

Canadians Score Heavily in Dogfights

FIVE GERMANS FALL TO LEADING PILOTS

Luftwaffe Mauled in Spectacular Battle—Twenty Planes Go Down During Day

CHADBURN GETS NINTH ON ESCORT JOB

IN one of the most spectacular air battles of the fighter offensive Canadian Spitfire pilots shot down five enemy aircraft on Friday, just one quarter of the day's total bag. Four of the Germans fell to aces of the Canadian fighter wing now led by W/C Hugh Godefroy, D.F.C. and Bar, Toronto, the fifth to W/C E. F. J. Charles, Vancouver, who flies with the R.A.F.

Godefroy scored one of the victories himself, bringing his total to seven enemy aircraft destroyed. He closed on four German fighters and fired from 100 yards into the tail of an F.W.190, which turned on its side and crashed.

Another triumph—his 30th—went to F/O George "Screwball" Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. and Bar. It was Beurling's first kill since returning to operations with the Wolf Squadron. Spotting an F.W.190 above him, the sharpshooter from Verdun, Que., circled and let go with a short burst that tore off the enemy's port wing.

F/L Robert Buckham, D.F.C. and American D.F.C., Vancouver, who leads the Red Indian Squadron, raised his personal score to six and a half when he destroyed a German after chasing him from 20,000 feet almost to the deck. It was his second victory in five days. In addition, Buckham damaged another F.W.190.

Silly German
"The Jerry I damaged was a marvellous flyer," he said later. "Each time I would close on him and start firing he'd go into a barrel roll as my strikes hit him. I was on his tail again, heading toward Paris, when another silly German crossed right in front of me. I turned on him and he exploded. The other Jerry was too far away by that time for me to go after him."

The fourth victory was shared between W/C Lloyd V. Chadburn, D.S.O., D.F.C., Aurora, Ont., and F/L J. D. Mitchener, Saskatoon, Chadburn, who leads the City of Oshawa and City of Winnipeg squadrons, has shot down nine German planes.

His ninth came on Monday during diversionary sweeps in support of an attack by USAAF Marauders on an airfield at Conches, Chadburn shot down an Me.109, damaged another and probably destroyed an F.W.190.

Earlier in the week, during a half-hearted scrap with 60 F.W.s and Me.109s, Chadburn damaged two more German fighters, while W/O E. A. Norris, Kitchener, Ont., mopped up an Me.109.

"They weren't exactly spilling for a scrap, although they outnumbered us three to one and should have been able to wipe

WINDSOR UNIT IS ON ITALIAN SOIL

First RCAF unit to land on the Continent is the City of Windsor Squadron. This much-travelled outfit started its roundabout route to Berlin via Britain, North Africa and Sicily and is now stationed in Italy.

Spitfires stand side by side with Macchis, at readiness, Italian gunners, manning a ring of ground batteries, are re-vising the aircraft recognition learned in the past three years and two months of warfare at an Italian airfield where Canadians are now stationed.

Between sweeps, deep into German-occupied Italy, the Canadian pilots have found time to talk to be-ribboned airmen of Regia Aeronautica based at the drome.

The dominant Italian theme is the superiority of Spitfires over all other fighters. Linked by a common interest in flying, Canadians and Italians are succeeding in talking without rancour. Their recent status as foes is being shelved for the sake of continued prosecution of the war and the expulsion of the Germans from Italy.

"The sky with us," the winco explained.

The action took place while Chadburn's wing was escorting a formation of bombers to a target in France. "They only made a half-hearted attempt to engage us and didn't bother the bombers at all," he continued. "We mixed it up as much as we could without leaving the bombers, and in the general whirl I got shots in at five of the Jerries. Two of them were seen to be hit."

There were no Canadian casualties, and the wing maintained its record of not having lost a man on operations since it was formed three months ago.

GERMAN QUARTET FALLS BEFORE MOSQUITO GUNS

Canadian intruder pilots shot down four enemy aircraft during the past week, three of them last Thursday, the fourth on Sunday.

It was the English navigator who stole the show Sunday night. He took over the controls of the RCAF intruder after it had blasted a Do.217 over the Dutch coast and brought the machine out of 4,000-foot vertical dive after the pilot, a Polish-Canadian, was temporarily blinded.

His name is withheld for security reasons. Moving in close before firing, the pilot cut loose with a three-second burst. The with a petrol in the Nazi machine exploded. Flaming debris streamed back. The port engine of the Mosquito was knocked out and the machine caught fire.

The pilot was stunned and the intruder plunged into its 4,000-foot dive.

Seeing his skipper was blinded by the blaze, the English flight lieutenant took over the controls, third

brought the aircraft out of its dive and held it up until the pilot recovered five or six minutes later.

They made the 250 miles back to base on one motor and with a badly damaged rudder. The landing was good.

Two Canadians shared the triple kill on Thursday.

Three Out of Four.

F/L Massey Beveridge, Westmount, Que., got two of the Germans—both twin-engined Messerschmitts—as they were going in to land on an airfield in Western Germany. F/O J. R. F. Johnson, Omenece, Ont., who flies with the same squadron, bagged an F.W.190 over France.

Describing the encounter, Beveridge said: "As we came over an enemy airfield we saw some Messerschmitts about to land. We went down and got in quick attacks on three of them. Two burst into flames and crashed just off the field. The third escaped."



The strains of "M.T. Strutters Ball" were swinging over an advanced RCAF airfield when the cameraman found these Canadians and their United Kingdom pals in full session. Cpl. Earl Todd, Breadalbane, P.E.I., is fiddler, LAC Jack McQuillan, Webbwood, Ont., is guitar strummer, and LAC Jack Watkins, an Englishman, presides at the squeeze-box. Canucks are mostly in the foreground on the pic. They include ACI Maurice Desautels, Montreal, AC George Leblanc, Hudson, Que., Cpl. Jack Marsh, Winnipeg, Cpl. Russ Davidson, Edmonton, Cpl. Harold Williamson, Kenora, Ont., LAC Irwin Nicholson, Toronto, LAC Clarence Flexhoug, Medicine Hat, Alta., Cpl. Clayton Martin, Big River, Sask. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

CANUCKS WIN DISTINCTIVE DECORATIONS THIS WEEK

F/S Larden Awarded C.G.M., S/L Hill Gets Second Bar to D.F.C.

A Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) and a second bar to the D.F.C. were outstanding awards of the week in a list of nine immediate and three non-immediate decorations announced by the *London Gazette*.

F/S Alan W. Larden, North Bay, Ont., was the winner of the C.G.M. On an operation over Turin their aircraft, in which Larden is bomb-aimer, was attacked and severely damaged by an enemy nightfighter. The navigator was killed, the pilot wounded and one engine was knocked out. Larden took over the controls, and without a navigator flew the crippled bomber to North Africa. "In the face of extreme peril," says the citation, "this airman displayed courage and resource of a high order."

S/L George Urquhart Hill, Antigonish, N.S., won the distinctive award of a second bar to his D.F.C. A fighter pilot, he has displayed exceptional courage and determination. He has destroyed at least 14 enemy aircraft. On one occasion, during recent operations from Malta, he remained alone in the face of persistent attacks from six Me.109s to obtain help for a comrade who had baled out.

Of the immediate awards, six were D.F.C.s. For successfully attacking a variety of targets, for courage and devotion to duty, F/L Joseph C. Dellese, Montreal, bomber pilot, won the D.F.C.

F/O Harold T. Brown, Biggar, Sask., won his D.F.C. for a "distinctive" job on Berlin. A few nights previously, although an engine had fallen on the way to the target, he continued and bombed successfully.

Wounded, Fought Off Three
Rear-Gunner F/O S. T. Smith, Edmonton, got his gong for a particularly good job of beating off three enemy fighters. In the first combat Smith was wounded in the leg, but he remained at his guns and successfully drove off each of the enemy in turn. "This gallant gunner," reads the citation, "contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft."

Other immediate D.F.C.s went to F/L William S. Day, Aylesford, N.S.; F/L N. R. Fowlow,

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

Said the sergeant to the wife by B.F.M. cablegram, "170, 71 and 71," which translated means, "I am in hospital. Please don't worry. All my love."
Back to Ceylon came his wife's reply, "72-20-29," or in plain English, "Are you all right? Please telegraph. Love."
Promptly and cheerfully 'ho sergeant replied, "16-79-5," or "Writing. Illness is not serious. Parcels received, many thanks."
But that isn't how the message arrived back home. Trans-Oceanic cable flashed, "167-95." Wife read, "Twins born. Have been decorated. Joe."

HURRICANE GRADS

F/Ss B. R. Berger and Jack Grant, both of Grand City, Mo., have completed their training on Hurricanes. The boys have been together ever since they left their home town for Canada and the RCAF. Both are transferring to the USAAF and will probably go on Thunderbolts. They report that P/O Sorenson, Minnesota, has made his transfer from the RCAF and is now a 1st loopy on Thunderbolts.

Hallfax, N.S.; and P/O W. B. Hamilton, Peterborough, Ont.
A Canadian in the RAF, F/S R. F. Lavack, Vancouver, was the winner of an immediate D.F.M. He is cited for great skill and dash, courageous example and valuable service. Other immediate D.F.M.s went to Sgt. Banks E. Mitchell, Winnipeg, for his part in delivering a devastating attack on a U-boat in face of considerable anti-aircraft fire.

F/O Arthur R. Carter, Toronto, was awarded a non-immediate D.F.C. for his part in a large number of operational sorties. A nightfighter man, he has consistently displayed great keenness and shot down four enemy kites.
A non-immediate D.F.M. went to Sgt. John P. Lee, Victoria, B.C., for an exceptional job of piloting.

BOMBING LULL SNAPPED WITH HANOVER RAID

Mannheim Also Hammered In One of Week's Three Prangs

RCAF IN ALL RAIDS

AFTER a lull of more than a fortnight the big bombers went to work again last week with a trio of raids. Twice within the week Hanover was punished. An attack on Mannheim was sandwiched between the two Hanover raids. Squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group and Canadians flying with the RAF played their usual important role in the operations.

Latest raid was the Hanover attack of Monday night. The Moose and Lion Squadrons were among the Canadian units over the German city. Halifaxes, Lancasters and Wellingtons of RCAF Bomber Group were in the Monday night show. Returning crews reported large fires.

Hanover Saturated

Whether the crews considered the German flak defence or fighter defence tougher depended on the individual experience of each aircraft. The crew with F/L Lloyd Linnell, Calgary, who said, "My kite's tail looks like a salt-shaker," thought the flak was heavy after they had been bumped about.

P/O E. R. Evans, D.F.C., Winnipeg, shared in the destruction of a Ju88 over the target area. His RAF Stirling crew considered the fighter opposition sufficiently tough when they had their starboard wing-tip sheared off by gunfire from the Nazi kite.

All the crews were agreed that the Hanover pranging ranked with the best. P/O Hugh Parker, Winnipeg, said that he had seen Hamburg and Cologne "at their brightest" but he rated the Hanover attack as "just as colourful."

Among the Canadians who flew with the RCAF squadrons, including the Moose, Thunderbird and Bluezone units were: Sgts. Roy Sanbrook, Mel Gee, Jerry Limmer, Nelson McInnes, Hal Hurley, Sharby Keane, Glenn Rice, Orville Lytle, John Peppard, Gordon Saunders, Bob Galrins, Murray Flewelling, John McConnell, Jack Snellgrove, Stan Erickson, Moose Radeau, Don Wilson, John Dupont, Jerry Newlove, Bob Pedlar, Jack Montelth, Red Beaton, Howard O'Gorman, Bill Kunkel, Al Steinacker, Red Ballantyne, Bill McLean, Harry Ridley, Russ Smith, P/O Walter Winning.

Canadians with the RAF included F/O Phil Murray, P/O Jim Muir, F/L Bob Cochrane, F/O Dough Souchon, P/O Stanley Driscoll, Sgt. Ken Smalley.

At Mannheim last Thursday night F/O Al Hall, Ottawa, who was making the fifth trip of his second tour of operations, (Continued on page 6, col. 2)

DAY BOMBERS HIT HARD AT AXIS COMMUNICATIONS

A strong force of Mitchell bombers attacked the marshalling yards at Amlens last Friday morning. The swift medium bombers ran into a heavy ack-ack barrage, several of them being holed, but the raid was pressed home successfully.

One Canadian pilot, P/O Keith Wilson, Talton Place, Ont., had a narrow escape when flak knocked out one of his engines. He made his way back to base on a single engine setting his Mitchell down to a perfect landing.

"There was plenty of flak," he remarked later. "Far too much of it, and what's more it was very accurate. The gunners were firing as we went in, while we were bombing and as we came out it was while coming out that we were hit."

The flak at Amlens also holed kites flown by F/S D. R. Adamson, Prince Albert, Sask., and Sgt. E. R. Johnston, Oak Lake, Man. Neither aircraft was seriously damaged.

Canadians were among the crews of Mitchell bombers of RAF squadrons which attacked Guvapas airfield near Brest last Wednesday afternoon.

Sgt. Tom Sykes, Winnipeg, piloted one of the bombers. He reports that bombs from his formation probably fell among the dispersal points. "The airfields stood out quite plainly," he says. "Its runways showed up clearly. Although I was busy keeping formation I believe our bombs fell in the right places among the dispersals."

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

No. 2 DISTRICT H.Q.

By FREDDIE OTTO

APPROXIMATELY one year ago our Cpl. Al Armstrong threw his freedom to the wind and chose the captivity of married bliss and such!

DEMON NINE WHIPS RECEPTIONISTS 7-5

The Demon Squadron softball squad will be trekking to London for the RCAF Overseas Finals on October 3 as a result of their 7-5 win over Reception centre in their group finals.



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INTERNAL TRIANGLE

By CPL. J. F. CUTLER

THE internal triangle takes on a new twist now that the erks again repose in their old haunts. Some have gone into hiding from the ones they left behind them, and others take up where they left off.

Johnson's Folksy Ways

W. W. Johnson brings to light that a cake of soap lasts that much longer if used with the wrapper on. The squadron sawbones, Old Doc Gravel, is back in circulation again, with what it is hard to tell, but further night recess might enlighten.

Swishing off for parts unknown we have LAC K. D. Renwick, LAC J. E. Waters, LAC M. F. Ranceroy, Cpl. J. S. Morris, LAC S. Sellers, Cpl. R. J. A. Gornall, LAC J. T. Hughes, and our two English friends LAC D. Jewers and LAC Dayle Lister. Cheers, ACTUALLY.

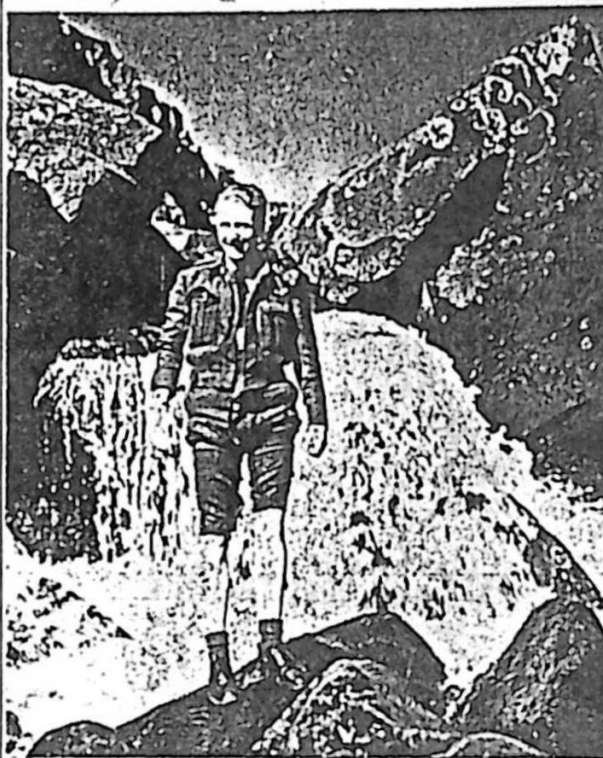
THE EAGLES?

By Sgt. GEO. LACY

LET'S have suggestions, lads. We might tag ourselves as the "Bald-Headed Eagles," since our crest is a bald-headed eagle, or just "The Eagles." Or we might call ourselves "the Duck Squadron" after our mascot who lives in the shelter behind hut 88.

A Long So Long

Postings continue to rob us of our old faithfuls. Sgt. "Joe" Mendelson, the great pal of every skipper on the squadron (they hope) has gone to a RCAF station in the Canadian bomber group. Joe is certainly going to miss steak and eggs. Another former Fog Hog whom we were pleased to see back, this time with our sister squadron, was F/O Jimmy Bolton. Another one about to leave is Cpl. Doucet, our capable postman, who will be plying his trade down in London once again.



F/O Don "Red" Urquhart, Bracebridge, Ont., explores a rocky stream in Iceland. He is a WOP/AG. (Official RCAF Photograph.)



TO use the words of Sgt. AG "Buck" Foster, Medicine Hat, Alta., in summing up his first tour of ops. as tail-end Joe in an RAF Hally—"My first was the worst."

What made Buck's first the worst was a trio of boys who were in the midst of winning their caterpillars. Not wishing to deprive the lads of their badges the skipper averted the Halifax to avoid the parachutist and made ready to start another bombing run.

This was over Bochum, and the natives were hostile. By the time the Halifax was on its second run it was well lit up and Jerry scrap-iron was blooming all around. The boys dropped their bombs in one large area and left. On that forty they collected a few holes in their wing and a piece of flak whumped a great hole in Buck's rear turret.

Buck, like many other bomber fellas, has exchanged shots with swastikaed fighters, come home on three engines, and has been over Italy. He started his tour when the sausage eaters relied on flak to keep the RAF away from their sausage plants.

Buck remustered to air crew from Service police. He'll be going to O.T.U. to instruct. Sgt. AG Bob Webb, Camrose, Alta., is now instructing air-gunners in radio. Before Bob got the job he did a tour of operations with Coastal Command. In over 500 hours over the water they haven't collected a bullet hole.

Bob was the only Canadian in their Wimpy bomber. They sent four Jerry tin-cans to the bottom during their tour of anti-submarine patrol. Sgt. WOP/AG "Rocky" Bodreault, Ottawa, and Tommy Gravelle, Port Reeve, Sask., have been peering from the ramparts of a Flying Fortress for only a little while. They like nothing better than peering from the ramparts of a Fort. "More like a flying hotel," they agreed. In short, they like Forts. Rocky has just 25 ops. hours on Forts while Tommy has 120. Down in London on leave recently they report they have lots of eggs and Canadians on their station.

Some of the RCAF lads there are P/O Observer Bill Offler, Windsor; F/O Pilot Bill Jarratt, Bathurst, N.B.; F/S Don Heard, Oshawa; F/S Olley Keddy, Greenwood, N.S.; F/O Alec Chisholm, Toronto; F/O "Willy" Wilson, Westerner; F/O Bruce McFarland, Hamilton; F/L Laurie Croft, Sask.; and Sgt. Harry Tracey, an Easterner.

WIMPY STUDENTS

Here are some types who have finished studying the Wimpy bomber at O.T.U. Sgt. Rear-Gunner "Mac" McKenzie, N.B.; Sgt. Navigator Fraser McAllister, Vancouver; Lloyd Webster, Roland, Man.; Terry Lord, Vancouver; J. C. Graham, Moose Jaw; and Alec Branch, Diamond City, Alta.

BAS(E)IC NEWS

SHADES of "Mutt and Jeff." Open warfare almost broke out in the ranks of the pay pundits this week when S/L "Slim" Boodle referred to his "Shorty." At the time of going to press, relations were still very strained, but Base diplomats have been working overtime under the direction of Air Commodore McEwen, and an exchange of notes which will lead to the resumption of normal relations is expected momentarily. Incidentally, S/L Boodle, a native of that jumping-off place for the great unknown, Winnipeg, is a newcomer in our midst, as is S/L R. K. McConnell, D.F.C., who has the good fortune to call Toronto home. Other Base "sprog flat hats" include F/L J. A. Morton, Dellele, Sask.; S/L A. C. Tufts, who served his novitiate at Gander with Air Commodore McEwen; F/O A. M. Davidson, from Canada's Queen City; and F/L J. R. T. Cresswell, from Vancouver.

Male hearts in Base Orderly Room skipped several beats one day recently when an attractive ex-stubbe jumper from Saskatchewan reported in. Rene Seclair and Ken McKay have had that faraway look in their eyes ever since, and a rush on the post office is anticipated now that LAW Q. Callender is working there.

Absent from our midst this week on "commando" training is LAC Joe Grenier. Reports are that he is making such an impression on his instructors that his fame will reach the ears of Lord Louis Mountbatten any day now.

The welcome mat is out this week for W/C W. A. MacKay and his lads who have joined the happy (?) family circle of this Base. A "Wimpy" squadron with a fine operational record behind them, we anticipate that they will uphold the high standards of this Base.

Which recalls the meanderings in last week's WINGS ABROAD from one "Dale" writing under the heading of "Black Bull News." It is obvious that our neighbouring training establishments casts envious eyes on our operational prowess and of course we don't blame them. Incidentally, we wish to thank Cpl. J. Dale, for his lengthy if somewhat inverted biographical sketch and to assure him that a special room with running water adjoining will be kept reserved for him in the new and spacious "digger." Your luck can't hold for ever, Jack, so keep your fingers crossed.

There has been a regular "run" on tapes at one of our Base stations with T. H. Ball, E. W. LaPlante and H. C. Watson putting two up, and Jack Maddox, Toronto lady killer, trading his two in for three. "Maddy" will now be able to compete on a more even footing with "Baldy" Staples and F/O D. Wiley, London (Canada) gift to the local social scene for the favours of the local "queens."

Our Base Station Concert Party put on their first full-length revue on the other night, and, judging from the terrific reception, they are expecting an early offer from George Black and the London Palladium.

Joint features of this star-studded presentation were the finished rendition of "Hungarian Rhapsody" by the concert orchestra, directed by Dave Wolfsthal, and Ray Delell's introduction of Ed Rubach's new lyrical waltz, "Meet Me To-night in My Dreams," dedicated by the author to all members of the Services who are separated from their families and loved ones.

Incidentally, Ed, famed peacetime London concert pianist, composed the number while stationed at a remote outpost and separated from his Vancouver-born wife. Other features of the show, which was greeted by two packed houses, were the hot rhythm of the Aero Aces directed by Ephy Slavid, Pem Rich's sweet tunes, Dot Bradley's sophisticated hoofing and Cpl. J. Chinock's presentation of the laboratory scene from "Dr. Jeekyll and Mr. Hyde." Joe Greaves brought the house down when he suggested that, as he couldn't eat, drink or sleep and WOULD'N'T work, he should take over Ken Jordan's duties as station warrant officer.

Two more Canadians flying in the same squadron are Sgt. RG Doran, Edmonton, and F/L Mitchell, Ottawa, a pilot.

Advertisement for RCAF Officers' Uniforms, featuring Hadaway's and a storefront photo of 133 Regent St. London, W.I.

MUSTANGS TAKE A CHAMPIONSHIP

W/C C. G. Rutlan's Swordfish Squadron and W/C Ernie Moncreiff's Mustang men squared off for the K. of C. district softball championship in Hyde Park Sunday before last, the cowpunchers winning out 6-4 in a close contest.

Cpl. Roy Cooper did the pitching for the winners, knocking out two home runs in his own cause. Standout for the losers was Cpl. "Sandy" Sand, who did a flashy job behind the plate.

The line-ups: LAC Doug Abbot, Pte. Eddie Macdonald, Cpl. Roy Cooper, LACs Sam Johnson and Jack Fletcher, LAC Irvin Frittilanaky, AC Jack Graham, AC Gerry Jones, LAC Murray Scher, LAC David Sinclair, Cpl. Martin Svendsen, LAC Gerry Mason, LAC Jim Thompson, LAC Duncan Campbell, LAC Robert Hurwood, Cpl. Ralph Farbridge, Sgt. Tim Lanigan and AC Harold Wolfman.

Squad: Cpl. Sam J. Sand, LAC John J. L. Sullivan, LAC Claude R. Browne, Cpl. Melvin G. Upton, F/L Archibald J. Frye, LAC Frank J. O'Grady, LAC Joseph E. Fitzgibbon, LAC Herbert F. Bieby, and LAC J. B. R. De Lestale.

GLEBE GRADS MEET ON DESERT AIRFIELD

North African branch of Ottawa's Glebe Collegiate Alumni Association held an impromptu meeting recently in the officers' mess of an RCAF bomber station somewhere in Tunisia. S/L Dan McCann, a former Glebe rugby star, managed to round up F/O Clifford Maple, navigator in one of the Wellington crews; F/O John A. Loftus, cameraman in the motion picture division of RCAF public relations; F/O Stewart Garland, pilot attached to a nearby RCAF station; and Ken McAdam, Y.M.C.A. supervisor attached to the RCAF squadrons.

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WEDDINGS

VILLENEUVE — McNAUGHTON — Cpl. Maurice Villeneuve, of Ottawa, was married early in September to Miss Irene Jane McNaughton at St. Peter and Paul Church in Dundee. Miss Betty Smith, Dundee, attended the bride and LAC R. Dagenais, of Ottawa, acted as ring bearer and official witness. Several friends of the bridegroom, members and ex-members of the Swordfish Squadron, were present, among them LAC Bill D'Amours, Riviere du Loups, P.Q.; Cpl. Stan Townsend, Ottawa, and LAC Percy McGillivray, New Glasgow, N.S.

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"SO LONG, CEYLON"—SAID IN THE GRAND MANNER

Nostalgia permeates the six pages of the August edition of "Tropic Topics" the little RCAF paper filled with Ceylon topics.

On the front page is the story of the farewell banquet spread for the lads who left the island for the other month after a tour of duty in the tropics.

The front page carries a two-column picture of the banqueting hall with tables stretching the full length of the "Rotary Club, now known as Chisamore's Snack Bar."

Speakers included the Station Commander, Squadron C.O. F/L Curtis, F/L "Elmer" Hill, W/O Johnson, F/Ss Fraser and Durrell.

"On July 3, at the Police Grounds, Colombo, the RCAF Maple Leafs and Beavers, of Colombo, matched baseball chatter and brains for the recognised baseball championship of Ceylon."

The RCAF mech's now have half a dozen more paid shadow sergeants. The "lucky" fellows are LACs Bell and Cummings, Toronto; LAC Cheateley, Hamilton; Cpl. "Monty" DeMontgometry, Beamsville; and Cpl. Glen Farrell, Woodstock.

THE MUSTANG MEN

By SLICH

THE first half of this week's article is the work of Vic McGlynn, of Toronto. He's the sports columnist and the co-editor of our own "Mustang Muse."

If you should pass a Winco who is all smiles he is W/C E. H. Moncreiff. The reason? Well, his pride and joy, the Mustang Nine, won the No. 1 District title at Hyde Park in London town.

Now for some news from our Workshop Wallahs. With all the buckshee work coming in over the tailboard of the truck behind the hangar, we are wondering how we'd ever get along without our old standby, the four-gallon can.

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Hear in the hubbub: "Slim" Willander, Winnipeg: "Who the h--- has my goggles?"

Bob Wright (Toronto): "How can I get to Birmingham fast?"

Andy Anderson, New Brunswick: "I'll do my washing tomorrow for sure."

Cpl. "Fat Boy" Ferbrache, Vancouver: "Wonder if I'll get my third?"

That's all this week. See you at the game on October 3.

LUCKY SEVEN

Sgt. Jack Snelgrove, Regina, was no more superstitious than the next guy until after last week's raid on the rubber factory at Montlucon.

Not till the next day did his ground mechanics show Snelgrove an impressive hole in the wing of his Halifax which cut clean through the works as clean as a knife.

"Put there by an incendiary from one of our own lites," mused the skipper. "It just grazed the outer petrol tanks."

Now the sergeant is inclined to believe there's something to this lucky number business after all.

THUNDER FLASHES

By Ed HOUSTON

RECENT news from the RCAF manor where "Squire" Tumilty sometimes holds sway and beltimes sways as he holds talls of mushroom excursions and huge repasts.

That noise you heard about eleven p.m. last Saturday evening came from the vicinity of the Sergeants' Mess, where a rather staid gathering had staggered. It was only "Hardrock" Davidson attempting to drown out the bar-room sextette comprising "Sammy" Sambrook, Don Berry, Johnnie Underdown, Rolly Lachance, "Shuff" Archibald and Jake Newcombe.

S/L Alf Hughes. In his usual sartorial splendour and irreproachable behaviour, was keeping the peace amongst his assembled charges whilst Len Willis, enlisted by our Reg., was giving the order of the boogie and showing no favourites. It would seem that F/S Joe Joyal, the Winnipeg Flash, knows plenty about other subjects besides the "Lanc," the one on which the boys will swear by him.

F/Ss Brown and Summers were most perturbed the "day after" when they were not "on" that night. They both had very "keen" heads, a skipper's prime requisite.

Link Trainer Ace

Sgt. Ted Kozochenko, the "Marshal" of the Link Trainer, has made so many "passes" in the past two months that the boys are considering a handicap scheme for him.

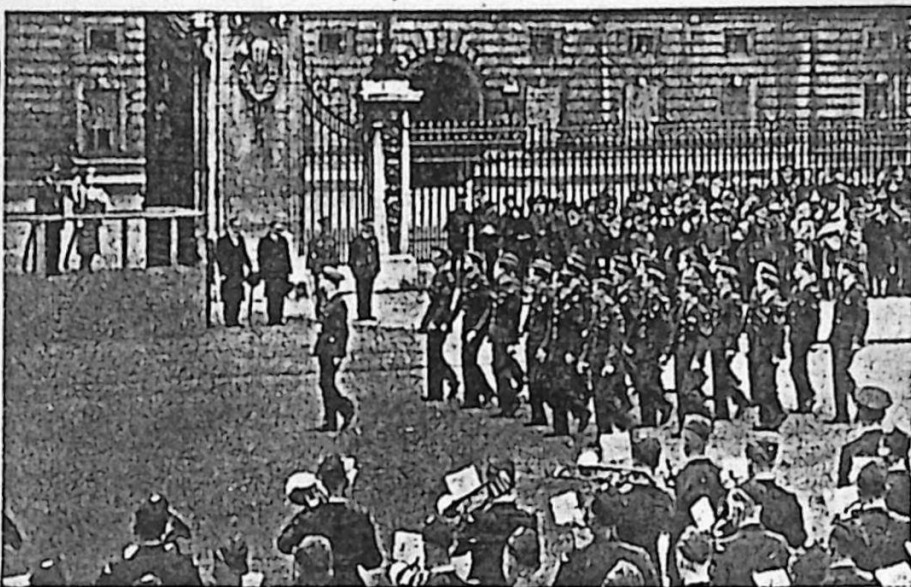
Reg. Hunt says: The bananas this week go to F/O Jack Lewis and Dick "Pop" Taylor, who are now listed as "D" period "F" period "C" period. Also stepping up are Messars. Tom Kneals, Wylie "Rose" Spafford, and Les "Bean Head" McCall, now supporting the rings of Flight Lots. Back from London (parts unknown) came S/L Alf Hughes with a moustache slightly worn away.

Buchanan, who says, quote, "I had a quiet time."

SIGMA CHI CHANGES DATE FOR MEETING

The dinner meeting scheduled for Oct. 9 has been advanced to Saturday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. It will again be held at Club No. 3, Grosvenor Square.

Members or prospective members of the United Kingdom Chapter who are able to attend on Oct. 2 should inform Lieutenant Commander H. M. Gilmore, U.S.N.R.



An RCAF contingent of air and ground crews march past Their Majesties the King and Queen during the Battle of Britain parade last Sunday. They are outside Buckingham Palace. (Official RCAF Photograph.)



WITH THE "RADIO MECHS."

VISITING FIREMEN

FROM out of the mist of the moors comes LAC "Hysterical" Ed McKinlay, Midland, Ont., to give news of a group of equally hysterical radio men who are stationed there.

While we're on the subject of pleasant events, it would be interesting to note that a Flight Stag was a brilliant success. And let us say the C.O., W/C Davoud, sure knows how to put "Alouette" over. A show, beer, sing-song, jokes and a good time was had by all.

"In between pay-day and leave-day the boys drop into a coma, but break out periodically," says Ed. "Wilt Clark has just returned from a radio course. Wilt passed only because his blonde diversion left in time for him to concentrate on his exams."



"Hysterical" Ed McKinlay

Utopia

"The boys have to go some distance to break out periodically," says Ed. "The village nearby is mainly made up of public houses."

On his way up to Scotland to see what's buzzin' among his cousins is LAC "Sandy" Webster, Fort William. Since he has no cousins, "Sandy's" chum, LAC Fred Haller, Windsor, will be staying behind in London. In the big town these boys met LACs Bob Donaldson, St. Thomas, Charlita Foundson, Cape Breton, and Bruce Harrod, Moose Jaw, formerly of their station.

"Sandy" wears the air crew flash in his hat now and is expecting his posting to I.T.S. any day now. He sends regards to brother Bill slaving away in radio, somewhere in the south of England.

NORTH ENGLAND

By LAO George Maybee BACK to the windy part of England come Cpl. "Nick" Nichol and Jeff McDowell, after being away on a course. Jeff was noticed wearing one of those Air Force haircuts that reminded us of Manning Pool days.

At the Naaf dances recently Reg. Jackson, Ken Craif, Earl Steinman, Pat Palmore and Hank Tuero were observed sitting around a table loaded with lemonade bottles, believe it or not.

A few days ago "Mike" Meikeljohn, ably assisted by Bob Sizeland, came staggering up to our billet with a sack of parcels from Canada slung over his shoulder. Santa Claus "Mike" they call him now.

FROM ONE CAMP

By LAO GOLDBERG

IF Mohammed can't go to the mountains, the mountain will go to Mohammed. At least that's the way the Squadron felt when pepscolas were made available to all sections.

There seems to be quite a lot of good news this week. Both F/S Sharpies and Sgt. Jenkins have been promoted to Warrant Officers. Sgt. Hoar, the jovial man from the West, is now in charge of the Armoury Section since F/S Calver has left the Squadron.

"A" Flight tractor driver George Rostey, from the wolds of Saskatchewan, woke up to find himself in the river last night in town after falling off a bridge. After a short swim he found himself in shape again for a few more, and finally hit his sac at two in the morning, wet but happy!

What we want to know is: Who is the LAC who got into the wrong bus after the London baseball game and getting off fell on the wrong end? Who was the blond kid who kept asking the pitcher to throw them higher? And when he did, fanned out. Why did LAC "Moose" Reilinger spend all his time in a London pay telephone booth?

LAC "Moose" Leone, our former Postal clerk, has been posted to London. W/O Day, of Hamilton, has also been posted to London. He's now at H.Q. P/O Carrick, Supernumerary Signals Officer, of Toronto, has been posted elsewhere. Good luck.

WHITLEY O.T.U. MEN

Sgt. Bomb-Almer Harvey Eaton, Toronto, has completed training at an RAF Whitley O.T.U. and will be going on Lancs. He is the only Canadian in their crew. Harvey trained with Sgt. Bomb-Almers Jack Luck, Newmarket, Ont., Johnny Gallagher, Toronto, and Reg Scott, Edmonton.

SHERLOCK TWINS ON OP TOGETHER

It doesn't take a smart Eytyle to know that all 4,000-pound block-busters, which are currently rearranging his spaghetti factories, came from the same mold and are identical.

"He put one over on me," said Allen. "They said it was an exceptionally good photo he got for a first trip."

Over their first flight a point of difference arose. Eric got a better photograph of his bombing than Allen.

"I guess I was luckier," said Eric.

GOOSE PIMPLES

By CPL. M. J. SEELEY

THE fact that S/L Alex Mail, of Windsor, Ont., has not been starred in these columns lately does not mean that he's forgotten how to shoot a line— for we can assure all you patient readers that he's been keeping his hand in by shooting off another kind. A recent leave in Scotland netted no fewer than four pheasants and one rabbit to the guns of the Goose Squadron's "A" Flight commander.

The big heart-throb of the bomb-almers crowd these days is credited to F/O Gordon Wood, of Toronto. The boys are anxious to know why he follows so closely the fire watchers' roster in the nearby town. Gordon's pal and pilot, F/L Bill Russell, also from the Queen City, where they both knew "those dear old golden rule days" in the York Memorial High School together some years ago, is also carrying on a bit these days. When are you going to take over the NAAFI in town, Bill?

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We'd like to query F/O Pat O'Connor, of New York, about whether he'll ever say what he means. He swears never to return to town, but still manages to be seen there at frequent intervals.

Homewrecker Decler

Hear ye! Hear ye! Ye Olde Towne Crier, having completed his rounds, is now able to relate to you the doings of one squadron bomb-almers who walks about in a daze under his flat hat. We could only be referring to F/O Karl Decker, for he is the boy who frequents a nearby place on

RECORDS OFFICE

A2 (CAN)

By LAO WALLINGTON

OUR church parade sure went over with a bang. The town sat up and took notice when the RCAF band—complete with drum major—showed up. Many thanks to the band committee and to the boys in the band. The parade was nearly 300 strong, with one flight of officers, one of N.C.O.s and one of "grks" (that was us!). The officers and air crew N.C.O.s came over from nearby stations to attend the parade. The salute was taken by Air Commodore F. G. Wait, while the band played the "RCAF March Past."

Big news this week concerns our "blonde Adonis," Cpl.—pardon me—Sgt. Cliff Doughty. Cliff has left the honourable (?) ranks of those individuals called "corporals" and has joined the most esteemed (another ?) mob known as "sergeants." Congratulations are showered upon your head, my lad. That half a buck a day will make the game in Room 15 last a lot longer.

He was walking down a street in Washington, D.C., when he suddenly ran into President Roosevelt. Yainly he tried to button his undone tunic, straighten his cap and salute all at the same time. Somehow he succeeded and fell into a conversation with the mighty man. Just about this time Sgt. Art Toomey showed up on the scene and very rudely shoved our hero out of the limelight. Wylie was most annoyed at this—in fact, so annoyed that he woke up! He is still annoyed at Art, because it seems the President was just going to tell him when the war was going to be over.

On leave this week are LACs Jack Anderson, Don Udy, Archie Campbell and Ralph Biggar. LAC Wallace "Slippery" Elliam left this week for better and bigger fields. Loads of luck to you from all the gang. LAC Gord Smalley seems to be filling his shoes adeptly.

G1 (CAN)

By SGT. "MEM" AITKEN

AS my able colleague LAC Wallington has given a report on our church parade I shall only say the boys did O.K. Last Friday night saw Cpls. Carl Walstrom and Ken Drage "setting the suds up" at our favourite office. A large gathering was amused at the antics of LAC "Shi" Cpl. Don Bridgman, who was staging a one-man variety concert.

Celebrating both New Years a little prematurely were LACs "Monty" Axler and side-kick "Sol" Milstein. Anyway, they saved me a "shot," so I should kick! Thanks, fellows! Sgt. Art Mingay—the handsome brute—was seen blushing at a local dance, and all on account of some remarks about Art having a girl friend, emanating from the "swozzled" throats of a few of the gang! You're very pretty when you blush, Art—so is Joan! Sgt. Patry Kavanagh—the Irish thrush—breaks up more romances than enough. A fellow has just nicely sold the girl on himself and Canada, when up comes Patsy, and after a one-second X-ray, overall, pipes out. "Why, I wouldn't run that filly in the sixth race," which nine times out of ten puts you out of the race for good. Gad, Pat, give a fellow a night out once in a while, eh?

"Sombrero Jack"

Whether it was left out, cut out or censored, I had put in a "welcome back" to P/O Jack "Sombrero" Sargeant in last week's column. Anyway, this should cover it. Jack, looking all "Esquereish" in his new outfit, returned to us after his "Comish" course. Gee, it's worth trying for—even if just for the uniform! Anyway, welcome back to the old homestead—Sir! Now, "Mac," don't leave this out or I'll be writing from China next week!

The "Park Lane" twins, Bud McEvoy and Benny-the-Turpin, are trying on kilts for size this week, and I can hear the bagpipes from here. Heard about: Cpl. Ted Bennett gives up drinking with effect this week—or gives up his girl! Who says the male species wear the pants!

regular week-ends to go all goo-goo-eyed over tall, blonde Marna. The other B.A.s jealously refer to Karl and the forthcoming Battle of the Marn(e)s, but we feel confident of the outcome, for Karl is a veritable lion among his fellow Goosemen. When not operational in the vicinity of Marna, he finds diversionary pleasure in flying low in the area of another blonde named Betty. Drop into the "Bee's Wing" any day in mid-week and you are sure to find 'em. Another man trying hard to complete a "tour" of local ops, is F/O Steve Dempsey, of Oshawa, who knows and is (Continued on page 6, col. 1)

Polish Airmen SWEAR by KOLYNOS! of course

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!

IMPORTANT—USED TUBES WANTED FOR MUNITIONS. RETURN TO CHEMIST

POPULAR AGE RELINQUISHES POST OF C.O.

Hugh Godefroy Succeeds "Johnny" Johnson As Leader

The great English fighter ace, W/C J. E. Johnson, D.S.O. and Bar, D.F.C. and Bar, with 26 German aircraft to his credit, has passed over command of the first Canadian Fighter Wing to W/C Hugh Godefroy, D.S.O., D.F.C., Toronto.

In an officers' mess tent on the advanced airfield where the Canadian Spitfire squadrons are based, the pilots presented him with a gold wrist-watch. The 27-year-old wing commander was cheered lustily when he told the assembled well-wishers that the six months he led the RCAF wing were the happiest in his life. During this time his wing has each month out-scored all other fighter wings based in Britain.

"I have been offered a few weeks in Canada—and I would dearly love to see the country," said the young Englishman who wore "Canada" flashes on the tunic of his flying suit in tribute to the Canadian fighter pilots who followed him into battle. "But I have decided not to go at present. I want to wait until we've won; I want to see Canada when you again are seeing it."

"Iron Bill"

G/C W. R. "Iron Bill" McBrien, Ottawa, officer commanding the sector in which two Canadian wings have set outstanding operational records, said: "When Johnny comes over to Canada he's going to be able to live for five or ten years without working if he's going to accept even a tenth of the invitations pressed upon him."

Godefroy, who takes over command, started his operational career as "tail-end Charlie" in a Canadian fighter squadron, became successively a flight leader, a squadron leader (of the Wolf Squadron), and now a wing leader. He's starting his third tour with a record of 150 sweeps behind him.

Johnson has been posted to plan operations.

McCULLAGH IS OUT FOR PILOT'S WINGS

Two operational tours and a nine-month's spell teaching navigation at a British training unit behind him, Maurice Robert "Mac" McCullagh, Rocky Rapids, Alta., is going home to get himself another brevet—a two-wing job this time.

Flying with the RAF in an all-RCAF crew, McCullagh did his first tour on Wellingtons from Britain and Malta. Members of that crew were: Bob Lowe, of Edmonton, skipper, who was reported missing on his second tour; Joe Duprey, WOP/AG, of New Brunswick; Les Wardell, second dicke, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who later transferred to the USAAF, and at last reports was in Tunisia; M. P. Fraser, gunner, of Nova Scotia, now back in Canada; and J. V. Manzerale, of New Brunswick, a gunner, now on his second tour in Tunisia.

McCullagh's second tour was on Lancasters, and he was the only Canadian in the crew. On this tour McCullagh went three times to Berlin and to most of the Ruhr targets, also taking part in the first shuttle raid on Friedrichshaven and Spezia.

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THIS LIFE WE LEAD

New Aircrew Promotions



Bill Roberts, Vancouver cartoonist, flying with the Lion Squadron, celebrates his promotion to WOII.

TRIO OF SUBS. ATTACKED BY LONE HUDSON

Despite Intense Ack-Ack It Forced One To Submerge

A formation of three U-boats fully surfaced on the North Atlantic was recently spotted and attacked by the American and Canadian crew of a Coastal Command Hudson operating from a base in Iceland.

It was the first time that such a formation of enemy subs. had been seen by this RAF squadron. The Hudson crew, despite the odds against them, decided to attack.

The three U-boats opened concentrated ack-ack fire as the Allied bomber dived in to release its bombs on the leading sub. In this attack the aircraft was hit in the tail by cannon shell. It made a second attack with depth charges, however, and again circled, to continue machine-gunning the enemy until the Hudson's front guns "packed-up." One of the U-boats was forced to submerge before the aircraft broke off to return to base.

The American captain of the Hudson was F/O Oswald Vallieres, a florist in peace time, who lived in Olympia, Wash. He joined the RCAF before the U.S.A. entered the war. Describing their encounter with the three U-boats, he recalled that members of the crew at first thought they were ships below them.

"But when we flew down to investigate," Vallieres added, "someone shouted over the inter-com: 'My God, they're subs!'"

Among Canadians in the crew were F/O Thomas Finnboegson, Winnipeg, who not only is Icelandic in origin, but who has relatives living to-day only a few miles away from his airfield in Iceland. Others were Sgt. Joseph Baker, Ottawa, and Sgt. Robert Lemon, St. Thomas, Ont.

SUNDAY MUSICALES (X) AT BOMBER GROUP

First in the series of Sunday evening musicales at Bomber Group Headquarters was given recently by personnel from the base commanded by Air Commodore C. M. McEwen, M.C., D.F.C. David Wolfsthal, violinist, Edward Rubach, pianist, and Ray Dedells, tenor, took part.

Dedells, an American now engaged in Y.M.C.A. work at a bomber station, is a Major Bowers "find." He sang two groups of songs and was recalled for two encores by an enthusiastic audience. Wolfsthal and Rubach collaborated in a polished rendition of Handel's Sonata in D Major and the Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso by Saint Saens, then gave individual groups of solos.

The concert was attended by Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Brookes, O.B.E., A.O.C. Bomber Group, Air Commodore C. R. Slemmon, O.B.E. and Air Commodore McEwen.

BLUENOSE CREW FIGHT OFF Me.109

Jumped by an Me.109 as they were going in to bomb their first target—Munich—the Bluenose Squadron crew skipped by Sgt. Don Morrison, Winnipeg, fought a short sharp duel over the Nazi centre. They drove off the attacker and getting back safely, although the tall-gunner, Sgt. Jim Boucher, Espanola, Ont., received a bullet wound in the leg.

Morrison's Halifax was clearly silhouetted against the raging ground fires when the German fighter flicked over the top of his bomber. Both tall and mid-upper-gunner saw the Messerschmitt, and the latter, Sgt. John S. Davies, Fort William, Ont., opened fire in answer to the German pilot's long burst. The fighter disappeared.

"I don't know whether or not we hit him," said Morrison, "but he didn't bother us any more."

Other Canadians in the crew are: Sgt. Arnold Hupman, Rockland, N.S., navigator, and Sgt. Ross Baroni, bomb-aimer, Arnprior, Ont.

A BIG DRAFT HAS ARRIVED

An RCAF Overseas Band Gave a Musical Welcome

A number of RCAF personnel, including 10 nursing sisters, were in the large draft of United Nations servicemen and women that arrived recently at a United Kingdom port.

The group included both air and ground crew. Nursing sisters among the new arrivals were: N/S Jessie Young, Acton, Ont., N/S Edna Millman, Manitoulin Island, Ont., N/S Elaine Matheson, Southampton, Ont., N/S Vera Soper, Wiaton, Ont., N/S Jean Steinhoff, St. Thomas, Ont., N/S Jackie Vanier, Montreal, N/S Helen M. Fox, Calgary, N/S Ethel M. Elder, Winnipeg, N/S Margaret A. Kains, Winnipeg, and N/S Helen E. Burkart, Holdfast, Sask.

Canadians were greeted on arrival by one of the RCAF Overseas bands. Among the new arrivals were: P/O J. A. Silmon, Oak Lake, Man.; P/O R. L. Harris, Winnipeg; P/O P. G. Kendrick, North Vancouver; P/O L. K. Danley, Harbor Beach, Mich.; P/O G. F. Death, Toronto; P/O T. Foster, Arcoia, Sask.; Sgt. J. H. Doering, Chesterville, Ont.; P/O M. S. Little, Montreal; F/O W. H. Benton, Houston, Texas; P/O W. J. Dion, Rapid City, S. Dakota; and P/O W. J. Donney, Riverside, Ont.

LONDON LIONS

Some of the crew of the Lion Squadron Halifax which flew on to North Africa on three engines after missing Milan were in London last week. They were Sgt. Navigator C. Axford, Hamilton, Sgt. Bomb-Aimer Nickle, Kwas, Sask., Sgt. A/G Vic Lawson, Toronto, W/O Pilot Ray Countess, Leamington, Ont., and Sgt. Thompson, Manitoba. They spent a month out there before returning to England.

BALL FINALS TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Six teams, representing seven RCAF districts, will oppose each other in an all-day struggle at Hyde Park, Sunday, October 3, to decide who will emerge softball champions of England in the RCAF Overseas League.

In the initial contest Number One District plays a combined team of Numbers Six and Seven Districts, and Number Three District will line up against Number Two. The winners will then oppose Numbers Four and Five Districts, who drew a bye. The struggle will then move into the final deciding game.

First ball will be pitched at 9.15 a.m. Final game will start at 3.30 p.m.

PAY TABLE CRUMBS

First of all, thanks, Terry for a swell job of pinch hitting week before last. Now to extend a welcome to our new arrivals, S/L R. M. Cockburn, Edmonton, F/L R. O. Spiller, Almyer, Ont., F/O R. T. Glass, Montreal, and F/O G. H. S. Copple, Swan River, Man. We hope to see you some evening at the "Daisy," and introduce you to the lighter side of Pay Accounts. On the debit side, we say good-bye to F/L Freddie Williams, one of the real originals. All the very best of luck, Fred, and take care of yourself this winter, you lucky lad. We were all mighty pleased to see the transformation of F/S Alex Gillespie to pilot officer, and say, that also helps out the orderly office situation.

Our smoke screen generator, P/O "Friend of the People" Teakle, discarded his familiar cigars for a new brace of Clubman pipes, and LAC George Channing reports that working conditions have already improved considerably.

Now for the crumb of the week. What was Cpl. "What a Man" Vic Harrison up to on a recent night? He was found at the foot of the stairs with a banister curled around his waist, after having "pranged," whilst doing a light climbing turn when approaching his bedroom. 664B action. Wonder what those cryptic words were that W/O Sulker growled at him on parade next morning?

It is said that F/S Earl MacCarthy intends to celebrate quietly the first birthday of his son on the 21st, claiming that he is the youngest "Daddy" at Base Accounts. Any competition, gang? So now, over to Terry.

Gee-Gee, I wanna remuster! Yup, I've come to the conclusion that I should be a lonely hearts reporter. With all the engagements and the lovebug biting so many people around here, i.e., "Daisy-Mae" McCormack is wearing a sparkler from a P/O at York. Mary and Jimmy are getting that dream-gleam in their eyes. Cpl. Whozit (just over), has met the "Honey," and more bells may be ringing. Ah, me, 'tisn't Spring, but love is sho' in bloom.

Copgrats, LAW Smith, on your "flat-hat" job. Sorry you have to leave us for awhile, but we'll really have the old welcome mat out on your return. Smitty (Guess that's the last time we'll call you that!). Sh-sh, that wasn't Hedy Lamarr visiting the unit the other day. It was none other than our own S/O Reynolds in civvies and a lovely job, too. "Member, "You Walked By

"Widdle Wids" Waddlo

Hips. Hips away. Us "Widdle Wids" are sure taking a beating at drill these mornings. Art Sulker is getting grey over LAW's frantic antics, SAL Seidel bruised knuckles from pounding his fists together, F/L McGill laughs from the pity of it all, Mary 'n Myrna losing their voices, and we Wids are (believe it or not) losing the odd pound!

Attention, LAC Granger: training for Sea Cadets takes place some time in October. Shortstuff sure took a beating from the gal at the ticket-window at Chelsea Town Hall, while Wolf Patrol Greer and Rock stood gawking by. Never mind, Freddie, good things come in small quantities."

MILT SCHMIDT HAS HIS FLAT HAT NOW

Milt Schmidt, star centreman of the Boston Bruins' Kraut Line, has been commissioned a pilot officer in the RCAF. It is expected that P/O Schmidt will eventually take charge of athletics at one of the stations in Bomber Group.

He now rates salutes from both his former wins. Cpl. "Woody" Dumart, physical training instructor, and Cpl. Bobby Bauer, wireless electrical mechanic. All three of the Krauts are with RCAF Bomber Group, though on separate stations.

DETAILS ARE ANNOUNCED OF FIFTH VICTORY LOAN.

HE THOUGHT HE KNEW THE NAME

One evening, lounging in the mess before dinner, F/L B. G. "Jersey" Crew, Wawota, Sask., chanced to glance through a magazine. He stopped at the honors list to see which of his service pals had received awards recently. One name was familiar—his own. He had been awarded the D.F.C. He questioned the adjutant, who wasn't able to shed any light on the matter. Eventually the magazine report was confirmed, and true to Lion Squadron tradition it was drinks all around.

Jersey was known as the squadron's Ruhr specialist during the days when Happy Valley was taking its worst pounding. He made four trips to Ruhr targets in five successive nights. On this performance he was awarded his gong.

RCAF Personnel Are Given Opportunity to Save For Victory

Details of the 5th Victory Loan have just been announced by the Minister of Finance. The minimum objective is tentatively set at \$1,200,000,000. The bonds will be issued at par and will bear interest at 3% per annum, and they are available in the following denominations: \$50 and \$100 obtainable in bearer form, or registered as to principal only. \$500 and \$1,000 obtainable in bearer form, registered as to principal only, or registered as to both principal and interest. These bonds will mature on January 1, 1959, and they are callable on or after January 1, 1956.

Assignments now in force for the purchase of 4th Canadian Victory Loan Bonds will be cancelled automatically as of October 31, 1943, at which time the bonds will be fully paid for. Assignments for the new Victory Loan bonds will then commence November 1, 1943, and continue until fully paid for, i.e., April 30, 1944. Assignments in themselves or in conjunction with other assignments within the regulations may exceed 20 days' pay of rank.

\$50 bond will be paid in six equal instalments of \$8.40 per month and \$100 bond will cost \$16.80 per month, and multiple thereafter. Full details will be in the hands of unit representatives within the next few days, and applications are to be submitted through the unit representatives.

Outright Purchases

In the case of outright purchases, the procedure is similar to that of the last loan. All ranks may purchase a bond by payment of a cheque drawn on a bank in Canada payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Additionally, officers may purchase by cheque drawn on the bank in the United Kingdom where deposits to their pay and allowances accounts are made. Personnel are also privileged to utilize the savings from their pay accounts which they may have been depositing in the Post Office Savings Bank in the United Kingdom. Before this method is undertaken, however, personnel are advised to consult their unit representative, who will be in a position to outline the proper procedure.

Bonds may not be delivered to an address in the United Kingdom. They may, however, be despatched to any designated address in Canada, or, as was the case in previous Victory Loans, bonds may be held in safe keeping at Ottawa. The total amount asked for is much larger than on the 4th Victory Loan, consequently the results of the campaign here overseas will be followed with the greatest interest, and its progress will be reported in our next issue of WINGS ABROAD.

RCAF attended a recent course: Cpl. R. Aderlgg, Vancouver; F/L F. J. Clark, Montreal; AC2 J. M. Mercier, Quebec; LAC J. R. Schaffter, Brantford, Ont., and Sgt. H. R. McDonald, Edmonton.

AIRMEN HAVE OXFORD WEEK

Splendid Course Provided For Canucks, British And Americans

Quite a number of Canadian airmen overseas to-day are able to say, "I've been to Oxford University." Courses are open to Canadian, American and British forces. Famous lecturers address the members of the course, discussions follow, sightseeing tours are arranged and some entertainments provided.

The discussions generally develop into an unofficial board of international relations. Rank is set aside and this is one place an "Acy Doucle" can disagree with a brigadier and not end up in guardhouse. Frankness of criticism is advocated and followed in an attempt to gain an appreciation of the other man's view.

Practically Undergrads

For one week the members of the armed forces live like Oxford undergrads. They are lodged in their comfortable rooms, are awakened by the "Scout," have their shoes polished, use the students' dining hall and common room. A particularly pleasing feature of this course was the opportunity given to the members to take part in an open forum following a debate by undergrads.

Conducted sightseeing tours were made of the various colleges, quadrangles, chapels, the Bodleian Library, and any part of Oxford which was of particular interest to anybody on the course.

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