard, P/O, Lang, Sask.; H. R. Williams, Sgt., Montreal. WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. G. E. Foster, Sgt., Swan River, Man.; T. Sanderson, P/O, Merriton, Ont. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. G. P. Wilson, P/O, Detroit, Mich. WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. R. C. Drake, Sgt., Toronto.

OUTRAGED ORIGINALS STAKE THEIR CLAIM

An item in WINGS ABROAD of June 2 appears to have fingered a sore spot with 30 RCAF men of the original contingent, now stationed in Ceylon. Men of Number One Fighter Squadron were reported in that issue to have celebrated their third anniversary recently as first arrivals. The story referred to "original members" as those who came over on June 20, 1940.

From Ceylon this week came a cabled response:

TELL FIRST ARRIVALS SO CALLED WHO CELEBRATED ON JUNE 19 TO JOIN UP STOP WE ARRIVED ENGLAND 25th FEBRUARY, 1940. NOW WHO ARE THE ORIGINALS? —THIRTY MEN FROM ONE HUNDRED AND TEN

WINGS ABROAD is pleased to set the record straight. The outraged thirty out in Ceylon are in fact members of the first RCAF contingent to arrive overseas. Reference in the story of June 2 to "original members" applied to original members of No. One Fighter Squadron who, as the cable points out, arrived some four months after 110 Squadron.

THREE GLEBE PALS FLY ON SAME UNIT

More than 600 former pupils of Glebe Collegiate, Ottawa, have joined the armed forces. Three of them are airmen operating together in the same squadron.

Sgt. Anslie Dowd, Ottawa, Sgt. Ralph Stephens, Windsor, Ont., and F/L William Ward, London, Ont., are observers operating with an RAF Blenheim squadron which has a fine record against the Japanese on the Arakan and Burmese fronts.

Sgt. Dowd joined up in '41, came to Britain in June, '42, and went to India last December. F/S Ward joined in the autumn of '40, came to U.K. in December, '41, and flew to India in March of last year via Gibraltar, Malta and Cairo. Sgt. Stephens joined the RAF in September, '39, and, after training in Britain, went to the Middle East for eight months, then to India at the beginning of last year.

COMMISSIONED

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

Pilots—H. V. Boyle, Grandora, Sask.; L. B. Harvey, P/O, Davidge, Edson, Alta.; J. G. Estey, Sask.; M. G. Henderson, Toronto, Ont.; E. W. Davidson, Westmount, Que.; R. M. Croome, Ontario; O. Bazzari, Clinton, Toronto, Ont.; P. A. Beauchamp, Edmonton, Alta.; F. B. Solomon, Carleton Place, Ont.; J. S. Thomson, Vancouver, B.C.; D. K. Seaman, Rouleau, Sask.; J. C. Robertson, Grand, Tex., U.S.A.; W. Chace, Sherep, Creek, B.C.; J. R. MacKinnon, Sussex, N.B.; D. F. Campbell, Pictou County, N.S.; O. E. Wilson, St. Louis, Missouri; O. Bazzari, Clinton, Iowa; T. H. Cameron, Byvan Lake, Alta.; A. E. Barnard, Durham, Ont.; W. J. Simpson, Edmonton; R. W. Dunn, Ardrie, Ont.; L. O. Dobson, N. Mines, Ontario; J. W. O. Mullin, Regina; T. L. Mansfield, Ontario; B. Bates, Hamilton; L. F. Williamson, Regina; D. Mercer, Mary's, Ont.; H. P. Fuller, Luffer, L'Ancre, N.B.; P. D. Way, Dayland, Ont.; P. J. Burson, E. Bourke, Ontario; Bay, Ont.; R. E. MacKenzie, Regina; R. W. Hoag, Red Deer, Alta.; S. E. McNeil, Montreal; W. Baker, Smith Falls, Ont.; R. F. Hane, Regina; R. D. Dingwall, Agushka, N. H. Bendell, Ontario; A. F. Hildebrandt, Itaska, Sask.; C. Clement, Donalda, Alta.; G. A. Smith, Cranbrook, B.C.; J. C. McDougall, Calgary; R. M. Birnie, Winnipeg; J. Ritchie, Vancouver.

Navigators—N. M. Bush, Avonmore, Ont.; C. E. Bromberg, Winnipeg, Man.; J. W. Fraser, Victoria, B.C.; G. L. Wood, Toronto, Ont.; C. J. Carrigan, Hamilton, Ont.; D. D. Moore, Mimico, Ont.; R. B. Hoxie, Toronto, Ont.; E. B. Borden, Toronto, Ont.; M. C. Tucker, Lakeview, Ont.; P. J. Brouillet, Montreal, Que.; L. F. Gillin, Saskatoon, Sask.; J. P. Blandin, St. Catharines, Ont.; O. Barnholder, Toronto; D. H. Puppleton, Winnipeg; J. Fulmer, Middleburgh, Man.; R. Lee, London; H. Beckwith, Winnipeg; C. M. Howden, Calgary; W. E. Murphy, Forest, Ont.; D. E. Curtin, Montreal; R. F. Moore, Melbourne, Que.; C. W. Webb, Brandon, Man.; O. M. Mahoney, Lachine, Que.

Wireless Operator Air Gunners—A. J. Sutton, Toronto, Ont.; G. J. Richardson, Winnipeg, Man.; F. C. O'Connor, Colonia, N.J., U.S.A.; H. Zarecki, Montreal, Que.; T. W. H. Hever, Toronto, Ont.; R. W. Nixon, Toronto, Ont.; N. J. Oles, Smith Falls, Ont.; W. S. Wheeler, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.; R. E. Baily, J. R. Wain, Ottawa, Ont.; C. R. Balcer, Montreal; J. H. Squires, Plymouth, Penn.; H. A. Craddock, Woodstock, Ont.; R. J. Elsey, Saskatoon; R. Quetton, Cobalt, Ont.; G. A. Beattie, Webb, Sask.

Air Gunners—O. J. Priddy, Toronto, Ont.; L. A. James, Man.; H. A. Pildrum, St. James, Man.; M. C. Staples, St. James, Man.; J. A. Shedd, Edmonton, Alta.; W. S. Wheeler, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.; R. E. Baily, J. R. Wain, Ottawa, Ont.; C. R. Balcer, Montreal; J. H. Squires, Plymouth, Penn.; H. A. Craddock, Woodstock, Ont.; R. J. Elsey, Saskatoon; R. Quetton, Cobalt, Ont.; G. A. Beattie, Webb, Sask.

Air Gunners—W. G. McMillan, Economy, N.B.; P. S. Shuter, Man.; M. P. P. J. V. Karled, Toronto; A. G. Fletcher, London. Flight Engineers—H. Hutchings, Ottawa, Ont.; R. O. Priddy, Port Colborne, Ont.; R. S. MacLean, Summerside, P.E.I.; R. M. Martin, P. D. Jennings, Montreal.

Administrative—E. M. Jones, Baltimore, Md., U.S.A.; J. S. McGraw, Saskatoon, Sask.; I. H. P. Rowley, London; B. A. Miller, Hamilton; R. Oustred, Vancouver; L. E. Curtis, Windham Centre, Ont. Equipment Branch—G. A. McPherson, Toronto, Ont.; J. H. Scott, Toronto, Ont. Radio Branch—B. Redfern, Qu'Appelle, Sask.; G. E. Holman, Aberdeen, Qu'Appelle.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement has been announced of LAC Matthew Allen Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Perry, Estevan, Sask., to Miss Jeanne Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Ystradgynlais, Wales. The wedding will take place in September.

PAY POSERS

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CANUCK PAIR HAVE FINE RAF RECORDS

F/L James Coyne, D.F.C., The Pas, Man., and F/L John McClure, London, Ont., two 22-year-old Canadian pilots who came overseas together, were recently promoted to the rank of flight-lieutenant and are now the only two Canadian air crew in their RAF squadron. They fly fighter-bombers.

Coyne, awarded the D.F.C. just after promotion, has completed numerous sorties involving low level attacks on airfields, dock installations and rail communications.

McClure, with a long record of successful sorties, has been credited with the destruction of 12 locomotives and three barges. He, like Coyne, has participated in low-level bombing attacks on airfields in France.

WINDSOR SQUADRON HAS NEW LEADERS

With a new commanding officer and two new flight commanders, the City of Windsor RCAF fighter squadron is ready for its next assignment as a front line unit of RAF Middle East Command.

S/L Stanley Turner, D.F.C. and Bar, Toronto, has assumed command, replacing S/L Brad Foster, Montreal, whose tour of overseas operations has been completed and who is awaiting repatriation. Also eligible for repatriation are the two retiring flight commanders, F/L Bill Pentland, Calgary, and F/L Jacques Maurice, Toronto.

Succeeding them as flight commanders are F/L Albert Houle, D.F.C., Massey, Ont., and F/L Robert Paterson, Saskatoon.

S/L Turner is credited with 11 enemy aircraft destroyed. He fought through Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, and the siege of Malta. F/L Houle has destroyed four enemy aircraft. F/L Paterson, one of the originals of the squadron and formerly a deputy flight commander, has piled up 110 hours of operations since coming with the unit to the Middle East.



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SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

GOOSER RIDES COW

By Cpl. M. J. SEELEY...

WELL, men, here we are... Joo again. The various vicissitudes of station as well as squadron life have again to be mirrored through our eyes at the unseemly hour of 11.30 p.m. We have had a very full evening! A long chat with our former squadron adjutant, S/L Janin, who is our new station administration officer, resurrected many memories of Midland days. A session with F/S "Pop" Grubert, who next to our Goose Squadron Winco is the oldest pilot with us, completed an evening of reminiscing. Pop thinks the world of his observer, P/O Carrigan, and kept us enthralled with his stories of his many trips to "Happy Valley."

Pukka gen comes from many boys about the "shaky do" Happy Day went through a week ago. It seems that Hap, who hails from Raymore, Sask., was thinking of the Calgary Stampede, and in a moment of weakness, when returning from the "local," mounted a hapless cow in a pasture. It was a white cow, too! He rode it with considerable success until thrown, and has since rested on his laurels.

The Very Best to You

Wedding bells will ring soon for Wilson Irving, Saskatoon, and Joan Anderson, Hull. Both are in the M.T. Section. Lots of luck to you both. Also in the wind is the hush-hush engagement of Irvin Wilhelm, of Tavistock, N.B., of the M.T. Section, and Florence Clayton, an ATS ack-ack girl. The very best to you from all the lads.

Sorry to see "Robbie" Robinson and Larry Swigard leave our midst. Calgary and Regina are their respective home towns, and their posting to London H.Q. has left many regretful fellows to hail them and wish them luck.

The Canadian Y.M.C.A. set-up is about to change. In place of the canteen we now know will spring a social centre, both comfortable and convenient. The floors of the present building will be covered with linoleum. The building will be redecorated completely, comfortably, and chairs will be installed. An information and refreshment booth will be set up, and the whole atmosphere will be altered. Mrs. Margaret E. Ley, Port Colborne, Ont., will be the club hostess and will attend to the needs of the boys in the cosy, restful atmosphere of a truly Canadian centre. Free movies will be given once weekly, and John Banfield, our station "Y" supervisor, will spend all his time looking after the needs and sports activities of the men here. It is hoped that the new set-up will be completed some time in August, and we are sure that all the men here will be looking forward with considerable anticipation to the opening day.

Has Done Admirable Job

F/S James Tennet, our squadron disciplinarian, who hails from London, has done an admirable job of handling the distribution of American cigarettes this past week. Along with this, his attention and work in connection with the distribution of squadron crests has been notable.

Don't forget the Canadian "Y" leave and rest centre in a nearby city, fellows. They serve excellent meals for a few dimes, and bed and breakfast costs you only eight bits. A former luxury hotel, the centre has just recently been opened, and all are assured of a hearty welcome and comfortable accommodation there.



A guard of honour formed by airmen of UK.B.A.U. featured the wedding of AWI Brenda Moffat and Sgt. Harry Mayson, Canadian Forestry Corps. The bride wore a gown of white net and carried a bouquet of yellow Tullman rosebuds. Both come from Kamloops, B.C. (Official RCAF Photograph.)



EVER-RECURRING topic of conversation when airmen gather to make small talk is personal post-war reconstruction, or, in the vernacular, "Watcha gonna do after the war?" It came up suddenly the other afternoon in the Snack Bar of the Beaver Club. Sgt. Louis Kerr and Sgt. Frank Sharpe were casually chatting about such minor matters as the relative merits of certain gastronomical delicacies, unobtainable in these parts when Kerr suddenly sounded a new note, "I think I'll be a vet. after the war."

Ho Never Revealed

Just what prompted the decision to be a veterinary surgeon was never disclosed. Sgt. Kerr, a native of Trinidad, B.W.I., was studying at McGill University at Montreal when he enlisted in the RCAF. He was an entomologist, or "bug studier" to the rabble. Whether or not Louis really intends to take the big step from bugs to animals he never revealed because he again changed the subject.

Speaking of his team-mates he said, "We are a real international crew. We have two Norwegians, a Dutchman, two Englishmen and myself."

When the conversation turned to "What is the easiest job in air crew?" Sgt. Sharpe, a Toronto lad, had definite views. "Why, a bomb-aimer has the easiest life of all," he said. "You only work a few minutes each trip." Needless to say, Frank is a bomb-aimer. Louis is an observer.

"Too much leave" is the lament of Sgt. Donald F. Wolfe, River Hebert, N.S. He finished his course at O.T.U. a while back and has had leaves and extensions of leaves ever since. He says, "I'm ready to go any time." He spent a good deal of time up in the Scottish Highlands. The feature of his trip was the excursion on Loch Lomond. He gives long and detailed descriptions of the northern land.

Don had just left his brother.

PAY TABLE CRUMBS

WELCOME to two new recruits — AW2 Jean Keating and Gerry Woodcraft. Best of luck, girls, and hope you'll be happy in our service.

Ah! a ring (not telephone) being displayed by Ann O'Brien — those lucky Army lads.

One of our charming "Wids" must have been in a daze on C.O.'s parade last week, standing at ease all during inspection! Were you back in B.C., Della? U.K.B.A.U. was well represented at H.Q.'s dance—and the talents we should promote! Think musical review with dance routines directed by our versatile P/O in CR, and vocal arrangements by our P/O in Room 348. Spice to add by way of a "corn" number under supervision of Red "Square Dance" Hill, who did a wonderful job at the Harroldian picnic, which brings us to another highlight of the week.

Ended in Usual Way

The exhibition softball game between Knights and Bridges ended in the usual way by Knights taking the decision 7-5. The tug-of-war contest saw U.K.B.A.U. forces winning their initial start in this form of sport. The Navy were a lighter team and two straight "falls" were chalked up for us. Two unavoidable disappointments marred the afternoon when the WREN netball team and the Navy relay team could not attend. However, to make a show for the many thousands gathered to watch the epic struggle, our own relay teams staged a mile relay race which was really close. It would not be fair to pick out the individual starts of the day, but AC1 Johnny Peachy played nine innings of ball, helped in the tug-of-war, and finished his display by running 220 yards for the relay team. What a triple threat man! In the evening the boys and girls strutted their stuff in the ballroom. Joe Moore, Bob Price, John Stanton, Jerry Hanson, Jack Moulton and Cliff Balsam proved themselves to be real Jitterbugs.

WOLF ECHELON

By PENNY

SOME of our boys are missing from the usual operations, inside and outside the kites. Norm (Kerlie) Seddon is now a probationary commando, and the other gold dust twin, Herb Strut, has left for a spot of leave in the land of the lassies.

Alec Breathet, our star pitcher, is recovering from a knee operation. Hope to see you soon, Alec. Cpl. Bill (Horizontal) Fairley, who has been repatriated to the land of the Maple leaf and eternal sunshine, is also among the missing. Bill hails from Hamilton, a small suburb of Dundas, Ont. You'll really get the pukka gen on this from Mel Harvey and Harry Miller, Hamilton, or Freddie Fry and Frank (Irish) Plug, Toronto.

The ball team is ready to take on any team, any time, work permitting. The squad has won seven out of eight starts against neighbouring Army and Air Force units. What games! Bleachers are filled with people, and Joe "Apple Pie" Butler serves popcorn, chewing gum, and ice cold drinks through the stands.

Sgts. Tom Price and Cliff Pollard, who left us a while back to become "F/Es," paid us a pleasant and liquid visit recently.

Congrats are due to our little fat man, M. L. "Porky" Lang, on hanging up his crown. More power to you, Porky! We all thank Stan Wells, an old timer of the ech, for handling our mail so well and for procuring "Wings Abroad" for our members.

Is there no one in any other echs, without writer's cramp? What's the matter with youse guys—bashful?

Trim Ack-Acks

Behind the stellar twirling of Bill Polosky, Porky Lang's Wolf Echelon trounced a Canadian Army A.A. unit last Wednesday to the tune of 7-0. It was a snappy game lasting only one hour and a quarter.

Wilf Lamoureux, centre field, sparked the offensive by driving in two runs and making a brilliant shoestring catch of a "Texas leaguer." Scott, substituting at the initial sack for "Big China" Lovatt, played a steady, all round game. Seddon, behind the plate, turned in his finest performance of the season. The "Ech" has played six games his season, winning five.

The line-up: Seddon, (c), Polosky (p), Scott (1b), Strutt (2b), Harvey (ss), Wood (3b), Mahoney (lf), Lamoureux (cf), Wells (rf). Alternates: Lovatt, Plug, Breathet.

SERVICING UNIT

By F/S M. WATT

THIS all-Canadian servicing unit has been in the background just long enough, considering that ours is one of the oldest Canadian outfits overseas. So we break into print via "W.A." without any further excuses.

A good many senior NCOs of the RCAF overseas have graduated from this echelon, or have been members of it from time to time, including several transport officers.

Right now F/S Murray Watt is running things around here with the help of Jack McKenzie. Both these lads have been overseas for two and a half years.

Very recently we formed a club, and Cpl. George "Wolf, and I mean Wolf," Bubbs was elected president with LAC Henry "Goose" Gosling as treasurer. Two more joes were handed the propaganda portfolio this column being their first attempt.

"Pretty Boy" Elliot is down in the dumps these days on account of his partner Ted "Slick" Pearson being on a course. Carl "Old Man" Kerr is still taking life the same old way, slowlike. Red Barnes and Alex Tillie have been attracting Waafs like a mongrel dog fleas, and wondering why. Couldn't be the Spitfire brooches, could it, boys?

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BAS(E)IC NEWS

By JIMMIE GUNN

ONE fine day not long ago a small group of officers and other ranks arrived at a Bomber Station to set up the newest RCAF Bomber Base. They came with high hopes of big things — which were rather rudely shattered when they were shown a number of rooms just about as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard and told, "There's your base."

To-day the rooms are a little less bare, a limited amount of equipment and stationery has been accumulated, and the new base is now operating on at least two cylinders. Much credit for this must be given to Air Commodore C. M. McEwen, M.C., D.F.C., the Base commander. A veteran flyer of the last war and administrator of this one, Air Commodore McEwen's driving force has literally (but not too much so) made two typewriters appear where there were none before and in general caused needed supplies to materialise out of the thin air. In this task he has had the able assistance of the Base Admin. Officer, W/C J. R. A. Emond, whose suave diplomacy would have made him equally at home at a 12th of July parade or a St. John Baptiste celebration. Incidentally, the Winco is sporting that nice new third ring which calls for a round in the mess. Keeping the administrative machinery well oiled and running smoothly is the adjutant, F/L N. Carrie, Toronto.

WAAF Heart Flutter

A new station commander also arrived, to the flutter of romantic WAAF hearts, in the person of G/C D. M. Edwards, A.F.C. His arrival produced a flutter of a different sort in the hearts of Camp Borden alumni present when he blandly announced that "we won't carry out very much foot drill here — just a few simple movements when time permits."

Other notables in the "flat-belt class" present include S/L W. H. Roberge, Ottawa (congrats on the new ring, Robbie), F/L W. M. Conner, Winnipeg, W/C A. C. P. Clayton, D.F.C. and Bar. S/L (also sporting a new ring) R. J. Leaman, Toronto and Guelph, and our medico-in-chief S/L N. E. Foster, who forsook the wilds of rural Manitoba to cure Air Force headaches.

Also coming under our benign administrative guidance are F/L Eric Strathdee, Winnipeg and Toronto, former postings czar of Toronto Morning Post, F/L J. McCurry, Windsor, Ont., whose knowledge of equipment ailments for the use of is only exceeded by his reluctance to issue same; F/L Jack Feller, Ottawa medico; F/O S. R. Smith, Toronto bus-nessman; and F/L Barney Rawson, who was ambitious enough to forsake Hamilton, Ontario, for the Air Force. Incidentally, if he doesn't soon reveal in his column just who the Mauritian Marauder is, we'll do the unmasking ourselves.

The Sporting Fraternity

Representative of the sporting fraternity we have W/O "You've had it" Warner, former Ottawa handball star, who is endeavouring to teach the intricacies of the game to W/O "Zac" Zaccour, Winnipeg.

Maintaining discipline we have three warrant officers whose solicitude for their men is most touching — too much so at times in fact. These parade square autocrats are W/O Jordan, Winnipeg, W/O Joe Tumilty, who didn't have to get married to see Niagara Falls, and W/O Stan Whitehead, who is well known at the City Hall, Toronto.

Orderly puntiffs and "gen men" include F/S "What am I saying" Skinner, who claims London, Ont., as his home, but will admit living at Mount Brydges; F/S "Chuck" Addison, former slayer of London feminine hearts; and Sgt. A. M. O. Cassila, who jarred our shattered nerves by quoting the right one the other day.

On one of our units we have the Air Force's greatest threat to the laurels of Eddie Duchin, Cpl. Allen Stanley, who deserted Calgary for Ottawa. He is ably assisted in his duties by LAC Ray Samson, Vancouverite dance maestro, and they both have their hands full watching Sgt. "Rutch" Bruce, the Brooks Bombshell, and F/S "Syd" Jakeman, to whom that well-known song, "Oh, Johnny, Will You Be Mine?" has a peculiarly personal meaning.

These are some of the toffs. Next week we'll tell you about some of the erks who do the work to keep them in comfort and luxury.

RECEPTION CENTRE

A SWIMMING Meet was held recently under the patronage of G/C J. H. Hutchinson, O.B.E. Spectators, both in uniform and "civies," thronged the stadium for the gala occasion. The program for the evening included practically every race and water sport known except for out-board motors.

The RCAF Accounts Section turned in a creditable performance in style and enthusiasm at least, if not in wins. In the obstacle race the "pick me up" team of Sgt. Lecours and Cpl. Holloway, favoured by many to take top honours, unfortunately got tangled up in their water wings.

The team of Wing Commanders Horner and Nolan drew the applause of the crowd with the grace and poise with which they swam. W/O "Dunc" Young and Cpl. "Slim" Sipprell made the crawl look like child's play in the hotly contested star-spangled four man relay. LAC McCormack (E.A.T.S.) was undoubtedly the finest performer of the evening along with P/O Ritchie, who took the diving championship. A feature of the evening was the dainty race between the Halifax Tigers and the Lancaster Rebels.

Two high lights: The airman who pulled a Sally Rand by losing his bathing suit in the middle of an event. The WAAF sergeant who was pushed in the pool and rescued by a certain P.T. instructor, fully clothed. All in all, a successful event in which Army and Navy personnel were also well represented.

BIKE BUMPS

By A. J. REGAN

THIS top scoring Canadian fighter squadron commanded by S/L E. I. "Jeep" Neal, D.F.C., Quebec City, is having its full share of spills and accidents on station bicycles. Many a piece of Canadian has been left on roads, fields and gravel paths by the members of the squadron. Our own M.O. F/L E. L. Thorne, Charlottetown, P.E.I., has given up asking questions of how and what happened; he looks and doesn't say a word, just fixes up the beaten parts.

Carrots have been advised for F/L John Connell (Sup'ry), of Waterloo, Ont., to improve his eyesight and nerve for bicycle sorties after dark.

Au revoir goes out to two members of the squadron in the persons of F/O Benny Benson, of Moosejaw, who leaves us to take up flying elsewhere; also Sgt. S. L. Minturn, Binghampton, N.Y., who leaves to renew acquaintances with the winged jobs. Good luck, men, and may good fortune follow you to your new stamping grounds.

Warmest welcomes are extended to two members of Uncle Sam's Air Corps who are staying in with us for a short while, Capt. D. R. French, Pacific Grove, California, and 1st Lieut. R. S. Ware, Montclair, N.J. Greetings, fellows, and we hope your stay will be a pleasant and well-remembered one.

"Slow Roll" Woodhouse

The people gasped and held their breath as a small dot in the sky grew larger and larger. Nerves went more tense as the thundering aeroplane swept lower and closer over their heads, suddenly straight up in the blue in a lovely roll. Everyone gave a big sigh of relief for it was then known that it was none other than their own F/S "Slow Roll" K. B. Woodhouse, Prince Albert, Sask. No one could execute this stunt the way our "Slow Roller" does it.

That lovely line from a favourite song "From the meadow comes the scent of new mown hay" is being taken literally by Sgt. Pilot Robert James "Buck" Buckles, Whitevale, Ont., these days. If one was to follow the scent sure enough there Buck would be leaning against a haystack, chewing away on a piece of grass — or would he? It is a debatable question these days.

Away enjoying a spot of leave are F/S Jack Moffat, Regina; Sgt. Sid Cope, Toronto; LACs R. L. Sexton, Regent, Man.; Mal Baker, Toronto; Ray Pudge, Welland, Ont.; Mal McKenzie, Hamilton (the man with all the NAAFI hours); and Dutch Flaherty, of Galt, Ont.

GROUP H.Q.

MORE than a few of us remember the hectic day, some three months ago, when we poured out of the train and were pushed into trucks at a remote little village station...

There were scenes of reunion, gossip from stations overseas, excited squeals as friends met, and of course the usual comments on what the first sight of the tin billets did to one.

The latest draft of W.D.s is made up of girls from every part of Canada... in LAW Doris Garner, Chatham, Ont., we have a champion ping-pong artist. An interesting addition to the camp personnel are five W.D.s who have been in England since before the war...

It seems that quite a few of the boys and girls did not eat a very hearty meal the other day because a certain dispatch rider was exhibiting his newly acquired pet—a large white worm—in the mess hall.

There is a gang of good fellows on this camp who, except for the occasional rhubarb, wear props on their sleeves—and some have not even that noble adornment—but in view of the work they do, and the place they fill in this war, our hats are off to them.

The M.T. section welcomes back into its midst Cpl. "Smitty" Rutherford, who returns after a long restful holiday in the hospital.

PANTRY DENUDERS

BY golly—never ate so well or so much in my life!—so quoth Cpl. George Porritt of Winnipeg, as he and Cpl. "Rupe" Rupert, of Trenton, Ont., came back from leave tother day, wheeling their stomachs in on a couple of warehouse trucks...

If you see a terrific big grin, topped by a "flat hat" around here—that's just brand-new P/O Johnny Karleff, of Toronto (don't mean Johnny's brand new—just the P/O part). "Congrats, there, fellah!"

Gumshoeing around these parts lately with a couple of great steaming Coats of Arms on his sleeves is W/O (Class 1, egad!) Walt Partridge, of Ver-

FLYING AIRBORNE TROOPS IS TOUGH

At an RAF station in England, veteran Canadian flyers are learning the tricky job of precision navigation so that they may drop gliders and parachute troops right on their objectives when the time comes.

F/L Bill Flynn, Regina, was an O.T.U. instructor for 18 months before becoming navigation officer of an RAF squadron engaged in glider work. A Canadian pilot with the same squadron, flying Whitleys, is P/O Phil Shannon, Vancouver, who came to Britain after a long spell as an instructor in Canada.

The business of dropping paratroops where they can do the most damage involves the greatest precision in timing and map reading.

It is slow and rough flying, according to the Canadians. The glider surges forward and the rope towing it droops. There is a surge back and forward as the rope becomes taut again. It takes a long run to get the glider train off the ground, and aloft the glider exerts quite a drag on the towplane, substantially reducing its speed.

million, Alberta, that R.D.F. wizard of the gang. "Nice going, Walt."

There are always scenes of violent confusion and chaos around the administrative section whenever P/O Russ Harling goes on leave, but all that has passed before was like unto a gentle zephyr compared with the session the other day, as he made hasty (and I do mean HASTY) preparations to view at first hand the new scion of the Harling family. Yup, Russ's good spouse has made him a proud "Pappy," and if the dimensions of the infant are anywhere near the statistics propounded by Russ it must be SOME KID! All kidding aside (no pun intended) though, we extend our best regards to the Little Woman and to "Junior," and to Russ we say, "Congrats" (and what about the CIGARS?).

That old "Silver Fox," F/O W. G. "Pop" Rice, of Hamilton, now holds the rank of "Flight-Looie" and is chief key-tapper of the wireless ops, in the gang now. "Good goin', Pop!" Also, P/L Gord (second name is "Archibald") McMurphy, of Winnipeg, is now the chief "whip-cracker" in "A" Flight and is a squadron leader, by gad! "That's the stuff, Gord!"

Late newcomers to the Moose gang include F/L Dave Corcoran, of Toronto, and F/S Bob Stewart and their crews. "Hi-ya and welcome, fellahs!"

"Moochin' round the Moosemen" recently we noticed: F/S "Maie" Gray, of Vancouver, wearing the beatific smile which could only be seen on a face of one who had completed a tour and was proceeding on well-earned leave; P/O Harry Danniger, of Holliswood, Cal., "downing a fast one" in a nearby pub; Sgt. Cliff Nevins, of Pennant (where the — is that?), Sask., looking at the sky and wondering if it will rain next week; LAC Gordie Powell, of Ottawa, borrowing ten shillings (with difficulty) from guess who?; Cpl. Wireless Mecha, Bob Lamarr, of Leamington, Ont., and Jim Coventry, of Hawarden, Sask., being officially declared "Moosemen" after being with the gang on attachment for a while.

THIS LIFE WE LEAD



Of course, this didn't really happen.

OF FOAM AND FOO

By CPL GEOFF MORRISON and SAUL SHAW

RECENTLY "Foo" passed its second anniversary. A "roaring" celebration in the form of a strictly stag dinner was followed by a strictly beer party. Stag the dinner was, although the staff of our mess count among them some hard-working yet cheerful WAAF's who deserve credit.

The crunching and munching was somewhat quietened when F/O Dale, our Adjutant, announced that S/L Russell had a few words to say. His speech reflects his bearing—concise yet full of cordiality. S/L Russell paid glowing tribute to the fitters, riggers, wireless men, everyone in Echelon and everyone else who is doing his part in keeping "Foo" the "Roaring Squadron." No less did the personnel of the Electrical Section, the "Silent Service," listen in silently—but who play such a vital part in establishing the initial "roar."

After the C.O.'s kind words we shifted into the NAAFI Hall, where nine full barrels of real beer began to flow under the efforts of F/O Spaetzel, F/O Dale, "Chleffe" Thomas, Sgt. "Pipe-fumigating" Hogg, Cpl. Jackson, Cpl. Gushew and Capt. "Smiling" Boyle of the K. of C. Under his auspices Cpl. "Big Boy" Morrison dished out a package of fags to everyone present.

NO MORE U.S. CIGS

Supply of American cigarettes is now exhausted, it is announced at RCAF London headquarters, and no further orders will be accepted. Personnel who sent in orders that cannot be filled will have their money returned.

LAC "Wally" Walpole soon acquired a circle of admirers because of his fame as a piano player. Little wonder that that blonde WAAF corporal is now courting Wally. F/S Miller exhibited his skill on the traps—emptying those "long greens" at the same time. Soon after, the piano was shifted down to the centre of the hall floor and F/L Atkinson, our M.O., began a sing-song which only "God Save The King" was able to stop. Many thanks are due to our C.O. and Capt. Boyle for a grand job.



VISITING FIREMEN

RADIO MECHS, ready to desert their fellow sparkers and go into the flying end of this Air Force game, were around the Beaver Club in force toother day. Cpl. F. E. Hanes, Saskatoon, has been ready for some time to start his training. "I'm still waiting and want to get going," he says.

His ambition is to prepare himself for a highly skilled job with the RCAF. "I'd like to do a tour of ops, and then go into the technical end of the radio line," he states.

Herb Thompson, Calgary, who has been around the country for some time now, is another lad slated to take air crew training. He was in town on sick leave and expects to be called up for his air training almost immediately.

The veteran Thompson had in tow rookie Vic Swirzon, from the same squadron. Vic has been over about as many months as Herb has years. He hasn't had enough experience in radio to know whether he likes it or not.

A few minutes earlier Vic's old class-mate in the radio course back home, Johnny Cohen, stopped for a few minutes before dashing off to take in "Flare Path."

LAC Milburn Cleary, Spencerville, Ont., spends his spare time on the station—and he claims to have plenty—drawing cartoons. He lampoons his fellow radio mechs and others of their kind. Mil is quite interested in the cartooning side of art and has done considerable studying along these lines.

Another veteran radio mech seen around the club was Jim Finley, Hamilton, Ont. Coming from the nether regions of the kingdom he was all set for a bang-up leave in the big city.

It was Windsor, Ont., day for the radio mechs at the Beaver Club. One of the first Windsorites to show up was rangy Phil J. Fields, one of Canada's outstanding basketball players. Until last season Phil turned in a handy pivot and tossed a useful pass for Windsor Alumnal, perennial Dominion senior basketball finalist. He was accompanied by R. W. Dixon, who bounced the ball for



Walkerville C.I. before enlisting as a radio mech. Fields pointed out that another Windsor Alumnal star, Don Gray, is also a radio mech in England. Don tossed them in for the Clinton, Ont., Sparks during the past O.B.A. season. "Junior" Fox, ace basketballer from Toronto's Simpson Grads, often Ontario finalist against Field's Windsor Alumnal, earned his commission as a radio mech last March.

A few moments later Jack Loveridge and Lorne Webster ambled in. They were accompanied by Stu Watson, from Goderich. Both Jack and Lorne were disappointed that they missed the other two Windsor boys.

NORTH WALES M.U.

By Phil Wright

YE scribe has returned after a lovely seven days' visit to Bonnie Scotland, where much sun-tan and good meals were the order of the week. Two others to visit the land of hospitality during the same week were Jack Wallis and Jack Knox, Edinburgh was their stamping-ground.

Keith Murray had five shillings deducted from his kitty this week when a gent in blue visited him regarding the black-out on his bike one night. Due to the fact that Keith is a Canuck the law reduced the takings. Thanks, law!

A surprise visit from the gold braid department of the RCAF last week was appreciated by the boys in this sector. All complaints were received and handled with the skill the lads like to see.

As a train was about to pull out of a nearby city some nights ago some 17 members of the fighting forces piled into a third class compartment. R. O. Smith is still trying to find out who left the boot mark on his face. Roy Taggart was explaining how he received a hefty jolt of electrons one morning, when Frank Walker remarked "He must have had amps in his pants." Since starting this column someone claimed there was a terrible odour in the neighbourhood, so this must end.

NORTHUMBERLAND

By Hank Forbes

IT is the painful duty of this scribe to report that Bob Weeks, noted for his cherubic countenance, his heated arguments, and his pride in hailing from Edmonton, has left us. So long, Bob, all our best.

All broke, junkers-riders, or clean-living personnel who were not out carousing the other night were edified by the sight of George Marrs and Beecher Watson tottering in from a London leave. "It's a lie," shouted "Beech," but we couldn't help wondering sadly if the Big City will have all the red paint scraped off by the time we get down there. To the accusation that he was seen demolishing light bulbs in a London tube, George made the violent retort: "It's a gross vilification and a base calumny... besides being untrue, I missed them with every shot."

The metropolis is hereby warned that Cliff London, Alex Macdonald and Paul Melkjohn proceeded joyfully on leave a few days ago.

A word of warning to Reg Jackson, the pride of Hamilton; any WAAF who sews on your Canada badges and darns your socks may have designs on your future. Next thing you know she'll tell you she can cook. Airman, beware!

Our good deed for the day: Will Cpl. Radio Mech. Phillip Tourgis write his cousin, F/O J. W. Liddy, c/o Canadian Base Post Office, at once.

SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Eddie and Love

THE unbeaten South Wales M.U. softball team drummed out one of their most impressive victories of the season when they downed a team of new Canadians 27-9.

Highlights of the game: Cohen's disappearing act; Murray's shiner; McConnell's home run; ball bouncing off roof tops; McGowan's curves and Cleashill's umpiring.

The winning team, under the new and capable management of Al (77) Smith: "Shiner" Murray, c.; McGowan, p.; Fry, 1; Hunter, 2; Smith, ss.; McConnell, 3; Fraser, lf.; "Houdini" Cohen, cf.; and Love, rf.

Since the large-scale exodus of the last few weeks events have slowed down to the usual comings and goings of people on leave and the routine of station life.

We are wondering when the shadow sergeant's pay will appear. Pay accounts here are in the dark. One of our more privileged brethren, who can read and write, has written for the gen on all kinds of pay, so we expect some enlightenment soon. Brother Goffin will lecture on the "Mysteries of Pay" on the evening of receipt of said gen.

Our sports authority, LAC Love, is setting forth for nine glorious days this week end. "Curly" never did get over the attraction of Bournemouth, so we presume that will be the lucky town this week.

Cpls. Wood and Goffin depart for a different sort of vacation with kit in high state of perfection and with that "let's get it over with feeling."

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CONVERSION UNIT

By "AN ERK"

EVERYONE is gradually recovering from the effects of the sports day held here recently. Aching limbs and strained muscles have been doctored and the M.O. reports his busiest week ever.

High point of the afternoon's frolic was the WAAF slow bicycle race. Antics of the competitors leaving a lasting impression of what Cpl. C. D. Ewart, of Toronto, looks like returning from one of his midnight prowls.

LAC Taylor won the high jump after a great struggle.

Seen around the field: Our future P.T.I., W/O Chess—why all the glum faces, lads?—supervising the horseshoe tournament. Sgt. Bachelor, ex-Toronto, now of B.C., was the centre of attraction, or was it that bundle from Britain at his side that drew all the long looks?

The wolves were out, running in packs as usual—too bad somebody beat us to that Wolf moniker—and slavering at the lips as they surveyed the hapless female visitors.

In the evening there was a N.A.A.F.I. dance with Sgt Eddie Harper and his band, LAC V. Fowler from the east, and Cpl. Charlie Smith from the west, vying with each other for live honours.

Postings continue apace, and several of the RAF lads are leaving. Likewise Cpl. Short and LAC Alec Young, both of Vancouver. And rumour has it that "Woodbine" Webb will be hitting the trail soon. Sorry to see you go, fellows.

HEAVY BOMBERS

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tral centres including Gelsenkirchen.

F/O R. J. Clark, Edmonton, a navigator, was impressed by the heavy concentration of ack-ack fire. His plane was twice hit.

There were just as many stars in the clouds as there were in the sky above," he said, in describing flak bursts. "We were hit just about two seconds after we dropped our load."

One heavy bomber was somewhat damaged by the ack-ack fire over the target.

Two Lancasters nearly came together head on, about 100 miles from the target. The pilot of one of the Lancs was Sgt. Stan Leonard, Toronto, who said, "I got a split second view of another Lanc. 100 yards away headed straight for us. I set the stick forward good and hard, but I don't think the controls had time to take effect. He was not more than four feet above us and as he went over there was a terrific 'whump' just like a burst of flak. We were tossed all over the sky."

Other Canadians in the attack included P/O W. H. Eager, Winnipeg, pilot; R. Bradley, Toronto, wireless operator; "Goldie" Golds, Guelph, Ont., bomb-aimer; Sgts. R. "Red" Sharrard, Toronto, rear-gunner; C. E. Baker, Toronto, mid-upper gunner; J. B. Toombs, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., navigator.

NOT FROM GEORGIA TECH

Unlike the character in the popular ditty Sgt. Stan Bryant of Edmonton is not a rambler wreck from Georgia Tech, but he is an engineer.

Stan came here as a rigger, worked on Blenheims and later on Beaus. He's now with a Canadian Halifax squadron.

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"GONGS GALORE!"

By LACs CEC WOLFF and DOUG HAROLD

WE give you this week those dashing, dauntless, daring deliverers of destruction who never dally nor dabble but defy danger to deal devastating damage to Hitler's last hope by sending his boats and subs to Davy Jones's locker, those swordfishers whose devotion to duty has at last been recognized and have been honored with new ribbons of the D.F.C. adorn the chest of Toronto's son and pride, S/L Bill Adams, as well as S/L Pete Harris, a Welshman fighting with the RCAF, D.F.M.s go to Sgt. Al Smith, another Queen City lad, and F/S Ed Smith, who is being repatriated to his native New Zealand. Congratulations, gang, we're proud of you.

The three "Bs" from the Armoury, Art Blake, "Handsome" Brown and "Chuck" Burns, of Montreal and Halifax, have taken heed to the pleas of the Labour Exchange and are "sacrificing" nine days of gaily and bright lights for which period they were remustered to Assistant Farmhands, "C" group. Give us the gen on this back-to-the-land movement, boys, maybe we'll try it, too. (P.S.—How is the hen-fruit situation?)

Odds Against Us

The odds are against us 4 to 1, but why did the posting authorities take advantage by snaffling the foursome at one sitting. The quartette referred to is: F/Ls A. "Pat" Patterson, of Lindsay (ex-adj.); Bob Vaughan and John Pierson, both of Montreal, former engineering officer and intelligence officer respectively, who, together with F/O George Crichton, Toronto, took such a fast powder on posting recently that the incoming P/O Tony Lapchuk, Winnipeg, must have thought he was caught in a prairie sandstorm (without the sand). Also drawn in by the suction created was F/S T. J. "Tuck" Tucker, Toronto, our new disciplinarian, F/S Garf "Supernumerary" Kelly still sits in the boss's chair.

Back from a short sawbones' gen session, with a spot of leave thrown in, is our M.O., F/L Alvin Cohen, of Winnipeg. He's sporting a super tan which speaks only of many leisureed hours spent basking in the sun.

"It never rains but it pours" is an old and tried axiom. Last week our equipment section boasted a promotion when Archie Pow tacked up that third hook. This week Archie's right-hand man, John Nichols, Salt Spring Is., B.C., tore down the props and replaced them with a set of tapes. Seems like the idea of the equipment personnel cycling out en masse for a round of the locals is becoming a regular habit. Anyway, that should be another pint coming our way.

Back to say hello and do a bit of chin-wagging were P/O Larry Thomas and Sgt. Bill Dawson, who both call Toronto home. Larry presented a sight for sore eyes in his flat hat and new zoot suit. As for Bill, well, his three hooks and new AG's badge looked as if they had at last found their man. Thanks a lot for looking us up, boys, and all the best. Drop in again soon and we'll put on a pot of tea.

Two Games Played

Sports: Two games were played during the past week by the Swordfish "slickers." We wound up the first contest over the Hamilton R.C.S.C. (remember them) in ten innings by a score of 9-6. The count read 6-all at the close of the regulation nine, thanks to Cpl. Archie (Hidgetown) Pow's home-run in the dying moments. Still another round-tripper with two men on base by AC "Jim" "Don't Look Now" Brown, Oshawa, settled the hash and so went the ball game. A nice one to take. The game was played in a neutral park; an encouraging audience came and otherwise witnessed the encounter. Could be the reason why F/O Bob Gauthier, Montreal, went the route by pitching steady ball. The undefeated Canadian RHLLI in their first appearance against our side lived up to advance notices and proved themselves to be a well-balanced outfit. In spite of the fact that a patched-up line-up was fielded by the Swordfish, the defeat was as it should have been. No hard feelings.

Let-down of the week: Cpl. "Sandy" Sand, Toronto, favouring a spot of cricket to a softball practice—and playing for the WAAF's, too. It must have been interest in the game (mmm) that prompted him, for we failed to see the other attraction.

BUCK McNAIR

(Continued from page 1.) cannon shells strike home, and noticed a big explosion in the cockpit as the enemy aircraft dived away out of control. F/L Art Sager, Vancouver, attacked another enemy fighter and was credited with a damaged, though he was unable to see what finally became of it.



On the cockpit door of his Typhoon P/O H. T. "Moose" Mossip, Thorndale, Ont., has painted 14 trains, representing the number he has "busted." He is also credited with damaging five barges.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

CANADIAN PILOTS STILL HIT HARD FROM MALTA

Fighter Pilot Wins D.F.C. For Twin Killings Over Island

Piling up brilliant operational records, Canadian fighter and intruder pilots, operating out of Malta, continue to smash at the enemy.

Two double claims, involving more than one aircraft shot down on one operation, top off the excellent work of F/O Irving Kennedy, 21, Cumberland, Ont. He has been awarded the D.F.C. as a result.

Kennedy played a leading role last month in repulsing an enemy air attack on Malta from Sicily. He shared in the dispersal of two enemy formations, which were intercepted before reaching Malta. They turned tail and fled before the British attack. Kennedy helped two other Canadian pilots destroy an Me.109 and a Macchi. One enemy pilot bailed out and the other went down in flames.

Credited Sincinairs

With Kennedy in both attacks were P/O Duncan Sincinair, Toronto, and F/S Andrew Sincinair, Paris, Ont. Kennedy gave full credit to both Sincinairs, who are unrelated, for their share in the double victory.

His first "double play" involved the destruction of two Ju.52s, part of a force of German air transports intercepted over the sea. In other combats, Kennedy has had three shares of one-third each in Ju.88s destroyed, bringing his overall score to five destroyed. He has made 68 sorties since coming to Malta.

Doing intruder work from the Malta base, F/L Harry Waggett, navigator, Toronto, is believed to be the first RCAF member to begin a second tour of operations on intruders.

Although he is nine trips to the good on his second tour he claims that he has never had an experience to equal the one on his latest trip. Cruising along over enemy territory he decided to go down a bit and take a look around. "We were doing two hundred-and-some miles an hour when a farm house shot past our wing-tip, and at the same instant we shaved past a barn on the other side, with inches to spare," he says.

Just Grazed By

Seconds later when the pilot was trying to climb, a stone lighthouse loomed dead ahead. A steep bank, and the intruder just grazed by. "In the split second as we flashed past the lighthouse we saw something else that shook us almost as much. It was the silhouette of a blade of our port propeller. One of the engines had quit. Luckily for us it caught again when we had got to 100 feet," Waggett explains.

The Canadian and his pilot have an impressive score of trains shot up and other enemy objectives bombed and strafed.

Winnipeg lads were prominent along the route of the procession of the King during his visit to the island. The Manitoba capital was perhaps the best represented of any Canadian city. Among the Winnipeg men spotted were: P/O William Fell and his brother, Sgt. Robert Fell; S/L "Duke" Arthur; F/O Cal Peppier; P/O William Dutton; F/O Robert Clasper; Sgt. Don Rathwell; P/O Bob Harmer and W/O Jack Trist.

SOME BALLPLAYER!

By SGT. A. ALLICE

WE have a brand-new, honorary infielder on our squadron ball team—yes, sir, and good, too! Of course, he is past the age limit for active ball playing, but the form he flashed the other day showed such shades of the greats of yore, Cobb, Wagner or Ruth, that F/L "Army" Armstrong, captain of the ball team, was licking his chops with very evident pleasure at the new acquisition, and was already challenging the great ball clubs of to-day—mentally.

But, alas, in view of the many other "minor" duties (according to "Army") that our new find must do, such as being A.O.C. of said Coastal Command Group, etc., we unfortunately had to relegate him to the sidelines and use him only in an advisory capacity. Our new find is A.V.M. Bromet—G. R. Bromet, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and A.O.C. of our Coastal Command Group.

You probably are wondering as to how he made our team? Well—

Presented With Crest

'Twas June 11. The Demon Squadron having attained the full stature of maturity, was to be presented with a squadron crest, graciously bestowed, photographed and sanctioned by the King—via A.V.M. G. R. Bromet, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and A.O.C. of our Coastal Command Group.

As the motto on our crest is "To Hold On High," the squadron really "stood on high" in the estimation of the many people watching this historic event.

The squadron was lined up in the very ceremonious three-sided square, between two hangars and with one of our aircraft in the rear as very appropriate background.

Yes, sir, we sure looked smart. Everybody had spent double time on "split and polish" and the "King's Own" couldn't have looked any smarter.

A.V.M. Bromet spoke to the squadron, complimenting them on their past and present performances, and the procedure of the presentation was about to take place.

The crest was at a nearby table, in full view and looking very resplendent in its wooden-framed easel, resting on a dark satiny covered cushion.

The photographers were lined up and ready to shoot. History was being made.

G/C R. Reynolds, C.B.E., station C.O., picked up the crest-encased cushion and proceeded to walk towards A.V.M. Bromet with intent of presenting the crest to him, who would then present it to W/C J. C. Archer, the squadron O.C.

Perhaps it was a gust of wind—or perhaps a gremlin—nobody knows, but just as G/C Reynolds reached A.V.M. Bromet—the crest fell.

And that is how A.V.M. Bromet, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and A.O.C. Coastal Command Group, became an honorary and lifelong member of our ball club, for

WITH RADIO MECHS

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WILTSHIRE M.U.

By LAC Louis Ziff

SO successful was the exhibition game of softball at Wings for Victory week between this M.U. and a neighboring squadron that now the whole station is playing the game. Already two leagues have sprung up and are going full blast. One—a minor league—is composed of eight teams from sections such as M.T. and S.P. The major league is made up of teams from the various units on this station. Thus far M.U. has played and won four games—the only team in the league with a perfect record. The powerful M.U.s have twice trounced S.H.Q. and steam-rollered a neighbouring M.U.

Team for the S.H.Q. game was composed of Cpl. Jake Gillespie and LACs McPhee, Spread, Strain, Queltette, Somers, Halson and Samson. S.H.Q. was strengthened by three Canadians—LACs Gray, Wallace and Macdonald. The latter two pitched for S.H.Q., and Ken Spread handled the ball for the M.U.s. Most interesting sidelight of this game occurred when debonaire Johnny Strain came up to bat in the second innings. His first two cuts at the ball were rather pathetic and his friends began urging Johnny to "hit a home run for Cecily," an M.T. WAAF of considerable charm, whereupon Johnny lashed out with a terrific swat, sending the ball deep into the backfield and earning the M.U.s another run.

Recent arrivals on this station are LACs Norm Wallace, Calgary, and Don Gray, Windsor, Ont. Don, who used to play a strong game of basketball for Windsor Alumni, was pleased to meet a fellow Windsorite, Frank Queltette. LAC Chuck Halson had the misfortune of spending most of his leave in London flat on his back with the flu, in a hospital. He's back now, looking a bit pale but otherwise okay.

LAC Al Pyatt is on leave in London. Cpl. Gillespie and LAC Strain recently returned from a week in Blackpool, tired but happy. LAC Stan Siwak is now hard at work helping the Blackpool gals forget the loss of Jake and Johnny. LAC Ken Somers spent a sunny 48 in London ice-skating and golfing. LAC Don Wilson spent four days' leave in London and astonished his friends by coming back with money in his pocket—though not much. LAC Ken Spread and this correspondent are heading for Cardiff to spend a 48 with McGill and Clinton buddies.

with the speed, alacrity and ability only had by true and tried ball players, he made a spectacular shoe-string catch in true Dimaggio style and saved G/C

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WELL TRAINED ADJ. KNOWS HIS PITMAN

The din of four or five Spitfires being warmed up just outside the office window is not conducive to accuracy or speed when complicated and urgent letters are being dictated inside.

No one ever did much about the problem until F/O R. L. Orpen, M.M., Toronto and Lachine, adjutant of "Jeep" Neal's fighter outfit, came through with the idea that licked the problem. The only catch is that the adjutant who uses the idea must be able to write neat and accurate shorthand.

It works well for F/O Orpen, whose Pitman is above reproach. He writes his letters out in a notebook, tosses the book lightly at one of his orderly room "Joes" and hopes he uses Pitman and not Gregg. Actually the method saves a vast amount of time and trouble.

CANUCKS BAG UNUSUAL KITE

Mustang Pilots Edward, Malcolm Get Rare Fieseler Storch

Two Canadian Mustang pilots, F/O Frank Edward, Kenora, Ont., and F/O John Malcolm, Toronto, shot down a rare Fieseler Storch three-seater monoplane while on a training sweep, then continued on and shot up eight locomotives in Northern France before returning to base.

They came upon the German aircraft at the beginning of their sweep, over Brittany, and bagged it by the uncommon tactic of first forcing it to land, then destroying it with gunfire on the ground.

The Storch—of wooden construction, with folding wings and a fixed under-carriage—was spotted at about three miles range. Said F/O Edward: "I closed in on him followed by my No. 2 and the Hun saw us. When I got within 700 yards he made a sharp turn and came straight at me."

"I thought he was going to ram me, so I gave him a one-second burst at 250 yards. His propeller stopped and he went steeply down and force landed in a field." (One remarkable quality of the Fieseler Storch is its ability to land or take off with a remarkably short run.)

Both Edward and Malcolm riddled the German aircraft on the ground and saw it blow up. Having disposed of it they went ahead with their sweep, shot up eight locomotives each with a three-second burst, and left an eight giving off steam from their punctured boilers.

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WHAT a day! Sunburn and lots of stiff muscles for all. Our sports "do" in celebration of Dominion Day was a real success. LACs "Irish" Booth, "Muscles" Crawford, "Sandy" Heiser and "Lanky" Ayling held up their records and put up a good show. Beer, sandwiches and stuff were to be had after the sports. Someone suggested a game of "fast ball"—East v. West—and the West got in a few flukes and took the game. (How it happened is a real mystery, even to the Westerners.)

LACs Al Pope and Marty Starr had other interests the afternoon of our sports, and after a bit of persuasion were convinced they should work Saturday to make up for lost time. While working they composed the poem hereunder:

JOHNNY JOE BOY. Johnny Joe Boy had to work on Saturday. 'Twas the fairest afternoon he ever knew. Sgt. Spalding at his back, Just to see there was no slack, And all airgraph writing was taboo. Now if ever there's another field day, We'll be there to share the fun with all the lads, So it's back to work I'm going With one thought in mind worth knowing, Come another field day I'll be there.

Bob Heiser, "Irish" Booth, Cliff Crawford and Bob Ayling took a trip to London to compete in a sports meet at White City Stadium on Saturday. "Irish" came back with a cup for the

A "CANADIAN CLUB" FORMS IN SCOTLAND

RCAF men on a North Scottish Coastal Command station have banded together to form a Canadian Club. Cpl. J. E. F. Hicks was elected president, Cpl. N. Hall vice-president, LAC J. Craig secretary-treasurer, and F/O William MacPaul honorary president.

The club celebrated Dominion Day in time-honoured fashion with a softball game, in which Air crew beat Ground crew 11-7. The day was topped off by an egg-and-chips banquet at which the beer flowed freely.

Members going on leave must bring back a phonograph record to build up the club's fast-growing collection.

Anyone interested in the club can get the address from WINGS ABROAD.

highest individual score (we were counting on that and congratulations are showered on you, Irish).

Noticed—Sgt. Toomey was slightly chagrined at Cpl. Willie Myers and LAC George Coupar for absconding a bottle of his liquid sunshine. Cpl. Fritz Doughty, back from sick quarters was last seen catching up on some "lost hours." Sgt. "Rep" Spalding has been portaging Simon Legree.

G1 (CAN)

By SGT. "MEM" AITKEN

WELL, July 1 was a "bang-up" Dominion Day for the Canucks on this station. Under the fine organizing of Cpl. Ted Barnett and LAC "Charlie" Morrow an afternoon of sports was held under typical Canadian weather. Thanks to our officer and warrant officers, we all had lots to eat and drink. In fact, W/O Cliff Neill was "lugging away" those last bottles. You're a "gen" bartender, sir!

For Bob "Junior" Calhoun and yours truly it was a warm up for the district track meet held Saturday at London. Our relay team took first in the last event.

We should like to express our very sincere thanks to those K. of C. "Knights," Bud Peacock and Frank Meloshe, who certainly looked after us and treated us just swell. Thanks a lot, fellows, it's appreciated.

Just to close I'll straighten my journalistic friend from A2(CAN) re the beating the East took at the hands of the West. Twelve runs to two is no fluke, Wally, in any baseball league!

HEADQUARTERS

SINCE a Wid driver joined the ranks of H.Q. hackmen, P/O Jack Reeves reports a noticeable decline in the use of invective about the section. Those tough trucksters are also getting tea and cakes every day now.

Wid influence also must have prompted Sgt. Jack Burridge to don Wid headgear one night when the hackmen gathered at their local lodge. Or it could be because the evening was fading rapidly.

F/S "Tag" Allen was a-bellerin and a-hollerin out the pay parade roll call last week, when his voice went squeaky. The flight paused and observed in a stage whisper that what he needed was a quart of beer to build him up. An old lady who happened to be passing cried: "I'll get you a pint if you like!" So the boys on parade took to a-hollerin and a-bellerin and a-squeakin themselves.

The place is still reeling with hook-happy H.Q. Joe. The number promoted reached well into the forties. McIndoe was tenderly picked up from the floor after he saw Monday's communique. Yes, Mac, you are a Corporal!

With the recent drain of H.Q. Man(?) power two teams have been eliminated from the House League and the League will get going again with eight teams in the running. We are tied for first place in the International Softball League with the Yankers number one team. Both have four wins and two losses.

H.Q. Joes will have to find a new use for old razor blades. LAC Tuxford is posted.

Cpl. Busted spent a few days in the hills of Somerset with Max Webster, an ex-Head-quarters man. "Bus" took up six rolls of film in the hills of



A student pilot before enlisting in the RCAF, W/O R. S. Turnbull, of Govan, Sask., came overseas as a sergeant and now commands an RCAF conversion unit. He is 25 this year. This sketch of him is the work of F/L P. D. Cameron, RCAF padre.

ELMS PUTS WING UP

Sgt. Frankie Elms, Winnipeg, has returned to the Goose Squadron with his wing up after a flight engineer's course. He first joined the squadron as an AC fitter in September, 1941. Upon remustering to aircrew he passed his course with flying colours and at the CoM. Flight was crewed up with Sgt. Male.

Somerset, but missed a shot of Max disappearing over a bank on his bicycle. "Zomerzet zix" is maintaining its reputation, even for a Headquarters connoisseur.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

ONCE more we hang out the "Welcome" sign—to another band of stalwarts recently arrived from Canada. Now we can boast W.D. teleprinters among our trades overseas. In charge of the party was F/O F. Douglas, of Winnipeg. The first W.D. equipment officer to come overseas was also included in the draft in the person of S/O M. T. Broomfield, a Torontonian, whose husband is also an equipment officer.

Congratulations to W/O K. Walker, of Ottawa, on her recent promotion. And to LAWS Lois Levens, of Toronto, Jesale Gough, of Newcastle, N.B., and Peggy Long, of Arden, Man., on those brand-new hooks they're wearing. Also to Sgt. Cotterill, a Hamiltonian, on her third.

Nobody can say that the Wids don't try to make a success of their softball. The girls at No. 20 were quite determined to beat those at No. 32 to their night, but the weather interfered. But they haven't given up yet, particularly after their victory over one of the C.W.A.C. teams on a recent Sunday afternoon in Hyde Park. Much credit is due to blonde LAW Harrison, a Saskatoon, who pitches a very wicked ball, and to LAWS J. Skene, of Montreal, as catcher, and Dalgleish, a Vancouverite, on first base, as well as to the excellent team work and cooperation displayed. See you tomorrow night at Regent's Park, gals!

Oh, say, have you seen... the lovely tan currently being worn by LAW Norah Botterill, of Rocanville, Sask.? Norah spent a week's leave in Dorset, and insists that the tan is the result of a daily dip in the Bristol Channel. Could be.

Beneath Cpl. Barbara Carter's Air Force tunic there beats the heart of a housewife. She can't bear to be without her house, so she is having it sent over by parcel from Montreal. The latest segments to arrive in the mail were two huge sofa cushions, tablecloths and other linens. The post office Joes are confounded.

And speaking of domesticity, Cpl. Jill Wigg, of Nelson, B.C., has taken unto herself one of the feline species commonly known as "Junior." One of Junior's latest pranks was to break Jill's alarm clock. With clocks in their present degree of scarcity, we should say cats are expensive pets.

We always thought LAW Mary Gary, of Dayton, Ohio, was a kind, generous soul. But what we didn't know was that she gave sandwiches away at headquarters dances—and we have been given to understand they were much appreciated by certain hard-working individuals.

If LAW Louise MacBride, of Victoria, B.C., seems to be particularly happy these days, just ask her which RCAF squadron leader was awarded the D.S.O. very, very recently.

Cpl. Cotterill (I beg your pardon, Sergeant) is a most obliging W.D. When the tubes are crowded as she goes home at night, other passengers take advantage of her knee whereupon to sit. But don't tell her you heard about this, will you?

On leave last week were A/S/O Jean Otter, of Toronto, and AW1 Adela "Redhead" Grant, a Winnipegger. We shall expect a full report on Scotland from you, Adele.

FILM LOG

"THE MOON IS DOWN"

(New Gallery and Tivoli) John Steinbeck's story of sabotage and unrest under the Nazi yoke has been effectively adapted for the screen. But there is none of Steinbeck's reluctance in the film treatment, Hollywood clinging to the lucrative tradition that a shout is better than a whisper under any circumstances.

Thus, Steinbeck's anonymous occupied country is clearly labelled Norway, and many of the minor parts, so subtly drawn in the stage version, are crudely caricatured. The leading characters, however, are well handled, notably the Colonel Lanzer of Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Lee Cobb's Dr. Winter, Henry Travers as Mayor Orden and Dorris Bowdon in the role of Molly Morden.

"THE MORE THE MERRIER"

(Gaiety and Marble Arch Pavillion) Washington's housing shortage is the peg on which director Stevens hangs this intricate and amusing series of situations. The story hinges on Jean Arthur, at her delectable, letting half her apartment to an elderly millionaire, Charles Coburn, who in turn lets half his half to Joel McCrea, setting the stage for a touch of romance.

Highly diverting throughout, especially when director Stevens, who made "Woman of the Year," gently twits Washington officialdom for its futile pretence of smashing the housing bottleneck.

SOME BALLPLAYER!

(Continued from page 5) Reynolds the ignominy of having an error charged to him—also saving the day.

I think that it was S/L "Doug" Weightman, D.F.C., who later muttered something about everybody nearly being crestfallen.

Incidentally, "Doug" is no more with the squadron. Having relinquished "A" Flight to very capable F/L Pickard, he is off as test pilot (sissy stuff) for the RAF. Good luck to both of you, S/L Weightman and F/L Pickard, on your new jobs. Congratulations are in order to newly-weds, F/O George Peck and his bride, A.C. W. Irene Dewhurst, who were united on June 17.

Headquarters was also represented recently in the marital ring when LAC "Len" Leatherdale decided to honeymoon in Glasgow. His wife is the former Emily Taylor, from Canada, and we wish them both "the best."

There has been gobs of promotion on the squadron lately, and here are some of the boys. New "Fleet Loots" are: "Cam" Taylor, R. C. "Fin" Finlayson, "Casey" Walsh and D. G. "Pritch" Pritchard. Former LACs Norm Fockler and Jack Troughton are also proudly displaying two shiny tapes.

Sporting wider rings on their uniforms and are now F/Os are K. E. Goodman, E. B. Kreh, I. Hoffman, W. C. Otwell, R. B. Rowe, E. L. Shuttleworth, A. C. Wauthier and H. S. Thomson.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Table listing theatres and their current shows, including Hippodrome, Palace, Palladium, Savoy, Strand, Windmill, and Odeon.

Advertisement for the movie 'Forever and a Day' at Leicester Sq. Theatre, featuring stars like Ray Milland, Charles Laughton, and Anna Neagle.

Advertisement for the movie 'Abbott & Costello Hit the Ice' at Odeon Leicester Square, featuring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

Advertisement for Mecca Dancing, listing various venues like Palais Edinburgh, Ritz Manchester, and Grand Casino Birm.

Large advertisement for the movie 'Above Suspicion' at Empire Leicester Square, featuring Joan Crawford and Fred MacMurray.