



"Wildcat" Squadron Arrives in Britain

FIGHTER UNIT SERVED ON ALASKAN PATROLS

Recent Training School Graduates Cross Atlantic With the Veterans From the North

AIR FORCE OFFICIALS GREET NEWCOMERS

FIRST RCAF unit to cross the Atlantic complete in personnel and operational training, ready for battle, the "Wildcat" fighter squadron has arrived in the United Kingdom. Fresh from more than a year's service in Alaskan skies, the squadron is anxiously anticipating action in this theatre.

With the veteran fliers of the northern front were many recent graduates of the training schools in Canada, who will undergo further training before posting to operational sections.

The best wishes of Air Marshal Harold Edwards, C.B., A.O.C.-in-C., the RCAF Overseas, were voiced by Air Commodore T. E. B. Howe, reception officer from the Air Ministry.

"I wish particularly to congratulate all who have obtained their wings in Canada," said Air Commodore Howe, "for we know that many of our toughest and most successful air fighters have come from Canada in the past."

Now under the command of S/L F. G. "Frank" Grant, Montreal, the Wildcats have logged thousands of operational hours in Arctic patrols and off Canada's east coasts.

The entire squadron flew 4,000 miles from its former base at Dartmouth, N.S., to Alaska upon transfer 14 months ago. It was the first unit to fly from coast to coast.

Many Ex-Instructors

"All the lads are very keen and well experienced, a lot of ex-instructors in this squadron," says S/L Grant, who himself spent a year in Britain before joining the unit in Canada.

When posted overseas, the squadron flew its aircraft from Alaska to Vancouver, where another RCAF unit took them over.

Among the youngsters who accompanied the squadron across the Atlantic was P/O R. J. Robillard, Ottawa, who received his wings in July. He is hoping to meet his famous brother, F/O Larry Robillard, D.F.M., in Britain. He was a new recruit at Toronto Manning Depot a year ago when brother Larry was welcomed home at a civic reception.

Two tall ex-policemen, who worked together, enlisted in the RCAF and trained together and now hope to man the same bomber, were among the

CANADA'S 'WILDCATS' GET FIRST VIEW OF ENGLAND



A completely trained RCAF fighter squadron landed in Britain with the last contingent of Canadians. Some of the pilots are shown above. They were welcomed by Air Commodore T. E. B. Howe, Reception Officer from Air Ministry, third from the right. On his left is S/L Frank G. Grant, Montreal, who commands the unit, and F/O V. Willing, Vancouver, the Adjutant.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

BOMB BURSTS FAIL TO STOP SIX RESCUERS

These RCAF Men Awarded Two George Medals, Four M.B.E.s

TWO KITES EXPLODE

THE heroism displayed by members of a Canadian bomber squadron after two aircraft exploded in the dispersal area has won the greatest number of decorations yet awarded for a single action in the history of the RCAF—two George Medals and four M.B.E.s. J.M.s went to F/Ls Robert J. McCombe, Wellington, Ont.; and Ewart J. Lindsay, Kingston, Ont. B.E.M.'s (Military Division) were won by F/O John O. Doehler, Montreal; Sgt. John A. Campbell, Westlock, Alta.; LAC Clive A. Snelling, and LAC Peter P. Wilkinson, Cumberland, B.C.

One night in July the bomb load of an aircraft, standing in dispersal, detonated, and the wreckage caught fire. A second aircraft caught fire and its bomb load also exploded.

F/O Doehler, rushing to the scene, was thrown to the ground by the explosion of the second aircraft. He got up and taxied a bomber away from the blazing kites.

F/L McCombe, an armament officer and F/L Lindsay, M.O., rescued two airmen, who had been standing under the wing when the first bomber blew up. During the rescue operations they were blown to the ground by the explosion of the second aircraft.

Lindsay took the two airmen to hospital. McCombe remained to pick up other injured men in his own car. While he was driving away two large bomb fragments were hurled through the doors of the car.

Couldn't Keep Him Down Sgt. Campbell was also hurled to the ground by the second explosion. Undaunted he went on and helped start the engines of a nearby bomber which had not caught fire. While this kite was being taxied to safety he went to a second aircraft and helped get it away. Campbell was again knocked down by an explosion, but again recovered and helped put out fires on the runway.

LAC Snelling was running to the scene of the first explosion when the second aircraft blew up. He was hurled to the ground but got up and ran to an aircraft which was untouched by fire, and after starting the engines himself, taxied it away to safety.

LAC Wilkinson helped a wounded man to safety after the first explosion. The fire had spread to the second aircraft and disdaining the risk of the bombs exploding he led three other men to rescue an injured airman lying near the first aircraft. As the party was leaving, the second kite blew up, and all were thrown to the ground. They were able to save their comrade, and reached safety as a third explosion occurred.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

VICTORY LOAN Latest word on the Victory Loan count as this paper goes to press is that the total amount so far checked is \$950,000. The final figure cannot yet be obtained. Objective for the RCAF Overseas was \$750,000.

CANADIANS CAPRICE IN COUNTRY CASTLE

If some Air Force lads comes out with a new swing number called "Dancing in the Dungeon" or "Joustin Jive" it will be the result of a recent dance staged in a grand old English castle. The Canadian squadron based not far from the massive pile attended in force, tramping into the walled courtyard via the ancient drawbridge. Dungeons served as cloak rooms.

numerous Torontonians. "Now we won't get put on Service Policy duty," said P/O C. T. Peers, Pal, P/O G. E. Martin, who worked with Toronto's mounted unit, still keeps an interest in horses. "I want to get a look at some of the thoroughbreds over here," says he.

Members of a training class which set an Empire record in aircraft recognition were four wireless air-gunners from Manitoba, F/Ss P. N. Leveille, G. Walker and D. A. Elchovist, all of Winnipeg, and C. D. Hubley, Manitoba.

P/O Joseph Hong, Windsor Ont., is going to start a one-man hunt over Britain for his brother, Pte. George Hong, R.C.M.C. "Joe," a young Chinese Canadian, was formerly with the advertising department of the Windsor Star.

NIGHT RAIDERS SWING TO SOUTHERN RAIL TARGETS

Modane and Cannes Bear Brunt of Sharp Attacks

Bombing program for the past week included two attacks in south-eastern France by the heavy bombers. Canadians visited Modane, a rail centre, with RAF squadrons last Wednesday night and the following evening. Squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group joined with the RAF in pounding Cannes, famed as a Riviera watering place but important as a railway junction.

Late detailed reports indicate that the Modane attack was one of the most accurate in the history of aerial warfare.

The vital marshalling yards, one of the two main German rail routes to Italy, were pounded heavily. The junction is just outside the entrance of the Mont Cenis tunnel through a part of the Alps. Canadians who flew there with an RAF Lancaster squadron were not impressed by the opposition.

"There was not a soul out after us with even a peashooter," said F/O H. M. McDonald, bomb-aimer, of West Vancouver. "We saw no lights, no flak and no searchlights except over London on way home."

"Except for six guns at the target itself," remarked F/S H. A. Moad, Clan William Man., "there wasn't the slightest trace of opposition."

"It was like pouring water down a funnel the way the bombs raced down on the target between the mountains," said F/O G. H. Laing, Winnipeg. "The concentration was terrific."

Other RCAFers on the raid included S/L M. Crocker, Washington, D.C., F/S D. S. Paterson, Ottawa, and F/O C. H. Johnson, Strone, Alta.

A "Cruise" to the Riviera

Flying the length of France to almost within the shadow of the Maritime Alps, Halifax squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group joined with RAF squadrons in a concentrated attack on the railway yards of Cannes, French Riviera resort. Crews of the Moose Squadron, commanded by W/C Bill Pleasance, and those of the squadron commanded by W/C D. T. French, reported a "bang-up prang."

"The weather over the target was clear as crystal," said F/O A. J. Byford, Ottawa, second pilot in a bomber captained by F/L H. A. Hewitt, Lac Vert, Sask. "There was little flak. I only saw two searchlights, but I could see the railway yards plainly in the moonlight."

Flying over the mountains to the target a fighter chased the aircraft piloted by F/O Chuck

"MAW" BEATS PEAT BUT CANUCK STUCK

One afternoon during his sojourn on one of the Faroe Islands Cpl. Eddie Dorey, Liverpool, N.S., offered to help an old Faroese woman carry a box of peat to her home.

As he shifted the box from her shoulders to his own Eddie wobbled, staggered and fell. Far from weighing the 30 pounds or so he expected, the box was no less than 85 pounds.

The woman, who had already carried the peat three-and-a-half miles, was 73 years of age.

Ford, Melfort, Sask., but he eluded the German.

Others in these squadrons who took part were F/S A. E. D. Legault, Sarnia, Ont.; Sgt. J. P. McMaster, Windsor, Ont.; F/S J. J. Salaba, Willowbunch, Sask.; Sgt. W. F. Griffiths, Rosetown, Sask.; F/S J. W. Broadhurst, Kimberley, B.C.; F/S J. C. Foley, Wellington, Ont.; F/O H. A. Lee, Chelsea, Que.; F/S E. A. Hude, Killam Alta.; Sgt. J. F. Tagg, Burlington, Ont.; F/O L. A. Rotskin, Toronto.

GUNNERS CLOUT KRAUTS IN MORE NIGHT FIGHTS

Der Fuhrer is throwing more and more fighters up in an effort to keep the bombers away from his sauerkraut plants, and Canadian bomber boys are meeting plenty of them in a business way.

One Halifax crew of the squadron commanded by W/C D. T. French were hit up by nightfighters no less than five times after they left Dusseldorf. An Me-109 came in first and was sighted by the mid upper man, Sgt. A. C. Allen, Vancouver. The pilot, F/O G. Lord, Sherbrooke, Que., corkscrewed out of that attack. Another Me-109 had a go, but again Lord got away via the corkscrew route. An F.W.190 knocked on their door, but the boys weren't in. Two more attacks from extreme range were made by unidentified aircraft, and again the Halifax got away. Other Canucks in the crew were F/O C. L. Teal, Saskatoon; Sgt. C. H. Carley, Winnipeg, and Sgt. P. G. Hannan, Toronto.

The Moose men are also exchanging greetings with Jerry pilots. In the midst of

TRAIN-BUSTERS GIVE BUSINESS TO HUN KITES

Low-Level Types Knock Off Three Aircraft and Four Locomotives

An Irishman and a Canadian jointly destroyed a Dornier 217 on Thursday over France. F/L A. E. Lee, Belfast, and F/O F. G. Welsh, London, Ont., members of a RAF fighter squadron, were flying along a railway track, looking for enemy locomotives and aircraft when the Dornier was spotted ahead and to the left at about the same height.

"I was flying slightly behind and to the right of Lee," said Welsh. "We broke to the left and came in behind the Dornier. I pressed home my attack. At first the bomber returned fire from the side turrets. But that soon stopped as its engines started to smoke and burst into flames. They jettisoned the escape hatch and four of the crew baled out. One parachute did not open."

The bomber flew level for a short time, then turned to the left and, losing height, crashed into a wood. F/O Welsh followed it down, "just to make sure."

Last Thursday F/L E. L. P. Morham, St. Lambert, Que.

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ELGIE'S TWO TOUR LOG SOMETHING OF RECORD

There's something of a record in the pages of the log book belonging to F/S S. W. Elgie, Port William, Ont. He has just completed what amounts to two tours of operations which started on German industries in Wimpy bombers and ended on Japanese supply bases in Vengeance dive bombers.

Elgie was posted to the United Kingdom in April, 1941, and after completing his training went on operations as wireless air-gunner in a Wellington. He did 15 trips against such targets as Bremen, Hamburg, Berlin and Brest.

In between flights Elgie qualified as a movie actor, having taken part in making the film "Target for To-night," in which he said a couple of lines. You've probably seen his picture on recruiting posters in Canada as the tall-gunner in a Wellington turret.

Once in his European ops they got lost over the Ruhr and ran into heavy flak. "We even had holes in the engines that night," Elgie said. At that time he was flying with Sgt. J. Kearns, Ottawa; F/S Bill Galloway, Toronto; F/S Freddie English; F/S M. "Doc" Ramsey, Burford, Ont. and Bob Hathaway, Tulsa, now in the USAAF.

Elgie did 175 hours of sorties over Burma with a Wimpy squadron bombing Japanese occupied cities of Rangoon, Mandalay and Akyab. On one of these trips Elgie was really shaken. Returning over the high mountains of north-east India Kearns, the second pilot, who was flying the kite, passed out at 11,000 feet. "We didn't have oxygen in those days," Elgie explained.

"We went into a dive and in no time we were down to 3,000 feet and slammed the second pilot on the jaw in an attempt to bring him round. The drastic treatment partially worked, for although Kearns was hazy he managed to get the kite straightened out at just about the deck. Kearns kept on saying, "We need more airspeed; look, we've only got 80 miles an hour on the clock." He didn't realize that it had gone around twice and we were diving for the deck at 290."

After finishing his tour in July Elgie was posted to a Vengeance squadron and did 14 trips with them down the Arakan coast and over the Chin Hills, smashing at Japanese supply bases.

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EDITORIAL

FULLY-TRAINED UNIT

THE "Wildcat" squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force has arrived in Britain, as a complete and fully-trained unit, after long service in Alaska.

These squadrons have all been doing admirable work in protecting Canadian shores from the possibility of air attack or seaborne invasion; but it is safe to assume that the members of the squadrons concerned will be delighted at the prospect of flying from British bases, where engagements with the enemy will probably be far more frequent.

Ever since the famous No. 110 (City of Toronto) Army Co-operation squadron arrived in Britain early in 1940, and since No. 1 Fighter Squadron took its place in the front line during the Battle of Britain, Canadian airmen have spread in growing numbers in theatres of war which extend almost around the world.

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INDIGESTION? -no thank you! Two Moorland Tablets are all you need in order to enjoy your meals without fear of gastric trouble.

THE WATERFALLS LOOP THE LOOP

Cpl. Eddie Dorey Can Relate Many a Saga Of the Little Peculiarities of the Faroes

BACK in England, glad to get a meal that doesn't come out of cans, Cpl. Eddie Dorey, Liverpool, N.S., has plenty to tell of life and times in Denmark's Faroe Islands.

For six months, with one other Canadian, Cpl. Craig Knudsen, Woodstock, Ont., and a handful of RAF lads, he was stationed at a northern island outpost of these islands, which are themselves outposts of the war.

Most impressive stories are those of the weather. Only a stone's throw from the Arctic circle, the island has a close approximation to a midnight sun.

When the wind is up it catches the bottom of a 100 foot waterfall and carries the water back to the top of the precipice, then whirled it down again in a complete loop.

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Real Wind-Power

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The rugged harbour of a northern island where the occupants of a small fishing boat "land" by a hundred foot climb up the sheer face of the cliff, at the end of a rope. Cpl. Eddie Dorey, just returned from the north, brings many yarns of the tough people of these islands.

This is only a mild example of the ruggedness of the Faroese population. Twice every day six girls climb six miles up a mountain to milk a herd of cows. Then they lug the milk the six miles back to the village.

The inhabitants of the islands are of mixed Scandinavian stock with Danish, Swedish and Norwegian types predominating. Add a dash of Highland Scot



whales is sighted, the entire population rushes to the sea-front. Every boat that can take to the water is pressed into service.

Following the grindefangst there is a festival. "Everyone," Eddie says, "goes down to the village hall, where an old boy belts away on an accordion all night, to accompany the Scandinavian dances."

The dances last literally all night. During this period the Faroese keep open house. There are no locks on the doors at any time, but particularly at grindefangst the house belongs to the neighbours.

Another important industry on the island is sheep-raising. The bulk of the woollens, worn all year round on the island, are home spun. Raising sheep is difficult because of the lack of grazing land.

First the natives make holes in the face of the cliff, large enough to take an iron climbing grip. They then strap the young lamb to their back and climb to the plateau. They leave the animals there, sheltered from the wind and with sufficient grass for 12 or 13 months.

When they come back the lambs have become full grown sheep. Then follows the arduous task of bringing the sheep down again. At one spot the men carry sheep across a gorge, 200 feet deep, by moving hand over hand across a wire.

WAR PRISONERS

A list of RCAF prisoners of war has been forwarded to the Beaver Club by Sgt. L. E. Peterson, whose present address is: Kriegsgefangenennummer 9630, Stalag Luft 1, Deutschland. He is president of the Canadian Club there and the camp leader is Sgt. J. G. Barnes.

Attached to the list in the Beaver Club is a note advising that relatives should not write more than once a week in order to ensure that prisoners get their mail.

In the following list the name of the prisoner is given first, followed by his service number, then his prisoner of war number in brackets and finally his home town. The address of the prisoners as at September 1, 1943, was: Stalag Luft 1, Deutschland.

- Allison, S. H., R.91346 (1239), Toronto. Appoyard, J. D., R.63131 (2483), Vancouver. Bujoid, P. L., R.107207 (1037), Danden. Bees, H. G., R.124428 (1169), Winnipeg. Bundy, E. H., R.32948 (917), Toronto. Bishop, G. M., R.86742 (87), Montreal. Brown, H., R.109941 (916), Wndorf. Brown, D. B., R.98439 (1120), Birmingham, Ala. Carmichael, J. D., R.92378 (807), Calgary. Creech, R., R.98235 (878), Lloydminster. Frustater, K., R.102333 (1099), Winnipeg. Clubb, G. W., R.93324 (675), Winnipeg. Carter, G. C., R.119839 (1123), Jarvis. Charlesworth, W. T., R.78416 (688), Toronto. Collins, L. G., R.78084 (3700), Toronto. Cameron, J. D., R.82636 (4270), Toronto. Grandell, T. J., R.82694 (1091), Toronto. Carleton, J. M., R.101168 (1059), Grimsby. Courter, W. E., R.122291 (919), Scarborough. Cice, H. A., R.97719, Vancouver. Chalmers, E. J., R.80750, Toronto. Campbell, J. S., R.82146, Rentlaw. Chapman, R. L., R.69935, Toronto. Churchard, P., R.106763 (1233), Toronto. Douglas, R. O., R.106758 (897), Vancouver. Dingman, R. B., R.131687 (928), Calgary. Delorme, J., R.101687 (881), St. Adolphe. Denoee, P., R.127401, Winnipeg. Davis, S. H., R.135103 (1238), British West Indies. Elford, R. O., R.103805 (1239), Calgary. Edwards, S. M., R.83519, Southampton. France, J. A., R.23136 (23330), Vancouver. Fjal, A., R.117039 (925), Middlechurch. Fraser, J. D., R.107078 (995), Lands. Fawcett, C. O., R.115932 (991), Saskatoon. Floyd, W. A., R.127528 (992), Toronto. Fox, V. A., R.126002 (994), St. John. Ferguson, R., R.141618 (1177), New York. Gibson, D., R.75127 (1079), Saskatoon. Garnett, J. W., R.905930 (39725), Toronto. Graham, G. T., R.78129 (927), Aurora. Godard, D. M., R.64393 (90104), Hamilton. Garry, J. J., R.99659 (39726), Ontario. Haddleton, W. D., R.94765 (818), Clilmax, Sask. Hunter, W. E., R.80015 (1073), Winnipeg. Horne, C. L., R.119668 (1138), Virden. Hayward, A. H., R.52692 (29671), Toronto. Harrison, A. B., R.103255 (1000), Toronto. Hobbs, C. E., R.85343 (1071), Toronto. Howell, W. J., R.122296 (919), Toronto. Howard, J. A., R.103250 (1640), Alton. Hoag, N., R.82671 (920), Picton. Hixon, D. D., R.82129 (825), Wheatley. Hinds, H. W., R.69150 (218), Chapeau. Holloway, R. O., R.79022 (828), Montreal. Horner, H., R.65437 (249), British West Indies. Hill, O. G., R.78072 (825), Middleport. Inder, H. A., R.76443 (829), Magdalen Island. Johnston, T. V., R.61673 (8576), Horizon, Sask. Jenkin, O. W., R.56348 (9538), Winnipeg. Jaynes, A., R.12454 (1141), London. Keon, M. S., R.90710 (1070), Saskatoon. Kingdon, J. A., R.82113 (813), Lakefield. Klein, W. J., R.104160 (1186), Stratford. Leblanc, J. A., R.104908 (1115), Montreal. Levesque, J., R.113949 (1148), Edmonton. Low, M. G., R.105544 (1254), New Westminister. McDonald, D. P., R.103064 (946), Calgary. May, P. S., R.95152 (939), Winnipeg. McFarland, D. K., 4211A (39670), Winnipeg. McKenzie, L. W., R.71162 (1017), Winnipeg. McKay, J. A., R.123891 (1083), Pilot Mound. Morrison, A. S., R.91214 (1151), Toronto. McGooham, L. J., R.62036 (942), Cornwall. MacGowin, J. P., R.62620 (90064), Cornwall. McQuarrie, E. E., R.102405 (1018), Rainy Brook. MacDonald, R. L., R.62809 (941), Sherbrooke. Mer, T. H., R.64816 (514), St. John, N.B. McKinley, N. R., R.126252 (1259), Alma, N.B. MacDonald, E. E., R.65412 (837), Picton, N.S. Mancini, V. S., R.65363 (90111), North Sydney, N.S. MacDonald, W. A., R.76126 (1014), Sydney, N.S. McCallum, G., R.76187 (1078), Hilden. Moore, S. A. M., NFD.798716 (1201), Fredericton, N.B. Mander, J., R.12456 (1253), Minneapolis. Nerland, P. M., R.86914 (693), Medicine Hat. Norton, C. H., R.95885 (1157), Ottawa. Newman, G. P. D., R.125203 (1282), Ammirer. O'Rourke, W., R.140353 (1025), Grandham. O'Neill, P. R., R.7808 (1087), Sudbury. Perry, W. J., R.110347 (1193), Vancouver. Peterson, L. E., R.98124 (9820), Calgary. Piercy, W. M., R.95339 (845), Stony Mountain, Man. Parham, J. R., R.119711 (833), St. Boniface. Paton, A. M., R.91734 (844), Toronto. Pearce, P. J., R.78358 (39670), Barrie. Prieur, J. L., R.108161 (1205), Montreal. Peck, J. L., R.120248 (1155), North Carolina. Pickens, W. G., R.98289 (1195), San Antonio, Tex. (Continued on page 6, col. 1)

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36 MORE GONGS GO TO CANADIANS THIS WEEK

W/O G. Lindsay Decorated For Keeping His Mouth Shut

Thirty-six decorations were won by Canadian airmen this week. Of these awards, seven were immediate and 29 non-immediate. Topping the list is W/O G. F. Grant, D.F.C., a Canadian in the RAF, with a D.S.O. W/O Grant has taken part in many sorties covering a wide range of targets. His "unswerving devotion to duty, fortitude and tenacity" were amply demonstrated on one occasion when he attacked Bochum in the face of difficult circumstances. He is cited for great skill and devotion to duty.

For successful attacks on shipping, airfields and rail installations, F/L Rodney T. Phipps, Strome, Alta., gets a D.F.C. In September he took part in a scrap with 11 Ju.52s. Early in the light a bullet punctured his windscreen and Phipps was cut over the eye by splinters. However, he fought with skill and destroyed four of the enemy aircraft.

W/O G. A. Lindsay, Westmount, Que., got a D.F.C. for keeping his mouth shut. Shortly after take-off on an operation Lindsay's electrically-heated clothing went up and his oxygen supply was not functioning properly. He refrained from telling his captain, and at great personal discomfort remained at his post. Not until the flight was completed and they had crossed the English coast did he disclose his plight, and at great perturbation of the determination he has shown throughout the many sorties in which he has taken part.

Beveridge Wins Award S/L Massey W. Beveridge, Westmount, Que., and his English observer put up a D.F.C. and a D.F.M. respectively for successful sorties against enemy airfields. During a recent show they shot down two enemy kites. Says the citation, "S/L Beveridge is a most efficient flight commander who has set a fine example of devotion to duty."

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. T. D. McCann, Boston, Mass. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. J. A. Mitchell, Sgt., Ammirer, Ont. MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. M. R. Ledgett, Sgt., Brooklin, Ont.; E. G. Crockett, F.L., Montreal; J. C. Zeffel, F/O, Lacrosse, Alta.; W. St. C. Hebb, Sgt., Bridgewater, N.S.; W. MacKillop, Sgt., Cape Breton, N.S.; D. J. Mulien, Sgt., St. Peter's Bay, P.E.I.; W. St. L. Henwick, Sgt., Toronto; O. B. Robertson, Sgt., Westmount, Que.; D. A. Ross, Sgt., Antigonish, N.S.; J. A. Alber, Sgt., Arizona, U.S.A.; H. D'Arcy, W/O, Milton, Ont.; E. G. Dohy, D.F.C., P/O, Waterford, N.S.; J. McLean, Sgt., New Brunswick. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. W. B. Anderson, F/O, Craigmyle, Alta.; H. C. Beebe, F/S, New Carlisle, Que.; J. W. Edmundo, F/O, Rapid City, Man.; K. C. Curtis, Sgt., U.S.A.; A. D. Foote, Sgt., Toronto; W. Harvey, Sgt., Carleton, Alta.; A. J. Kenny, Sgt., North York, Ont.; F. M. Lacasse, Sgt., Ottawa; T. T. Lunderberg, F/O, St. John's, Nfld.; MacDessall, P/O, New Glasgow, N.S.; G. D. Perry, Sgt., Culico, New Mexico; D. H. B. F.O., Winnipeg; S. C. Shusterov, F/O, Lacombe, Alta.; H. B. B. F.O., Lacombe, Sask.; S. V. Woyce, Sgt., Palmer, Ont.; F. L. Barker, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; W. D. Cameron, Sgt., Carleton, Alta.; C. O. Cook, Sgt., Waterville, N.S.; E. W. Cunningham, F/O, Montreal; F. W. DeGruchy, Sgt., Montreal; D. A. Ferguson, Sgt., Carleton Place, Ont.; J. Falls, P/O, Montreal; T. M. Falls, F/O, Westmount, Que.; H. F. Fansher, P/O, Gavan, Sask.; G. F. Fenton, Sgt., Hamilton; C. B. Nedras, Sgt., Carleton Place, Ont.; F. O. Toronto; R. S. Kent, F/O, Toronto; J. Lawrence, F/S, Long Branch, Ont.; J. Lemke, Sgt., Regina, S. B. Lewis, F/L, Edmonton; W. G. Murphy, F/S, MacLeod, Alta.; L. B. Murray, F/S, Winnipeg; J. N. P. O., Vancouver, Ont.; P. F. Pinder, Toronto; A. F. G. Hitch, F/O, Toronto; J. A. Hollins, Sgt., Coburg, Ont.; J. L. Hill, Sgt., Hilderton, Ont.; G. Tuma, P/O, Churchbridge, Sask.; W. W. Wallace, Sgt., Fillmore, Sask. WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. J. F. Smith, F/S, Chatham, Ont. MISSING. M. Bailey, Sgt., Stockton, Man.; D. Bell, W/O, Stratford, Ont.; N. C. Brown, Sgt., Vancouver; D. J. Cameron, F/S, London, Ont.; F. T. Coomer, Sgt., Coderick, Ont.; W. J. Lumsday, P/O, Winnipeg; I. A. Hield, P/O, Winnipeg; J. Jenks, Sgt., Lawrence, Man.; P. H. W. Kidd, Sgt., Southburn, Man.; J. A. B. Kidd, Sgt., Vancouver, Sask.; H. D. Mallory, Sgt., Woodstock, N.B.; H. F. Mauchan, Sgt., Edmonton; E. G. More, P/O, Lewis, Man.; J. O. Mulherall, P/O, Oak Lake, Toronto; C. F. Pick, Sgt., Marriott, Sask.; R. B. J. Sidway, Sgt., Dublin, Eire; D. Ross, Sgt., New York; B. Winter, P/O, Toronto; T. F. Thould, F/S, Winnipeg; C. G. Baker, F.S., Hilderton, Ont.; C. A. Davis, Sgt., Elkton, Alta.; F. S. Green, P/O, Toronto; J. C. MacLennan, Sgt., Winnipeg; J. D. MacNeill, F/S, Tees, Alta.; F. Middleton, Sgt., Vancouver, Ont.; J. E. Milner, Sgt., Vanier Hill, Ont.; G. A. Munro, Sgt., Calgary; H. A. Queen, Sgt., Cottam, Ont.; T. J. Ryan, Sgt., Chicago; N. K. Scott, Sgt., Edmonton; G. P. C. Vande, Sgt., Hilderton, Ont.; J. H. MacLennan, Man.; W. A. Williamson, P/O, London, Ont.; D. Zander, F/S, Handel, Sask.; D. Anderson, Sgt., Lisle, Ont.; G. H. Anderson, Sgt., North Bay, Ont.; Sgt., Fort William, Ont.; M. A. Danvers, F/O, Halvood, Ont.; A. A. Fredericton, Sgt., Hilderton, B.C.; R. D. Hayes, F.S., Lacombe, Ont.; R. G. James, Sgt., Alberta, Ont.; G. Karaca, Sgt., Keller, Sask.; E. Kellaway, Sgt., Vancouver; F. E. Lewis, P.O., F.O., Toronto; G. A. Shewell, F/S, Humboldt, Ont.; G. A. Shewell, F/S, Humboldt, Ont.; F. G. Spawyer, F/O, Pumbroke, Ont.; F. G. Spawyer, F/O,

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. F. E. Adams, Sgt., Toronto; D. G. D. Burns, Sgt., Winnipeg; J. W. Chester, Sgt., Vancouver; W. Davies, Sgt., Barrie, Ont.; J. L. Darby, F/O, Bella Bella, B.C.; R. L. Henry, Sgt., Turinville, Ont.; W. P. Hoyt, Capt., Leeming, N.S.; G. A. Innes, Sgt., J. E. Kelcham, Col., Fort Wynward, Ont.; A. J. Le Page, Sgt., Newcars Falls, Ont.; G. Soutar, Sgt., North Bay, Ont.; E. H. Weeks, Sgt., Toronto; A. B. W. Weeks, Col., Toronto; W. J. B. Weeks, Sgt., Amnato, Ont.; W. G. F. Weeks, Sgt., Owen Sound, Ont.; H. C. Gordon, D.F.C., P.O., Plover, Sask.; A. W. Stewart, D.F.M., Tecumseh, Ont.; H. M. Todd, Sgt., DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. K. C. Sanderson, Sgt., Grand View, P.E.I. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. BELIEVED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. J. H. Clark, W/O, Ashcroft, Que.; E. H. Caldwell, Sgt., Carleton, Alta. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. R. O. Leonard, Sgt., Welland, Ont.; A. Kingsley, F/O, Saskatoon.

SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

GOOSEPOOL GOSSIP

By W/O "TED" HUESTIS

WE of "Goosepool" were much surprised last week to see so much publicity and prominence given to a certain station "somewhere in the Midlands" for selling a mere \$70,000 worth of Victory Bonds. We are proud to announce to all and sundry that our hard-working salesmen sold over \$110,000 worth of bonds. We believe we have topped all other RCAF units overseas. If we are wrong, we humbly apologise, but we don't think we shall have to.

Apologies are in order to our Station Commander, G/C A. D. Ross; his last stations in Canada were Dartmouth and Sydney, N.S., not Calgary. Incidentally his dog and constant companion, "Shadow Groupie," is now chief guardian at the Station Piggery.

Speaking of the "Piggery" our enterprising N.C.O. i/c Gardens has started in to provide sweet pork for Christmas. His volunteer assistants consist of two W/Os, three F/Ss, four Sgts., a couple of Cpls. and a flock of AC2s. It looks as if the ACs will do all the work. Anyhow we are hoping to have fresh pork and bacon by New Year's.

We welcome to our unit Cpl. Al Brousseau, Quebec City; Cpl. Jack Phillips, LAC Proud, P.E.I., and Cpl. Bob Pearson, Winnipeg. These lads recently returned to Merrie England after a long tour in Ceylon. They hold forth in the MT Section and keep many an Erk spellbound with tall tales of Life and Love as seen by the RCAF in these distant parts.

Equipment Types

The Equipment Section is headed by F/L Maxwell, Detroit, formerly of SFTS, Brantford, and P/O Schon (British Columbia) is his Barracks Officer. W/O "Tug" Wilson, Regina, formerly of Trenton and No. 3 TC, presides as W/O i/c Section and is ably assisted by Sgt. Al Rogers, Montreal, Sgt. Gordie Vekey, Montreal, Sgt. Joe Mendelson, Montreal, and Cpl. Saxby Porter, Glace Bay, N.S.

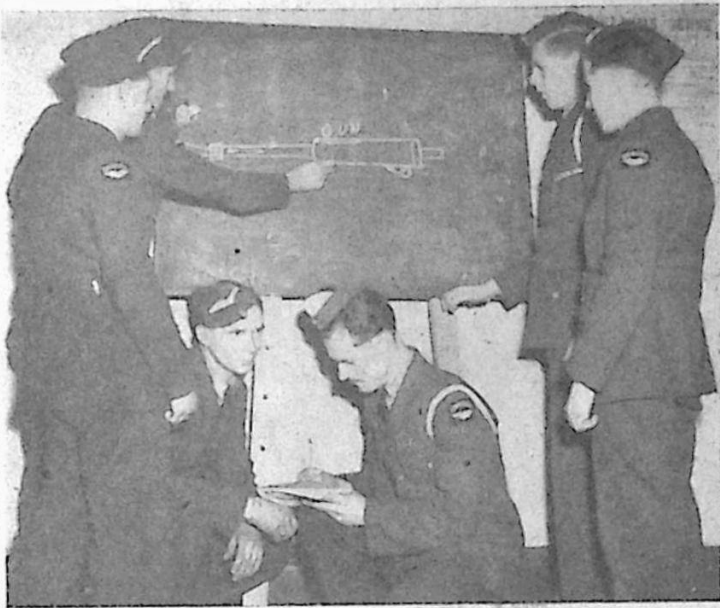
Boneyard Boss

Station Sick Quarters is governed by S/L "More Blood Donors" Kyle, Toronto. Doc came to us via No. 1 I.T.S.; Dauphin, Man., and EFTS, Portage La Prairie. Two nursing sisters, Nurse Ethel Elder, Brandon, and Nurse "Jacky," Vanier do their stuff in the wards. The remainder of the staff will be enumerated next issue.

Latest News Flashes: The Corporals' Club dance in the NAAFI was a huge success. Cpl. Jackson, Pay Accounts, and his committee did an excellent job of catering (wet) and everyone had a bang-up time. A few days later the WAAF section held a Hallowe'en Costume Dance. The various rigs that turned up proved that some people here have both imagination and ingenuity; they provided much applause and laughter as well. The GC walked off with a prize for his get-up as a French chef. He certainly looked the part.

Sgt. "We have no Bicycles" Dawson, of the SWO's office, recently asked if RCAF personnel ever made this column. Yes, Sergeant, you've made it so take a copy home and show the wife. Now she should be happy.

We are still waiting for more "Gen" from the sections, so get busy you scribes and let us have the dope for the next edition. More next week.



RCAF ground crew who are in training to become air gunners cluster around a blackboard in an I.T.W. classroom. Shown are LAC Howard MacDonald, Toronto; LAC Stan Siwak, Hamilton; LAC Joseph M. Pac, Toronto; LAC Jacque Hopwood (kneeling with pad), Los Angeles; Cpl. George Jones, Barrie, Ont.; and LAC Jack McHugh, Toronto.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)



"We three are gonna be flying over Germany," Nick Nichols, Jim Thompson, and Me."

SUCH could be the theme song of three operational types who have yet to go on an op, the "me" being F/S John Grady, Orono, Ont., navigator. The boys, who have just finished AFU and OTU, are an important percentage of what will be either a Lancaster or Stirling crew.

Sgt. Jim Thompson, who hails from Whitewood, Sask., comprises the Canadian element in the crew along with Grady. The lads from the Dominion have moulded well with the RAF boys, and a high-spirited team is ready to take to the German air.

The Canucks along with Sgt. Nick Nichols, their English skipper, were doing the town last week before going into action. Nick, among other accomplishments, possesses a pair of educated feet on the soccer field. The war nipped what might have been a professional career in the bud. As John and Jim point out, he plays the English type of soccer, not the Canadian "kick and run like hell" variety.

Johnny, who reaches an altitude of six foot one, for air force purposes is really a good inch and three quarters taller than the official record. Back home he had a business of his own. The war didn't exactly ruin things because the firm has a large enough staff to carry on until the Orono navigator gets back from the wars.



John "Me" Grady

Jim, who will be tossing lead at Nazi nightfighters in the near

ERKS REMUSTER TO AIR-GUNNERS

Numbers of Canadian ground crew in this country are steadily remustering to air gunners.

At one initial training wing on the seaside Canada is particularly well represented. The RCAF quota includes Cpls. Bill Marshall, Calgary, and Charles Mathiew, Montreal; LACs Joseph M. Pac, Toronto; Stan Siwak, Hamilton, Ont.; Howard MacDonald, Toronto; Doug Sparkes, Regina; Ches Garbutt, Fort William, and Al Provost, Vancouver; and AC Claudien Dessertine, Chambly Basin, Que.

Joe Pac summed up the consensus about why they had remustered to a flying trade when he said: "I came to England as an armourer's assistant, but as soon as I got here and found out the score I decided to remuster to A/G."

"Me too!" said Jacque Hopwood, who came over as an aero engine mech. "Guns have always been a hobby with me anyway."

The Inevitable Siwak

LAC Stan Siwak is happy about the whole thing. Though he enlisted as a radar mech. he has always wanted to be in air-crew.

MacDonald washed out of air crew in Canada when he missed on his wireless course, but he's trying again.

Mathew is a veteran of two years as a fitter with the "Red Indian" Squadron.

Most unusual case is that of AC Desertine. He came to England with the Free French Navy, but decided to try for his wing.

C/O of the unit is W/C E. Vancouver Harrison, RAF, an Englishman born on a Clipper Ship at Burrard Inlet, Vancouver Island. He has spent much time in Canada and is well known as a writer. The adjutant, F/L C. C. Hirst, RAF, has also had wide experience in Canada, having worked for a national magazine. He also worked on the first copy of "Canadian Aviation" and founded the Model Aircraft League of Canada.

IROQUOIS POW-WOW

By ART WILSON

GREETINGS to fellow readers of WINGS ABROAD. This is our first attempt to bring to you news and nonsense of our Iroquois Squadron.

We would like to say so long to four of our riggers who are leaving to join another squadron. They are LACs Don Bennett, George Marshall, Jack Little and Walt Eperson. We hope they enjoy themselves there as much as we have enjoyed them here. So long, fellas.

Chiefie Sturgess of "B" Flight is once more in the saddle after a course and a hectic leave in parts unknown.

Bags of panic and a big parade of all personnel last week. We didn't find out why, but who took the C.O.'s car.

LAC "Red" McLafferty is leaving us to join his brother. So long, Red, and all the best.

"Mink" the Mansell

LAC "Mink" Mansell has a far-away look in his eyes these days. We wonder why.

LAC Spiewak has quite a time getting into a nearby town. We would like to know what is so interesting there, Johnny.

Does W/C Newson know that his movements in another town are watched with interest?

We wonder if Sgt. "Pat" Lassardo is going to remuster to M.T. driver, or does he just like to have a certain WAAF give him lessons?

Sgt. Lorne Wilkie seems to be anxious to get away on leave again. "A" Flight would like to know what London is like in the black-out.

Could Cpl. George McQuestion tell us where he gets his poetry sent from, and does he still feel that way about Ireland?

gats, on your engagement, Johnnie and Jim.

Well done, P/O Litson. Ron started out on Defiants after Dunkirk, transferred to bombers and has just finished his second tour. When are you coming back for your third, Ronnie?

Three more leaving for the land where screens are gods are F/O "Buzz" Baker, F/O "Bonnie" Benner and F/S Walker. All the best, boys.

F/O Smythe, acting, unpaid and unwanted, temporary bombing leader, is screaming for someone to be posted to take the burden off his frail shoulders. We appreciate his difficulties, as he is acting, unpaid, etc., O.C.I.C. Lockers and Locks as well! Poor man!

NEWS AND BANTER

By R. HUNT

OUR first anniversary party, held on November 7, was a great success, and the floor show proved a fine attraction in more ways than one—or at least so our Winco and S/L Barney Rawson thought, as they had their money's worth in the kiss sal.

By the way, Barney, congratulations on your D.F.C. and promotion. Well done and well earned, too.

F/L "Snub" Pollard was seen going on leave a day or two ago with a dead chicken under his arm. Oh! so that's what gunnery leaders do with their Brownings is it?

Three more types who have joined the ranks of the thin blue line are Bill "Pinkle" Hingston, Ross Kelso and Ronnie Impy. Good show, boys.

S/L "He Got It On the Boat" Chipping has finished his tour and is leaving us soon. Congratulations, "Chips," and all the best for the future.

Alex Stockdale has really come in on the beam this week; he now proudly wears flight loopy's rings. Good show, "Stocky." Up the nav. section.

O, Johnnie, O!

P/O Jim Jakeman has met his "One and only" in the person of LACW "Johnnie" Johnson. Con-



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THE BAR REVIEW

By DOC DOHERTY

THE WAAFs of SHQ signals are really looking down and out these days, hovering over the telephone waiting for "my Warren" and "my Ollie" to phone.

The Hallowe'en party at the WAAF Sgts. mess was quite the do, the food was superb and even the senior officers let their hair down. S/L Janin entertained by giving a piano recital, the station band arrived just in time to prevent any further attempts to conga to "White Christmas." F/O Scott did a dainty job of dunking for her Hallowe'en apple.

Our permanent orderly officer took quite a shaking the other night when he—accompanied by the orderly Sgt.—was making his tour of black-out security. When walking along the road he noticed a rather bad black-out, so waltzed into the building without knocking to find himself confronted with a bevy of lovelies in very brief briefs. Did he falter? No, he calmly walked over and adjusted the black-outs without taking one little peek—so he says.

Congratulations are in order to F/L Laird seeing as how he has made the upper brackets. Kindly address all mail as S/L now, please. Then there is the F/S who made good, and is now sporting that little ring. Yes, Siree, boys, you must say Sir to P/O Warren now. The world is truly a garden of roses for one of our R/T Ops Teddy goes around all day with the moon in her eyes and a W/O on her mind but then W/Os are somewhat of an oddity.

NOT TOURIST TYPES

F/O Ray Lee, Winthrop, Mass., a member of an RCAF night intruder squadron, got slightly off course the other night. The weather wasn't good, so he and his navigator had trouble getting their bearings.

They finally got it off a big pylon. It was the Eiffel Tower, looming up 400 feet ahead.

"Boy, did we ever get out of there in a hurry," says Ray. "We were right over the heart of Paris."



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BAS(E)IC NEWS

By JIMMY GUNN

BIG event of the past week was the opening of the new sergeants' mess at the Base Station. Completely refurbished on a scale that would put many bachelor clubs in St. James's Square to shame, the new lounge was formally declared open on Thursday night by W/C J. H. Swetman, D.F.C., C.O. of the Thunderbird Squadron, who was acting Station C.O. Among notable "flat hats" visiting the sergeants for the occasion were W/C A.C. Maier, O.C. of the Goose Squadron, W/C "Tiny" Smith, W/C Pitt Clayton, D.F.C. (Bar), F/L A. J. Bond, S/L John Kyles, S/L C. O. King (who pooled his experiences on prices of new and used furniture with C.M.C. W. O. "Tubby" Reid) and F/O Bob McCartney.

W/O Freddie Warner shocked everyone present by securing three bottles of orange for the first drink. It developed, however, that this was a mistake on the part of the bar tender, who misunderstood, due, no doubt, to a generous quantity of Mr. Wrigley's product being vigorously masticated by the Warner jaws. Second sensation was provided by F/S Bill McCarthy, who lost two consecutive tosses for the drinks. When last seen he was patronising the "tiddly-winks" table in the games room in a vain endeavour to recoup his fallen fortunes, but was encountering stiff opposition from Ted Kozachenko, whose prowess with the little square cubes is legendary.

Considerable comment was occasioned by the murals decorating the mess lounge. Representing the insignia of the various aircraft on the Base Station squadrons, they were drawn by flight personnel and created an original decorative scheme.

It's Happened Again

And this is the sad tale of a poor male (name mercifully withheld) who returned from leave recently, quietly unlocked the door to his room in airmen's married quarters and retired. But not to restful sleep, for he heard all around him soft voices. After spending a worrisome night wondering if his reason was leaving him he withdrew in the cold light of early dawn—only to discover later that the quarters in question had been taken over by WAAF personnel during his absence.

This week the special welcome mat is out for one of the originals of the Women's Division—LAW Melody Willis-O'Connor. The former socialite in Canada's capital city has been two years in the W.D.s, during which period she spent a tour of duty in Newfoundland—and, strange to say, after seeing these parts she avows she wouldn't mind in the least going back there. A singer of considerable note (and sweet notes) she will prove a valuable addition to our Base Station concert group.

A regular invading army of visiting firemen descended on us during the past week. Heading the procession was W/C Carlton Coffey, noted varsity athlete of former days, now stationed at Overseas Headquarters. He was accompanied by S/L A. W. Davison and S/L A. L. Pidgeon. Their visit was connected with the Fifth Canadian Victory Loan, and they expressed themselves as satisfied with progress made at this base. The following day S/L N. O. Seagram, from Air Force H.Q., arrived with the latest gen from Ottawa and Waterloo, Ont. He was accompanied by F/L F. W. Alexander, from Overseas Headquarters, and they took up a number of problems connected with effects of missing personnel.

A reference to the writer of this effort in last week's Thunder Flashes is noted. Ted

SHOOT THE SHERBET

By HERBERT

THE other night "Godfrey's Field" had its first sports night, and members thereof are now effervescing with thoughts of future sports nights.

In all nine teams competed, representing different sections and servicing flights. The airmen took down all social barriers and permitted the officers to mingle with them, and although we hate to admit it, the officers made a darn good showing. (Should be worth a day off.)

The affair ran smoothly under the direction of our genial K. of C. director, Mr. Boyle, and our beloved (?) S.W.O. Lorne "Get a haircut" Williams.

Our Winco, "Long John" Godfrey, really showed the boys of the "Pen Pusher" team the fine points of hurdling and broad jumping. (Yes, boys, it was a sports night.)

In our audience we had hundreds of pulchritudinous Waafs—well, anyway, we had three—who kept winking the "V" sign to their favourites.

The highlight of the "do" occurred when S/L "Shoeless Joe" Snelgrove and F/L "Pretty Boy" Sproul swapped sneakers after each event. It seems their hardship allowance is not sufficient. Don't worry, men, I'll speak to the authorities.

F/O "Toughy" Robb, the man with the education, otherwise known as "the ambulance chaser," put on a good show crawling through tyres. F/O "Mighty Atom" Meldrum was heckling at all events with the ardour of a Brooklyn Dodger fan. We cannot overlook the good work done by the Waaf sergeant judging the broad jump.

"Crash-Land" MacFarlane

Sgt. MacFarlane executed a graceful spin which brought his posterior into contact with the concrete. Call for "Doc" Williams.

Another man largely responsible for arranging this gala night was Sgt. "Joe" Walker. He gets chubbier every day. You can thank "Joe Joe" for those push-ups, boys. Don't rush—one at a time.

As usual, it was the erks' night to howl. They turned out in great numbers, which proves my theory that it's the LACs who are the backbone of this outfit. Keep up the good work, and don't forget the winning team gets half-day passes. Ask the electrical and instrument sections.

That's all for now. Keep fit, ready, and above all, get a haircut!

Houston and his galloping-dominoed informant might be interested to note that the two females in question at least made a second date after coming in out of the black-out. So we're not yet in Ted's class as a one-night stand artist.

Recently "crowned" is F/S Elliott Brance, local chief of the Gestapo. A native of New Brunswick, Elliott finds living conditions in this part of England very similar to those obtaining in the remoter parts of Western Canada, where he used to do tourist guiding in his spare time.

Planning an early getaway to the south (London vicinity) for a spot of leave is Sgt. Jack Maddox, whose impending departure is causing considerable joy to those other sterling operatives in the field of romance, F/S Baldy Staples and Sgt. Les Hale.

Virtual paragons of masculine sartorial perfection these days are those noted men about town Belair, Roantree, Speers, Grenier and Champagne. And between them and her work AW Dot Sidaway has scarcely a moment to herself. As the wise old owl says, "Cherchez la femme."

RECORDS OFFICE

A2 (CAN)

By LAC A. G. WALLINGTON

MORE newcomers—and they are all fresh from the side of the ocean that counts! Looking under the salt-water spray we have LAC Fred Sweezie from the one and only town—Toronto, Percy Barlow from Edmonton, Jack Harsch also from "The Good City," and Roland Vaillancourt from Timmins. Our staff sure does grow. We hope that your stay at "Wreckords" will be enjoyable.

The visit of LAC Bob Harrington, a radar mech, has had adverse effects on LAC Geo. Prew. Seems like the idea was to try and put the other under the table. Geo. thinks the matter is still unsettled, so we hope that Bob comes again before Geo. gets in too much practice.

The only one on leave this week is LAC Johnnie Marmen. Johnnie's pass was made out for Edinburgh, so we gather that he is reviewing some of the Scottish lassies that LAC Norm Clarke is always talking about. LAC Al Pope has a lot to tell about his week in London, and from the tales told he had quite a week.

Minute Moustache

The development of Sgt. Art Toomey's moustache has gone ahead by leaps and bounds. The other night he asked Sgt. Cliff Doughty to trim it for him. Cliff had to decline—they just couldn't find a magnifying glass.

S/L A. Jackson, our district padre, was around to see us this week, and he brought news that the chief, F/L Russ Davey, is doing swell and hopes to be back here soon to get into harness.

Sgt. Cliff Doughty has often told me that he is a connoisseur at disappearing at the right moment. Not until the other evening did I know what he meant. We were walking down the street, a blonde approached, and Cliff disappeared!

LAC Frank Balcom took leave of Records Office last week to put in some operational hours on a squadron. We all hope that you like your new place of abode, Frank.

G1 (CAN)

By Sgt. "MEM" AITKEN

BACK again after a "spell" leave together with one of those "square-bashing" courses. It shouldn't happen to a dog, says Cpl. Reg. Gardiner, referring to the following incident. It happened on said course. Our Reggie had the squad out on the square on passing-out day. Two instructors and a W/O watching and marking his every move, when just while Reggie was demonstrating a difficult movement—pop! went his suspender, and happy faces showed up all round when the bedraggled suspender showed itself at the bottom of his trousers. However, the position of dignity and grace was quickly restored, and no marks deducted. "Tis said it was one of the biggest "let-downs" in the said corporal's life.

On return find that LACs Don Bridgman, Ralph Dean and Dave Davies are hurriedly borrowing, begging and—no I won't say it! as they are now on same course. Hope you enjoy it as much as we did, fellows, and best of luck.

Seems that "C.O.'s" daughters aren't as safe from "wolves" as people would imagine. "Don Juan, Sr." Caithness has proved this point so aptly over last weekend, while he, Bud McEvoy and Len Collins were guests (nobody knows why!) at a nearby station party. Roy Roper their "looker-after," seems to have also been pre-occupied with a telephone or something. Anyway, distress signals were hurriedly flashed between a local Canuck officer and boy, but to no avail. "Cas" doesn't scare easily, and so story ends with "Don Juan" still "courting" C.O.'s daughter. They also tell me that the water is so bad down there for drinking purposes that another commodity, also noted for its drinking qualities, is used in lieu.

All Montreal girls may now cease writing to one LAC Benjamin Turpin. 'Tis rumoured our "Benny" has been seen in the company of a pretty little miss for quite some time now. Are those bells we hear ringing wedding ones, or are they still those in your head, Ben?

A welcome newcomer to Records (or should I say it's a return engagement) is Cpl. Bob "Marney" Moses (no relation to the Bullrusher). "Moe" has claim to membership in the "Desert Rats Club," as our Robert has just returned from a lengthy sojourn in the Middle East, where he helped "Monty" clear the desert of most of its vermin. Glad to have you back, Marney, and quit saying "Shuff! bent," we're no Egyptian M.T. drivers. Congrats are extended to our new chiefie F/S Arthur Mingay on his eligibility to wear the "Crown."



On his visit to the Lion Squadron Robert Donat looked over the aircraft named after him. With the screen star are members of the ground crew and W/C Bob Turnbull, D.F.M., the Commanding Officer.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)



VISITING FIREMEN

WHY do they call me "Butterball"? What the hell do you think?" grinned E. J. "Butterball" Hunterley, the Montreal radar mech, whose 200 plus pounds are compressed into about five foot five of frame. On contemplating the Hunterley build the answer seemed reasonable enough, although "Butterball" is the master of the evasive answer.

When asked how old he is the answer comes back, "I'm older than you think." When popped the question, "Did you know anything about radio before you joined up?" his reply is, "What makes you think I know anything about it now?"

"E.J." as "Butterball" prefers to be called, has the executive complex. He believes in getting work done rather than actually doing any. The boy with the perpetual grin appears to be ecstatically happy in the radio business, although he's parked pretty well away from things on a rather remote station, as is the custom with radio men.

Another visiting fireman from away out in the sticks is LAC Dick Wilson, whom many of the University of Toronto clan will remember. Dick, who used to help a large auto firm turn out those long sleek peace-time beauties, brought news of "Willy" Wright, the Saskatoon ski impresario.

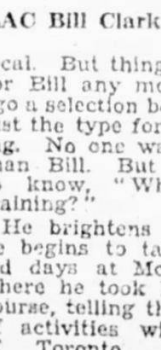
A Future Rotarian

Bill, back at the Canadian radio school, whence come all these queer radio characters, used to preside over the Ski Club, Bridge Club and half a dozen other extra-curriculum activities. For these many months he's been lost in the vastness of the North American continent, but finally came to light on the tight little isle.

With mention of Bill comes queries about other Can-mates, including London Ont.'s Jerry Jarvis and P/O Gordie Wood and North Bay's P/O Ted Hodson.

In the picture at the edge of this column W. L. "Bill" Clark, of Saskatoon, looks sad. He really isn't sad, he's just a radar mech.

Like most radio men Bill normally doesn't have any major problems, other than the chilliness of billets in the pre-dawn hours at which radio mechs must rise (snickers from the crowd) and keeping tabs on the opening and closing times of the local. But things aren't normal for Bill any more. Some time ago a selection board said he was just the type for air crew training. No one was more pleased than Bill. But now he wants to know, "When starts the training?"



LAC Bill Clark

Archibald, of Regina, who took the course with him.

It was fresh from the University of Saskatchewan that Bill stepped into the McGill radio course, with a dash of Manning Pool sandwiched in between. Like a lot of other radio men he didn't engage in radio before the war, and doesn't expect to after the show.

WILTSHIRE M.U.

By LAC Louis Ziff

HAPPY KEN SOMERS, the local Will Rogers, commonly known as the "cracker barrel sage," has got his shadow third. Some time ago Frank Ouellette was asked by Don Monroe to locate a certain Del Drew. Frank had no idea of his whereabouts until he read the latest column in WINGS ABROAD. Don would like Del to write him pronto via Base Post Office. To those who may be interested we give the news that Frank has been eating more often lately and is putting on weight. He and "Sammy" Samson, who has slanderously been likened to Veronica Lake, expect to spend a pleasant 48 in London in the near future.

There have been a lot of sick list casualties lately. LACs Don Wilson (the radio builder), "Chuck" Balson and Johnny Spread have all been to see the M.O. Most serious casualty has been Al Loggie, who is now in an American Red Cross Hospital with bronchitis.

O Happy Chappies

LACs Jim Mulvehell and "Vic" Vickery, now on leave in London, will find quite a pile of mail and parcels waiting for them. Cpl. Joe May, on reading last week's column, wishes to advise that he hasn't got his gold filling back yet.

The Canadian contingent here welcomed the arrival of a big box of comforts—sweaters, socks, handkerchiefs, tuck-ins and scarves. With so many colds floating around, their arrival will be a big boon to the health of the Canadian community here.

TWIN BROTHER ACT HAS TWO-YEAR RUN

Ken and Bert Jameson, Niconia, Sask., radio mechs with an RAF Wellington squadron in North Africa, have managed to keep going the "where you go, brother, I go," business ever since they donned air force blue.

Since they enlisted two years ago the twins have always been together. They left Canada together last spring to serve with a Hudson squadron of Coastal Command. They were posted to India where they were with an RAF Catalina Flying Boat squadron, and were then posted to an RAF Wimpy squadron which arrived in North Africa this summer. The boys made the long haul from India to North Africa in a motor convoy.

Recently the two were sent to take a specialised course in radio and both passed successfully.

LIONS HAVE FINE BIRTHDAY PARTY

By CPL F. C. JAMES

The Lions' birthday party was everything a good birthday party should be. For the airmen the party was a double celebration. Victors in the epic battle of the mess tins, they celebrated their victory and the first anniversary of the squadron's formation.

The entertainment provided by a visiting RAF entertainment troupe was up to the usual high standard. But what really stole the show was the squadron's production of "More Bombs on the Target." Joe E. Browne, head orderly room joe, managed to tear himself away from Scotland to play the leading role. Sgt. Browne's portrayal of the Winco left nothing to be desired. The supporting cast had been carefully chosen and but for an unfortunate indisposition "Chic Chic" Levesque would have played the part of Chas. As it was, Joe Ozad played the difficult role with the quiet restraint demanded by it. As "A" Flight commander, "Sport" Mills was dynamic. Kid Harold added another triumph to his long string of successes in his role of "B" Flight commander; Willie "Silver" McLean shone as Gunnery Leader, Brown as Engineer Officer, Williams as Nav. Leader, Merclier as a G.D., and Nanos as an erk as well as Dudley Duck, who gave real support to the rest of the cast.

What added immeasurably to the success of the party was the great turn-out of ex-Lions. W/C Dudley Burnside, the squadron's original commander, headed a delegation which included S/L Hugh Lambe, F/L Jersey Crewe, F/Os Len Browne and George Crossman, P/Os Reg MacNamara, Ferdie Fernand, Johnny Duval, Pop Thornton, WO1 Merv Wilson and Sgts, Bill Lee, Tom Prest, John Murdoch and LACs Terry Stuttard, Joe Morton and Wally Owen. Just returned from Africa still wearing brown battledress, Alex Inray and Bob Murra agreed there are worse places than England.

"Ferte Manus Certas"

The afternoon of the same day Air Vice-Marshal Brookes presented W/C Turnbull with the squadron crest, a lion rampant on a maple leaf background. The squadron's motto "Ferte Manus Certas" ("Strike sure" to youse guys without book larnin') was inscribed below the crest.

The A.V.M. congratulated the squadron on its record of 759 operational sorties amassed in less than a year of operating and noted that two C.G.M.s, 15 D.F.C.s and six D.F.M.s had been awarded to squadron members. After the presentation badges were issued to every member having two months' service with the squadron.

To Wally Lawton, of the Armoury, and Olive Armstrong, of the M.T., congratulations. Olive's sporting a snappy engagement ring.

Bob Hermanson, the second best looking man on the station, admits he's losing a lot of hair lately. "Even me Ma noticed it in a photograph I sent home," he said, "she's worried, too; she's sending me a special rubber massage dingsus and a pall of hair tonic."

HOCKEY A-COMING

By Cpl. JERRY CUTLER

WITH Old Man Winter just around the corner, F/Os Jack Gould and "Cuppy" Cuthbertson may be seen these days taking dual instruction on someone's motorbike, along with LAC "Stew" Wortly. They also put steel to ice last week anticipating try-outs for the coming hockey teams. It is hoped Sgt. "Brick" Bricknell, as goalie, and LAC W. Jackson will be on the line-up next time.

Types: LAC "Tex" Whalen croons his way into a few feminine hearts with the local band on nights off; W/O Thomas still bestows motherly affection on his prize chow; and F/S H. V. West grins a big boyish grin as he puts up the new crown. Cheers actually!

Adieu is bid to our sawbones, F/L Gravel, and welcome to F/L McLean, who takes over in his stead. From the land of fly netting, monkeys and such Cpl. S. H. Sinclair and LAC J. N. Gibson are welcomed into the R/T hangout by the yokels there.

Off to spend a few gala days somewhere F/L R. D. Booth and P/O G. H. Farquharson head the list this week followed by LAC J. H. Preston, Cpl. Johnny Jenners, Cpl. Jimmy Hume, LAC W. Jackson, LAC C. R. ... all LAC S. R. Rya and LAC Barber.

The Proof of any Biscuit is in the Eating!

OBJECTIVE OF VICTORY LOAN IS SURPASSED

Officers and men of the RCAF Overseas scored a resounding triumph over the Axis on the financial front when they over-subscribed their objective for the Fifth Canadian Victory Loan. Their target was \$750,000; they contributed \$922,750. This is nearly four times as much as was obtained overseas from the Fourth Victory Loan.

W/C A. E. Matthews, Toronto, investment dealer before the war, was in charge of the overseas promotion of bond sales to Air Force personnel. He pays tribute to the officers and men who not only subscribed so generously from their pay, but also to the officers who travelled from station to station in the United Kingdom to point out to the scattered RCAF personnel the advantages of saving money through Victory Bonds. He also gives credit to the RAF for their splendid co-operation in the successful campaign. W/C Matthews previously handled the Third Canadian Victory Loan for the RCAF Overseas.

The Fifth Victory Loan got off to a shaky start, but once it got under way its momentum kept increasing until there was never a doubt that the objective would be reached. Air crew and ground crew both subscribed in amounts varying from \$50 up into the hundreds. Subscriptions came in from RCAF personnel in the Mediterranean area and India. Several of the repatriated RCAF prisoners of war bought bonds.

The RCAF Bomber Group made a particularly good showing as air crews and ground crews took the opportunity of getting in an extra lick at the enemy. RCAF Overseas bandmen also contributed generously as they demonstrated they could make harmony with their dollars as well as with their musical instruments.

LIB. OUTFLIES FIVE JUNKERS

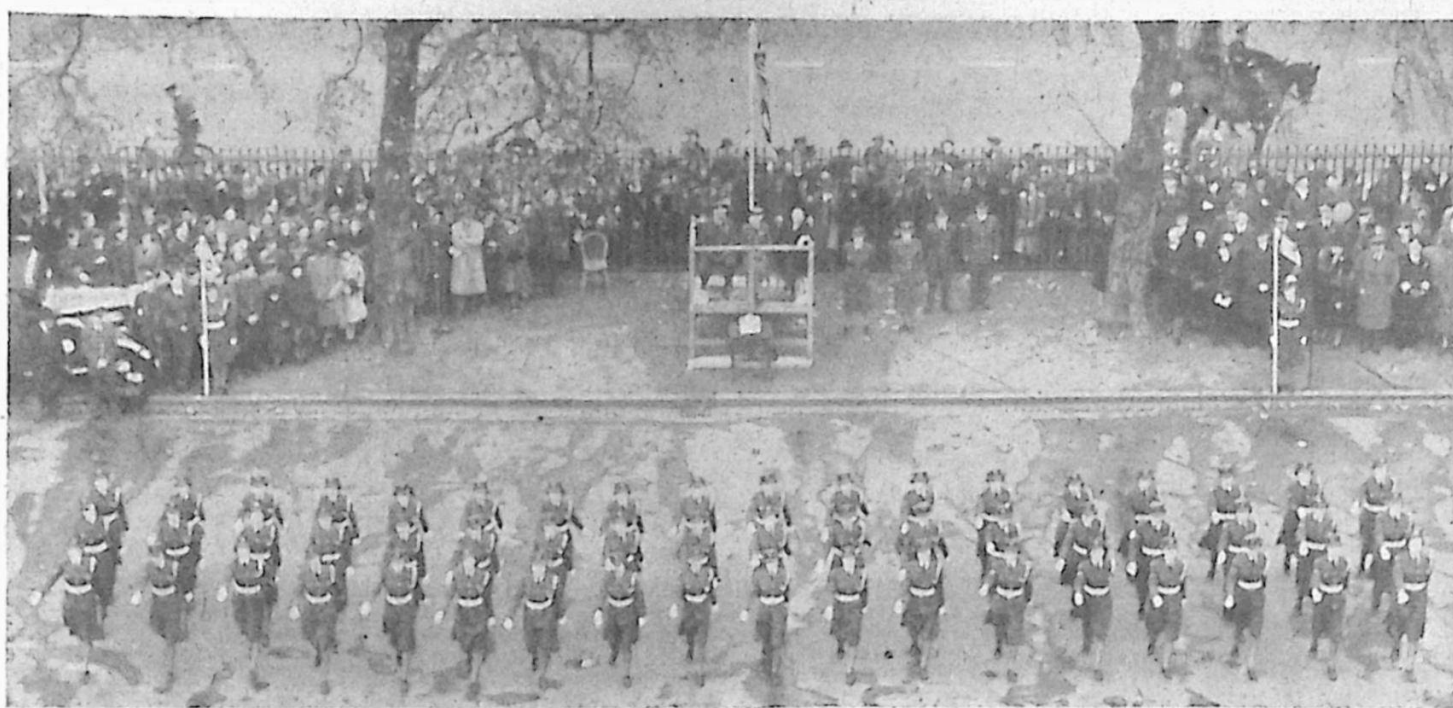
Good gunnery, cloud cover and a spot of neat plane handling by P/O G. W. Winter, London, Ont., brought an RAF sub-hunting Liberator safely out of a 12-minute running battle with five Ju.88s over the Bay of Biscay. The U-boat hunter didn't come out of the clash unscathed, with five German shells tearing through the starboard wing, ripping away part of the aileron. None of the Lib. crew was injured.

The Liberator was circling above the water at 300 feet waiting for another aircraft from the squadron to join it, when the five enemy machines pounced. The first enemy to attack closed in until only 100 yards beneath the Lib. Its cannon scored several hits before it broke away. The second attack followed immediately and a third Ju.88 opened fire at 1,000 yards, closing in, then breaking away above the patrol craft.

"Our gunner hit that baby all right, but it was difficult to see how much damage we caused," says Winter. "Our eyes were fixed on a fourth Ju.88 which was only 500 yards away. It closed in, attacked in a half-hearted fashion and then broke away." Winter found good cloud cover just as the enemy aircraft were preparing for further attacks. In the clouds he was able to shake off all five.

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DUCHESS INSPECTS W.D. PRECISION SQUAD

The 54 members of the Precision Squad of the RCAF Women's Division Overseas strutted their stuff in the shadow of Buckingham Palace last Friday afternoon. With only 30 hours of special training behind them the girls executed 117 drill movements without a word of command. The place was the parade grounds of Wellington Barracks; the occasion, an inspection by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Chief Commandant of the WAAF. As the Duchess entered the grounds three squadrons of the W.D.s snapped to attention while the RCAF H.Q. Overseas Band played the Royal Salute. After an inspection and a march past the reviewing stand by the girls, the band played rousing airs while it marched through 50 detailed movements, varying from a spoked wheel to a great cross. At the conclusion of the demonstration the Duchess presented Wing Officer K. O. Walker, of Montreal, senior officer in charge of the W.D.s Overseas, with a graceful gold trophy "as a memento of this very enjoyable and interesting occasion." Wing Officer Walker accepted the gift on behalf of her service "as a token of the wonderful co-operation we have received from the WAAF." In the picture at the left the Duchess is chatting with A/V/M W. A. Curtis, C.B.E., D.S.C., and the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., High Commissioner for Canada. She also complimented the Musical Director of the Band, F/O M. Boudy, Stratford, Ont., on a "grand show."

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

TORONTO PILOT ESCAPES FROM ENEMY CAPTIVITY

Rattle Hoodwinks Germans With Assistance Of Italians

In a radio interview with F/L Les Powell, RCAF Public Relations Officer in Algiers, P/O Gordon "Rick" Rattle, of Toronto, described his escape from enemy hands in Sicily after being shot down.

With his Kittyhawk squadron in Sicily he was engaged in dive bombing and strafing roads and troops. It was while working in support of the Canadian troops in this connection that he was commissioned. This work was cut short for F/O Rattle when he was shot down for the second time in his career. He was flying low over water when flak hit his motor and caused him to "ditch." He had not far to swim for it. He was taken prisoner by the Italians, who sent him to a Red Cross hospital, where his injuries were patched up.

He was three days in hospital when he was moved out, as the Eighth Army were getting closer. "And," said Rattle, "my old squadron came over and strafed the daylight out of us. Believe me, I wasn't any too popular then."

However, his guards treated him decently and fed him well. One of them had lived in London for eight years and was married to an English girl. "He hated the Germans and the Fascists, as did most of the Italians I met in Sicily," said Rattle.

Nearly a German P.O.W. The Canadian pilot very nearly became a prisoner of the Germans.

"It was an order that all prisoners had to be turned over to the Germans," said Rattle. "An Italian major came along to take me to the Jerries. My guard protested, but the major insisted. We drove away and I was taken to see a German captain who sat at his desk with a grin look on his face and twirled a loaded revolver. The captain was called out of the room and I gave my guards in argument about why they should turn their prisoners over to a lot of murdering Germans. They finally agreed and we went out in a hurry. They took my brush shirt from me and gave me an Italian 'sacket, making me a Caporal Majori. We had to pass a Jerry road block, and it didn't feel good until we left it behind."

BELATED GREETING HAD LONG VOYAGE

When S/L Hugh D. MacGregor, Dorval, Que., received a Christmas card about the end of October from his sister in Pennsylvania he thought she was rushing the season a bit. Then he looked at the envelope again—it had been mailed to reach him last Christmas and had followed him across three continents.

MacGregor was in charge of a unit in British West Africa until mid-day, when he reported to London before continuing on to Canada in July for a well-earned leave. He returned to England recently, where he is resuming duties with a fighter group. His mail as a result tends to be multi-postmarked with return stamps from Africa, England and Canada.

However, the Toronto airman was still an Italian prisoner. He made several vain efforts to escape. By this time the Allied armies were throwing 25-pounder shells in his direction. The Italians started to retreat, and the Germans turned their guns on them and shot them in cold blood.

That night P/O Rattle escaped. When it got dark he jumped into a gorge and ran until he met a friendly Italian officer and some other ranks with several sacks of food. They hid all night in a camouflaged slit trench, and in the morning went into a large cave. They met an Italian who had lived in New York. In return for food he hid them for several days.

Then one morning, dressed in khaki slacks and a German shirt with a swastika on the pocket, Rattle went to a nearby stream to bathe his feet. While sitting on the bank six German soldiers came along. "They eyed me closely," said Rattle, "but just nodded their heads and passed on. Well, I nearly passed out." Next day he climbed over a hill. In the woods he heard a cockney voice crying, "Ooh, look at the bleedin' Eye-tye." Before the owner of the voice could do anything Rattle yelled, (Continued on page 6, col. 4.)

BOMBER GROUP

HAPPY days and memories of good old times at home were brought back to many Canadian airmen and airwomen who attended the first Halloween party held here at Group Headquarters.

The evening's success was largely due to the efforts of Cpl. "Lou" Donalds. Highlights of the evening's entertainment were games, which included bobbing for apples, spot dancing and elimination dances. Winners were awarded prizes, and among some of the lucky ones were Stan Lewis and Dorothy Yates, who both won the spot prize. On the other hand, happy-go-lucky Sgt. Ian Grimsgaard, Canadian Dental Corps, entertained the audience with a Scottish dance, while Rose Spencer in a solo astounded her audience with her larky-voice.

Apples were in abundance for all those who wanted to munch away, while the decorations, which helped create a Halloween atmosphere, were provided by the YMCA.

Among those missed at the dance was "Pass" Passmore, station Beau Nash, who for the past week has been making daily runs to Harrogate.

S.P.s Celebrate Previous to the party, away from the maddening crowd near the vicinity of the station, there gathered together a group of S.P.s and their friends, who secretly celebrated Halloween at a reception of their own. The party, which was an outstanding success, was organized by LAC Horsley and LAW Gray, the latter hailing from Cranbrook, B.C., where the Indians come from.

Decorations, which included pennants from home cities and towns and storm lanterns obtained by Horsley, who scrounged the countryside high and low in order to decorate the party room. "Jonesey" Jones was quite affected by the decorations and got a spell of home-sickness. When asked why the tears, she explained to Horsley that it wasn't the storm lanterns that reminded her of home but the mere sight of a stook of barley in the corner of the room. Pianist for the occasion was Billie Lindsay, while the guy with the ukulele was "Fergy" of Moosomin, Sask. P/O Joe McAughy, from "Quintland," was fiddler. Among those at the party were Cpl. Mary Hamilton, who was continually harping for a hamburger, LAW Millie Davis, LAW "Wally" Walbridge, who twisted her tongue with English and French, Ray Comstock and Mona Cottler, both cooling together, Vic Horsley and Ethel Gray, Cpl. Ross of the C.D.C.,

AIR FORCE FAMILY

The Warnick family of Hamilton, Ont., has five sons in the Canadian armed forces. Four of them are in the RCAF.

who saw that his jug was always filled to the top, LAW Coates and Lou Donalds, who chatted about home and Eileen "Bobby" Robinson.

The only person not wearing "Canada Flashes" was Cpl. Dutton, of the R.A.F., who has been seen ever since then stumbling about muttering, "These bl—y Canadians."

FIGHTER MEN FIND ANCIENT "GLASSHOUSE"

Italian Dungeon Contained Remains of Three Skeletons

Two Canadian fighter pilots in Italy took time off to dig in the ruins of ancient buildings recently and emerged with a find for which many antiquarians would cheerfully give their back teeth.

The flyers turned archaeologists were S/L Stanley Turner, D.F.C. and Bar, Toronto, C.O. of an RCAF Spit. squadron, and F/L Albert Houle, D.F.C., Massey, Ont., flight commander of a RAF squadron of the same wing.

Their find consisted of the crumbling remains of what might have been an abbey, monastery or priory, beneath which they uncovered a dungeon containing the skeletons of three apparent prisoners.

In what seemed to have been a chapel at some time, the altar still stands with sagging crucifix, green-encrusted candlesticks and cobwebs. Inscriptions on the walls fix the time as in the 16th century.

A rusty iron ring in a flagstone of the chapel caught the Canadians' eyes. They hoisted the massive stone, and with other Canadian pilots they lowered lights into the black vaults. Ropes and ladders were procured, and several pilots were lowered into the dungeons. In three of its four corners they found skeletons.

Further Mysteries

Soundings made on the floor produced a hollow note, suggesting a cavern below, but such tools as the searchers could get made no impression. Elsewhere in the rambling ruins are walled-up passages and labyrinths, but the explorers had neither proper tools nor the time to use them.

Topping the structure are the crumbling remains of a steeple, in which hangs a rusty bell. Houle scrambled up and prodded it. The ancient bell gave a muffled clank, which made grazing cattle nearby lift their heads.

An illiterate Italian farm labourer, who occupies a corner of the less dilapidated part of the building, said he thought the long-dead prisoners must have been offenders against ecclesiastical laws.

The visitors departed, the cattle returned to their grazing and the monastery and its solitary living occupant went back to sleep.

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- Rudd, R. G. R.120655 (1024), Stettler.
- Rathburn, A. L. R.142260 (897), Masefield.
- Runciman, I. R. A. R.94602 (1269), Regina.
- Key, A. E. R.93319 (42229), Toronto.
- Rousseau, R. R.53372 (90098), Trois Pistoles.
- Rodgers, A. L. R.85224 (1032), Toronto.
- Rekewicz, P. A. R.84123 (893), Chicago.
- Reid, W. M. R.105405 (12688), Canada.
- Ramsden, S. S. R.87930, Vancouver.
- Scarie, M. E. R.143441, San Francisco.
- Slater, H. A. R.14039 (25309), Victoria.
- Sheridan, J. J. R.101343 (892), Langley Prairie.
- Sendall, G. E. R.128566 (1036), Vancouver.
- Sikall, M. P. R.61024 (24747), Edmonton.
- Smith, J. A. R.56516 (8774), Winnipeg.
- Schofield, A. H. R.A.P.643936 (92520), Winnipeg.
- Button, R. T. R.102739 (1047), Toronto.
- Spiece, O. T. R.141285 (1200), Toronto.
- Sebastian, C. J. R.64004 (1094), Tummin.
- Smith, J. H. R.145152, Saskatchewan.
- Spackman, D. N. R.92754, Lethbridge.
- Treaner, M. H. R.52103 (853), New Westminster.
- Turner, L. E. R.85055 (1165), Moose Jaw.
- Thompson, D. E. R.75019 (1273), Montreal.
- Taylor, R. S. R.A.P.750643 (850), Notre-dame Bay, Nfld.
- Tate, H. L. R.98078 (446), Texas.
- Vilander, J. B. M. R.74005 (23616), Montreal.
- Vineberg, N. M. R.77244 (908), Sherbrooke.
- Waddy, R. V. R.17018 (2934), Vancouver.
- Wootton, H. T. R.60901 (1114), Fort Saskatchewan.
- Warren, J. L. R.107228 (1029), Shellbrook.
- White, T. H. R.100561 (1059), Toronto.
- Williams, D. P. R.129397 (1033), Toronto.
- Wardlaw, J. W. R.91481 (1048), Toronto.
- Wilson, J. P. R.91378 (864), Georgetown.
- White, H. R. R.70036 (861), Fruitland.
- Wellwood, N. J. R.90177 (909), Wingham.
- Wilkinson, H. E. J. R.79112 (911), Montreal.
- Whitton, A. R.86720 (1052), Montreal.
- Wagner, W. A. R.129995 (1046), Akron, Ohio.
- Weller, N. H. R.134204 (1110), Seward, Neb.
- Wettermann, J. P. R.86448 (1111), Narberth, Penn.
- Warner, E. R. R.133151 (1205), Cedar City, Utah.
- Wyatt, R. B. R.122024, Lacrosse, Wash.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

IT'S been Wid Week all the way through—starting out with reclassifications and promotions... speaking of which, congrats, to all, to the recruits who have blossomed forth as AWIs; and to Sgts. Jamieson, Hians, Croucher, Pelgron, Pipher and Buchan, who added a third; and to our new corporals—Botterill, McBride, Inglis, Harrison, A.J., Letcher, Moore, E., Ross, M.S., Daly, Sully and McDowell—good work, kids, now you can have your names added to the "duty sergeant" roster.

Came Friday afternoon and the big Wid show at Wellington Barracks; all the Wids in London were there, from H.Q., Base P.O. and B.A.U.—the first time we've seen us all together, and what a few! Three squadrons took part, each consisting of two flights, all looking super in No. 1 blues with brass accessories.

Speaking of the Precision Squad, the Duchess mentioned the "marvellous precision"; a Lieut-Col. of the Grenadier Guards no less admitted he was "bewildered"; the Hon. Vincent Massey was proud; and everybody was happy. The whole show was a success.

Right here, the Presiz Squadders have asked that their thanks be conveyed to F/O Birchall for his helpfulness and patience; and they say they miss their morning's precision drill and can't they tour the country?

We wonder if F/O Birchall knows that a high-ranking officer of the British Army watching the Precision squad remarked that he envied the officer with them; he could control so many women with just one whistle. W.D.s who trained in Toronto at No. 6 M. Depot when Wing Officer Bather and F/L/O Martin were there, might be interested to know both officers were present on Friday and we like to know we put on a good show for them—as these two WAAF officers who went to Canada to organise the W.D. are popular with all the Wids who trained under them.

Sgt. ART ATTWELL

LAC Art Attwell, Winnipeg, isn't an LAC any more. He re-mustered to flight engineer, and is now sporting the brightest thing in sergeant's stripes. He's on his way to a conversion unit.

GODFREY'S FIELD

By CPL. JIM TOON

CAPT. JACK (which one is it?) Warriner, our dental onicer, has turned out to be a genial host to his patients. When one goes on dental parade they are greeted with a cup of tea in the waiting-room. Maybe this is why so many visit the dentist in the morning.

F/O Robb is turning into a super salesman. The boys around the camp duck every time he comes into view, as he is our Victory Bond solicitor. Word has it that he could sell ice to the Eskimos.

The orderly room staff go merrily about their work with morale kept high by the geniality of "Cpl. Colly" Collingwood—who insists he'll be leaving for Blackpool any day now. The clientele of "Colly's Hash House" continues to grow from day to day, with everyone from D.R.s and Army colonels his regular customers.

Our corporals of the M.T. Section, Cooper, Pamplin and Parkhill, are worried now that it has been rumoured that the WAAF's of this section are being moved.

"It's a girl," exclaimed your correspondent when he opened a cable from Canada recently. Now we are all hoping he receives a box of cigars for Christmas.

LAC "Curly" Slingerman's hair really curls when F/S Alexander starts quoting A.M.O.s.

New Executive Types

Cpl. Fowler was seen in the NAAFI the other night wetting his tapes with coca cola minus the rum. Congrats, also to Bennie Reynolds, the equip. basher, Penner and Dykstra on their promotions to corporal. Glad to see the boys are still saving box tops.

ACI "Sonny" Eckstein has left this orderly room for a two-week stay at group headquarters. It must make him feel good to have some one new to crack his jokes at.

We of the orderly room staff are "suffering in silence" these days while "gen boy," LAC "Dusty" Distefan, gives out with quotations from the Air Publications and notes he took while on a course. We sincerely hope he graduated with honours—the "C.C." or "C.B." or something.

That far-away look in "Matt" Matheson's eyes these days was brought on by the super-duper portrait he received from the light of his life back in Canada.

Lt-Col. Russell was back with us for a day or two last week, but is now on leave.

Woo, Woo, Willard!

Why did LAC Willard Aiken, orderly room Romeo, change his leave address from Aberdeen to Glasgow?

How do the boys of Hut Four know where their ironing cord has gone every time it disappears?

Either bid her good-night by kissing her hand, LAC "Mid" Middleton, or remove the lipstick before you come back in the early morning.

Cpl. "Scotty" Barnes moved over this week. He is the last original member to be with the



This is F/S E. H. Anthony, D.F.M., Port Williams, Kings Co., N.S. His citation praises his "determination in action" and "outstanding navigational ability."
 (Official RCAF Photograph.)

PILOT ESCAPES

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"Take it easy, chum, I'm a Canadian."

He talked with the British soldiers awhile and then returned to a little town and brought a whole gang of Italians back with him. A few days later he rejoined his squadron.

Other Adventures

This was the most exciting adventure P/O Rattle has had, but by no means the first. He was posted to the desert after learning to fly Hurricanes at O.T.U. in England. He was taken in a Beaufighter from the Gold Coast to the Middle East, but when landing on a drome in West Africa the kite spun in and Rattle was shaken up. Next day he continued in another Beau to Cairo and put in at a South African squadron which was flying Tomahawks. He flew with them for about a month and was then transferred to an RAF Warhawk squadron. Later the unit transferred to Kittyhawks.

Around Alamein he shot down his first victim during a dogfight with some Me.109s. The following day he was jumped by some Macchis and was shot down. The Kitty was shot up, he was wounded, but he made a crash landing. He spent the next three days in hospital.

Three months later he was flying again and got a probable 109 near Gabes. After old City of Toronto Squadron. We hope he stays as long as he did with his original unit.

Cpl. Frank Dunlop has that anxious look. Word has it he will be a proud father any day. We'll be waiting for a cigar the fall of Tunis the squadron went to Malta and later to Sicily.

BLACK BULL BOYS

By PRO

WE were pleased to see Johnnie Little back again after his vacation in warmer climes. The station also put out the welcome sign for S/L Watt and F/L Orchin, both new arrivals from good old Canada.

Although they handle pounds, shillings and pence like natives, they can't fool us. They haven't got web feet yet!

Did I tell you when our station discip. started paying such attention to Joyce? No! Did I tell you that the boys and gals stumped "Eddie and the boys" four times out of five at "Beat the band" nite? I did not! But the final straw has been reached! The Gov't should know, the station should know, of this dire need! You've all seen those pocket-sized folders, featuring a twin-engine kite on a sea-blue background and reading, "Target for To-day! Security tomorrow! Buy Victory Bonds." Well, gather round, girls. Cpl. Cec Bates was caught red-handed using those same pamphlets for Christmas cards. Folks at his old station of Stanley, N.S., will find that hard to believe. It shook us, too!

Back To Your Mail

Harold Small, the con unit postie, has written the following dirge, so we close for this week quoting from his "Death of a Postal Cloak."

He was only 25 years old,
 Young and full of life,
 Behind him he left five kids,
 In-laws and a wife.

He wanted to be a postal cloak
 (Boy, was he misinformed),
 After two weeks in the Air Force
 He wished he'd never joined!

In just three weeks his hair
 turned grey,
 His face was gaunt and long,
 In five weeks he was quite bald,
 Just shows why folks go wrong.

The lads came for the mail each day,
 They grumbled cause there was none,
 They bided at him day and night,
 No wonder he is gone.

The weeks went by, he lost his voice
 Through guys just like you,
 He got so bad in later days
 He turned red, white and blue.

The poor old erk still tottered on,
 Doing his very best,
 He received not a bit of sympathy,
 The guys gave him no rest.

Then one day... he couldn't be found,
 They smashed down the office door!
 And dug him from under the mailbags
 As the clock struck half-past four.

So, please be kind, fellows,
 Please help us all the way,
 And please don't lose that temper
 When we say, "No mail to-day."

Confidentially, I hope all the readers get the idea. Because the Post Office boys tell me if this isn't printed I had better get a posting to Tunis, 'cause that's where my mail would start going!

ON THE AIR

- Wed., Nov. 17—1.15 p.m. Forces. "Greetings from Home."
- Thurs., Nov. 18—9.55 p.m. Forces. "Canadian News Round-up."
- Fri., Nov. 19—9.55 p.m. Home. "The Air is Our Concern." The first of three feature broadcasts on Britain's Air Force.
- Sun., Nov. 21—2.15 p.m. Forces. "Ice Hockey from Canada."
- Sun., Nov. 21—2.30 p.m. Forces. "Johnny Canuck's Revue."
- Mon., Nov. 22—6.30 p.m. Forces. "Canadian Calendar."

HEADQUARTERS

THIS week while the Wids held the spotlight in the Headquarters world, the men joined their overcoats and went into bigger flights. The M.T. Section's party was a screaming success. Snipe-shooting became a popular pastime under the pressure of the worst fog-famine ever to hit the joint. The hockey team held its first practice preparatory to being murdered in the coming league. The entertainment committee elected a new committee and lunch was served for the first time at the oridge club meeting.

We didn't think there was a pound among the dog fans in Auxiliary Services, but Sgt. "Chuck" Hemstock surprised us. He has a quid, and bet Ernie Clark that the war won't be over in Europe until some time in 1945. Besides being a capitalist, Hemstock's conservatism.

Bridge fiends parted the smoke laid by the stogie stuck in Mark Thompson's face and played bridge. W/O E. A. Clarke, Cpl. Rushton, Sgt. Duggan and AW Scott emerged winners. Six tables operated, says Pete Dubois.

Broomhall, the Brain

Big-heartedness on the part of Cpl. Broomhall deprived LAC Main of his pants for 24 hours. Harry Broomhall took roommate Main's uniform to be cleaned. He should have known that there are no two-pant suits in this outfit, but he took two and left Main with none. Main, what pretty knees you've got!

Cpl. Jimmy Fortin is showing plenty of interest in the telephone exchange these days. The truth is that he's after a number on one of the switchboards.

A blush is the only word to describe the love life of Ray Hunt. Whenever either of his two girl friends are mentioned he cringes as red as Jack Tonks. Estates had a jamboree, too, this week. The gang gathered to celebrate the arrival of F/L Madden and to say good-bye to S/L Seagram. The party started at seven and ended at eleven.

On Friday the RCAF Overseas dance band and the Connaught Rooms will be getting together again for another dance. The damage is two and six and the struggle starts at seven. C'mon, nipper, let's shake a slipper!

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