



Windsor Squadron Operates From Sicily

FIRST RCAF OUTFIT TO LAND IN EUROPE

Ground Crew Takes Over Enemy Drome A Few Hours After Axis Planes Make Hurried Getaway

TURNER'S BOYS STAGE "PRIVATE INVASION"

THE first RCAF unit to invade Europe, S/L P. Stanley Turner's City of Windsor squadron, is flying aerial cover for advancing Allied armies from a Sicilian airfield captured only a few hours before the Canadians took over. Its ground crew toughened by Commando training, its pilots seasoned by months of hard service with the Western Desert Air Force, and all ranks keyed up for the most vital assignment of their long overseas career, the squadron made a successful early-morning landing on a southern beach.

While the pilots flew their Spitfires to Sicily led by their new C.O., ground personnel made the sea voyage in ultra-modern landing craft. Under cover of night they slipped across, and for the first time set foot on Italian soil.

Everything had been meticulously rehearsed and went according to plan. As the

prows grated on the sandy shore ramps were dropped and vehicles and men poured out on to the beach.

First man to step ashore was the squadron intelligence officer, F/O John Evens, Saskatoon, followed closely by the adjutant, F/L James Sinclair, M.P., Vancouver. The first other rank to leap ashore was the squadron disciplinarian, F/S Steve Lisowski, Winnipeg.

Exploiting the swiftness and high efficiency of this campaign, the Canadian squadron's own "private invasion" was accomplished within a few minutes. Almost at once vehicles, loaded down with men and equipment, splashed ashore and careened up the road through a sleepy coastal village, while gape-jawed Sicilian peasants stared from their doorways in passive amazement.

Ground crews sped through the countryside to their assigned airfield, where only a few hours before enemy aircraft had taken off hurriedly. They piled out on to the landing strip and had the field ready for operations in a surprisingly short time.

Erks Tolled

All day the erks tolled ceaselessly. Nightfall brought the hazardous job of unloading a large shipment of aviation petrol. Just then the enemy paid the first of a night-long series of aerial "visits." So through the hours of darkness, made more eerie by flak bursts and the spectacular pyrotechnics of tracer fire, a tireless band of N.C.O.s and airmen continued to work among the tins and equipment. This group included F/S Lisowski, LAC Tony Bouchard, Temiscouata, Que.; LAC J. Aube, Sherbrooke, Que.; LAC J. C. Arsenault, Richmond, P.E.I.; Sgt. A. A. Fell, Norwood, Man.; Cpl. J. R. Flageole, Grand Mere, Que.; LAC Eric Levitt, Montreal; and Cpl. J. McMahon, Edmonton.

Guard had to be maintained all the time against enemy snipers and other hazards. In charge of the guard was Cpl. Charles Dougall, Windsor, Ont., only R.F.C. veteran in the squadron. Side-arms and other weapons, which airmen had

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Looking over the landing ground while awaiting the arrival of their aircraft are these three pilots of the City of Windsor Spitfire Squadron now in Sicily. They made the trip with the ground staff invasion craft. Left to right: P/O John Case, London, Ont.; F/O Gilbert Leguerrier, Montreal; P/O Richard H. Little, Norwood, Man. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

BOMBER MEN ARE BUSY ON FOUR MAJOR RAIDS

Hamburg is Main Target With Three Visits In Six Nights

Another series of big-scale raids, similar to those which blasted the Ruhr, got under full steam last week. Hamburg was the main target. Squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group helped the R.A.F. pound the big city three times, to make a total of four major raids on Hamburg in the current series. A smaller industrial city, Remscheid, took a blasting, sandwiched in between two of the Hamburg shows.

Bad weather was encountered on the latest Hamburg raid, Monday night, but the bombers pressed home the attack. Other targets in north-west Germany were hit in the Monday raid.

Columns of black smoke rose right past the high-flying bombers of the Lion, Goose, and other squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group as they helped the RAF dump another 2,000 tons of bombs on the fires of Hamburg. The fires, started three nights earlier and fanned by several smaller raids since, guided the bombers to their target.

"I could see the glow of fires in the target area as we stooped around before any bombing had begun," said F/O Phil Murray. The smoke impressed F/L Vaughan Ganderton, Edmonton, recently awarded his D.F.C. He said, "There was one mushroom of smoke, much greater than I have seen in 18 trips, that came up by our kite at 20,000 feet and kept on going. It was so black it couldn't have been caused by anything else but oil."

A number of the crews thought the defences were overcome as the raid continued. "Their defences seemed absolutely swamped," said F/O Paul Sieder, Saskatoon. He considered the searchlights far more effective last March.

Canadians who were over Hamburg included F/O J. C. Deutscher, Odessa, Sask.; Sgts. J. S. Hatton, Los Angeles; Lorne McMillan, Edmonton; J. D. Geddes, Snow Road, Ont.; Dave Cantera, Edmonton; Clayton McLachlan, Jasper, Alta.; Bob Fisher, San Diego, Cal.; Norman Brown, Montreal; Paul Laflamme, Montreal; M. Ghroux, Hull, Que.; E. C. Thompson, Toronto; Les McQuestions, Chalk River, Ont.; Ray Kirk, Yorkton, Sask.; Ray Shortridge, Prince Albert, Sask.; Bill Pook-hay, Bonnyville, Alta.; Allen McQuarrie, Fergus, Ont.; Lloyd Weeks, Ottawa; F/L Glynn Crew, Wawota, Sask.; F/O W. S. Bill Day, Aylesford, N.S.;

INSTRUCTORS ARE WITH NEW DRAFT

Aircrew personnel with long experience in Canada as instructors or in the Home War Establishment constituted a good portion of an RCAF draft recently arrived in Britain.

Among the administrative officers were S/L R. K. McConnell, D.F.C. winner in the first Great War, from Victoria, B.C.; S/L W. E. Poupore, Victoria; and S/L Noel J. Welsh, Ottawa.

F/O O. J. Eskil, Iron Mountain, Mich., who completed a tour of duty as a fighter pilot in the Aleutians, while F/O Percy L. Buck, Montreal, was recently awarded the Air Force Cross after more than two years as an instructor at Uplands. F/L D. A. Gillis, Paradise, N.S., has had long experience as an operational pilot on Canada's east coast, while F/L V. T. Robinson, Berwick, N.S., was an instructor for nearly two years at No. 8 S.F.T.S., Moncton. F/O G. F. Maffree, Montreal, is the third brother to go on active service with the RCAF. He was formerly an instructor at Uplands.

THE 'COCKNEY' JOCK

They were wandering through the London blackout, two W.D. officers, utterly lost and not a helpful bobby in sight. Suddenly a figure loomed up in the dim light; a stocky figure in Glengarry cap, battle-dress and very large boots.

"Excuse us," said one of them timidly, "but where is the South Kensington tube station?"

"I'd no be able to tell ye," burred the figure. "I'm joost doon frae Glasga the day, and I'm lost meself."

That made three wandering strangers, who found the station an hour later. On the way there was conversation.

"Ye'd be Canadians," remarked the Scot, "but I understand ye fine."

"We understand you fine, too," duetted the W.D.s.

"Aye," said he, "that's me London accent. Up home ye'd no catch a wuurd."

F/O Paul Sieder, Saskatoon; P/O G. H. Weedens, Paisley, Ont.; F/O J. E. Ingram, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

For the third time in six nights squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group, and RAF squadrons, heaped high explosives on burning Hamburg, to complete one of the most damaging series of raids ever carried out on a single city.

Opinions differed on the appearance of the fires in the target area. Sgt. Frank Yackison, Sudbury, Ont., a mid-upper gunner with the Moose Squadron, said the fires in Hamburg seemed to be more concentrated.

"Fires were rather more scattered than on the other two raids," said S/L John Mahoney, Ottawa, who has been with the RAF for six years.

The crews all agreed that there were more searchlights than ever over the city. Staff Sgt. Damon Carney, mid-upper gunner, Detroit, who recently exchanged RCAF blue for the khaki of the U.S. Army Air Force uniform, said, "They must have had every searchlight in the country there."

Another remustered RCAF pilot now in the U.S. Air Force, Second Lieut. King Knapp, (Continued on page 2, col. 4.)

EIGHT GONGS TO CANADIANS FOR BRAVERY

Sgt. C. M. Goudy Rewarded For Sticking to Job Despite Wounds

ONE GEORGE MEDAL

For displaying "indomitable spirit, fortitude and tenacity" in sticking to his post despite a fractured hip bone and pelvis, a Canadian rear-gunner, Sgt. Cameron M. Goudy, Caniffon, Ont., has been awarded the D.F.M.

Goudy was injured by gunfire as the bomber in which he was flying went into its run over Cologne. But he kept his wounds secret from the skipper and remained on the alert despite the pain, until the bombs were dropped and the aircraft safely over the British coast.

Posthumously awarded the D.F.C. were P/O John D. N. Bain, Toronto, and P/O Stanley Sinclair Martin, Calgary, Alta. Saved Navigator

To F/S David Mervin Coates, Woodbridge, Ont., went the prized George Medal for saving the life of his navigator when, after a strenuous Biscay patrol, their aircraft collided with a petrol truck on landing. Coates, a WOP/AG, headed into the flaming wreckage and freed the navigator, who was pinned by the legs. He then went to the aid of the pilot, who was also pinned by the legs and unconscious, tried to release him, but was forced to give up when his face and wrists were too badly burned to continue.

S/L R. W. "Buck" McNair, D.F.C., North Battleford, Sask., was awarded a Bar to his D.F.C. Distinguished Flying Crosses went to F/O Joseph Laurier de Houx, Drummondville, Que., veteran intruder pilot, and F/O Gordon Charles Crowther, Toronto.

To Sgt. David MacMaster Smith, St. James, Man., went a D.F.M. for "skill and resource in harassing circumstances." Piloting a bomber in the heavy raid on Gelsenkirchen last month, Smith was attacked by an enemy fighter which shot up the fuselage, hydraulic system and wireless equipment, and wounded two of his crew. Then fire broke out in the bomb bay. Smith dived violently, snuffing out the flames, and crash landed safely at a British airfield.

JUNKER SHOW A SMASH HIT

Two Canadian Spit Pilots Take a Hand in Huge Sicily Slaughter

Taking a hand in the greatest aerial slaughter of the Sicilian campaign, two Canadian Spitfire pilots, Sgt. Donald Rathwell, St. Vital, Man., and F/O Edward Burrows, New Glasgow, N.S., each got a Ju52 during the running battle in which Empire pilots destroyed 21 of the big transports, in addition to four German fighters and one Italian. F/O Burrows' score was shared with a British squadron mate.

Meanwhile a wing of Sicily-based fighter-bombers—25 Canadians among them—drew special mention in dispatches from the front line for their spectacular work over the fiercely-contested Catania sector. Their job has been to smash enemy strong points and harass the German supply lines, a low-level job that brings them within range of all types of ground fire.

The RCAF City of Windsor squadron, commanded by S/L Stanley Turner, D.F.C. and Bar, Toronto, has lent support to the ground offensive in a series of daring patrols far behind the German lines and has strafed enemy gun emplacements from nought feet. On one such sortie, S/L Turner led a diving attack against a strong gun position. With him were F/O Hedley Everard, Timmins, Ont., and W/O Paul Lapointe, Esacourt, Que.

PILOTS TAKE TO WATER ON "WARM" AFTERNOONS

Twice within 48 hours Canadian squadron leaders had to be picked out of the English Channel after they had been forced to abandon their flaming Spitfires.

S/L George Keefe, D.F.C., Charlottetown, P.E.I. spent four hours in his dinghy before being rescued. S/L R. W. (Buck) McNair, D.F.C., North Battleford, Sask., floated about in his life-preserver because his emergency dinghy had been rendered unserviceable.

S/L Keefe's plane caught fire over France. Instead of bailing out immediately near Abbeville, where capture was certain, he flew his flaming plane towards England, losing height steadily, until he reached the French coast. His altitude had dropped to 3,000 feet.

Several miles off shore, near the Somme estuary, he took to his parachute with his emergency rubber dinghy.

Rescue planes missed him early in the evening. Shortly before nightfall a Walrus Amphibian spotted the dinghy. Messerschmitts pounced on the rescue plane, but Spitfires came in on their tails and shot one down. The pilot of the Nazi machine was taken to England by another Air-Sea rescue craft.

The Red Indian squadron were returning from a sortie as cover for U.S. heavy bombers when McNair's Spitfire caught fire and exploded near the French coast. He parachuted safely into the Channel, but his emergency dinghy was made unusable by the accident. He suffered slight facial burns.

SPITS FLY FAR AFIELD, RACK UP HIGH SCORES

Step Up Fighter Offensive In Banner Week for Canadian Wings

Flying far beyond normal range in sweeps over France and the Low Countries and on an escort flight off the Dutch coast, Spitfires of two RCAF fighter wings racked up an impressive number of kills this week. It was Fighter Command's busiest week in many months.

In a daring sweep over 300 miles of water in short-range Spitfires the Red Indian Squadron of Canadian Fighter Wing destroyed three enemy aircraft south of Amsterdam.

It was the first scrap with the enemy in some 50 sweeps for P/O Karl Linton, Plaster Rock, N.B. He came out of the clash unscathed but destroyed the opposing F.W.190.

A Messerschmitt 109 fell before the guns of F/L Norman Fowlow, Windsor, N.S. It raised his total of kills to four. The third German to be destroyed was another Me.109. F/O Web Harten, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., named this aircraft. Only once before has he had a crack at a Nazi. On that occasion he was credited with a one-third share in a destruction. F/O John Sherlock, Calgary,

was bothered by flak, although he shared honours in badly damaging an Me.109. Flak came through Sherlock's cockpit. Another Messerschmitt was badly damaged by Sgt. Nick Dixon, Sudbury, Ont., who was having his first engagement with the enemy in 23 sweeps. His firing sight was unserviceable, so he had to fire partly by guess-work.

Dixon and Fowlow were nearly trapped by the enemy. Eight German planes hovered above and waited until the two Canadians attacked two decoy Hun aircraft at low level. Both pilots extricated themselves from the attack by the eight Huns. There was little damage other than machine-gun bullets through the flaps of Dixon's plane and the loss of Fowlow's tail wheel.

A few days later Wolf Squadron Spitfires, flying in the same wing, destroyed two Me.109s and badly damaged another, in a further sweep over Northern Holland. F/O James F. Lambert, Winnipeg, got one German and the second was shared between W/C J. E. Johnson, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, and F/S Graham M. Shouldice, Chealey, Ont.

F/L Herbert J. Southwood, Calgary, who recently joined the squadron after several years in (Continued on page 2, col. 1.)

WINGS ABROAD

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KING HONOURS A/V/M CURTIS

In recognition of his services with the RCAF abroad, A/V/M W. A. Curtis, D.S.C., Deputy A.O.C.-in-C., received from His Majesty the insignia of a Companion of the Order of the British Empire at a recent investiture in Buckingham Palace.

In addition, eight other RCAF men were decorated at this investiture. The decorations included one Bar to the D.F.C., five D.F.C.s, one Air Force Cross and one George Medal.

The Bar to the D.F.C. went to S/L H. Malkin, Verdun, Que., for pressing home an attack on Berlin despite heavy damage to his bomber. For a similar act of heroism F/L A. F. Avant, Houghton, Man., was awarded the D.F.C. The four-motored bomber which he captained was caught in searchlights and heavy flak over Berlin.

Other D.F.C.s went to F/L A. M. Beach, Vancouver; F/L M. W. Pettit, Toronto; F/L R. P. Wilkin, Toronto, and F/O D. F. Allen, Lennoxville, Que.

F/O H. D. Link, Beechy, Sask., received the George Medal for rescuing two comrades from the flaming wreck of their aircraft.

S/L Howard F. Marcou, Montreal, a Permanent Force member of the RCAF, received the Air Force Cross.

SPITS FLY FAR

(Continued from page 1) structural duty in Canada, damaged the other 109. In one of Fighter Command's busiest days last week, during which 15 enemy fighters went down without the loss of a single Allied plane, two Canadian Spitfire pilots got a Jerry each.

They are S/L F. E. Grant, Brockville, Ont., and P/O John Mitchner, Saskatoon. Flying escort to torpedo-carrying Beaufighters in an attack against an 18-ship convoy off the Dutch coast, Spitfires of a Canadian fighter wing destroyed four Me.109s on Monday, two of them falling to S/L G. W. "Geoff" Northcott, Minnedosa, Man.; F/L Jack Rae, Toronto, bagged another, and the fourth was shared between W/C Lloyd V. Chadburn, Aurora, Ont., P/O R. D. Booth, Vancouver, and P/O L. G. B. Pow, Moffatt, Sask.

"The Meas were trying to break through to the Beaufighters," said Northcott later. "We were at a thousand feet when two of them came round the end of the convoy? Their attack was a bit half-hearted. One turned toward me and I had an easy time to shoot him down. He half-rolled into the sea. The other tried to make off at my back, but after I gave him a burst he spiralled downwards."

F/L Rae saw his victim hit the beach. The fourth German was shot down while trying to bale out.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. A. B. Deutias, P/O Edmonton; S. D. Frewen, Sgt., Emo, Ont.; A. J. Green, Sgt., Dumas, Sask.; A. J. Simpson, Sgt., Oxbow, Sask.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. L. O'G. Warner, F/O, Winnipeg.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. C. C. Evans, Sgt., Raymore, Sask.; J. S. Dh. Gosselin, F/S, Quebec City; A. H. Guddeen, F/S, Shawinigan Falls, Que.; D. G. Reid, D.F.M., P/O, Lacombe, Alta.; A. Stelman, F/S, Hamilton, Ont.; J. McK. Atkinson, Sgt., Montreal; F. L. Flynn, P/O, Passmore, B.C.; J. G. Forbes, F/S, Millie Roche, Ont.; F. J. Hanna, F/S, Toronto; B. D. Nidelman, Sgt., Toronto; W. J. Porritt, D.F.M., F/S, Winnipeg.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. W. N. MacEachern, Sgt., New Glasgow, N.S.; J. C. J. L. Tremblay, Sgt., Quebec City; W. D. G. Meritt, Sgt., Wakepa, Ont.; C. L. Outhouse, P/O, Liverton, N.S.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. D. O. Broughton, Sgt., Vancouver.

MISSING. W. Brown, Sgt., Allanburg, Ont.; K. Clark, F/S, Toronto; P. B. Code, P/O, Ottawa; J. A. Coughlin, Sgt., Moose Jaw; F. A. O'Cherty, P/O, Chilliwack, B.C.; J. L. Drysdale, P/O, Winnipeg; R. C. Ferguson, Sgt., Edmonton; H. P. Fudge, Sgt., Godbout, Que.; O. H. Gibson, Sgt., land; C. B. Leadbetter, Sgt., Pelly, Sask.; V. S. MacCauley, F/O, Tyne Valley, P.E.I.; D. McKim, Sgt., Victoria, B.C.; T. M. Moran, F/S, North Edmonton, Alta.; W. R. Post, P/O, Hull, Que.; A. F. Beaton, P/O, Mantario, Sask.; J. N. P. E. Comeau, Sgt., Godbout, Que.; O. H. Gibson, Sgt., Regina; D. R. Glichrist, Sgt., Minnetta, Man.; J. A. Guest, F/L, Preston, Ont.; C. G. Hart, Sgt., Ottawa; C. G. Kernashan, Sgt., Winnipeg; J. C. Lamonde, Sgt., Brule, Alta.; J. F. R. Laurence, Sgt., Montreal; W. MacFarlane, Sgt., Truro, N.S.; G. C. P. O'Hara, Sgt., Moose Jaw; J. F. Selman, Sgt., Raymond, Alta.; L. G. Smith, Sgt., Regina; H. R. Sutton, F/L, D.F.C., Winnipeg; J. B. H. Thompson, W/O, Toronto; J. V. J. R. Veys, Sgt., Montreal; H. M. Wyzic, P/O, Crossfield, Alta.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. W. R. Tazgart, P/O, Midland, Ont.; L. A. Wearn, Sgt., Toronto.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. A. W. Otto, W/O, Sioux Lookout, Ont.; P. Piotrowsky, LAC, Vibank, Sask.; H. R. Downing, Sgt., Vernon, B.C.; R. E. Manser, Sgt., Toronto; R. K. Van Cleef, P/O, Hamilton, Ont.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. R. M. Ratsner, P/O, Limerick, Sask.

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. H. B. Tucker, P/O, Colorado Springs, Colo.

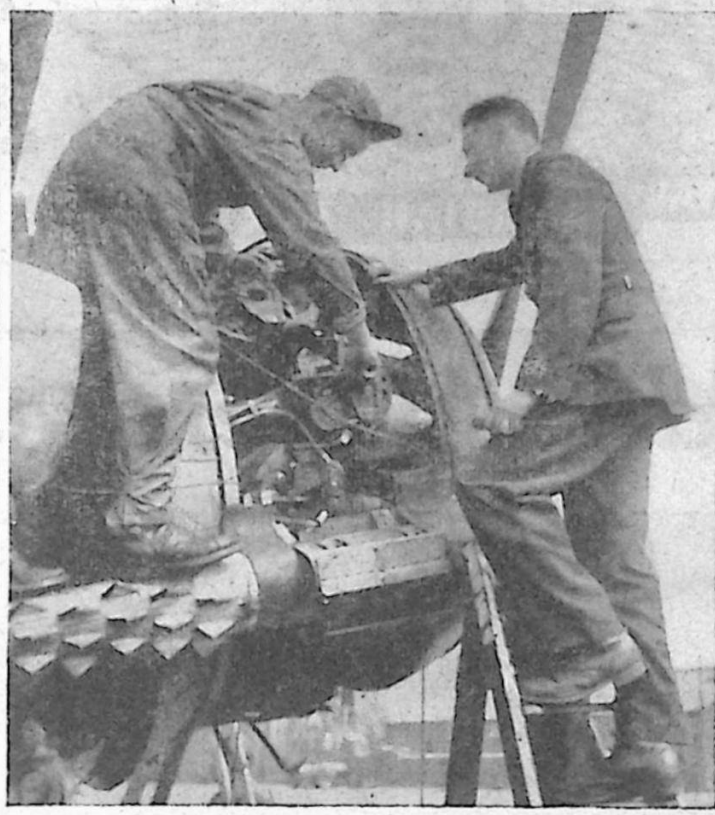
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. D. R. Chalmers, Sgt., Doaktown, N.B.; R. D. McAdam, F/O, Troy, N.Y.; H. S. Young, Sgt., Montreal; G. C. Onyette, W/O, Huntsville, Ont.

RCAF IN SICILY

(Continued from page 1) come to regard as superfluous during the long months in the desert, suddenly assumed great importance. In addition to service issue revolvers a large and picturesque variety of shooting-pictures soon made their appearance.

At the wheel of their Canadian-built trucks during these tense moments, and running a shuttle service from the ships to the not far distant airfield, were LAC Bill Feist, Wembley, Alta.; LAC Larry Annis, Orillia, Ont.; LAC George Hett, Calgary; LAC George Flann, Campbellton, N.B.; LAC John Russell, London, Ont.; and LAC Edgar Lyons, Sutton West, Ont. Hett had an especially perilous job.

Another department which sprang up mushroom-like on the newly occupied drome was the medical section under F/L Alexander McPhee, Detroit, Mich., and his assistants, LAC Bill Mabb, Winnipeg, who also drove a vehicle during the landing; LAC O. Truman, Weston, Ont.; and LAC Max Kaplan, Winnipeg.



Cpl. John "Ash" Bradley, Lennoxville, Que., is helping to initiate his opposite number in the USAAF into the intricacies of British aircraft. The American is Pte. Francis G. Smith, Clayville, N.Y.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)



YORKSHIRE DOINGS

By Moe Aspler

NEWCOMERS to one famous Canadian bomber squadron are: Roy Kirby, Clint Weese, Bob Wilson, Dan Cunningham, Floyd Lewis and this correspondent.

The first four named have arrived in England recently and have settled down to work like real veterans.

This is the second station on which this correspondent and Gordie Carr have met. Doc Maggs's return from leave recently found quite a batch of questions awaiting him. They weren't the usual "How did you enjoy yourself?" type, but instead concerned conquests of feminine hearts. Doc, incidentally, got his name from the fact that he is a walking pharmacy shop. He owns a cure for practically every ailment known to the medical profession. "God's gift to women," has gone in for a little bit of conditioning of late. He has turned out for the section ball team, but claims that low throws, which necessitate his bending down, are definitely not fair.

The section team, which consists of such stars as Scotty Gourlay, Bob Gallimore, Roy Kirby, claims that it will gladly pay its own expenses for a tour of Canada.

It has been noted that Lou Cherney gets more excited than usual when he receives letters bearing a "Harrogate" postmark.

NORTH WALES M.U.

By Phil Wright

"IT makes one wonder what will happen next," said Frank Walker the other day when a corporal friend was seen in a huddle with a corporal of the opposite gender.

A usual non-participant in chasing the feminine form, this N.C.O. has yet to account for his offering the young lady his stool to sit on and why he has been grinning all over himself in her presence ever since. And by the way, Al, that must be very nice chocolate she has been feeding you.

Two Western gentlemen, Jack Wallis and Jack Knox, were disputing the merits and size of their respective home towns recently. Their claims were about equal until LAC Wallis remarked about Knox's town that, "It was the first time I've ever seen a cemetery with lights." Well, you never know what you might find out west. Another old timer in the person of Keith Murray has left us. Keith has been a good worker and a friend to all in the shop. Good luck, Keith.

NORTHUMBERLAND

By LAC George Maybee

HUMBLY this correspondent begs your indulgence. That master of the written word, Hank Forbes, has left us, and to me falls the task of filling in. But before getting on with it a word of admonition to our Hank, now on leave in London. Restrain yourself from doing a Hitler halfway up a lamp-standard in the big city. London bobbies may not have

the infinite tolerance of our local constabulary. Meanwhile, good luck, Hank, and good hunting.

How to explain the gleam in Cpl. Andy Laprade's eye these days? Can it be that a particularly pleasing letter has arrived from Canada? Then there is the McDowell case. We came upon Jeff the other day sitting entranced before a most alluring photograph.

That Western gentleman, Cpl. "Sandy" Sanderson, is enjoying a spot of leave in London. And from all quarters of the room we hear the cry, "Yipee, now we can sleep ten minutes longer each morning." Paul Maison-neuve is also in London, and rumour has it that Cpl. "Nick" Nichol is down in the south looking for stalactite and stalagmite formations. Are you kidding, Nick, or is this interest in geology the real thing?

BOMBER RAIDS

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D.F.C., Pittsburgh, Pa., told of a narrow escape from a collision with a Wellington over the target area. "When we first saw the Wimpy it was only 200 yards away at the same height as ourselves. As we pulled up in a hurry, the Wimpy passed only about four feet below, and our kite shook from the vibration."

Other Canadians who took part in the raid included: Sgts. Roy Campbell, Cape Breton Island; John Cumming, New Westminster, B.C.; Bill Echells, Reston, Man.; Tom Dixon, Souris, Man.; Cletus Lunny, Montreal; Frank Wheeler, Prince George, B.C.; Harold Morris, Welland, Ont.; John Broadhurst, Kimberley, B.C.; F/O Harold Hewitt, Lac Vert, Sask.; F/O Alan Harris, Vancouver; P/O Gordon Barnholden, Moose Jaw; F/S Doug MacNeill, Calgary; W/C Don Smith, Preston, Ont.

The important industrial city of Remscheid, south of the Ruhr Valley, was the target for a major RAF raid supported by squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group. It was the fourth big-scale raid within a week.

Reports of the returning crews indicate that the city took a heavy drubbing. "Remscheid is not a large city and it took a terrible beating," said Sgt. Jack Hamer, Vancouver. "We could see the outline of factories, and the target area was a dense mass of flames. One whirling ball of smoke in the centre came up at least 10,000 feet."

"The target area was amazingly small and we must have scored a knockout," was the comment of P/O Bob Burke, Olympia, Wash. F/O Hugh Dyer, Minnedosa, Man., reported that the fires were just starting when his Halifax reached the target area, but so rapidly did they take hold that on the return trip the flames could be seen from the Dutch coast.

Among the Canadians on this raid were: Sgts. Jack Batters, Welland, Ont.; Harold Morris, Welland, Ont.; Bill Griffiths, Rosetown, Sask.; Joe Salaba, Willow Bunch, Sask.; Ralph Montgomery, Hamilton, Ont.; Jack Mitchell, Biggar, Sask.; Walter McKinnon, Parry Sound, Ont.; Bruce Winders, Ingersoll, Ont.; Bruce Hamilton, Peterborough, Ont.; E. J. Chalmers, Toronto; F/L Stuart R. Pilmore, Alma, N.B.; P/O "Rockey" Cochrane,

COMMISSIONED

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

Pilots—G. L. Robinson, Aldershot, Ont.; J. G. Brown, Toronto; D. A. Blyth, Dafoe, Sask.; W. E. Phillips, Semans, Sask.; J. M. Robertson, Toronto; W. L. Carter, Toronto; L. A. Moore, Hamilton, Ont.; J. H. Ashton, Verdun, Man.; B. G. Henderson, Toronto; G. L. Dakin, Green-swich, N.S.; M. A. Marcoux, Royal Beau-port, Que.; B. H. W. Stevens, Halifax; N. E. Weitzel, Buenos Aires, Argentina; McInnis, Barrie, Ont.; J. A. Ferguson, J. P. Davies, Montreal; R. A. Martindale, Cayuga, Ont.; T. H. Prescott, C. H. Short, Orillia, Ont.; A. E. Good, Hamilton, Ont.; T. B. Philan, Toronto; D. A. Hillman, Melrose, Sask.; M. R. Dooley, Saskatoon; T. B. Quinn, Bainsville, Ont.; H. K. Lyle, Westminister, P.Q.; D. A. Rae, Regina; W. G. Clark, Penticton, B.C.; C. A. Kennedy, Saskatoon; S. V. McKellar, Melrose, Sask.; K. A. Carlyle, Winnipeg.

Navigator "B"—W. N. Prentice, Winnipeg; M. L. Jones, Moose Jaw; C. C. Slade, Kincardine, Ont.; P. P. Grant, Brockville, Ont.; C. O. Hancock, Strome, Alta.; A. G. Jenks, Peterborough, Ont.; A. P. Morabito, Creighton, B.C.; T. Mar-Anderson, Esquimaut, B.C.; A. L. Carr, Kyle, Sask.; R. E. Sibbald, Cochrane, Alta.; E. S. Fraser, Calgary; G. W. Martin, Hamilton, Ont.; F. Robertson, Saskatoon; S. L. Hall, St. Catharines, Ont.; W. J. A. Miron, Toronto; J. A. Brown, Barrie, Ont.; J. T. Kelly, Ottawa; W. F. Gall-Orton, Edmonton; D. H. Cruikshank, St. John, N.B.; E. C. N. Kent, North Bay, Ont.; P. Whitnall, J. K. McConnell, Toronto; W. A. West, Vancouver; H. H. Teitel, St. Vital, Man.; J. E. Reid, Niagara Falls.

Air Gunner—R. W. Ellis, Rothesay, N.B.; G. W. Whyte, Battle Creek, Mich.; G. I. Raymond, Ribstone, Alta.

Air Bomber—K. E. Bly, Toronto.

Navigator—J. H. Edwards.

SERVICING UNIT

By Cpl. Mogg

SINCE we were last in these columns we have had a new Technical Officer in the person of F/L "Robbie" Robinson. Robbie was one of the original members of the RCAF to come overseas in the early '40's, but this isn't our first association with him, because he left us less than a year ago as a F/S.

The fellows, after many trips to the local, took on the civilian crack dart team and beat them four out of five games, the stars of the evening: Len Barnes, who made a triple 20, qualifying for the "News of the World" dart trophy, and Harry Fields, making the highest score of 140. The other members of the team, who also made a good show, were Bill Barnes, Neil Galbraith, Zeke Good, Dixie Deane and Stan Wilkin-son. P.S.—They are all Canadians.

As it is my job to let the rest of the RCAF know how efficient we are, here is a small list of the fitters and riggers:

Cpl. S. Brown, who lately seems to be doing nothing but tour the countryside; Cpl. Boles, the engine change expert; "Ricky" Rickson; and Robb, who thinks the sun sets and rises on Orangeville; Mac-Donald, the small man with big ideas who thinks the only place is Scotland.

LACs Powell, Woody and Barr keep wondering why they are so tired these mornings.

BEAUS BLAST BLOHM BOATS

Members of RCAF Squadron Send Enemy Aircraft Down in Flames

Two Blohm and Voss 138 flying-boats felt the sting of Beaufighter guns when they were destroyed by a Canadian squadron of Coastal Command.

Two Beaufighters spotted the first flying-boat and immediately closed in to the attack. One of the Canadian machines swept to within 200 yards of the big boat. S/L A. L. Delahaye, Hollyburn, B.C., said that after the first attack, "the flying-boat's hull burst into flames and smoke poured from the port and star-board engines. It then caught fire, flew straight into the sea and ditched." One survivor was picked up by surface craft.

Fifteen minutes later, the Beaufighters sighted another boat. It was F/O S. S. Schuilemson, Montreal, who scored this time. His observer was Sgt. A. D. Glasgow, Irma, Alta. The second burst of fire from their guns set the flying boat ablaze and a few seconds later it crashed into the sea and disappeared.

WEDDINGS

BENTLEY-SLACK. — LAC J. A. Bentley, Vancouver, and ACW Pauline Slack, Torquay, Devon, were married on Saturday, July 17, in Union Street Methodist Church at Torquay. The couple spent their honeymoon in London.

FLEW WITH FRENCH

F/L Ronnie Oldham, Vancouver, was the only non-Frenchman in the Fighting French Lorraine squadron when it did its first op. from Britain. The squadron, flying Bostons, attacked the Fokker factory at Amsterdam.

Oldham is navigation leader of the Lorraine squadron and flies with the squadron commander.

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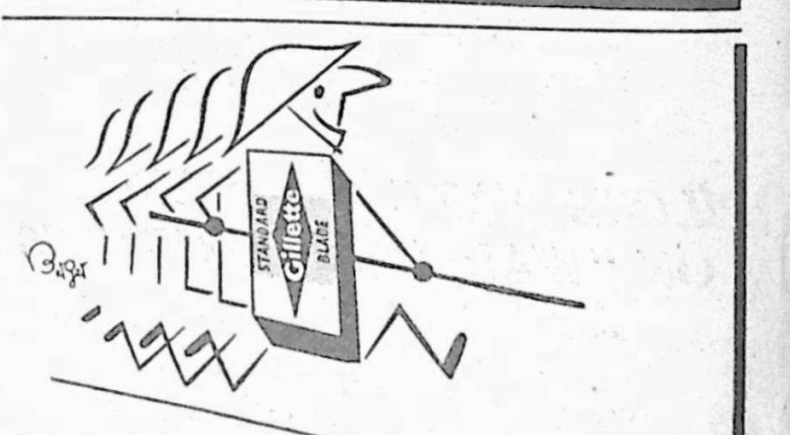
The following sergeant pilots have completed their training at an Oxford A.F.U. and are ready for operational training:

Doug Putnam, Vancouver; Norman Joss, Vancouver; "Joek" Finan, Hamilton; Lou Norton, Regina; Doug Thomas, Toronto; Bill Douglas, N.B.; Bill Woodrow, Vancouver; Bill Murdy, Calgary; Gord Lillico, Toronto; Bill Smitten; Edmonton; N. L. Thompson, Ottawa; J. Connelly, Kirkland Lake; Bill Stewart, North Bay.

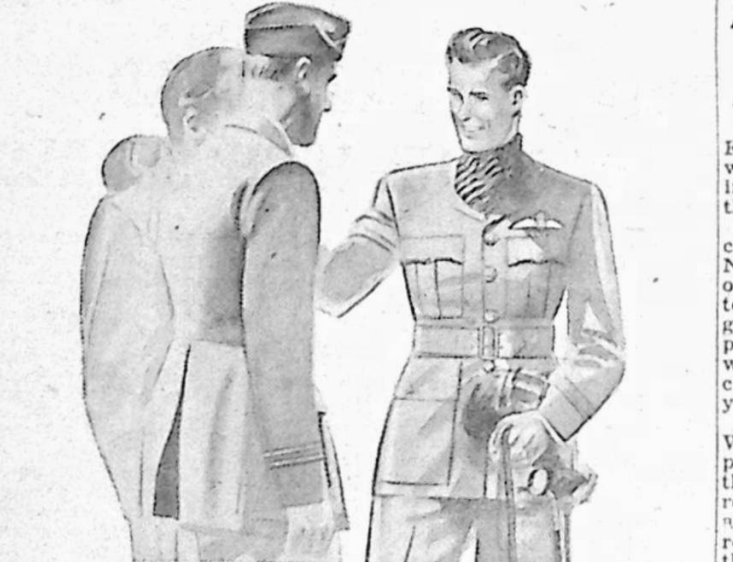


Daredevils, ready to risk any hazard, the airmen of Poland are the 'avenging angels' of 34,000,000 of their countrymen, who have been trampled under the Nazi jackboot. They lose no chance of getting their teeth into the Hun. A dirty business, but naturally they take the first opportunity to clean their teeth afterwards—with KOLYNOS of course!

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SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

FOX AT THE DOCKS

By MUNCHAUSEN (pinch hitting for Ananias)

DON'T mind our hoisting such a headline as it really is quite apropos. We've been hitting the Hamburg docks regularly with our foxiest ferocity.

The grandpappy and still flight-sergeant Gingles says, "A piece of cake; now the seventh time I went to Essen . . . and of course the sprogs say, 'Boy! was that place ever hot?' It's just a matter of experience. But who wants experience?"

People, meet the Doc. Doc., your public, F/L Hamilton, our M.O., and one of the craftiest of the foxes he has to be—came to attend the infant squadron and just waited round to see us grow.

Ever try putting on a station concert at a moment's notice, utilizing only station talent? We pulled one off a few days ago and its success was due to the many and varied talents of our personnel, organized by "Chieffe" Welch and directed by the child genius Fingerhut.

After the amateur show and seven barrels of beer, the floor was cleared for dancing and our vocalist start was none other than Ronnie Hamen's lovely wife. "Nightfighter" Nolan is rumoured to be holding out for a top billing in a new show.

After the first of August (and the new promotions) the sergeants' mess, F/S Gingles, Prop, will become a limited establishment known as the flight-sergeants' mess.

Back from leave comes Bill (What's the QFE?) Strachan and gang. Welcome to the new crews, whose personnel we'll enumerate when we get them sorted out.

DISPOSAL CENTRE

By W/O "Mike" Berenson

LITTLE would we know the joys of meeting were it not for the sorrows of parting. Last week we witnessed the reluctant departure of our good C.O., W/C D. Massey. The growth of an entirely new unit seems never ending, the trials and tribulations ever increasing, the problems many; the enthusiasm he displayed in attacking these tasks won the honest admiration of all who knew and worked with him.

Our new C.O., G/C F. L. Trethewey, reports to us with a wealth of administrative and engineering ability and experience. He is probably best noted for the efficient manner in which he opened and established two Repair Depots "over 'ome."

If enthusiastic response is any criterion, the new Station Soft Ball League should prove to be a "jolly good show." Last Monday the "Mosquitoes" sipped nectar from the gilded cup of victory by defeating the "Hurricanes," managed (?) by Sgt. "Sabby" Sabotrin by a score of 4 to 1. The stars for the "Skeeters" were pitcher-captain, Cpl. "Mike" Fenlon, who hurled a superior brand of ball, retiring nine by the "whiff" route, and LAC "Wahoo" Cross who wielded a mighty potent war club to the delight and surprise of his team mates. The "Texan" (Lone Star . . . get it?) for the vanquished was LAC Fred Farrow, who after a jittery first innings settled down to a most creditable pitching performance, leading one to believe that he shall be further heard of.



Here are the "Mohawks." They form one of the most popular crews that fly with the "Goose" Squadron. Front row left to right: Sgt. J. B. (Jim) Dallyh, Brockville, Ont., bomb-aimer; Sgt. J. B. "Sandy" Hunter, Victoria, B.C., mid-upper gunner; Sgt. R. B. (Bob) Wright, Arran, Scotland, flight engineer. Back row: Sgt. M. B. "Marty" Milligan, Orillia, Ont., pilot; Sgt. Ed Giffin, Brockville, Ont., rear gunner; Sgt. Dave Aiken, St. Catharines, Ont., WOP/AG; P/O Fred Culbert, Winnipeg, navigator.

RECORDS OFFICE

A2 (CAN)

By LAC WALLINGTON

ONCE again LAC "Irish" Booth came out of the sport meet covered with glory. At the finals of the RCAF Overseas Sport Meet, "Irish" came away with shields for: 1st in the 440 yds. relay, 2nd in the standing broad jump and 3rd in the 220 yd. dash. "Irish" is putting Records on the sports map and a big hand is extended from all the gang. Those plaques will look good back in Toronto. For the good of my health I won't mention the baseball end.

LACs Connie Constant and Ed Eedy left this week for an RCAF squadron. Our loss—their gain! Sorry to see you go but they say that everyone should have a few squadron hours in.

There'll be bags of discipline when Sgt. "Rep" Spalding, Cpl. "Fritz" Doughty and LAC Gord Hornstein get back from the Drill and Admin. course they are going on.

Noticed: Sgt. Art Toomey trying to be a policeman; Cpl. "Bark" Gittus attending noon parades lately; LAC Al Pope ginning up on London for a coming leave; Cpl. Doughty revising C.A.P. 90.

G1 (CAN)

By SGT. "MEM" AITKEN

WELL, here are the first two "thumb nail" sketches of some of our personnel.

Now, our Warrant Officer—Ted "Dusty" Miller—was only a baby 23 years ago in Montreal. Evidently liking his first view of that fair city, he went to school and grew up there with the exception of a four year "holiday" in the town of Ottawa. Worked with a large boiler company until the 12th of May, 1939, when he decided that he'd take the number "7623" in the RCAF. Played hockey for the Ottawa RCAF Flyers, when they won the Allan Cup in 1942. Soccer and baseball are his other contested sports. After a sojourn at Rockliffe and RCAF Headquarters, he came overseas the beginning of this year. Has one brother in the Navy, and another in the Canadian Army Overseas, which should make the Miller family an all service one. Likes "Cokes," "Olives" (that could be a girl's name) and the old Glenn Miller jive. On being asked his opinion of England, he said: "Much nicer than I had imagined."

Introducing "Chieffe"

Leaving Ted to his imagination, we'll introduce you to our "Chieffe," F/S Jack Sargeant, Can. R. 75633, who first saw the "hot sidewalk" of Hamilton, Ontario, back in '20. Jack liked them so much that he took all his "book learning" there, finishing at Hamilton Commercial High. Not unlike Ted, Jack likes "olives" too, as he worked for McLaren's Limited for five years prior to "getting a number" in October, 1940. After "sticking it out" for a while at D.A.P.S., he came overseas way back in August, 1941, and has been instrumental in building up this unit ever since. Has a brother in the Navy, likes good literature, plays tennis, also thinks England "very nice."

Now for some "round about" news. Wonder why LAC Clark White likes church parades so much? Could it be "three days," Clark? Don Bridgman likes patrolling the camp at 3 a.m., and says, "There's more people about then than you

SPAM AND TRIMMINGS

By A. J. REGAN

THE members of this famous fighter squadron, commanded by S/L E. L. "Jeep" Neal, D.F.C., Quebec City, will recall in days to come the following conversation, which has been repeated hundreds and hundreds of times, and still is. We quote from a quiet little eating house called "Molly's Snack Bar," anywhere after the locals have closed.

Airman: "Howdy," Claire, Ivy or Johnny: "Good Evening." Waitress: "What will you have?" Airman: "What have you got?" Spam and beans, etc. Airman: "Stop, I'll take it, double order of spam and the trimmings, with toast." Thanks.

This is just one of the conversations that is repeated night after night, and do the fellows ever go for this eating place. It is one of the best, and is more than appreciated by everyone, our deepest appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Gill, the owners.

LAC Harry DeLong, of Kings County, N.E., the man who sneaked into Canada proper without paying his head tax, has no love for his billets. Every night, our Harry says adieu to his fellow men and wanders away in—of course—the direction of the nearest, until closing time. But from then on he does the disappearing act and is not seen or heard till the early hours of the morning. Where he goes, and what he does, is not known, but there are various opinions, very various opinions.

Warmest greetings to our new adjutant, F/O G. W. Jacques, Brantford, Ont., who takes over the reins from F/O R. L. Orpen, Lachine, Que., who has added another ribbon to his sleeve, and has left us. Congratulations!

"Ancaster Kid"

The main feature of the week, was the ball game, played by two chosen teams consisting of both flights, and a spattering of H.Q.s. While it lasted it was hot and heavy, no blows were exchanged, but plenty of words. The only casualty suffered was by the "Ancaster Kid" LAC E. W. Bowland, who hails from someplace around Hamilton, Ont., or thereabouts. He knocked his shoulder out while making a super slide for the winning run. The final score was 17-18, and those who suffered defeat were not too heartbroken, as they got a nice sun tan out of it.

Farewell to P/O Archie Gray, who leaves us to fly elsewhere. Archie was with us as a sergeant pilot and received his commission some months ago. Take care of yourself, Arch, and have a good time.

would expect." Sgt. Patsy Kavanagh back off leave after a seven-days' at a seaside resort—or was it "mud-side," Kay? LAC Don Rogers toured the country on his leave, making big stops at Edinburgh and London. News from the "home town" war front shows the Drafters one game to the good in their softball play-offs with Recording. Ted Miller doesn't yet know whether his strategy of playing LAC Bill "Scoop" Cathness at short-stop will work out.

Quite a few new faces about these past three or four weeks. This week saw LAC "Jamie" Toon and Rube Carbol leave for further action and adventure, while LACs Hank Sauro, "Laurie" Townsend, George Hough, Bill Watson, Ken Kerman, Kent Andrews, Lloyd Fawcett, George Fisk, Don Morgan, Marcel Lamothe, Alex Peranoski, Nick Somoletko and George Crossman, whew! came to see if they can help the "Wrecks" of Records out!

Well, that finishes the "cookin' in the pot" for this week. So long.

BAS(E)IC NEWS

By JIMMIE GUNN

THE Power of the Press: following last week's revelation in WINGS ABROAD, S/L roster didn't apply for his usual half-day this week. F/S "Chuck" Addison's extended leave, first broached in last week's issue, has been approved. New Arrival: Most recent arrival at the officers' mess is a tiny black "Scottie" named "Mike," the personal property of Air Commodore McEwen. "Mike" appears to get a great deal of attention from other members of the mess. "Love me, love my dog?"

Presenting the backbone of one of our satellites, F/S "Baldy" Staples, whose nickname relates, not to his hirsute qualities, but to his mental resemblance to the wise old owl. "Baldy" hails from Fredericton and was a prominent henchman of the Hon. R. E. Hanson in pre-war days. Assisting him in coping, and his rivals for the attentions of the glamorous blonde in the orderly-room, are Sgt. "Let me Think" Waters and Sgt. "Gen Man" Mallin, the latter a veteran denizen of London H.Q., now enjoying the fresh country air.

Lurkers' Club

Refuting the "base libel" circulated by W/O Ken Jordan, F/S Bill McCarthy and F/S Doug Skinner want it be known that those two "femmes" with whom they were seen in a nearby city on a recent afternoon were at least "sweet sixteen." Incidentally, it is reported that they aren't doing so well in their campaign to induct WAAF personnel into the "Middle East Lurkers' Club."

With the advent of warm weather and shirt sleeves rolled up, "Texas" Horton's orderly-room romance with WAAF Rose Wood has taken a new spurt. Can it be due to the works of art tattooed on those manly arms? In that case, if she ever sees his chest she'll be doomed.

Cpl. "Mac" MacDougall, ex-Toronto playboy, has settled down to the rural way of life. "I never want to go into town any more," he commented today, immediately after he had had an interview with S/L Leaman. Perhaps the S/L painted too glowing a condition of rural life as he had experienced it in Guelph, Ont.

A new "batch" of clerks, just ex-Canada, arrived this week to help us add to the infinite confusion created by the joint demands of group and command—not to mention London. The newcomers, who were immediately taken in hand by Jack Natland, who explained the intricacies of the "shadow roster" to them and sent them to their "downy" beds dreaming of "Scotch mist" crowns at least in the near future, included Cpl. J. Stokes, Winnipeg; Cpl. G. Renton, Brantford (near Hamilton, near Toronto); Cpl. J. Arscott; and LACs G. McFadden, J. McKay, R. J. Roantree, L. G. Hodson, O. J. King and F. Penneylogie, who has already captivated the hearts of WAAF personnel with glowing tales of the Palais Royal at Sunnyside.

Meals in the airman's mess these days are reminiscent of Drury's, Montreal. The reason: Cpl. Wilson, cook extraordinary, has got a new "third." Good work, Sarge!

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By CPL. A. R. MAYNARD

WE feel, since the Canadian units in 5 District Headquarters won grand laurels at the track meet held at White City, and as we claim the hardest and most efficient staff in the field, we should occupy at least a small part of the columns in WINGS ABROAD.

We do want to say Cheerlo and the best of everything to three grand fellows who have left us for other terrain, namely our past C.O., S/L H. C. L. Ransom, Cpls. C. W. Smith and B. G. Hodges. We would like to say Hello to two new men, Cpl. K. Wilson and LAC J. R. Macdonald who have joined our staff to relieve the burden.

LAC R. J. L. Jones has assumed the duties of "gen" man of the orderly room and up to date he has amazed us all. Good luck, Les, and we are all pulling for you and hope to see you with the all that goes with the position.

We would like to know what a certain city holds in store for our learned colleagues of the Trade Test Board, W/O R. A. Murphy and F/S J. Schwartz, that they want to spend their leave in that city. Can it be that they have taken the sign, "Is your journey really necessary," to heart or are they enjoying Holiday at Home week.

Ye "Rusty Nail"

Good luck W/O G. E. Bushey on your promotion, and here's hoping we will meet with elbow bent at the "Rusty Nail."

Honourable mention is due our two hard-working padres, F/L I. A. Norris and F/L N. Hatton, on doing a swell job. No two men have a better reputation for being swell fellows.

Our postal officer, F/O P. C. Wail, has forsaken us for the past few days, but we all wish him a speedy recovery and we do miss the cheery "Hi, you fellows."

Cpl. "Matt" Turnbull and our "shadow corporal," LAC "Bob" Shered, are firm believers of the "preserve the body beautiful" slogan, as they have beaten a trail to the doors of the dental and medical rooms, or could it be Ye Olde Corner House that beckons.

Our new C.O., F/L W. Sellers, who has taken over the responsibilities of No. 5 District, is one of the hardest and most conscientious workers that we have met, and if he doesn't slow up we will have to send his driver away for a well-deserved rest.

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WITH THE R.A.F.

WHEN the ground crews removed the cowl of the RAF Lancaster's starboard outer, the motor obligingly dropped out. It wasn't gremlins—the Lanc. had just returned from a raid on Bochum. The only Canuck in the crew was Sgt. Xavier Rise, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the mid-upper gunner.

"That raid was the high-spot in my 16 trips to date," said the sarge. They had just got over the target area when their kite was "whumped" by a huge burst of flak. The starboard outer burst into flames, was put out by the extinguisher, flamed out again and burnt itself out. The aircraft was knocked down 9,000 feet before the skipper could regain control. They managed to get home on three safely.

The rest of Xavier's ops. have been taken up with minelaying do's and such trips as Dusseldorf, Essen and Spezia.

Sgt. Pilot Jimmy Smith, Toronto, has just finished with an RAF Coastal Command O.T.U. He's crewed up with Sgt. W/O P. Abe Tryan, Toronto, and Sgt. W/O P. Herman "Burrhead" Wilkening, Chicago. Wilkening has a shock of blond hair and no comb—hence the "Burrhead."

While at O.T.U. Jimmy met F/O Roy Munro, Toronto, a former school chum.

Leave with Dad

"Roy was the first guy I flew with at the O.T.U. I hadn't seen him since I took over our high school paper, 'The Jarvis Magnate,' from him in 1939," said Jimmy. "Roy did a tour in the Middle East and Malta before he got this instructing spot at the O.T.U." Jimmy is spending his leave in London

WOMEN'S DIVISION

YES, we've heard of "pulling the wool over people's eyes" but we must admit that Cpl. Lois Leavens, of Toronto, and LAC "Red" Wimble, of Vancouver, get the prize. We hand it to you—you amaze us! Congratulations, Red, and much happiness to you both.

The wearers of new "props" are to be congratulated now that they've become LAWs. The list includes: J. M. Bellhouse, Dunbarton, Ont.; D. M. "Holly" Hollings, Maple Creek, Sask.; M. J. Jemmett, Toronto; H. M. Lee, of Montreal; L. A. Munroe, A. E. Smith, C. H. Thompson, G. H. Reid, D. Waldron, A. Menard, J. E. Baptie, L. Helm and M. I. Anderson, Chelsea, P.Q.

Back from leave in Edinburgh is V. M. Daly from Bear Line, Ont. Sgt. Cotterill, a Hamiltonian, looks much refreshed after a week in the country. Other lucky W.D.s who didn't have to work last week are: Cpl. J. Welsh, LAWs I. G. Granada, from Windsor, Ont.; S. P. Stuart, G. H. Reid (she's doing well this week), Eileen Moore, Saskatoon; Cpls. C. P. Rushton, Edmonton; M. L. Croucher, Hamilton; and LAWs M. L. I. Choiniere, Granby, P.Q. and S. P. McRae, of North Bay, Ont. You missed an excellent parade last Monday—we really did it up right! Even George (the little man who wasn't there) agreed that everything went off fine.

with his dad, a lance-corporal in the Canadian Army.

Sgt. Observer Len Russell, Winnipeg, is now with an RAF Con. Unit converting to Halifaxes. Len planned part of his 18 days in Leicester, but the travel ban had other plans.

After the C.G.I. threatened to send so many guys on a discipline course, the only guy to make it was Sgt. Pilot M. L. "Tommy" Thompson, Bahamas. This was at an RAF Oxford A.F.U. He took the tough-guy course in his stride, returned to flying and has now graduated from A.F.U. Now most of the boys have graduated and are ready for O.T.U.

They include Sgt. Pilots Don McIvor, North Battleford; Gordie Pike, Vancouver; Colin MacLaren, Vancouver; "Chuck" Marshall, London, Ont.; Don Manson, Brandon; Don McCrae, Revelstoke, B.C.; "Link" Malloy, Toronto; Sammy Side, Sask.; and Frank Russell, Medicine Hat, Alta.

THE MOOSE MUSES

By ARKAYBEE

SOME more of the "Old Reliabilities" of the gang have departed hence to do their stuffs at other units; P/O B. F. "57" Heintz, Regina, being one of these, as well as F/O W. J. "Mac" McNicol, Mayronne, Sask., F/S Oscar Dell, Oshawa, and F/S Charlie Hancock, Strome, Alta. So we just say "Bye for now, fellas!"

No more (as far as we know) will the strident tones of F/S Harry Forster, Quebec City, be heard marshalling culprits before the "Powers that be" for admonishment or what have you. Harry is departing for what we hope are greener pastures in which to graze, and for the present we say "Au revoir," as no doubt we will still be frequenting the same pubs.

A hearty Moose welcome is extended to Sgt. Doug Cook, of Kelowna, B.C., F/O J. A. Westland, Windsor, Ont., F/O Hugh R. Dyer, Minnedosa, Man., P/O Harry Hamilton, Windsor, Ont., and their crews on their reporting to "Get Some In" with the Moose gang. Welcome also to a few "new" Canadian ground crew boys who arrived recently, including in their numbers a couple of new members of the "Orderly Room Sewing Circle," these being AC2 Ronnie Crowley, of Kings Hurst, N.B., and LAC Jack Pickwell, of New Westminster, B.C.

Noticed a bunch of chaps grubbing around with some dirty old oil the other day, and upon closer investigation found them to be brand-new Sgts. Earl Espeseth, Meskanaw, Sask., Tommy Cook, Vancouver Island, B.C., Milt Belbeck, London, Ont., and George Olson, of Blairmore, Alta., engaged in giving their bright new sets of three-bar chevrons a "non-sprog" look. Engaged in a similar activity with sets of two-bar chevrons were brand-new Cpls. Ronnie Warnock, Vancouver, Ernie

HEADQUARTERS

A SECRET wedding heads this week's stick of guff—though it's no secret any more. Seriously, Headquarters column wishes to report that:

LAC "Red" Wimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wimble, Vancouver, was married on Friday to Cpl. Lois Leavens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Leavens, Toronto. The ceremony took place at St. Anselm and Cecilia Church, Holborn. Cpl. Bob Davies was best man.

That little round man seen hanging from the ceiling, popping behind pillars and peeping over pews, was AC1 Cheney (C Group) giving 100 per cent. coverage for Photography.

That community man, F/O Jack Lutes, has done it again! Lutes and the little woman showed particular interest in a baby show over the week-end. The Lutes progeny was entered and the kid gurgled its way past a hundred entrants to take first prize. Oh, you proud poppa!

A private telephone line surreptitiously connecting the hackmen's hang out, the Legion Club and the inner sanctum of the nut factory, the M.T. section, is Reeves' only chance of getting his men. The chairs must be a little softer at the Legion. About this time Harley Cunningham, their ace despatch rider, is spending his noon hour in the park. The ace is reclining, with an angelic smile on his face and dreaming his deliveries.

Grant, Fredericton, Norm Shultis, Eaton, Sask. Harold Kennedy, St. John, N.B., and Ken Pryor, Daysland, Alta. Two new "chiefs" in the gang now, these being none other than F/S Fred Sinclair, Cayuga, Ont. ("A" Flight) and F/S J. "Abe" Abrams, Moncton ("B" Flight). "Good goin' fellas!"

WILLOW TREE BLUES

By ARTHUR "PETE" LESSARD

THIS new column is devoted to the activities of S.H.Q. of the station commanded by G/C J. L. Plant. Your correspondent craves your indulgence for the time being until he gets all his "gen" agents organized. He will then try to give a weekly summary of S.H.Q.—the low and the mighty all being included.

Our new C.O. made himself acquainted to all ranks a couple of weeks ago. The occasion—a station muster parade. His voice carried well and the mutual reactions were eminently satisfactory.

Our station library, operated by LAC Cayea, G.T., is carrying on its usual good work. WINGS ABROAD and the Canadian Press News are both available there every week, as well as a good supply of fiction and non-fiction books. Our Service Police friends have been busy lately. Cpls. Cameron, Cherry, Clark, Burgess and H. W. Clarke are all right up on the bit and report that the Willow Tree "hole in the fence" is bad medicine. "Just try it and see. We'll learn you," they say.

Our softball station team suffered last week its first defeat of the season at the hands of a station team headed by two of the famous "Kraut" line—Milt Schmidt and Bobby Bauer. The score was 5-4, and left the teams tied by virtue of our 2-1 victory several weeks ago.

Previously our team had defeated on two occasions another station team headed by the other "Kraut"—Porky Dumart—by 16-4 and 4-3. The other victory was over our satellite station team by a score of 10-7. Our team is managed by Cpl. "Doc" Cunningham and its trainer is Cpl. D. Danson. The players are the following:—Tucker, Pliska, Strickland, Jones, McLeod, Weir, Scott, Hooper, Sabetta, Rowell, Weir, Fraleigh, Chouinard, Ferguson, Richardson and Ogilvie. The softball tournament is being staged on August 14, winners of which go to London for the RCAF playdowns. Needless to say, our boys are going to London.

Pay Accounts staff are showing in their off moments signs of having taken last spring the RAF Pay Accounting course. Deferred pay and its accompanying headaches have kept everyone busy. All feel lucky to be working under S/L P. Raby, who has spent two years with the RAF in Canada and understands Canadians and their complexes.

A Joe was overheard the other day saying: "Under the RAF pay system a Canuck never knew what the score was and didn't expect to. Under the new hybrid system he expects to; but that's the only difference!"

The Post Office boys headed by Cpl. Gibson, of Calgary, are hitting on all sixes these days. They are LAC Dubinsky, Toronto, and the Manitoba kids, LACs Kerr, Dauphin, Underwood, Neepawa, and Garvey, Winnipeg.

One of the station messes the other night staged an impromptu boxing show. It is understood the winner displayed great hitting power—the one-two punch variety—and is being entered in the coming RCAF boxing tournament.

FILM LOG

"STRIPTease LADY"

(Odeon, Leicester Square)
Story based on the book "G-String Murders," by Gipsy Rose Lee. Backstage mystery involving the death of two of the troupe, strangled by their own G-strings. Includes light burlesque show sequences, scantily clad chorines, brawls, blackmail and mystery. Starring Barbara Stanwyck. Definitely different.

"THE MAN IN GREY"

(Gaiety, Haymarket, and Marble Arch Pavillion)
Romantic drama of nineteenth-century London. Tells story of havoc wrought by an evil woman in life of socialite who was her best friend. Embraces wanton's schemings, victim's unhappy marriage to dissolute lord, her love affair with a handsome youngster, and eventual tragic death at hands of wanton, who herself dies terribly in the climax. Good entertainment.

PIXILLATED!

By C. S.

IN the past few weeks so much has been happening to the members of the Fog-Hogs that all and sundry feel a wee bit pixillated by it all. First there was that glorious game of noughts and crosses on the Ops. Board when the news came through that F/L "Brad" Bradley, Fort William, Ont.; F/L Brant Howell, Boisbevan, Man., and F/S "Lofty" Ryder had been awarded D.F.C.s and D.F.M. respectively!—Wow! What cheers and Beers!

Then Winco Fred Rump handed over command of the squadron to W/C Archambault, our new C.O.—We hated to see you go, Sir, and we all sincerely hope you'll keep in touch. Our new C.O., W/C J. G. Archambault, hails from Nova Scotia, and so should be right at home with the Fog-Hogs.

Recent additions to the Officers' Mess include our well-known wireless wizard P/O R. J. Russell, and P/O H. Hutchinson, former advocate of a crystal ball as standard equipment for all navigators. There's enough free beers in that batch to keep us going till the week-end.

Our Flight Commander S/L Jack Summer, Hamilton, Ont., shows signs of leaving us, too!—Don't slip away without letting us throw a party for you, will you?—(heh! heh!)—

As we go to press, F/L Johnnie Musgrave has just returned from a nice little mix-up—Bouquets go to Sgt. E. J. Carden and F/O Hugh Legault for some fast moving and fast talking at the right times.—Good show, fellows!

And now what say we all adjourn for a cooling slug of black beer—it may inspire some contributions from you "Line-Shoot-Loafers." How about some mutual aid here, fellows?—the old Doc shows signs of getting operationally tired!

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

THEATRES

HIPPODROME. Ger. 3272. Evgs. 5.40. Weds., Thurs., Sat., 2.15.
GEORGE BLACK tells THE LISBON STORY
A Play with Music

PALACE. Ger. 6534. Evgs. 6.20. Wed. & Sat., 2.30.
JACK HYLTON'S HI-de-HI
with FLANAGAN and ALLEN

PALLADIUM. Ger. 7373. Twice Daily at 2.30 and 5.15.
Tommy Trinder in GEORGE BLACK'S BEST BIG AND TUCKER.

PRINCES. Evgs. 6.15. Thurs. & Sat., 2.30.
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PRINCE OF WALES. Whl. 8651. Twice daily at 2.40 and 5.30.
Sid Field in GEORGE BLACK'S STRIKE A NEW NOTE.

SAVILLE. Tem. 4011. Evgs. 6.30. Wed. & Sat., 2.30.
FIRTH SHEPARD presents JUNIOR MISS
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SAVOY. Tem. 8868. Evgs. 6.30. Wed. & Sat., 2.30.
FIRTH SHEPARD presents THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER
ROBERT MORLEY, Ambrosine Phillips, Hugh McDermott, Mary Alice Collins, Jerry Verno, Edward Cooper. Last 2 weeks.

STRAND. Tem. 2660. Evgs. 6.30. Thurs. & Sat., 2.30.
FIRTH SHEPARD presents ARSENIC AND OLD LACE
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THE MAN IN GREY (A)
Weekdays: continuous 11.5 to 10. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.

LEICESTER SQ. TH. Whitehall 5232-4. FOREVER AND A DAY (U)
Performances: 12.0, 2.10, 4.40, 7.5.

LONDON PAVILION. Friday next. RICHARD DIX, JANE WYATT in THE IRON ROAD (U)
And REDHEAD FROM MANHATTAN with LUPE VELEZ (M)

MARBLE ARCH PAVILION. May. 6112. Margaret Lockwood, Phyllis Calvert, James Mason with Stewart Granger.
THE MAN IN GREY (A)
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NEW GALLERY, Regent St. Reg. 6080. TYRONE POWER, CRASH DIVE (U) (In Technicolor)
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MANTRAP (U), News, etc.
Weekdays: continuous 11.45 to 9.45. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.

ODEON, Leicester Square. Whl. 6111. BARBARA STANWYCK
STRIPTease LADY (A)
With MICHAEL O'SHEA.
Showing at 11.20, 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.

PARAMOUNT, Tottenham Court Rd. JOHN CLEMENTS, TOM WALLS UNDERCOVER (A)
BING CROSBY SING YOU SINNERS (U)

REGAL, Marble Arch. Pad. 8011. WALTER HUSTON, ANN HARDING MISSION TO MOSCOW (U)
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