



Air War in Italy Continues Unabated

WELLINGTONS ATTACK TRANSPORT CENTRES

City of Windsor Squadron Formed Part Of Protective Umbrella Over Landing Force

TWO CANUCKS WITNESS "ROMA" SINKING

WITHOUT a pause, even for the announcement of the Italian capitulation, the Allied air offensive is continuing against Italian centres now in German hands. Fortresses and Wellingtons are dumping tons of high explosive on Italian rail and transport hubs.

The air offensive reached a crescendo as landings were made on the mainland. The air umbrella that covered the landings was a United Nations effort with squadrons of RAF, RAAF, RCAF, SAAF and USAF in close co-operation. The City of Windsor fighter squadron of the RCAF took part in one of the landings.

The number one target in the softening-up process against the Italian mainland has been Naples. Canadians have visited the city many times since their first raid in April.

RCAF squadrons have ranged far and wide over the Italian mainland. From Reggio and San Giovanni in the south to the marshalling yards at Viterbo and the seaplane base at Lake Bracciano, north of Rome, they carried out their attacks.

The Wellingtons have been concentrating on the task of disrupting and destroying the enemy's lines of communication. Night after night these bombers have been searching out the marshalling yards and the rail centres, but they have not been neglecting the airfields or other strategic targets.

While bombers are busy the fighters continue to whittle away at the Luftwaffe's Italian air fleet. One squadron bagged seven aircraft on a single patrol just before the Italian force left the scene.

"Roma" Sinking

Sgt. Floyd Lovelace, Winnipeg, and Sgt. Bill Corley, Rose-town, Sask., gunners in an RAF Marauder of the North-West African Coastal Air Force, witnessed the sinking of the Italian battleship "Roma" by German torpedo bombers.

Out of range of Allied fighter craft, the job of plotting the progress of the escaping Italian fleet fell to the coastal force. Their Marauder had been with the vessels about 15 minutes when the ships opened fire. At first they thought the Italians were firing at them, but the flak was bursting above their aircraft.

They moved out of range and saw the bombs kick up spray around an Italian destroyer. Then they saw an enormous explosion on one of the battleships and creamy white smoke poured out of her to a height of three or four thousand feet.

As the attack waned and the smoke cleared, the battleship was listing 45 degrees to star-

UNHAPPY HUNTERS

The other day G/Cs Carscallen and "Buzz" Gordon took time out from heavy duties for a spot of hunting.

A partridge hove into view. "Cars" aimed his trusty shot-gun and fired.

The partridge flew unconcernedly on.

"I wasn't ready," Carscallen said to Gordon.

Next a hare was seen bounding over the moor. This time Gordon was the one to admit "he wasn't ready." A covey of partridges stormed by overhead. "Cars" unleashed another load of buckshot in the middle of nothing.

The two "Groupies" are now reported to be practising hunting—with barn doors.



It's no Pullman even if they have got uppers and lowers. These two Toronto boys have been in Iceland since May. Looking quite happy in the upper is LAC Murray Garrett and also looking quite happy in the lower is LAC Alfred Fran.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

CANUCKS HIT NEW HIGH, CARRY OFF 58 AWARDS

All Air Crew Trades In Record List Of Decorations

A new high in non-immediate awards for the RCAF has been set this week. London Gazette scraped the bottom of the gong bin to announce that 58 Canadians had won decorations.

Pilots, navigators, wireless operators—all aircrew trades were represented in the list. Throughout the announcement name places such as the Ruhr, the Rhineland, Hamburg, Cologne and Essen frequently appeared. The Battle of Germany is bearing fruit for the boys who are taking part in it.

F/O Charlie MacIntosh, Winnipeg, was awarded a D.F.C. for bringing a severely damaged bomber safely back from Essen on only two engines. He has secured many excellent photographs while on ops. He has shown great eagerness to engage the enemy and take part in any operation, however hazardous.

For a neat torpedoing job off the Frisian Islands one night, F/L Alf Brenner, Toronto, won a gong. He, in face of fierce A.A. fire, got his merchantman. Their kite was badly damaged and he had to land in the sea. He and his crew spent 43 hours in their dinghy before being picked up. On another sortie Brenner made a determined attack on a blockade-runner, escorted by five destroyers. Despite flak hits he continued his attack, and on the way back escorted the leading aircraft of his formation, which had been severely shot up.

Here is the complete list of the awards:

- D.F.C.s: S/L Delford H. Kenney, Newton, Ont.; F/L William A. Armstrong, Kinburn, Ont.; F/L Elwood E. Allen, St. George, Ont.; F/L Alfred B. Brenner, Toronto; F/L Donald H. Clark, Winnipeg; F/L Clifford F. Westerman, Hazelton, Sask.; F/L Basil G. Crew, Wawota, Sask.; F/L Jacques G. Mills, Stantoy, Wash.; F/L Heath B. Gattey, Dauphin, Man.; F/L Raymond A. Gardiner, Ingersoll, Ont.; F/O Charles E. MacIntosh, Winnipeg; F/O Donald G. Scott, Grimsby, Ont.; F/O John F. Lewis, London, Ont.; F/O Gerald F. Kelly, Quebec City; F/O Eric A. Garrett, Montreal; F/O William J. Hilton, Brantford, Ont.; F/O Frederick G. Spanner; F/O Eric W. Patteson, Winnipeg; F/O William J. Bracken, Seelys Bay, Ont.; F/O Roy H. Cunningham,

"WINGS" COMMITTEE THANKS THE RCAF

In a letter to Air Marshal Harold Edwards, C.B., A.O.C. in C., Lord Kindersley, G.B.E., president of the National Savings Committee of the National Savings Movement, under the patronage of Their Majesties the King and Queen, expressed the gratitude of the committee for the co-operation given by all ranks of the RCAF in the "Wings for Victory" week campaign.

In his letter to Air Marshal Edwards, Lord Kindersley said, in part, "The presence of detachments of the Royal Canadian Air Force at parades and other functions all over the country proved a very popular feature, stimulated interest in the campaign and made an important contribution to its success."

The RCAF Overseas Band played a prominent part in these functions.

- Toronto; F/O Lawrence McMillan, Miami, Man.; P/O Patrick C. H. Tripp, Vancouver; P/O James S. Thomson, Moose Jaw; P/O James D. Dickson, Hammond River, N.S.; P/O Herbert Millard W. Coles, Milton, P.E.I.; P/O Geoffrey B. Whyte, Port Hope, Ont.; P/O W. E. Hammond, Toronto; P/O Russell Harling, Montreal; P/O Harvey W. Fenton, Ottawa; P/O Harold K. C. Harvey; P/O Earle R. Evans; P/O Gilbert K. Finnie, Northam, Devon; P/O Edward G. Dundas, Miami, Man.; P/O Stephen Boezar, Near Apborg, Man.; P/O Jean P. H. Carrere, Cochrane, Ont.; P/O Robert W. Nixon, Toronto; P/O Joseph L. Fulsher, Parkside, Man.; P/O Henry H. McDaniel, Dublin, Ireland; P/O James O. Christie, Griffin, Sask.; P/O Douglass J. Buchanan, Edmonton; P/O Gordon L. Glover, Edgar Simcoe Co., Ont.; W/O E. T. English, Lytton, B.C.

- D.F.M.s: F/S William L. Vander-Dasson, Leamington, Ont.; F/S James H. Evans, Kitchener, Ont.; F/S George H. Lancaster, Fernie, B.C.; F/S George G. Dockendorff, York Point, P.E.I.; F/S Elmer H. Anthony, Hants, N.S.; F/S Walter D. J. Craig, Black Rapids, Westborough, (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

RUTTAN GETS A RAISE AND A SUBMARINE

New Hampden Commander Leaves U-Boat Helpless

LIB FINISHED JOB

W/C C. C. Ruttan, Belleville, Ont., celebrated his promotion to C.O. of an RCAF Hampden torpedo bomber squadron by bringing a German submarine to a standstill on his first patrol as squadron commander.

"Coming out of the cloud," the Winco said, "the upper rear-gunner, P/O Alf Smith, D.F.M., Toronto, called out that he had spotted what appeared to be a shark's fin.

"Turning down to investigate, I saw that it was the periscope of a surfacing submarine. It was a U-boat all right, and soon part of its crew was on the deck manning the gun, which opened fire but missed.

"We flew in to the attack and straddled the raider with depth charges. Great plumes of water gushed up on either side of the sub. We turned again and found the submarine idly floating without sign of life on board. The gun crew had probably been blown overboard by the depth charges.

"We signalled for another kite to come in and make the kill. A Liberator came up, and it dropped depth charges which hit the sub. fair and square. All that was left was a great swirl of water, some wreckage and some bodies."

The other members of the Winco's crew were Sgt. W. E. Bill Norquay, Selkirk, Man., wireless op., and an RAF navigator.

MITCHELLS ON DAYLIGHT DO'S

Canadians were with a Mitchell squadron which attacked marshalling yards at St. Omer.

Sgt. H. A. Hester, Mission City, B.C., piloting one of the medium bombers, reported that he could see bombs falling through gaps in the clouds. He believed the target was well plastered.

Sgt. D. R. Adamson, Prince Albert, saw bombs burst in the middle of the yards and reported that flak followed them all the way in and out of the target area.

Other Canadians on the raid included Sgt. E. J. Evans, Port Credit, Ont.; Sgt. E. R. Johnson, Oak Lake, Man.; Sgt. D. M. Webber, St. Stephen, N.B.

Coastal defences in northern France were the targets for another Mitchell raid. Sgt. Dave L. Moore, Hamilton, Ont., had his machine holed by flak. "We met a dense heavy barrage of flak as we went in," he said on his return. "But we only received five or six small holes and no one was hurt. According to my English navigator our bombs went right down on the target."

Among other Canadians in this attack were: Sgt. M. R. McCrimmon, Flin Flon, Man.; F/O J. C. Day, Galt, Ont.; F/S M. Ingleton, Winnipeg.

Boulogne was the target for the following day. The Mitchells left base at dawn. "It was quite misty," says P/O Keith Wilson, Carlton Place, Ont. "We had to climb about 2,000 feet before it was clear. It was a quiet journey."

He points out that the accompanying Marauders seemed to be taking most of the flak. "So far as bombing goes our sights were right on the target and there was good visibility."

"I think we got direct hits," reported Sgt. R. L. McCartney, Lamont, Alta., who was in another Mitchell. "I saw a box of fighters high above us but they were our own machines." P/O G. W. Russell, Red Deer, Alta., piloted a Boston on the same raid.

CARLSON SCORES INITIAL TRIUMPH

F/O Alan "Smiler" Carlson, Calgary, Mustang pilot with the original Canadian Army Co-op squadron, got his first Hun while on an offensive patrol over Northern France last week.

Not far from Paris Carlson and F/O Evan "Tip" Tummon, Foxboro, Ont., spotted a slow three-engined Ju.52 flying toward them at about 300 feet.

The Canadians circled and Carlson got on its tail, with Tummon 500 yards to starboard and behind. At 300 yards Carlson opened up and scored hits all over the Ju.52. Carlson gave the Hun a few consolation bursts after it was already ablaze. The Junkers burst into flames and exploded when it hit the ground.

BOULOGNE HIT IN NIGHT RAID

RCAF Wellingtons Aid RAF in Heavy Attack On Channel Port

Wellingtons of RCAF Bomber Group assisted in the raid on targets at Boulogne in the only large scale night attack of the week. Many Canadians flew in the crews of RAF bombers.

The week's bombing activity started when Wellingtons of RCAF Bomber Group assisted in the raid on targets at Boulogne. Many Canadians also flew in the crews of RAF bombers in the attack.

A Canadian pilot reported that the flak was light compared to that over Germany. "We ran into very little opposition and dropped our bombs dead on the target," he said.

Some of the Canadians who took part in the raid were: Sgts. Irvine Caskey, Portage La Prairie, Man.; Al Williston, Sydney, N.S.; Charles MacKinnon, New Westminster, B.C.; Stanley Liddell, Burnaby, B.C.; Charles Kirby, Montreal; Bill Ewanko, Winnipeg; Victor Bazlik, Windsor, Ont.; Lawrence Brant, Miami, Man.; F/O Tom Barker, Toronto; F/O Joe Bourke, North Bay, Ont.; P/O John Clair, Port Credit, Ont.; F/L J. C. Burns, Ottawa; F/S Alden McLeod, Thornburn, N.S.

STIRLING MEN

The following boys have completed training at an RAF Whitley Wimpy O.T.U. and will be going on Stirling bombers:—Bomb-aimer "Des" Brown, Montreal; AG Jimmy Collins, Montreal; AG Harley Bater, Winnipeg; AG Bill Dawson, Hamilton.

ENCOURAGE GROUNDINGS TO APPLY FOR AIRCREW

Step Up Flying Training Intake. Lift Numerical Restrictions

Ground crewmen of all trades are being accepted for air crew training in increasing numbers. It is announced from RCAF Overseas Headquarters in London that commanding officers are to give their personal support and encouragement toward filling the need for volunteers remustering from ground duties. Intake of ground tradesmen will be regulated to ensure that unit efficiency and maintenance schedules are not impaired. It is expected that present restrictions on numerical intake will be lifted, and that training facilities in certain air crew categories will be expanded. While the process of remuster-

ing will be greatly speeded, it should be borne in mind that with the large number expected to apply there will be a minimum period of necessary delay before beginning the training.

Airmen will retain their RCAF rank and trade pay throughout their air crew training, in addition to 75 cents a day when actual flying training begins. On final graduation airmen will be promoted to temporary sergeant or will retain any higher N.C.O. or warrant officer rank held previously.

All RCAF airmen are free to apply except radio mechanics working with Pathfinder squadrons. Aero engine mechanics in particular will be eligible for training as flight engineers.

All candidates will, once pronounced physically fit, go before an air crew Selection Board and will be trained in any air crew category the RCAF may decide on, regardless of personal preference.

WEST AFRICA

By "BUGS" DORSEY

GATHER around, you guys and gals. We have bags of fun to pass along to those interested in the doings of the Lost Legion.

First on our list is a vote of thanks to the Auxillary Services in London who so kindly sent us a supply of cards, cigarettes and baseballs. We would like you to know that your gift was much appreciated, and we are putting the above articles to good use.

We have four fellow Canucks visiting us at present and if a few more should happen along we will be able to field a ball team. The only difficulty would be to obtain opponents, as the natives are not versed in the art of pitching a ball, but they can sure "chuck" a mean coconut. Our first visitor is F/L C. R. Scott, a Signals man from Toronto the Good (?). We wouldn't be surprised if he legally adopted us, as he is always wangling a couple of days' leave to come out here. Our other three visitors are radio bashers, namely Cpls. Ron Cumming, Roy Cuthbert and Gord Goodwin, all of whom are the proud possessors of "shidow sgts." While on the subject of promotions, I would just like to advise Frances to start addressing her letters to Cpl. Bob Cumming, yes, our own Bobbie has tacked up a couple of those elusive tapes. Congrats, from all the gang, Bob, and when do we wet 'em?

What, No Ju Ju Dance?

Since our last offering to this column we received our monthly "ration," and naturally threw our usual "do." Well, I've seen everything now, yep, when the boys start asking each other if they may have the honour of this square dance, well, as said before, I've seen everything now. Shakes you rigid, doesn't it?

Pardon me while I pause for breath; no, not smoking too much, but pretty tired after being chased all over the colony by a wild-eyed bunch of Canadians led by none other than F/L Scott. The reason for my unhappy existence being that recent write-up in WINGS ABROAD about the food out here. "A word to the wise is sufficient," as Confucius would say, so the editor who put that big banner headline about the food in West Africa had better keep out of my sight F/L Scott can be heard moaning any time of the day, and it goes something like this quote, "Now, how am I going to 'shoot' that horrible line" when I get back to Blighty after that write-up," unquote.

We would like to see a retraction of that slanderous article about us wearing Canada badges on our shirts to attract the women. What 'women? Where? We never saw them.

NOW CONVERTED

The following boys have completed a course at an RAF Lancaster Conversion unit. They are all bomb-aimers.

F/Ss Bill Kondra, Sask.; Hank Parker, Saskatoon; Ernie Emmett, Winnipeg; Goodwin Swenson, Winnipeg; Dennis Corder, Winnipeg, and P/O James McKay, Moose Jaw.



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SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

THE GOOSE HANGS HIGH IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

By CPL. M. J. SEELEY



Sgt. G. F. Gallent, Charlottetown, P.E.I., takes a look at some Arabic on a tablet in a mosque during a visit to the holy city of Kairouan, Tunisia. Hundreds of RCAF personnel, ground crew and air crew, based in the Middle East have made this trip on leave.



SOMEWHERE during his tour of ops, P/O Air-Gunner Earl Warren, Regina, picked up a gong. He did his tour in the turret of an RAF Stirling bomber. The only other Canadian in Earl's crew was P/O George Tait, Vancouver, the navigator.

Ken Chandler on Spits.

From towing gliders to flying Spits, is a big jump, but P/O Ken Chandler, Montreal, did it, reports F/S Pilot Jack Cleft, Toronto. Ken's in Malta now. Cleft has just returned from a tour of duty with an RAF communications squadron in the Middle East.

F/O Pilot Bob Ofler, Leamington, Ont., is the only Canadian in his crew with an RAF Ferry Unit. In the same unit is F/O Roy Osborne, Brantford, Ont.

Sgt. Navigator Jim Johnston, Kirkland Lake, Ont., has just finished training at a Wimpy O.T.U. His bomb-aimer is Sgt. Kirkpatrick, "small town boy from Sask."

Navigators who graduated with Jim are Sgt. Hughie Meagher, Montreal; Harry McGuire, Ottawa; "Chris" McMaster, Noranda, Que.; and P/O Vince McIntyre, Montreal.

Here's plenty of gen from an A.O.S. where some Canucks are instructing. Some of the teachers who have built up over 1,000 hours on the job are F/S Pilot "Craigie" George Craig, Fitzroy, Ont.; F/O T. D. Tommy Wheeler, Winnipeg; W/O "N. P." Harrington, Toronto; F/S Murray Caselman, Edmonton; F/O "Lefty" Zavitz, Welland, Ont.; and Sgt. J. C. Kelland, Hamilton.

Tommy Wheeler played hockey for Harringay, London, before the war. When the shooting started he went back home and enlisted in the RCAF. Caselman, the A.O.S.'s prize penman, is beginning to worry. Two letters a week to his heart beat at home and no answers. "U-boats jes' can't be torpedoing all my girlfriend's answers," mused Caselman.

Prang Club President

Zavitz, Prang Club President of the A.O.S., has left for operational training. F/O Frankie Chad, Edmonton boy and local hockey star, is a recent addition to the A.O.S., but with the help of Kelland has already found that London is all it is "cracked up to be." If they're not at A.O.S., they're in London.

F/S G. F. D. Murray, Montreal, and Sgt. "Chonkie" Arnott, Barry, Ont., both mid-upper gunners, have been together ever since they left a Canadian squadron for an RAF Halifax PFF unit. Murray has piled up 32 trips. Chonkie's pile is not so high—he's got 27. Another Canuck in Chonkie's crew is F/S Engin-

eer Johnny Johnston, Montreal. Murray is the only Canadian in his crew.

Ernie Milligan, Calgary product, is now a WO1 with a tour of ops in the Middle East under his tunic. Out there he flew in Wimpies with F/S AG "Tex" Carroll, Huston, Texas.

Ernie delivered a couple of Wimpy jobs to the Middle East for the RAF before he stayed there. He left just after Sicily folded. Now Ernie would like to hear from some of the Delta Sigma Rho gang, especially from Ken Sheddon—another Calgary product.

P/O Doug. Reach, Nakomis, Sask., has returned to his RAF Hally unit after successfully completing a bomber leader's course. Doug. is an observer and is about half-way through a tour of ops. He has flown with P/O Pilot Jack Mills, Toronto, and W/O Garfield Dockendorff, a Nova Scotian.

Here's a batch of Hudson O.T.U. men who have just completed their training at an RAF training unit:

F/S Observer Bill Milne, Regina; F/S Pilot Pete "Zombie" McCrae, B.C.; F/S WOP/AG Bert Culbert, Regina; W/O "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Montreal; F/S WOP/AGs Jeff Wilson, Sarnia; "Brad" Bradley, Winnipeg; Ory Moore, Sarnia; Bill Gray, Westerner; "Mitch" Mitchell, Toronto, and Mac Macaloney, Toronto.

Sgt. Pilot Ray Leonard, Crow's Nest, B.C., has finished O.T.U. on Wimpies and is now waiting to take one up with a load of H.E.—on a run to Germany. With Ray are Sgt. Bomb-Aimer Clarke Wilson, Winnipeg, and Sgt. Rear-Gunner Johnny Stewart.

New boy to the Observers school is F/S AG "Tex" Woods, from Texas. Tex has built up quite a record. He's been on Defiants did a tour on Wellingtons, and had fifteen months in the Middle East on Libs.

The six-foot-two Texan hits the scales at well over 200. During his career in the RCAF he's lost a lot of his Texas drawl. Says Tex, "Aftuh the war, ah wants to live in Toronto."

WHITLEY O.T.U. GRADS.

The following fellows have received their diplomas from a Whitley O.T.U. They are all sergeant-air-gunners:

Ken Williams, Winnipeg; Morris Roscoe, Winnipeg; Albert Richard, Winnipeg; Roy Moller, Sask.; Al Monty, St. Boniface, Man.; Johnny Duchak, Regina; Harry Hopkins, Winnipeg; Norm McCaffery, Hamilton; Claude Sylvah, Smith Falls, Ont.; and Murray Wiper, Leamington, Ont.

Sgt. AG Wilf Olmstead, Owen Sound, Ont.; Sgt. AG Ben Benson, Regina; Sgt. Bomb-aimer Mike Williams, Toronto; Sgt. AG Bill Wynveen, Leamington, Ont.; Sgt. Pilot Roy DePape, Winnipeg; P/O Navigator Buck Fisher, B.C.

CELEBRATIONS abounded last Wednesday evening after news was received that Italy was ours. Local publicans were hosts to many of the Goose clan on that eventful night. Among other things, "Adj." F/L A. J. Bond's celebration was a real event, for he received word early in the afternoon that his posting had been scrubbed. A little later he could be seen cycling merrily through the hangars, twice too big for his ladies' sports model, and, without dismounting, cycling in and around the various Gunnery, Wireless and Flight Commanders' offices to break the good news. Narrow doors didn't bother him in the least!

In the brawny Blacksmith's Arms many a Gooseman reclined that night; among the merry-makers were F/S Pop Grubert and four of his crewmen: P/Os Johnny Carrigan and Don Folder (Tasmania's gift to the squadron's second oldest crew), W/O Bob Lumgair, who hopes to celebrate the new rank as soon as his W/O's pay comes along, and Sgt. Joe Herron, the crew's engineer. Pop presided over the gang in his usual nonchalant manner and with only one regret: he had been five minutes too late for the free cheroots which "mine host" had been passing around. Others of the convivial crowd were Armoury Sgt. Lou Lott, who will say "I do" to an English lass within the month; ditto Sgt. carrot-topped "Russ" Russell, from "way down East," Cpl. Don Tingle, maintenance "gen man" of the Armoury, and others. . . . (Don't tell a soul, but we were supposed to be attending to mail!) However, between dominos, darts, small talk, line shots, news and views a jolly time was had by all.

The Bear-Man

Bill Holden has a girl friend back in Gault. He almost blushed when we suggested that she might enjoy hearing that although her "one and only" is losing much of his bushy-top tontorial beauty, his chest is a veritable forest of fresh foliage.

Paddy Reynolds (F/L, D.F.M., D.F.C.), the squadron's Valentino and wireless leader, after a few strenuous ops in the nearby city of repute, took time out to slap some of his WOP/AGs into good "soccer" shape for a game with some of the lads from the Thunderbolt Squadron. They trimmed them two-one, but not without a few strained backs and well-placed bruises. Paddy, we hear, is counting his session with the Dentist last week as his 52nd Op. We wonder why? He's feeling cheery these days about the three new promotions in his section. The new Warrant Officers are Lumgair, Butchart and Cameron. Good show, fellows!

JOHN GODFREY HAS STATION COMMAND

Promotion to the rank of wing commander and appointment to the post of station commander has been announced for S/L John M. Godfrey, Port Credit, Ont. Until recently he commanded an RCAF fighter reconnaissance squadron which is now headed by S/L Herbert P. Peters, D.F.C., of Edmonton.

Godfrey is a graduate of R.M.C. He joined the RCAF in January, 1940, and has instructed at service schools at Brantford, Ont., and Claresholm, Alta., and in the spring of 1942 he ferried an aircraft across the Atlantic, prior to taking up operational duties. His first posting was to a Canadian Spitfire squadron. Later he was moved to a fighter reconnaissance unit as second in command, where he subsequently took over when W/C Roy Begg, of Vancouver, headed elsewhere.

Margaret Newbould (Hon. Sgt. Sqdn. Armoury), who drives the boys of the Armoury places, usually times her day off to coincide with Lloyd Irwin's, Guelph, Ont. Or is it purely coincidental?

F/O Porky Simm made a wizard prang the other day before a large audience in the



Cpl. Waiten Allen, Montain, Ont., a radio meech stationed in Iceland, hangs his bedding out to air in the watery sunshine of his northern station.

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THE LION'S PURR

By BUD JAMES

WING COMMANDER DUDLEY BURNSIDE, D.F.C. and Bar, Lion Squadron's C.O. since its formation, has been posted to new duties at Bomber Command H.Q. He will be missed by every man on the squadron.

When W/C Burnside assumed command the Lions were just another new Canadian outfit. Under his leadership the squadrons developed a spirit and an identity second to none. The Winco was always an active leader. Leading the squadron on an operation over Essen his aircraft was holed by flak, the navigator killed and the WOP/AG badly wounded. Later, a Jerry nightfighter attacked and was beaten off. The Winco brought his aircraft back and crash landed in the South of England. For this action he was awarded a Bar to the D.F.C. he had won before assuming command.

In token of the esteem in which he was held the Lions presented W/C Burnside with an engraved gold wrist watch, silver desk tray and a travelling bag.

Our new C.O. is W/C R. S. Turnbull, D.F.M., Govan, Sask. We take this opportunity of welcoming him to the squadron.

Good Show, Boys!

Six Lion crews recently completed their first tour of ops. and are due for a few months' lay-off. Two of the sergeants, Indian Schmitt and G. W. Heselton, received goon suits synchronously with rounding out their tours. Others due for a rest and congrats. are: F/L Tubman, Capt. Taylor, F/L Morton, P/O Williams, F/O Martin, P/O Brown, P/O Schellenberg, Sgt. Chaput, Sgt. MacNamara, Sgt. Lumsden, Sgt. Duval, Sgt. Quenet, Sgt. Fahner, Sgt. D'Eon, F/O Mortimer and Sgt. Elsee.

Directing genius of the electron bashers, Jack Gordon, is now wearing a crown above those triple hooks. Congratulations to him and to his capable assistant, William Harold McKim, who has achieved his ambition and mounted his third.

THUNDER FLASHES

By ED HOUSTON

JUST a bit of gen from the Thunderbirds now commanded by Winco Swetman, a Kapuskasing papermaker.

We possess a Sgt. Willie Wilson, "The Prince of Ales," who beside being a bomb-aimer with a real theory for finishing this war quickly (interested parties phone the sergeants' bar any time), is unrivaled as a raconteur of tales about a mythical but marvellous character called "Buck."

Buck originated in Moose Jaw's mythological days. Damon Runyon's race track touts and Ted Reeves' "Alice Whipper-snapper" have never been in jams comparable with this fellow. Most any night you can find F/S Joe Joyat, St. Boniface; Sgts. Doug Helman, Bob Baker, Port Colborne; Hal Hurdley, Kingston; "Stuff" Archibald, of Moose Jaw; and Jake Newcombe, Winnipeg, talking with Willie.

Our squadron has missed Adj. F/L Connor and Bombing Leader Mark Roach, away on leave. F/O Reg Hunt says the "Boogy" boys just aren't the same without Mark.

Look, It's Elmer!

The boys were "mugged" recently by Pathe Gazette unit. Won't some mommas and darlings in Canada heave a sigh to see "their boys."

Our ball team is headed for London after its latest 14-4 triumph over another squadron from these parts.

Features of the game were the all-round display of Genga, barrel-chested hurler, Hooper's home run and sparkling catches by Jones, Richardson and Weir.

Line-ups: Visitors—Richardson, I.F.; Red Weir, C.; McLeod, P.; Bill Weir, C.F.; Sumner, R.F.; Scott, S.A.; Zadow, I.S.; Prophet, H.P.; Rowell, Jrd. Home—Jones, I.F.; Hooper, 2B; Genga, P.; McKellar, C.; Hutton, 3B; Forster, 1B; Korby, C.F.; Coe, Dalgity, I.F.; Patterson, Strickland, S.S. Umpires: F/S Hafay, Sgt. Helman.

BAS(E)IC NEWS

By JIMMY GUNN

SHARP screams rent the mid-night air in the Sergeants' sleeping quarters...

This Base headquarters is getting more like a luxury hotel every day...

Just returned from leave for a rest is Air Commodore McEwen, the Base Commander...

That far-away look in Wing Commander "Ernie" Emond's eyes these days must indicate some more leave coming up...

Off to spend the winter season on the Italian Riviera goes our Base Casanova...

Baldy Sighs and Sighs

F/S Baldy Staples is still giving considerable attention to that attractive WAAF officer...

The arrival of an attractive W.D. telephone operator named Dot Montour has caused quite a spurt in the social life of Tommy Plunkett...

Gin is properly called "fire water," W/O Fred Warner found out the other night when he threw a glass on the fire...

F/S Bill McCarthy is spending his off days in a nearby town at present. He reports the entertainment both on the table and on the hoof very satisfactory...

The continued arrival of new batches of W.D.s is brightening the horizon of W/O Ken Jordan, the Base diplomat...

Still "Rose and Crowning" nightly is W/O Bill Ard. Helping him to keep the Bar in position are Sgt. R. Joel, Sgt. Bill Sheard and F/S W. H. Gunn...

THE MUSTANG MEN

By SLICH

LONDON, here we come! This has been our theme song since we managed to beat all comers on the old diamond...

Our own unit produced its first local paper this week, so we quote from it. On the first page we find a rather explicit reason why Cpl. Kasperski (orderly room) is so anxious to learn French...

Our A.L.O. Section seems to be completely overwhelmed by silt trenches, dark nights and D.I.-ing service bicycles which won't steer...

That far-away look in Wing Commander "Ernie" Emond's eyes these days must indicate some more leave coming up...

THE FOG HOGS

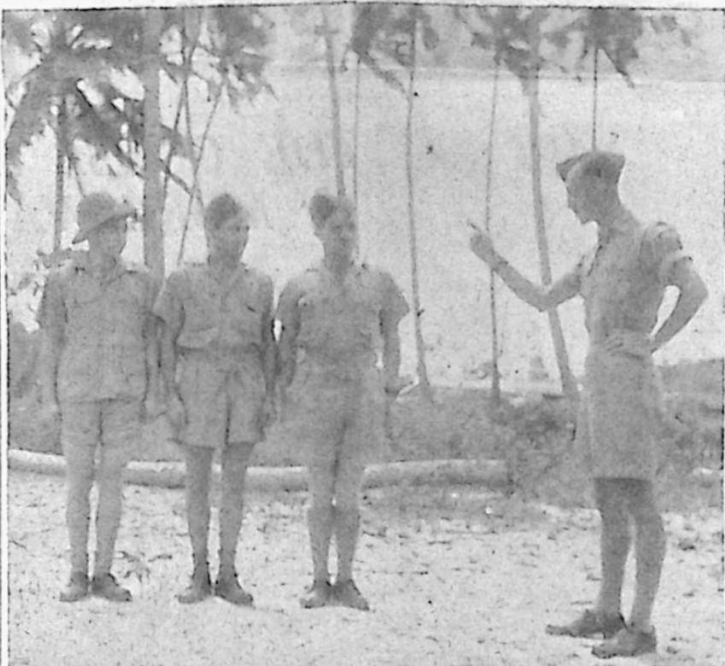
By SGT. GEO. LACY

THE welcome visit by the A.O.C.-in-C., RCAF Overseas, Air Marshal Edwards, was the highlight this week for all Canadian personnel...

Our popular instrument basher, Sgt. Alex. Sahli, would have been celebrating his third year overseas with us this month...

Here we are with the old standby—baseball news. I don't know just what it is they have, but these officers will not be beaten...

Still "Rose and Crowning" nightly is W/O Bill Ard. Helping him to keep the Bar in position are Sgt. R. Joel, Sgt. Bill Sheard and F/S W. H. Gunn...



Even in tropic Ceylon discipis go in for this kind of thing. The character waving that authoritative digit shall remain nameless...



NORTH ENGLAND

By LAC George Maybee

SHAKESPEARE once wrote "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more," and that is what "Shorty" Burniston has been muttering these last few days...

At the NAAFI dance last week Cpl. "Pat" Patmore, Hank Tuers and Geo. Syers tripped the light fantastic in great style...

We have noticed that Cpl. "Pat" Patmore, Herb Parkes and Ledge Jackson have been spending all their time in camp lately...

In the hut one night recently Cpl. "Sandy" Sanderson and "Roody" Pickeraet staged a duel with cans of talcum powder...

Any potential candidates for air crew should consult F/S Ball. "Chieffe" has been carrying around an ingenious contraption, a so-called lung tester...

SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Love

NOW that "Goldie" is gone, the boys are striving for that enviable position of chief air tester, with the intention of building up the hours...

It's going to be quiet in our end of the room now that "Gabbie" McInnes is on the ways to Wilts M.U.

From arguments after lights out, one would gather that Fry and Clearhill, of Ottawa and Toronto, are staunch easterners...

LAC Love may not be piling up the air hours, but he's adding to his "wagon" hours. News from Canada tells us that Jerry Gale is at Clinton and likes it...

Preparations are in progress for another party. All departed members of our group are cordially invited.

We welcome F/L Ward, of Fort William, and hope he'll be with us longer than the last Canadian officer. Our Frank Moss is covering a new territory, but our new man, a Torontonian, has replenished our larders with cigarettes, matches, pyjamas and other things we require.

YORKSHIRE DOINGS

By Moo Aspler

GETTING the gen at a station recently were the following relative newcomers to this country: Jacques Letellier and Jean Perreault, both of Montreal, Mario Prizale, Vancouver, George "Tiny" Follis, 6 ft. 4 1/2 in. Torontonian, and wee "Sleepy Dun" Cunningham, St. Stephen, N.B.

On the handing-out side of the course were trouble-shooters F/S Al Ginsberg and Sgt. Jimmy Brooks, both of Toronto, and

BLACK BULL NEWS

By DALE

FRESH from a long stay at an RAF station in Gopher Land (Manitoba) is our new sky pilot, F/L (C for Cyril) Clarke. Possibly astounded, probably at the very least astonished, the padre found, on arrival, that he was promulgated in D.R.O.s as conductor of "Communication" services.

F/L Clarke's evening teas are becoming the social successes of the season. A spot of liquid sunshine cut down the attendance at the opener, graced, however, by the presence of LAWS Margie White, Betty (Publications) Shields and Cpl. Rosemary Davison.

Sgt. Gwennie Rhodes and LAC English attempting to make the latter's duty clerk night jive with his pressing social engagements made a touching scene.

Cpl. Ingle stoutly maintains that the reason those plump, juicy rabbits of yore are becoming a rarity is because their supply lines are being cut by Cpl. "Ev." Brown. After watching this gentleman make with the lettuce at a recent tea we are inclined to agree.

A scene reminiscent of the 1929 Wall Street panic was on view at S.H.Q. orderly room one sunny afternoon. Investigation revealed that LAW "Scotty" Denham had misplaced a ha'penny of her tart purchasing fund.

Belated but none the less hearty congratulations to Sgt. Irene Cranshaw, the "blonde bombshell" of the cypher department on the acquisition of a well-deserved "third."

Our young, chubby, WO2 adjutant, "Curly Carl" Wells will never rank among the elite in the world of science. It is more or less common knowledge that cold water should never be added to hot jars whilst making glue, airmen, for the use of, Sir, a suitable elementary chemistry course may be had on application to the education officer, P/O Pierce.

No. 2 DISTRICT H.Q.

By CPL. F. OTTO

IT is exactly 09.00 hours and No. 2 D.H.Q. is at work. (Go on!) A visitor would wonder at the quietness of our offices. Our C.O., S/L Ted Hove, is busy opening the morning mail (what, no cheque!). S/L Johnston and S/L Malone, our padres, when not on a trip are usually found in the orderly room—"what, no mail?" P/O "Patty" Pattison, our postal officer, is looking busy in his office (I said looking!), and Mr. Graham, the K. of C. supervisor, can be found with a huge key in his hand opening up his treasures.

Then our visitor will suddenly hear a terrific stamping of feet!—"An invasion? No, it's only our M.T. drivers! Here's Cpl. Bill Burden, who states that 22 pints just start to make his throat wet, and recommends marriage to the average young man. Are you an average young man, Bill? Gee whiz!

What Characters

And here's Johnny Stevens, our "terror boy"! They say that when he spits he spits bullets and when he takes a sip he swims! LAC "Shorty" Bull says that when he gets issued with a uniform he uses his pants for overalls and his jacket for a greatcoat! What he uses his greatcoat for?—a tent! LAC Billett here just realised that he's a corporal—some guys are like that!

In the back somewhere can be found our glamour boys, Cpl. Al Armstrong and LACs Les Krogh and Elmer Leadbeater. Les may soon marry—his fiancée wears a hook on her A.T.S. uniform—dandelions, Les?

And there is the orderly room where LAC George Symon and yours truly slave away untiringly (oh, mister!). George recently received a photograph with a perfumed note. Apparently his feminine admirer looks at his photograph each new morn and sighs: "Good morning, George!" Some guys just got it, that's all!

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RECORDS OFFICE

A2 (CAN)

By LAC WALLINGTON

AFTER a journey of several thousand miles a letter arrived here telling us that Cpl. Len Taylor, a Records man who went ahead, is enjoying himself aplenty. With swims in the Volga and women who don't(?) speak his language he will have his hands full. Len wants to hear from Sgt. Tony Buck, another former toiler of Record Office. A letter to me will get Len's address.

A party attended by most of the gang proved to be a big success. Many thanks are extended from the boys to those responsible. The promoter of the "do," Sgt. Art Toomey, was conspicuous by his absence. Claims he was too "busy." She-trouble, no doubt. Cpl. Cliff Doughty swears that someone put sleeping potion in his "lemonade," because he was going to sleep walking along the road on the way back.

At the station sports day the Canuck personnel excelled. LAC "Irish" Booth came through with his usual form and ran away with firsts in the 100 yards dash and the high jump; seconds in the hop, step and jump and also the obstacle race. LAC Bob Ayling took first in the cricket ball throw and second in the shot put. To top off a good day the Canadian relay team took second prize. Those in the team were LACs Booth, Balcom, Dean and Sauro.

Gardening is getting to be the "hobby" of quite a few stalwarts these days. Under the watchful eye of a vigilant S.P., LACs George Prew, Leo Reardon, Ken Longrigg, Ralph Biggar and Norm Clarke are putting in a few digging hours every night. It is officially stated that it isn't just for "Victory" that they are digging.

Off on a new job—a better one, we hope—Cpl. Bare Gittus bid adieu to Record Office this week. We all sure hope that you like the change. On leave this week is Cpl. Harry Sloan. The girls of his section, Nancy and her pal, are wishing him a speedy return.

G1 (CAN)

By SGT. "MEM" AITKEN

FINALLY! At last! And now—we can exclusively give you the past, present and future history of one Sgt. Art Mingay. It's taken us weeks to tie him down, as Art is one of our busiest men at Records. He's the guy what makes youse guys handle all those "clearance slips." Art was born the strong, dark, silent (women go "Ahh") type—November, 1919, in Windsor, Ont., where he grew up and attended Walkerville High for his Junior Matric, and thence a course at Windsor Business College. All this put him in line for a position with the Canada Trust Company working on estate affairs. Felt the urge in May, 1941, and was shoved about between Trenton and St. Thomas until coming overseas in December, '41. Spent just enough time at squadron and Ruislip to say "Hello and Good-bye," but took a fancy to Records and has been here for past 18 months.

Seen about: Some of the boys tossing the old "pigskin" around in anticipation. LAC Don Bridgman "setting" his way to semi-finals in our tennis tournament. A certain W.O., who lost a certain blonde before he ever found her—and then lost his "anchorage"! Already missed about here are LACs Roy Roper and Lloyd Fawcett, who left us last week for more "active" service in time to come. However, as they are quite near we hope to see them once in a while.

Anticipating a mild winter or an early spring, the "G.1 twins," Earl Russenholt and "Polly" Polliquin, together with Bud "I found a red-headed worm" McEvoy and Charlie Morrow were last seen at twilight faded, faithfully digging their "farm" land. Planting "corn," boys?



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THEY GAVE THE ENEMY "BLUES IN THE NIGHT"

AW, GEE! DEPT.

The rich smoothness of Glenn Miller and his orchestra floated out of a gramophone over the dusty moonlit plain in North Africa.

A flight lieutenant sat listening to "The Story of a Starry Night," based on the super-melody of Tschai-chowski.

He leaned to a friend and said, "Can you imagine a girl out there in a billowy white evening gown, with coal black hair and beautiful eyes?"

He pointed to a bare spot on the moonswept plain.

"Take it easy, chum. This war can't go on for ever," said the friend.

"Blues in the Nite," Wellington Bomber of an RCAF squadron in North Africa, touched down after a raid on railway yards in Naples, completing a tour of ops. for the five men she carried.

The pilot had tagged the Wimpy "Blues in the Nite" on the theory that it would mean blues in the night for the Axis. Once established on ops. in Tunisia, a curious practice developed in connection with the kite.

Every time the crew returned from a successful mission, a member of the ground crew servicing their bomber stood ready with paint and brush. He painted in red, next to the title on the bomber's nose, a musical note from the melody "Blues in the Night."

"When I felt those wheels hit the ground for the last time after that raid on Naples—that was a thrill!" said the pilot of the Wimpy, P/O Count Spooner, Edmonton. Spooner was skipper of their crew which had been flying together for fifteen months. The others are P/O Navigator James Leigh, Toronto; F/S Wireless Operator Scott MacKay, La Fleche, Sask.; F/S Bomb-Almer Ferdinand LeDressay, Kennedy, Sask.; and Sgt. Air-Gunner Stewart Blackert, Lethbridge, Alta.

This crew had been flying as a unit since they first rose from an operational training field in England. Their bombing missions from here included attacks on Hamburg, Kiel, Essen, Duisburg, and five on Lorient.

The one they'll never forget was the one on Hamburg last February. The raid was carried out in 40 below zero weather through dense cloud. Ice kept forming on their oxygen masks despite the bomber's heating system. The radio caught fire. Both motors cut from icing, but P/O Spooner managed to get them going again, and they got through to the target.

Another time returning from Kiel, they got 16 small shrapnel holes in their kite. Their pitch control went haywire, and they flew all the way back at fixed pitch, at a speed of 125 miles an hour. The Wimpy which they were flying then had no name, but was inscribed with two huge dice showing three sets of sevens. This raid was their last operation from England.

From North Africa they struck at Naples, Messina, Salerno, Randazzo and at Sicilian and Italian aerodromes. They supported ground forces during the invasion of Sicily, and after the landing assisted the advance of Canadian troops.

BLENHEIM PILOT NOW FLIES CATS

With 150 hours on flying-boats behind him, P/O Thomas Mansfield, Ottawa, hopes to skipper his own craft soon. At present he is second pilot of an RCAF Catalina in Ceylon.

"Bud," as he is known, went east by stages. He joined up in July, 1940, came overseas in March, 1941, and after O.T.U. became a member of a Blenheim squadron of the RAF. After two ops. over France he proceeded to Malta with his unit in September, 1941. In four months' flying there he concentrated on beating-up enemy road transport in the Tripoli area.

On one occasion Bud and three other kites were bombing and strafing lorries and trailers off a road when his port wing hit a palm tree. The aircraft almost spun into the ground, but he just managed to pull it up. Half his port wing gone he coddled his Blenheim back to Malta.

Later he went to Cairo and picked up another crew, all Aussies. They joined a RAF squadron in the desert, and helped drive the Jerries from Halfaya Pass, Derna, Benghazi, and Tobruk. When the Jerries counter-attacked the squadron flew from dawn till dusk for days, punishing the advancing enemy. Once Bud was flying in a formation of three Blenheims to bomb a spot in the desert. They could see nothing but what appeared to be a few broken-down cars. They bombed anyway. Later reports disclosed that they had knocked out 12 German tanks and 15 other vehicles.

In February, 1942, the squadron flew to Ceylon, and in January, 1943, Bud transferred to the RCAF Cats.

NEW RCAF HALLY MEN

In London recently were lads who have recently joined the roll call of a Canadian Halifax squadron. They are P/O Bomb-Almer Bert Cudney, Fergus, Ont.; Sgt. Pilot "Moose" Nadeau, Que.; F/O Navigator Howard Lee, Toronto; Sgt. Rear-Gunner Art Dupont, Que.; and Sgt. Engineer Harry Newlove, Ontario.



These three Canadians compare notes after a reconnaissance flight over enemy territory while an RAF corporal removes the aerial camera from one of their planes. Their job is to produce the proof of damage after Bomber Command has delivered another cargo of high explosives to Germany. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

SUGGIT WILL KEEP FLYING

Has Finished Second Tour
But Will Continue
With His Pals

Elongated Bill Suggit, Toronto, a squadron leader at 22, recently climbed out of his huge Halifax bomber, his operational chores in this war completed if he so chose. But the young pilot wanted to "screen" four veteran members of his crew, so he's going on to make five more trips.

He has completed two operational tours and that means a well-deserved rest, but sooner than see his mates wind up their first tour with a strange skipper S/L Suggit has gained permission to make the extra sorties. He is a flight commander in the Canadian bomber group squadron led by W/C Don Smith, Preston, Ont.

His crew mates are P/O "Blondy" Westell, Hamilton; P/O "Chuck" Carter, Lewisville, N.B.; F/O "Red" Brown, Moomsin, Sask.; and P/O "Dickie" Douglass, Edmonton.

S/L Suggit's log book includes most of the important enemy targets. His log does not list one mining stooge, all his trips have been raids on enemy territory. Discussing his trips, Bill figures that he "must have been just plain lucky, because most of them have been fairly peaceful." His shakiest do was a visit to Cologne.

"I was flying a Wimpy with an RAF squadron when Jerry caught us in a box barrage of flak just as we reached Cologne," said Bill. "My wireless operator suffered severe wounds and died three days later. They pumped 130 holes in our kite. On the return trip we couldn't navigate and had to come home on the beam."

Three Big Minutes

During the barrage, which lasted three minutes, the dinghy was blown out of the kite. The air speed indicators and hydraulics were both knocked out, and one tyre was punctured.

During his 50 trips S/L Suggit saw only one German fighter. The Jerry opened an attack over Bremen, but broke off to the side without making any hits or awaiting combat.

On the same night flak smashed the bomb-almer's panel and the cold air rushed in. He bombed on schedule, but the bomb-almer froze his hands in the operation and was off flying for a month.

Flak also smashed an oil gauge, and oil with 90-pound pressure behind it sprayed the cockpit. Some of the oil splashed into Suggit's face, seriously affecting his eyesight, temporarily, and he was out of action for a week.

HOT WORK AT THAT

Being only seven degrees north of the equator does not stop Cpl. Robert Whiting, of Winnipeg, from indulging in his favourite pastime—baseball.

Whenever he can get enough Canadians together he makes up a ball team to challenge other Canadian outfits in the area.

At present he is in Ceylon, where he has spent a year and a half.

UNSIGNED LETTERS

"Wings Abroad" has received an anonymous letter full of the cheapest sarcasm about a certain airman. Though unsigned the letter made it clear that the senders were not RCAF personnel.

This publication is always interested in signed letters of constructive criticism and not interested in the other kind. The anonymous senders can get what satisfaction they can out of the knowledge that their cowardly missive was filed in the editorial wastepaper basket upon receipt.

BROTHER MEETS SISTER IN SICILY

Probably the first dance on Sicilian soil after the invasion was held to celebrate the chance meeting of a Winnipeg brother and sister.

The two, Lieut. Nursing Sister Betty Nicolson and W/O Donald Nicolson, had not seen one another for two years. Betty is attached to a Canadian Army hospital, Don to an RAF Kittyhawk squadron that fought through the battles of Malta, Sicily and the Western Desert.

"It was one of the biggest thrills of my life to meet Betty in Syracuse," said Nicolson, "and we staged a bang-up celebration. I went to the English Town Major, who got into the spirit of the thing and commended the services of a professional Italian dance band. Then Betty rounded up a gang of British and Canadian nurses and I collected the lads from my squadron. They gave us the use of the hall in a bombed Medical College and we put on a dance that was probably not only the first in Sicily since the invasion, but certainly the best. Even the Eytie musicians got a bang out of it."

AITON'S SERVED ON LAND, SEA AND AIR

A triple threat man on the team of an RCAF Bluenose Squadron bomber is Sgt. Howard Aiton, Martland, N.B., a three-letter lad in Canada's armed services.

On land, on sea and in the air the RCAF air-gunner has served the Dominion. He served for several years in the Canadian Merchant Navy before joining the Royal Canadian Regiment of the Permanent Force Army.

He did a three-year hitch with the Army and shortly before the war joined the RCAF as an equipment assistant. In October, 1942, he remustered to air crew.

He had his first brush with a nightfighter on his second trip out. The kite was headed for Mannheim. "We were on our way to the target," he says, "when a Ju.88 came in from the port quarter. He shifted astern and I gave him a short burst. Couldn't see any of them hit, but he sheered off and disappeared and didn't bother us any more."

BEAR PILOTS GET FOUR IN TWO BATTLES

Squadron Takes On Two
Swarms Without
Losing a Kite

Taking on two separate swarms of German fighters while returning from a sortie on the Continent, pilots of Canada's Bear Squadron, led by S/L Geoff Northcott, D.F.C., Minnedosa, Man., shot down four and returned to base without loss.

First encounter came just as the squadron had turned homeward. Three Me.109s were sighted to the north and 4,000 feet below. The Canadians pounced from 11,000 feet, Northcott going after the German leader and F/L Mitchener, Saskatoon, closing in on a second from dead astern. Northcott was forced to break off because the Messerschmitt was out of range, but Mitchener, being nearer, gave his opponent a long burst of cannon and machine gun fire from 200 yards. The Jerry dived steeply away, trailing a stream of glycol, and was seen to crash by S/L Northcott.

As the Spitfires crossed the enemy coast 20 F.W.190s came in from behind and below at about 6,000 feet, pushing upward toward the RCAF formation, but Northcott broke sharply and led his men to attack. He attacked one F.W. at 300 yards range and saw his cannon shells tear off one wing of the enemy fighter. The German spiralled down and crashed into the sea. P/O Lawson, Dundas, Ont., and F/L Mitchener both saw the 190 hit the water.

P/O Moore, Philadelphia, Pa., broke to port with his section; Sgt. Thorne, Rye, N.Y., last man in the section, opened fire, sending another F.W. down in flames. Moore chased another German around in a steep turn, and after closing in to 150 yards gave it a five-second burst causing it to burst into flames and crash. W/O Prebble, Steveston, B.C., confirmed Moore's kill, while S/L Northcott saw Thorne's victim hit the deck. Before calling it a day Moore had another go at the Germans, getting 200 yards astern of another F.W. and observing cannon strikes on the fuselage. This last was claimed as damaged.

HAS DONE 25 TRIPS

Sgt. Flight Engineer Fred Boulter, Oyen, Alta., has done 25 trips with an RCAF Halifax squadron. Fred came overseas as a fitter, and worked on Tomahawks and Mustangs of a Canadian Army Co-op unit before he remustered to flight engineer.

Canadians in Fred's crew are F/S mid-upper gunner Wilf Gorman, New Castle, N.B.; P/O Skipper "Nardy" McSorley, Long Island, N.Y.



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HEADQUARTERS

EVERYBODY from the Air Commodore down enjoyed themselves at the Personnel Party on Thursday. (This column gets corner and corner—it used the same lead last week.) As the Air Commodore said, "Polissonnel, we are gathered here together to celebrate two big events—the fall of Italy and the fall of the Knights softball team."

Although Sgt. Rignall had to hand the softball cup back to F/L Doughty after he received it from the Air Comm., Rignall did himself proud by speaking a neat piece of speech. The party took place at Connaught Rooms (can't we get away from the place?) S/L Webster ran through a few yards of music on the piano and Sgt. Pete Dubois gave a rousing rendition of "Alouette."

Then on Sunday, because there were only two Personnel players on the team, we were overwhelmed 11-0 by the Yanks in the International softball league. As a hysterical Personnel player put it, "Oh the ignominy, oh the ignominy."

On Saturday morning Hal Cotton didn't look much like a man who was getting married. He looked more like a jerk who had been on a stag party the night before. He was, however, later on in the day Hal was married—at Holy Trinity Church, Kingsway. S/L F. K. Belton, RCAF chaplain, tied the knot, assisted by the local vicar.

Hal was matched to Cpl. Mary Smith, Montreal, of the Canadian WAACs. Sgt. J. G. Smith, educational clerk, ex-radio mech, was the best man. Smith was the best man at Friday night's party also. Hal and Mary are now on a week's leave. Congratulations, kids.

This week we're givin' the skin to another flock of commissions. Congratulations, Flying Officers Bassett, Brown, Jeffries, Hinde and Birchall. Nice going, Pilot Officers Jeffries, Roy, Figg, Hayes and Cochran. Gee guys, now you can be orderly officers.

This scribble is sorry to bring Duthie in again this week. In fact this scribble is even sorry about Duthie. While celebrating the recent appointments of his friends to commissions, Duthie ended the evening in the wastepaper basket. Reason number 5437 why we jes' can't win.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

DESPITE all the groans that came forth as a result of last Saturday's D.R.O.s, the Wids really don't seem to mind rising at an early hour and strutting their stuff on the parade square before they begin the day's work. There'll probably be some breakfasts eaten now—and maybe an improvement in figures, and we don't mean those that the Accounts Section wrestles with, either! My goodness, did you ever see such snappy salutes as those received by our officers from the "citizens" of Chelsea Barracks—or such an admiring (?) audience which surveyed us in action from countless windows? It was almost worth the sacrifice of half an hour's sleep.

Sgt. Weitendorf won't forget for a while the day she noticed a peculiar looking car proceeding down one of London's streets. Quite naturally, of course, she exclaimed, "Oh, look at the car with the dingy on top of it." One of the staff in the discip. office enlightened her. Yes, it was one of those automobiles that uses gas as a fuel.

Sometimes we wonder about our Canadian humour. LAW Nan Pennefather, of Ottawa, is doing that right about now. Recently she boarded a London bus in the company of some sisters in blue, and as they passed one of the stops "Penny" remarked to one of them: "Look at all the people waving to us," whereupon another of the passengers informed her in a disgusted tone, "They're stopping the bus!" Ho, hum!

ITALY AIR WAR

(Continued from page 1.)
three enemy fighters as the squadron bagged seven on its last patrols over enemy territory before the announcement of the armistice with Italy.

F/O J. R. Woolgar, Edmonton; F/O I. F. Kennedy, D.F.C., Cumberland, Ont.; and F/S Reg Gray, Toronto, each scored once. The squadron's total was six Macchi fighters and one F.W.190. It was Kennedy who got the Nazi kite.

The squadron was patrolling near Reggio when the formation of bomb-carrying Macchis was sighted. The Italian pilots unloaded their bombs and then were chased towards the mountains further inland. They were engaged in a series of running dogfights at practically zero levels in narrow valleys.

Kennedy chased his Pocke-Wulfe 60 miles up the coast of Italy before he got in the burst that finished him.

Besides getting their own kills, both Woolgar and Gray shared in the destruction of two Italian aircraft.

"Neapolitan Nights"

RCAF members of an RAF light bomber squadron nightly attacked targets well behind the retreating enemy. The marshalling yards near Naples was one of the last of these successful attacks. Hits were made on rails and buildings, and the aircraft returned to base without loss.

"It was a comparatively easy trip, with little opposition from flak or nightfighters," said F/O James Fearn, Toronto.

The Naples yards had been attacked on the previous evening with equal success. "There were bags of searchlights but nothing to back them up," Sgt. Angus Bruce, Kingston, Ont., reported.

Among the RCAF lads operating regularly with this advanced squadron are Sgt. Paul Bedel, Lebert, Sask.; F/O Reginald Fraser, Pictou, N.S.; F/O William Walker, Blubber Bay, B.C.; F/O Ross Lisell, Grimsby, Ont.; W/O Charles Ferguson, Weyburn, Sask.; P/O Floyd Phillips, Kenora; Sgt. E. C. J. Roney, Detroit; P/O George Besarich, Clinton, Iowa; Sgt. Art Huggins, Vancouver; Sgt. Harry Wood, Moncton, N.B.; Sgt. Gregory Underwood, Grand Falls, N.B.

ERNE MONCRIEFF BACKS MUSTANGS

The softball men of W/C Ernie Moncrieff's Mustangs haven't lacked for beer money lately, and they can thank their C.O.'s faith in them as well as their own ability for this happy state of affairs. Much of the beer was actually paid for by two other Canuck wincos, who had to fork out to Winco Moncrieff when their teams lost exhibition games to Mustangs. W/Cs John Godfrey and M. Brown are the gentlemen who had to dig deep into their jeans to cover the Mustangs' beer bill.

To add insult to injury W/C Moncrieff sent his team across the diamond to thank the losing winco, when he had passed his winnings to the lads as thirst quenchers.

"Don't thank me," chuckled Moncrieff, "go thank Godfrey." And they gathered around the Buzzard's C.O. and thanked him loudly. W/C Brown escaped to his car before he could receive the same thanks after his boys had bowed to the Mustangs.

His Bouncers had lost out to the tune of 26-13. From the sixth inning on a drizzle of rain made things tough for all except the hitters, who knocked in 20 runs after the rains came.

Powerhouse of the winners was the star fielding trio, Friedlandsky, who smashed in two homers, and Nesson and Scheff, who each hit a four bagger. For the losers, Carl Kerr at third was among the stars, contributing more than one top-knotch catch and knocking out a three base hit. LAC Dave Rae pitched for Bouncers and Pte. Eddie Macdonald and "Kid" Fletcher pitched for Mustangs.

WHITLEY O.T.U. GRADS

The following boys have completed a course at an RAF Whitley O.T.N.: Sgt. Bomb-Almers Al Raddbourne, Owen Sound, Ont.; Bob Vance, Vancouver; Ross Lunn, Peterborough, Ont.; Danny Lalonde, Windsor, Ont.; Sgt. Pilot Alf King, Toronto; F/L Pilot "Barny" Keenan, Detroit; and Sgt. A/D Don Donaldson, Verdun, Que.

FILM LOG

"ESCAPE TO DANGER"

(London Pavilion)
Ann Dvorak and Eric Portman wade through a muddled and improbable story about the British Secret Service. Dvorak is the girl friend of a Nazi big-shot in Denmark, but turns out to be working for the British. Portman, posing as a perpetual drunk, is also working for the British. Dvorak dies. Portman and the British Fleet triumph.

"VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER"

(New Gallery)
The evolution of the eight-machine-gun fighter. Disney records, all started early in World War I when a Frenchie heaved a brick at a Jerry in a passing observation plane. Then followed duels with pistols, rifles, shot-guns, etc., right up to the armament of to-day's fighter. Disney, in his interpretation of Major Seversky's best seller, gets funny only in covering the history of aviation. For the rest he is presenting the serious views of a serious book. "Strategy," says the major, "is simply the destruction of the enemy's power." In a few live-action scenes Major Seversky tells how this strategy can be carried out by air power alone. Aided by the Disney ingenuity for animation he points out the air power mistakes of the Allies at Norway, Crete and the Far East. How air power won the Battle of Britain and made pos-

TURNBULL TO BOSS HALIFAX SQUADRON

The appointment of W/C R. S. M. Turnbull, D.F.M., Govan, Sask., to command the "Lion" squadron of Halifax bombers has been announced by RCAF headquarters.

W/C Turnbull, who established an RCAF record by rising from sergeant to his present rank in 11 months, was the first graduate of the British Commonwealth Air Training plan to reach the rank of wing commander after enlisting as an AC2.

Until his new appointment, he commanded a heavy conversion unit in the Canadian bomber group.

sible the evacuation at Dunkirk; and finally how Germany and Japan can be destroyed by overwhelming air power.

"Victory Through Air Power" is not designed to be completely funny and amusing. It presents the ideas of a far-sighted authority on aviation. See it.

"HITLER'S MADMAN"

(Empire)
If this picture does nothing else it will serve to remind people what the Germans are really like when they begin yelling "Kamerad." Lidice is not fiction. You probably will feel on seeing this picture the reality of Nazi brutality more than you have from fictional war pictures in the past.

John Carradine gives an excellent performance as the ruthless Heydrich. Alan Curtis does not do quite so well as Karel Vavra, the young Czech who returns to his native village by parachute, but Patricia Morison portrays his village sweetheart nicely.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

THEATRES

- HIPPODROME.** Ger. 3272. Evgs. 5.40. Weds., Thurs., Sat., 2.30. GEORGE BLACK tells THE LISBON STORY. A Play with Music.
- PALACE.** Ger. 6034. Evgs. 6.30. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. JACK HYLTON'S HI-de-HI with FLANAGAN and ALLEN. Transferring to Stoll Theatre Sept. 21st.
- PALLADIUM.** Ger. 7373. Twice Daily at 2.30 and 5.15. VARIETY COMES BACK.
- PRINCES.** Tem. 6396. Evgs. 6.15. Thurs. & Sat., 2.30. FIRTH SHEPARD'S New Musical Extravaganza MAGIC CARPET.
- SYDNEY HOWARD.** CYRIL FLETCHER. "The Best Revue in Town."—S. Pictorial.
- PRINCE OF WALES.** Whl. 8681. Twice daily at 2.40 and 5.30. Sid Field in GEORGE BLACK'S STRIKE A NEW NOTE.
- SAVILLE.** Tem. 4011. Evgs. 6.20. Wed. & Sat., 2.30. FIRTH SHEPARD presents JUNIOR MISS "Hot of laughter... brilliantly acted... screamingly funny."—S. Dispatch.
- SAVOY.** Tem. 6866. Comm. Wed. next at 6.30. Wed., Sat., 2.30. FIRTH SHEPARD presents MY SISTER EILEEN. Sally Gray, Coral Browne, Max Bacon.
- STRAND.** Tem. 2660. Evgs. 6.30. Thurs. & Sat., 2.30. FIRTH SHEPARD presents ARSENIC AND OLD LACE. Lillian Brathwaite, Mary Jerrold, Naunton Wayne, Frank Pettigrew, Edmund Willard.
- VICTORIA PALACE.** Vic. 1317. Twice Daily 2.30 and 6.0. (Ex. Fri. Mat.) LUPINO LANE in a farcical musical LA-di-DA-di-DA "A laugh a minute."—Daily Express.
- WINDMILL.** Picc. Circus. 12th Yr. REVUEVILLE, 16th Edition, (1st week) Continuous daily, 12.15-9.30 p.m. Last performance 7.50 p.m. A VIVIAN VAN DAMM PRODUCTION.

CINEMAS

- DOMINION (G-B).** Tottenham Court Rd. DEAR OCTOPUS (A) MURDER IN TIMES SQUARE (A) News, &c. Weekdays: continuous 11.45 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.
- EMPIRE.** Leicester Sq. Starting Friday. THE GIRL IN OVERALLS (U) with ANN SOTHERN. WILL HAY in MY LEARNED FRIEND (U)
- GAUMONT.** Haymarket. Whl. 6655. ERNST LUBITSCH'S HEAVEN CAN WAIT (A) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 9.40. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.
- LEICESTER SQ. THEATRE.** Whl. 5252. MARIA MONTEZ, SABU in WHITE CAPTIVE (A) Perfs. at 11.40, 2.10, 4.40, 7.10.
- LONDON PAVILION.** Cont. 10 to 10 p.m. ERIC PORTMAN, ANN DVORAK in ESCAPE TO DANGER (A) 2nd week.
- MARBLE ARCH PAVILION.** May. 6112. ERNST LUBITSCH'S HEAVEN CAN WAIT (A) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.
- NEW GALLERY.** Regent St. Reg. 8060. WALT DISNEY'S VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER (U) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 10.50 to 9.25. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.
- NEW VICTORIA (G-B).** Opp. Vic. Stn. DEAR OCTOPUS (A) MURDER IN TIMES SQUARE (A) News, &c. Weekdays: continuous 11.45 to 9.55. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.
- ODEON.** Leicester Square. Whl. 6111. Last Two Days. BETTY GRABLE CESAR ROMERO in CONEY ISLAND (U) In Technicolor. Showing at 10.35, 12.55, 3.15, 5.35, 7.55.
- PARAMOUNT.** Tottenham Court Rd. TYRONE POWER, MYRNA LOY THE RAINS CAME (A) ANNABELLA, JOHN SUTTON TO-NIGHT WE RAID CALAIS (A) (In Technicolor) REGAL. Marble Arch. Pad. 8011. BETTE DAVIS and PAUL LUKAS in WATCH ON THE RHINE (U) Commencing Friday. For times of showing see Daily Press.
- TATLER TH. (G-B).** Charing Cross Rd. ANGLO-SOVIET SEASON MASQUERADE (A) Brave Girl (U), Easter in Moscow 1942 (U) TIVOLI. Strand. Tem. 5625. DEANNA DURBIN & JOSEPH COTTEN in HERS TO HOLD (U) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 9.30. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.
- WARNER.** Leicester Square. Ger. 3423. BETTE DAVIS, PAUL LUKAS in WATCH ON THE RHINE (U) With Geraldine Fitzgerald, Lucile Watson, Beulah Bondi, George Coulouris. For times of showing see Daily Press.

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