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MARK PASSED DURING PRAIRIE GUN-MEN **BOMBING OF BOCHUM**

Hagen, Munich and Kassel were Hammered On Friday, Saturday and Sunday Night Raids

CANADIANS WITH RAF ON ALL FOUR DO'S

THE Moose Squadron of RCAF Bomber Group marked its 1,000th sortie of 1943 last Wednesday night when they were out on a large-scale raid on Bochum in the Ruhr. The Bochum raid marked the start of a busy six days for Bomber

Three other German cities were wasted over the week-end. On Friday night Hagen received its first visit. On Saturday night Munich was attacked, and 24 hours later Kassel was dealt a heavy blow.

Canadians with the RAF were out on all four raids. RCAF squadrons helped in the Bochum and Kassel attacks.

AIMER SLIPS OVER THE OLD ONE-TWO

squadrons helped in the Bochu During the past nine months Mocce men have flown their Halifax bombers over a large number of targets in Germany, Italy and occupied territory. In June the squadron completed the first 1,000 sorties of its career. The Moose Squadron is led by W/C Mervin M. Fleming, D.F.C., Ottawa, and is named in honour of its first O.C., the late W/C John "Moose" Fulton, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

Bochum Bombed

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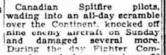
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^{1,000} Moose Squadron Sorties This Year

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SHORTLY after the fall of Sicily, at a bomber field in Tunisia a Canadian pilot was invested with the Distinguished Invested with the Distinguished Flying Cross of the United States by Lt.-Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding general of the North African Air Force. He was W/C Joseph St. Pierre, leader of Canada's colourfui Alouette Squadron and a native of Chicago.

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Joe St. Pierre, American D.F.C., Worked His Way to Pilot's Ticket

Arthur Sauve, former Post master-General of Canada.

master-General of 'Canada. At the outbreak of war St. Pierre went to Rockliffe for further training. After a few months he was posted to an east coast squadron that did coastal patrols and artillery co-opera-tion. This lasted about a year, at the end of which he went to No. 11 E.F.T.S. at Cap de la Madeleine as supervisory officer. Alouette Wings

And Johnstone All Win D.F.C. Four RCAF officers attended ham Palace to receive decora-tions from His Majesty. All were awarded the D.F.C. S/L Christopher Bartlett. For

tions from His Majesty. All W. R. Wilcor, Exter. Ont. were awarded the D.F.C. S/L Christopher Bartlett, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., recently returned to Britain after in-from Jarvis, Ont., won his gong in Pasaras, Basasao, Aita, P. C. Landall, Barray, Pasaras, Basasao, Aita, P. C. Landall, Barray, Navisators, "Basasao, Aita, P. C. Landall, Martin, W. H. Basasab, Basasab, Basasao, Aita, P. C. Landall, W. M. Basasab, Basasab, Basasab, B.C., Penterna, J. V. Satasioen; W. L. White, Windser, Oat. Wolaca, A. L. Dechardler, B.C., W. J. Pontand, W. B. Portance. Bartlett put down along a railway line and managed to take off an hour later with his party safely Borne, C. Burter, Bartlett, Barry, C. Landall, W. M. Jarvis, Ont., W. B. Charter, Brampton, Oct.; J. V. Wolaca, A. L. Dechart, J. C. J. Pontand, W. J. Corenborn, B. Wolaca, A. K. Dechard, W. B. Peterman, Hamilton, B.C. W. O. Bell, Pweil River, Bartlett, B. C. Marter, R. B. C. Bartlett, B. C. Charter, Brambon, Dat.; J. V. Bartaleen, W. B. Peterman, Hamilton, B.C. W. B. C. Burter, B. Bartlett, B. C. B. C. H. Devell River, B.C. Montreal, R. B. Mackay, La Pieche, Bart, B. Peterman, Hamilton, J. K. S. Witherd, Core, W. R. S. Bater with his party safely Bart and Bartlett, B. C. Chiltre, Calleder, Ont. J. E. Jesury, Winniper, S. Peterman, Hamilton, J. K. S. Peterman, Martin, Calleder, Ont. J. K. S. Marter, C. B. Peterman, Martin, Calleder, Ont. J. K. J. B. Winniper, Thereman, Calleder, Ont. J. K. B. Marter, C. B. Peterman, Martin, C. M. C. Marter, C. M. Peterman, Martin, C. M. Peterman, Martin, C. M. Peterman, J. P. Peterman, Marter, Calleder, Ont. J. K. Marter, M. D. Peterman, J. P. Peterman, Marter, C. M. C. Marter, C. M. C. Marter, C. M. C. Marter, M. S. C. Marter, M. S. C. Marter, M. J. D. Necenthe, J. S. J. Sant, C. Marter, C. M. C. Marter, M. S. S. Sant, C. Marter, M. S. Sant,

aboard, For courage and skill in attacking the German battleship Tripits while it was moored at Trondheim, Norway, in April, 1942, F/L Jack Vincent Watts, 1942, F/L Jack Vincent Watts, ton Ont, gains the same decora-tion. When his aircraft was in-tercepted by an enemy fighter

tion. When his aircraft was in-tercepted by an enemy fighter watts "coolly and skilfully guided his captain down through an intense barrage and the fighter was unable to follow." Later he put his navigational skill to an unusual use when his Halifax was knocked down in a bombing raid on Tobruk. HAVE JOINT JOB

WINDS AND WIMPIES GO NUTS IN NORTH AFRICA

ACCOMMODATION IS ora, Ont., was not amused when his Wimpy was shot up over Naples, not at first. But looking AVAILABLE AT P.R.C.

All ranks proceeding to the RCAF Reception Centre in this country on leave and desirous of obtaining accom-modation there are requested to write to the Adjutant sufficiently far in advance to ensure that accommodation



This is the Wing.

A Big Blow If the aforementioned night was "hilarious" for McMeckin and his boys the night a tornado messed up an RCAF camp was hysterical. "Although the admin. and ops. tents were taking off in several directions and documents were being scat-tered all over Tunisia, every-body was any use to any-body," said F/L Bob McCombe, squadron armament officer. Right on the tail of the twister

This is the Wing. although the number of sorties or hours required as a maximum have not been completed. Should a filer be posted, the particulars of his unfinished tour will be certified by his com-manding officer and forwarded with his records to his new unit. The the case of posthumous awards the badge will go to the next of kin. Release of the operational emblems is being temporarily withheld while RCAF Overseas Headquarters await more ex-plicit details on terms of award. It has been requested that all air crew who have failed to complete a tour of operational duties receive the award. When information on this has been obtained an order will give the details of the number of hours the wing. awards the number of bours through death, wounds, sickness through death, while be pub-liahed, which will give the awards of the number of hours the wing. awards the humber of hours the wing. awards the wing. awards the humber of hours the wing. awar

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back on their prang, McMeekin and his crew think it was a "hilarious night."

They had to bring their bomber down on a maintenance station near the Tunisian coast, and on landing the kite ran wild, taking an erratic course off the runway.

F/O Robert McMeekin, Ken-

October 6, 1943

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SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

GRIZZLY BEARS

By CPL D. HILLEN







MEASURING-HAT

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By CPL. M. J. SEELEY

The Sicilian shooting had just begun when Sgt. Air Gunner Tommy Price, Moncton, N.B., left to come to, England where he finished his tour over Germany. Out in darkest Africa he di I trips without a highlight. He started ops as mid upper, bui somehow worked down to the tail and stayed there—in Eng-land on Lancasters. Once over Mannheim an engine got tired, yawned and went to sleep. The skipper feathered the prop and came home okay. Tommy reports that Sgt. D'Arcy Casey, Ottawa, is still out there in the Med. cavorting around. Johnny MacDonaid, N.B., has come a long way in the service before getting his bomb-aimer's badge. Johnny is now com-pleting his training at an RAFF Wimpy O.TU. His service career '39. If he had stuck with his original unit of the Cana-



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As the lads munched delicious corn smothered in butter, Sandy said, "This reminds me of moon-lit sands, a camp fire, weenies and bags of cokes at Jericho beach back in good old B.C."

the only Canuck on his station. Once Canuck on his station. Once in a while F/S Sid Williams, Winnipeg, gets up there, and the first time lacked high lack

Smith, Bob Miller, and Johnny Toman have all been posted to a station somewhere in the wilds of Sectiand. Johnny Strain is full in Edinburgh, and Frank Ouellette is in London for the week. Ride That Hobby Horse! LAC Don Wilson has been working on a radio set for the last month. He has, promised delivery of same to Canada House sometime early in December. LAC Vickery is having considerable success with bescul coal Waafs, and we Old Boya should be she to get some useful pointers from him. Sim that. Others are AGs boys. Smiths. Others are AGs boys. LAC "Lucky" Strongithan, Toronto, likes his job of "spoof ing." especially when he has a cute little driver. LAC Pat Sullivan would like some gen as to what to do whase received well-earned pro-mone misses an important church parade. It was a shame, because this great big handsome Irish-man makes a wonderful marker. Our pretty w/ops and tele-phonists seem to enjoy pub-crawling since Red's W/O1 WOP/AGs A. Thomp-ingent has lots on moth good material through recent postings, it has gained another Canadian, LAC Aivin Loggie, Courtensy, Pilot "Lem" Limpert, Halifax.

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By J. W. TOON

in his hat and is ready any time they want him to start training as a radio navigator. He is spending all his nine days' leave in London with the little woman. When he first came over here he went to a dance, met a WAAF, and now she's the little woman. She'll soon be wearing Canada badges on her uniform, for she's coming to the Wida. Some of the boys on Johnny's station are Cpl. Bill Nettleton Sask; Cpl. Doug. Parsons, Van couverr; LACS "Slim" Newman, Outrement, Que; "Connie Pilon, Montreal. The picture you see in this stick of golden bantam is that of a radio ahem - mdari mechanie. You'll notice he isn't smilling like all radio guys are these days. Cpl. Harold Jack son, Grand Forks, B.C., has been on lat diation are the station soft in sticks of golden bantam is that sticks of a 23-months' stay in the British Isles. At present heis the e on ly Canuck on his the British Isles. At present heis the e on ly Canuck on his the e on ly Canuck o

THE "BAR" REVIEW

By "DOC" DOHERTY

THIS little old bomber station



By Sgt. JOHNNY DUCHAR, RCAF.

"BUGS" DORSEY DEBUNKS AFRICAN GLAMOUR FABLE

BALL WINNERS ARE LOSERS ON PARADE

Group Captain Doug Ed-wards, A.F.C., was holding his weekly inspection parade. Passing down the line behind him was SWO Ken Jordan,

him was SWO Ken Jordan, noting the names of those who railed to pass muster. The list of names and sins was impressive; "Flash" Genga, non-issue shirt; Don Forster, non - regulation shoulder badges; Ed Dalgetz, non-issue shoes; Roger Desi-lets, again non-regulation shoulder badges; Tom Ikeid, smartly striped socks. Came the great moment of the parade. The station soft-ball team, having vanquished 70 odd competitors in No. 5

AFRICA VETERAN **STILL A ROOKIE**

After doing a seven-months' trick of night flying in Tunisia, F/O - Ross Geddes, Grenfell, Sask, finds himself a bit "scared" in his instructor's berth in Britain. "It scares me more than tha night trips I had to make over Tunisia, pranging Bizerta and Tunis, when I have to take some of these RAF Transport Com-mand pilots on as pupils," Ross confeases.

contribution to these columns to make ourselves conspicuous by our absence, so here we are, all genned up and raring to go. First we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Canadian Y.M.C.A. for their generous gift of sports equipment and other amenities.

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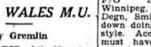
By FREDDIE OTTO

of sports equipment and other amenities. For the sake of variety we will endeavour to convey a true, unflattering as it may seem, picture of service in these parts. Some of the fellows in this Command are getting browned off (and I don't mean sun tanned) with these write-ups as they more or less praise this particular place. People are inclined to glamorize West Africa. Their chief reason is that here dwell numerous species of the larger they forget malaria-bearing tudy forget malaria-bearing the globe. Then we have the sun, Then we have the sun, CAF Headquarters in Lon-



"Your Western beaches can't hold a candle to those we have in the East," broke in Jaul Maissoneuve. And so on into the







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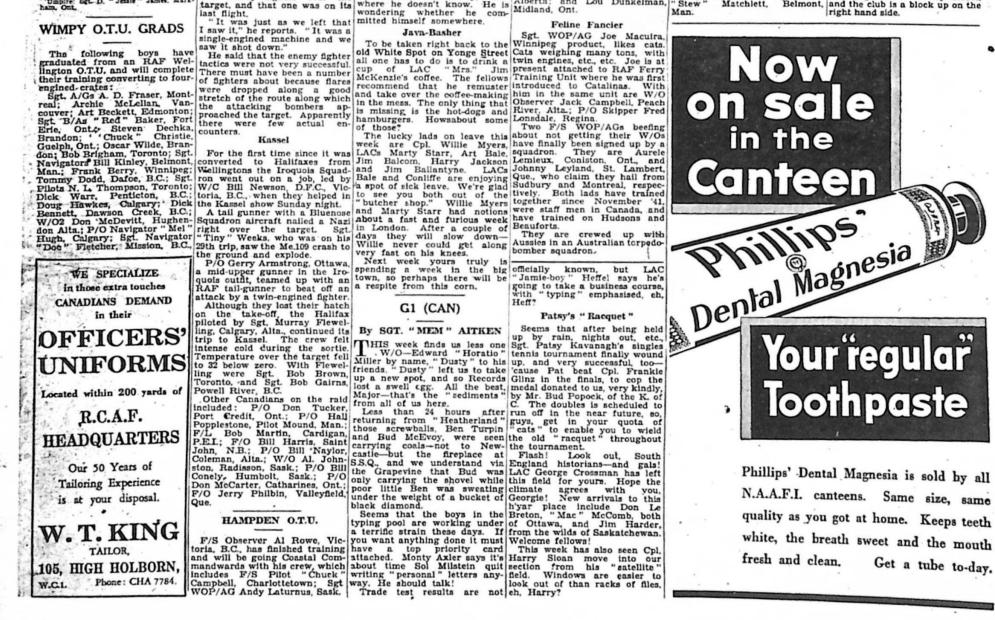
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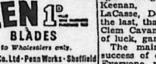
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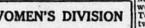
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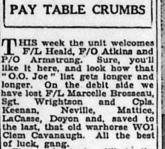


and they have heard some interesting lectures by visiting big wigs. Before we know it our almost commissioned W.D.s will know more than the "other ranks." from the accompanying Spitfires. They swept in from the front and below and opened fire on the box, of which Wilson was flying number three aircraft. "They swept in, but opened fire too soon, for their cannon shells burst ahead of us," said Wilson. "They flew directly under-neath us, attacking the second and third boxes. The action was all over in a few minutes. Un-fortunately we lost a couple of our kites although the crew of one of them, which came down in the Channel, were all rescued."

We have heard of the Army Coop. boys, but the idea was vague in our minds until Monday morning. Now, we realise their importance and exact duties. Apparently two Precision Squad Wids. (their names appear so often in this column we have been requested to delete same) (Continued in col. 3)

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McINTOSH HEADS HEADQUARTERS WIMPY SQUADRON

W/C Daniel McIntosh, D.F.C., Regina, commands one of the guys before this war is over, RCAF Wellington squadrons Latest batch to leave this Joes' operating from north-west Africa. He joined the RAF in June, posted with the rank of P/O to his first Wimpy unit in February of 1940.

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