



## Berlin Thumped Twice in Five Nights

### CANADIAN SQUADRONS STRIKE BOTH TIMES

Ludvigshaven is Joint Objective With German Capital on Thursday's Large Operation

#### MONDAY'S RAID SHARP DESPITE WEATHER

TWICE within five nights "heavies" of the RCAF Bomber Group accompanied RAF aircraft to Berlin to deal punishing blows to the German capital. Last Thursday night the Berlin attack was combined with a major raid on Ludvigshaven. Monday night Berlin alone was the target.

On Monday evening's raid the Lancaster and Halifax squadrons defied adverse weather conditions to carry out what was described by returning Canadian crews as a very successful operation with less than the usual amount of opposition from ground and fighter defences.

Only four aircraft were missing from the strong force of Halifax and Lancasters sent out by Canadian Bomber Group.

Leading the Iroquois in the attack, W/C Bill Newson, D.F.C., Victoria, B.C., reported one great explosion which he heard while still four minutes away from the target area. "It lit up the entire cockpit," he said.

P/O "Bill" Conley, Humboldt, Sask., who flies with Newson, described the blast as "a real whopper."

#### Meets Nightfighter

The aircraft skipped by W/O Walter Ferrier, Montreal, encountered one of the few night fighters reported by returning crews. "The German came in from about 150 yards," said Sgt. Syd Smith, Lorrain, Que., the flight engineer of the aircraft. "Our mid-upper gunner, Ed. Pridham, Stayner, Ont., gave him a burst and he sheered off."

A veteran pilot, on his second tour of ops., S/L R. H. Kenny, D.F.C., Fredrickton, N.B., counted the attack as one of the best efforts recorded over the German capital to date. He described the glow beneath the clouds visible 40 miles away, and told of "terrific explosions."

The aircraft in which F/S E. C. Baker, Tomkins, Sask., makes trips to Berlin ran into flak on the way back. Over one place the crew reported the anti-aircraft barrage to be concentrated and accurate.

#### Berlin-Ludvigshaven

Lancs. of the Goose and Thunderbird squadrons participated in the Thursday night bombing of the German capital without loss. They encountered no night fighters, but met heavy flak.

## HALF THE RCAF AWARDS GO TO W/O's THIS WEEK

### Canadian Airmen are Given Five D.F.C.'s and One D.F.M.

By bringing his extensively damaged bomber back to base with only two engines functioning, after a clash with a German nightfighter during an attack on Hanover last month, W/O Edward Harold Boutillier, Chester, N.S., earned the D.F.C. His decoration and those of five other RCAF members were announced this week. Four of the others were D.F.C.s, the remainder a D.F.M.

As a result of an attack by the nightfighter two engines were set on fire, the trimming controls of the elevators were shot away and the fuselage was extensively damaged. The rear-gunner was killed and two other members of the crew were wounded.

The citation states: "On the return flight the bomber was difficult to control, but displaying superb airmanship this determined pilot succeeded in reaching base."

As a result of the same action the flight engineer, Sgt. W. E.

Rogers, an American with the RAF, received his D.F.M.

Another Canadian warrant officer to get his D.F.C. this week is R. O. Lumgair, Thornhill, Man. It was during an October raid on Hanover that he and the rear-gunner shot down an attacking nightfighter.

The third W/O of the week to get the D.F.C. was W/O J. W. Ritchie. Also flying against Hanover, his aircraft ran into trouble with a Nazi fighter. During the scrap he was wounded in the eye. Says the citation: "Although he was wounded in the eye, W/O Ritchie fought with rare zest and afterwards refused to leave his turret until the danger from further interference by enemy aircraft was passed."

P/O J. J. Handley, George River Station, N.S., who has three trips to Berlin as an argunner to his credit, and P/O E. B. Dungey, Collingwood, Ont., who flies with an RCAF Bomber Group squadron, received non-immediate D.F.C.s this week.

The D.F.M. went to F/S A. T. Bowley, Belmont, N.S., whom the citation describes as "a resolute and skilful air-gunner."

### K.C. ICE LOOP READY TO GO

Two Five-Team Leagues Will Cover South England Area

Two groups of five teams will make up the roster of the Knights of Columbus Hockey League in Southern England this season. One group will play at the Purley rink, while the second section will turn out at a Brighton arena.

The "A" Group will be composed of the Headquarters team, an outfit from an RAF squadron, plus two airfield teams from stations commanded by W/C's Keith Hodson and M. Brown. The fifth team in the group will be W/C G. H. Elms' nightfighter squadron representatives.

"B" Group will see W/C Paul Davoud's Intruder squadron's team in against two other clubs from airfields led by W/C's J. M. Godfrey and E. H. C. Moncrieff. A field hospital entry in addition to a second RAF squadron will round out the second section.

The opening game of the schedule is marked for Brighton on Thursday, November 25, at 5.15 p.m., between the Godfrey and Moncrieff teams and in the "A" group, W/C Hodson's crew will go in against W/C Brown's team and Headquarters tangling with the Nightfighter six in the second game on Sunday, November 28, at Purley.

Ice space and equipment has been made possible through the courtesy of the YMCA, and it is hoped that much keen competition will result, it was announced from supervisor Chas. Phelan's office.

### DYNAMITERS WIN ICE OPENER 7-2

G/C E. A. McNab's all-Canadian fighter squadron's "Dynamiters" won the opening game of the RCAF "East of England" hockey season, as they wound up on the long end of a 7-2 score against the "Elkites," Canadian air crew stationed at a nearby RAF bomber station.

Both commanding officers, G/C McNab and G/C L. W. Dickens, D.F.C., A.F.C., were on hand to see the opener along with S/L Murray Fleming, O.C. 3 District H.Q., and RCAF Padre B. P. Smyth, president of the league committee. G/C Dickens became addicted to the game when he was stationed at No. 1 Training Command H.Q. in Toronto.

F/O D. Cuthbertson, of Brantford, led the scoring with three of the Dynamiter goals and singles were counted by LAC H. Jolly, Toronto; LAC D. Smith, Campbell Bay, Que.; Cpl. J. Hiltz, Grimsby, Ont.; and Cpl. J. Whitby, of London. The Elk tallies were counted by F/O E. N. Hook, of Toronto, and Sgt. R. E. Rogers, of Prince Albert, Sask.

Dynamiters: LAC I. Gilbertson, LAC D. Smith, Cpl. W. Bannan, Cpl. J. Hiltz, LAC S. Wirtley, F/O D. Cuthbertson, LAC M. Jackson, LAC H. Jolly, Cpl. J. Whitby, LAC J. Lytle, LAC T. O'Connor, LAC A. South, LAC R. Cullen.

Elkites: P/O E. H. Suarez, P/O E. J. C. Kirakow, P/S P. F. Allan, P/S T. Duffy, P/S C. B. Connors, P/O S. W. Little, P/O E. Tyson, P/S R. L. Taggart, Sgt. D. G. Day, Sgt. R. E. Rogers, P/O E. N. Hook, Sgt. T. E. O'Neill.

### ALEPH ZADIK ALEPH

Members of the Aleph Zadik Aleph boys and Junior League girls now serving with the RCAF in England have been issued a special invitation to attend the unique reunion to be held in Leeds, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18 and 19, and sponsored by the Pioneer Chapter No. 481 of Leeds. Secretary Bernard Levy, of the A.Z.A. Hospitality Committee, who extended the invitation to the Canadian members of the Junior B'nai B'rith, mentioned this is the first event of its kind to be held in Europe.

Anyone interested in attending the reunion is asked to contact Mr. Bernard Levy at 371, Street Lane, Leeds, 7.



Flight Officer Nancy McArthur, Calgary, greets Air Marshal Harold Edwards, C.B., A.O.C-in-C of the RCAF Overseas, at the station on his return from Canada. Left to right in the picture: Flt/O McArthur; S/L J. C. Outram, Ottawa; A/M Edwards; S/L G. H. Tinker, Toronto; Air Commodore Frank Wait, Ottawa; and S/L T. C. Thompson, Ottawa. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

## MANY CANUCKS ESCAPE FROM ENEMY CUSTODY

Chappell, Brook, Derick, Hare, Sherk and Fell are Safe

It is reported from Algiers that fugitives from one of the biggest mass break-outs from an enemy prison-camp in Italy, four RCAF lads are back in British hands, while others are filtering through the lines at other points.

The four, all of whom have been in enemy custody for at least a year, are F/L Clifford Chappell, Windsor, Ont.; F/O Christopher Hare, Toronto; F/O Eugene Derick, Dauphin, Man.; and F/S Stanley Brook, Peterboro, Ont.

Chappell and Hare were navigator and pilot respectively of a RAF Wellington which ended up in the sea off Tobruk in July, 1942; Derick was pilot of a RAF Beaufighter shot down near Marble Arch in September of the same year; and Brook was flying a Hurricane which was shot down near Alamein about a year ago.

All arrived in bizarre clothing, which they picked up along the way in their long stealthy trek to safety.

They brought news of other Canucks who took part in the great break-out, including F/L Eugene Hodgson, Montreal; P/O A. G. Markle, Camrose, Alta.; F/O R. W. McNichol, Grand View, Man.; F/O Roderick Hughes, St. Mary's, Ont.; F/O Jack Hariton, Stony Beach, Sask.; F/O Robert Frith, Toronto; F/L Gilbert Middlemiss, Wainwright, Alta.; F/O Ray Sherk, Stevensville, Ont.; F/O Edmund Patrick St. John, N.B.; and Lieut. K. Maxwell formerly of Moose Jaw and now of the British Army.

#### All's Well With Fell

After three weeks in hiding behind German lines in Italy P/O William Fell, Norwood, Man., is back in the British lines with a good tan, a high respect for Italians and a thorough knowledge of the Holy Bible.

He got the tan from living in the open; learned to like the Italian country people because they smothered him with kindness; and acquired his knowledge of Holy Writ because it was the only piece of English literature that his Italian benefactors could find for him to read, and he pored over it from dawn to dark during his long weeks in hiding.

Shot down last month behind enemy lines, the 21-year-old pilot landed safely by parachute, was captured and escaped from a truck that was taking him to be interrogated.

When Allied troops drove back the Germans the Italian civilians gave him a royal farewell, and a parade to the nearest town.

#### The Hard Way

F/O Ray Sherk did not have such a good time after his escape from prison camp. He had to hide in a gorse-covered cave for 18 days. Once German searchers came within 6 ft. of the entrance without seeing it.

## OVERSEAS AIR COMMAND TO CHANGE HANDS

A/M Breadner to Succeed A/M Edwards as A.O.C.-in-C.

#### NEW DEPUTY ALSO

IT has been announced from Ottawa by Major the Honourable C. G. Power, M.C., Minister of National Defence for Air, that Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, C.B., D.S.C., will succeed Air Marshal Harold Edwards, C.B., as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the RCAF Overseas. The switch will be made about Jan. 1.

This is the most important of a number of changes that have been made amongst high ranking air officers of the RCAF.

Air Marshal Harold Edwards came overseas in the fall of 1941 with the rank of Air Vice Marshal. He was promoted to Air Marshal on July 1, 1942. He was awarded the C.B. in the New Year's Honours List of 1943.

Under his command the RCAF overseas has expanded enormously. From a few squadrons it has been built up to a formidable striking force. In the course of his duties Air Marshal Edwards has travelled thousands of air miles. In the winter of 1942-43 he visited Cairo, the Western Desert, India and the Burma Front. Canadian personnel in these theatres of war have gained many advantages as a result of his visits.

Before coming overseas Air Marshal Edwards was Air Member for Personnel and as such had much to do with the building of the Air Training Plan.

#### Ex-Fighter Pilot

Air Marshal Breadner formerly held the post of Chief of Air Staff. He was a fighter pilot in the last war, won his D.S.C. in 1917 for an exploit on the Somme, and by 1918 commanded a squadron when transferred to the new RAF. He was the first O.C. of the RCAF Station at Borden

### SIGNALS CROSSED

"Oh joy, Oh joy!" cried one Canadian sergeant as he read a signal which in substance said "You are being posted back to Canada."

Farewells were said and beer was drunk, as is the custom in the provinces. Packing was completed, warrants were issued and by morning all was in readiness.

The sergeant was just leaving for the railway depot when came another signal in substance saying, "Some time in the next six months."

## ALLAN CUPPER LANDS SAFELY

F/O Gerry Philbin, Allan Cup hockey star with the Ottawa Fliers two winters ago, had a stiff bodycheck handed him recently when, as a member of RCAF Bomber Group's "Iroquois" Squadron, he took part in a heavy attack on Mannheim.

"We were early getting to the target," he said afterward, "and had to circle the place three times before going in to bomb. It was a nice night with plenty of explosions and fires down below."

The trip home was uneventful until he started to make his approach to land. Suddenly the two port engines sputtered and quit. The long trip and the stooge around the target had consumed the aircraft's safety margin of petrol.

The bomber commenced to slew out of control, but the 200-pound skipper wrestled with the multi-ton behemoth and managed to keep it aloft on two engines. The flight engineer, Sgt. Bill Gracie of Peterborough succeeded in getting a third engine started and after making another circuit, Philbin set the aircraft down.

With him on the trip were F/O Al Brock, navigator, Boissevan, Man.; F/S Tom Lee, bomb-aimer, Sarnia; Sgt. Lloyd Barker, mid-upper, Kildeer, Man.; and Sgt. Wynn Klein, tail-gunner, Esk, Sask.

A fighter pilot, Sherk escaped with F/O D. W. McLarty, of Buenos Aires. Once the pair were recaptured, but while their guard's back was turned they sprang down a gully and escaped again. Italian civvies helped them throughout their long trek toward the British lines. Finally they met a Canadian reconnaissance party and identified themselves.



Air Marshal Breadner.

In 1924 and held a number of important posts between that date and the outbreak of war. He came to England with the Hon. (Continued on page 5, col. 6.)

## LAST-MINUTE NEWS

### MANY RCAF UNITS

Nine Canadian bomber squadrons flew in Monday night's raid on Berlin. This is as heavy a representation as the RCAF Bomber Group has ever had in any raid on any target since the Group was formed.



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EDITORIAL

RCAF FIGHTERS

THE announcement that a Canadian Spitfire Wing commanded by W/C L. V. Chadburn, D.S.O., D.F.C., has in the course of four months' operational flying destroyed 43 enemy aircraft for the loss of one pilot in combat, serves to give emphasis to the excellent work which Canadian fighter squadrons have been doing this year.

Canada's effort in the air in this war began with the operations of No. 1 Canadian Fighter Squadron, which arrived in England in June, 1940, and took part in the Battle of Britain.

COMMISSIONED

Pilots.—J. M. Clift, Toronto; N. W. Maybee, Wellington, Ont.; C. R. Farney, Oak Lake, Man.; G. Howe, St. Thomas, Ont.; K. J. Thomson, Paris, Ont.; P. H. Leaver, Ottawa; G. E. J. McCabe, Montreal; H. C. Dixon, Toronto; W. D. H. Jackson, Toronto; L. E. Sisk, P. Yaremka, Dufrost, Man.; W. D. Burton, Bramford, Ont.; J. R. R. Boyer, Ile Perrot, Que.; W. F. Griffin, Hamilton, Ont.; D. G. Blacklock, Toronto; N. L. Harrison, Toronto; J. A. St. Denis, Waterloo, Que.; H. W. Kramer, Port Colborne, Ont.; J. E. McWilliam, Timmins, Ont.; J. L. Laitanen, Montreal; J. A. Jordan, Winnipeg; C. A. Griffiths, Selkirk, Man.; P. L. Stevenson, New York City; H. V. West, Port Arthur, Ont.; R. E. Hallifax, M. P. Fiewelling, Calgary; G. A. Whitman, Conshohocken, Pa.; W. J. Bentley, Willowdale, Ont.; J. R. Morrison, Montreal; J. V. Russell, Speers, Sask.; T. H. Gordon, Edmonton; D. J. Love, Winnipeg; H. W. Mitchell, Fredericton; R. B. K. Wilson, Calgary; G. K. Pauman, St. Thomas, Ont.; N. D. McGillis, Morrisburg, Ont.

Efficient Work For several months a Canadian wing, lead by Wing Commander J. E. Johnson, D.S.O., and Bar, D.F.C., and Bar, was ahead of all other wings in Fighter Command in its total score of enemy aircraft destroyed.

These records of efficient escort, while less spectacular than totals of enemy aircraft destroyed, are, in fact, the measure of the true function of fighter squadrons engaged on sweeps. A formation of bombers escorted to its target in a manner, which enables the bombers to conduct their bombing run without interference from enemy fighters, and so to ensure that their bombs fall on the proper targets, is capable of doing widespread damage to specific objectives, the destruction of which undoubtedly adds to the enemy's growing embarrassment.

VETERAN ADMIN. MAN

After four years of orderly room dealings with Canadians overseas, P/O E. G. "Stevie" Steeves, Moncton, N.B., has become assistant adjutant of the City of Vancouver squadron, to which he was posted in late September.

He arrived in Britain as an AC2 in February 1940, with the first Canadian squadron. Since then he has dealt with the personnel of Army Co-op. Reconnaissance, Fighter and Bomber squadrons, as well as arrivals at Reception Centres and staff of Repair Depots.

POST-WAR SAILING

Will yachtsmen interested in post-war Pacific sailing contact Box 2,680, Scripps, South Molton Street, London, W. I.

DOUBLE TALK FOR DOUBLE CROSSERS

Two Corporals Spend All Their Time Learning How To Say "Nuts To Nippon" Like The Natives

IN a tiny room, on the top floor of RCAF Headquarters, sit two guys who much look like they're trying to work their ticket or else they're ready for the nut house. All day long they talk in a sing-song, high-pitched voice, pausing regularly to doodle attentively on scraps of paper. The boys are not ready for a strait-jacket. They're just Cpls. Bill Henderson, Vancouver, and Warren Miller, Duncan, B.C., working at their job—interpreting.

The double-talk that goes on all day is Japanese, a language, the boys say, that would take years of study to speak like it is spoke in Nagasaki. One would have to be born in Nagasaki to speak it like a native. The reason why the language is so screwy is because the Japs had no written language originally, so they adopted Chinese syllables and added a dash of their own, thus complicating things no end.

All that is required for a lesson in Japanese is a brush, ink, a roll of paper, horn-rimmed glasses and a set of buck teeth. One stroke on the paper doesn't mean a thing. If you get two strokes in the right place it could mean "man," the first word in the dictionary. From then on you take it from there, adding stroke after stroke until hysteria sets in. By the time you reach 29 strokes you've reached the word "tooth" and also the mental hospital.

How Bill and Warren came to be studying such stuff goes like this. About the year 1935 Bill had ambitions in connection with the Canadian Trade Com-



"Honourable disciplinarians are a bunch of honourable..." might be a rough translation of what Cpl. Warren Miller writes in the jumbled safety of Japanese characters. The approval of Cpl. Bill Henderson is scarcely veiled.

mission. Since Japan was a customer he picked Japan. There were about 25,000 Japanese in the vicinity of Vancouver, and with that many Japs around they must have a language school. So Bill contacted the school, and for an hour each day boned up on Japanese. Last July the Air Force came to him and asked if he'd like to join as

an interpreter. Evidently Bill liked the idea. He joined. Bill met Warren at the manning pool. Warren got there this way. At one time he was a lumber salesman at the mill in Duncan. Interested in languages and practically living in a Japanese community, his interest heightened when he first laid eyes on a Jap Government

reader. Then a young Jap lad, born in Duncan, returned from Japan. He wanted to brush up his English and Warren wanted to try Japanese. So the two traded lessons. By the time the Air Force became interested in Warren he had digested eight of the twelve Japanese Government readers.

Warren picked up his Japanese the hard way, says Bill. "He studied literary Japanese, which is plenty difficult."

The Nips, they say, are a polite bunch of boys. They have many different degrees of politeness, which affects the verbs they use, again complicating things. They use different words when addressing strangers, friends and superiors. They are even extremely polite when speaking of people who aren't present. Evidently there are no sergeants in the Japanese Army.

A complete knowledge of Nipponese is next to impossible. However, the Japs seem to have just as much trouble with English. For instance, they have no word for parachute. When Nip bales out of his Zero he floats gaily to earth in a falling umbrella. Tanks are known as "battle wagons," and a radio is a "no wire machine."

Tojo's boys aren't very consistent. The literal translation of their word for England (Eikoku) means an "excellent country," an Englishman an "excellent man." Since we quit speaking to each other, the word may have been changed to something not so nice. Well, who cares anyways?

AFRICA 1939-43 STARS MAY NOW BE OBTAINED

Conditions of Award Say That no Person Can Receive Both

Distribution has begun of the ribbons for the 1939-43 Star and Africa Star. At the moment, this covers only those personnel actually on operations and those presently serving in Africa. It is understood, however, that all RCAF personnel who qualify for these awards will receive their ribbons in the near future. Nominal rolls of operational personnel are being submitted and the ribbons are being sent to the recipients. Members of the RCAF who have returned from Africa, or are off operations at the present time, but are entitled to these awards, will receive notice very shortly of the channels through which they should submit their claims. The 1939-43 Star will be awarded to RCAF air crew who have completed two months in an operational unit, and had at least one operational sortie. Non-air crew personnel who served six months or more in the area of an army operational command, will also qualify. Special exception is being made for those evacuated from Dunkirk, Norway, etc., even though their service is less than six months.

Dangerous Waters Count

Service on passage to an operational command through dangerous waters will count towards the six months qualifying period. India, however, will not be regarded as an operational command except for the purpose of operations in Burma and North-West frontiers. Members of the RCAF who have been granted an honour, decoration or mention in despatches for service in operations are also eligible. Should operational service be brought to an end before the completion of two and six months' service respectively, by death, wounds or other disability due to service, these personnel will be considered as having completed the necessary qualifying period. These qualifying periods of service must have occurred between the 3rd September, 1939, and the 31st December, 1943. The ribbon is dark blue, red and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. It is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder. The Africa Star is available to both air crew and ground crew who served in North Africa from the date of the entry of Italy into the war on June 10, 1940, up to the date when the enemy was driven from African shores on May 12, 1943, unless they qualify for the 1939-43 Star, in which case the 1939-43 Star is awarded, as this takes precedence in the Air Force over the Africa Star. The qualification is landing as part of an establishment in the

PAIR PUZZLE WITH "PONOKA PAYOFF"

W/C A. D. Matthews, who was in charge of the RCAF Victory Loan Campaign over here, wishes he had more customers like those twin brothers from Ponoka, Alta.

The 21-year-old fighter-pilot pair, F/Os Doug and Bruce Warren, strode into his office and asked for a couple of blank cheques recently.

A few minutes later they caused a bit of a furore as they wrote their names under \$500 promises and handed them in.

"We never carry our cheque books with us—it's a great help when you want to save money," Bruce explained as he revealed how they were able to make such imposing purchases.

area of an army operational command, in North Africa, including Malta. The whole of the area between the Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar is included and service in operations in Abyssinia, Italian Somaliland, Eritrea and Malta is a qualification. Service in West Africa, casual journeys and inspections, except those specially approved, are excluded.

Service in the air over any of the Army Operational Commands in North Africa, or over enemy-occupied territory in North Africa is a qualification.

The ribbon for the Africa Star is pale buff in colour, with a central red stripe and two other narrower stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The ribbon is worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

A clasp, denoted by the standard silver rose emblem worn on the ribbon, will be awarded to air crew and non-air crew personnel under the command of the A.O.C. Western Desert, or the A.O.C. North-West African Forces, and to air crew personnel only under the command of the A.O.C. Malta, or in the cutting of Rommel's or von Arnim's communications, or in the defence of Malta, during the period from Oct. 23, 1942, to May 12, 1943. Personnel eligible for the 1939-43 Star, which takes precedence in the case of the Air Forces, will be awarded a Clasp to the 1939-43 Star in respect of their service, otherwise the clasp will be worn on the ribbon of the Africa Star.

Personnel not qualified for the 1939-43 Star on May 12, 1943 but qualified for the Africa Star will be granted the Africa Star. They will, however, forgo the right to wear the 1939-43 Star in the event of their qualifying by service between May 13 and Dec. 31, 1943.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. J. H. Smith, Sgt., Montreal; W. H. Allan, F/S, Caledonia, Ont.; W. I. St. Johns, P/O, New York; E. R. Chatter, F/O, Wheatley, Ont.; R. W. Wolfe, P/O, Washington.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. W. W. Azar, Sgt., Provost, Alta.; A. N. Cochran, F/S, Regina, F.S.; A. N. Connor, F/S, Toronto; G. Farah, F/S, New Liskeard, Ont.; A. L. Foster, P/O, Toronto; D. C. Fraser, F/O, St. Stephen, N.B.; C. G. Grace, F/S, Humboldt, Sask.; S. N. Hall, Sgt., Arno, Ont.; J. H. Higgins, F/S, Montreal; V. R. D. Kissick, Sgt., Leticia, Man.; C. W. Lawry, P/O, Timmins, Ont.; P. J. Leblond, F/O, Vibank, Sask.; H. K. McCreery, F/S, Toronto; F. A. Marean, Sgt., Estyn, Sask.; G. W. Miller, F/S, Prescott, Ont.; T. E. Richardson, Sgt., Montreal; G. W. Sellers, F/O, Oakland, Calif.; W. L. C. Thompson, Sgt., Arno, Ont.; F. Ward, Sgt., Toronto; R. Weiss, F/S, Regina, F.S.; J. E. Audy, P/O, St. Thele, Que.; J. J. B. A. Dugal, F/S, Montreal; W. C. Forbes, Sgt., Amherstburg, Ont.; J. V. L. Gauthier, P/O, Montreal; J. Glassberg, F/O, Montreal; V. R. Henry, F/S, Vancouver; J. W. M. E. Lantini, F/S, Quebec; F. E. Luxford, F/L, East Angus, Que.; W. J. McAlpine, F/S, Banroff, Ont.; G. E. McQueen, P/O, Montreal; J. D. White, F/S, Hartney, Man.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. S. Archia, Sgt., Wynyard, Sask.; L. W. Barman, Sgt., Hanna, Alta.; A. E. Atkinson, Sgt., Stratford, Ont.; G. Birchall, F/S, St. Thomas, Ont.; J. H. Brown, P/O, Windsor, Ont.; W. E. Cain, F/S, Toronto; G. Zaleschuk, Sgt., Montreal; H. H. Clements, F/S, Liverpool, M.; C. F. Daley, Sgt., Sussex, N.B.; L. L. Gladwin, Sgt., Saunders, Alta.; F. W. Guild, Sgt., North Sask.; C. D. Heming, Sgt., Adanac, Sask.; C. C. Heming, Sgt., Moose Jaw, R. W. G. Heagan, F/S, Montreal; W. J. Hogg, F/S, Toronto; S. J. Jorgensen, Sgt., Sceptre, Sask.; G. A. McMillan, Sgt., Antler, Sask.; J. McA. Newton, F/S, Gerrie, Ont.; Peterson, Sgt., Zehner, Sask.; L. H. Prosperine, P/O, Ottawa, Sask.; P. Spalding, Sask.; R. Strong, F/S, Lambton, Centreville, N.B.; R. H. Ward, P/O, Edmonton; F. R. Windbank, Sgt., Esthery, Ont.; G. A. Young, Sgt., Swallow, Ont.; Applegate, Sgt., Calgary, Alta.; E. A. Barker, P/O, Montreal; M. E. F. O. Evansburg, Alta.; J. L. B. Carter, P/O, Montreal; D. G. Culver, F/S, Simcoe, Ont.; F. H. DeNeers, Sgt., Vandura, Sask.; C. B. Finley, Sgt., Vancouver; W. E. D. Fleischman, F/O, Vancouver; W. E. Foster, Sgt., Edmonton; R. Graham, P/O, Moose Jaw, P/O, Nelson, Sgt., St. John, N.B.; H. G. Harwood, Sgt., C. T. Hillman, F/S, Toronto; Ottawa, Sgt., Teulon, Man.; F. S. Toronto; W. Kwanney, Evansburg, Alta.; H. T. A. Lamond, Sgt., Los Angeles, B.C.; H. F. MacArthur, F/L, Medford, Mass.; J. A. MacKinnon, F/L, Delburne, Alta.; S. B. Robinson, F/L, Knowlton, Que.; C. C. Sawatzky, Sgt., P. Sutherland, Sgt., Victoria, B.C.; Taylor, F/S, Shubacade, N.S.; F. E. Vall, P/O, Toronto; J. O. S. F. E. R. S. Donald, J. E. Bunt, P/O, Toronto; MacDonald, F/O, Rosalind, Alta.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Calgary

DEAR SIR,—I am writing this letter in an effort to find out how my subscription stands with your paper. I enjoy your sheet very much, as I find it gives me some contact with all the gang I left behind in England. There are a lot of new names and new faces, but occasionally one of the old gang of the original squadrons of '40 and '41 pops up, and if it is at all possible I don't want to lose this contact.

As an original subscriber of this paper when it was our own squadron sheet I want to find some way of continuing my subscription if the huge wall of international finance can be breached.

As a member of the home establishment I envy you fellows who have been able to stay over there. Here's wishing all of you continued success. If any of my old cronies are around the office, I'd certainly like to be mentioned to them.

Incidentally, we're forming a little club here in the foothills of a considerable number of us who were with the original squadrons that went overseas, and we hope that some day we can devise some way of getting my copy of WINGS ABROAD around to all of them.

Yours truly, DOUG WALLACE, S/L, RCAF Medicals.

India Command

DEAR SIR,—I just noticed that my subscription to WINGS ABROAD has nearly expired. I do hope I don't miss too many copies. Enclosed find cheque for 10 shillings to cover cost of another year's subscription.

In many cases WINGS ABROAD forms the only link between us and some of the fellows who were lucky enough to remain in "good old Blighty." Certainly, there is never an issue that somebody is mentioned that somebody else knew or vice versa. Although the papers are three and four months old when we get them, better late than never.

I might also add that we do manage to get our laugh a day in one way or another. We're all waiting for the day. "Roll on that boat!"

F/O S. G. GARDINER, Wiltshire

Dear Editor:

If you remember me as correspondent for M.U. in Mids, and our chat some time ago, you will realise I am not trying to incite a riot by advancing this suggestion.

Reading of the RCAF show, "All Clear," I began to wonder why the RCAF couldn't pull a stunt along the lines of the Yank "This Is the Army." Talking it over with some of the other Canucks here on courses, I am surprised at the support the idea got.

If a vote were taken of all RCAF personnel in this country, I'll bet the results would be overwhelming. For this reason, I'd advise you not to have votes sent to WINGS ABROAD. You'd be flooded.

Maybe it's a screwy idea, but do you think anything could be done about it?

Thanking you for your good work in giving us regular gen. Yours truly, H. B. UNDERWOOD.

S/L KENNEY, D.F.C., TAKES OVER FLIGHT

Veteran of numerous operational trips, including two prangs over Berlin, S/L D. H. Kenney, D.F.C., Fredericton, N.B., has taken over command of a flight with a heavy bomber squadron of the RCAF Group in England.

With trips against Dusseldorf, Cologne and Pilsen behind him, the new C.O. is starting his second tour of ops. A civil pilot before the war, S/L Kenney took his instruction at Camp Borden shortly after the outbreak of war and then moved to McLeod, Alta., for eight months as a sergeant pilot. He flew his bomber across the Atlantic in April 1942, to join the Moose Squadron after preliminary instruction.

Howard, P/O Windsor, Ont.; C. Morrow, Sgt., Big Beaver, Sask.; K. B. Thomas, Niagara Falls, Ont.; E. L. Ware, P/O, Ottawa; J. O. G. Henderson, Sgt., Falls, Ont.; T. E. W. Hopkins, Sgt., Smiths Area, Argentina; K. A. Norris, P/O, Corpus Christi, Texas; J. H. Rooney, F/O, Calgary; G. D. Scott, Sgt., Moose Jaw.

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# SHORT SQUADRON FLASHES

## BIRTHDAY PARTY?

By CPL J. F. CUTLER

TO thaw the cold from our bones, and to commemorate the second birthday of our City of Oshawa Squadron, rumours are about that somewhere in the near future a party for the squadron boys is to be held.

The City of Oshawa Squadron, top-notch Hun-busting outfit, came into being officially on November 22, 1941. Those cold rainy days spent in training under our first C.O., S/L P. C. Webb, who later went East, proved of value in the days to come. W/C L. V. Chadburn, D.S.O., D.F.C., former C.O. of the squadron, joined us on February 21, 1942, then a flight lieutenant. After many months, honours went to S/L P. L. Archer, D.F.C., former O.C. "B" Flight, the first to destroy an enemy aircraft in the squadron.

Then came Dieppe, where so many won their fame. On that date, August 19, 1942, the boys proved that behind W/C L. V. Chadburn, D.S.O., D.F.C., there was a squadron with plenty of hitting power. August 26, 1942, the first D.F.C. arrived in the squadron, this honour also going to S/L P. L. Archer. On December 3, 1942, came the second, to W/C Chadburn, for skill and leadership unsurpassed. Only a short while later the adoption of this squadron by the City of Oshawa was made possible through the efforts of W/C Chadburn and the mayor of that city.

Then came S/L F. H. Boulton, who proved himself a fine leader. To him also went the D.F.C. Three days later to F/L R. A. Buckham, O.C. "B" Flight at the time, the D.F.C. was granted. Only a short while later F/L Buckham was also awarded the American D.F.C. Time went by and more and more enemy aircraft were chalked up to the squadron's credit, S/L McNair, D.F.C., took over the reins and helped us further toward success. Then into the limelight came S/L F. E. Grant, a top-notch pilot. During this time another D.F.C. found its way to our door, this time to F/L J. A. Rae. Later came S/L R. J. Walker, for many months previous "B" Flight commander. Finally, today leading the City of Oshawa Squadron we have S/L F. E. Green, D.F.C.

So as the anniversary rolls around a lot of pleasant memories can come to light. Some of the men who joined us are after many months off to lead other squadrons and flights, some to become wing commanders. So to-day, behind the 25 enemy aircraft destroyed, the three probables, and the 22 damaged, there was a lot of hard work and training both by the ground crew and air crew.

A legal excuse presents itself for the lads of the air crew to make merry these days. F/L G. R. Patterson, F/O L. G. D. Pow, F/O W. J. Simpson, and P/O H. V. West are more or less our excuses, a merry round with cheers and good luck all round, on their promotions.



F/O Alec Davidson, Toronto, holds up the total bag of a duck hunt near his airbase in North Africa. On the right is S/L Gordon B. Ough, Newmarket, Ont., who has been with Davidson since the Manning Pool days. The motorcycle is a captured Jerry machine.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

## CREW ROOM CHATTER AT CANADIAN BOMBER GROUP

AFTER exchanging his hooks for a ring, 23-year-old Bill McLean, Lumsden, Sask., in getting his mail in the officers' mess now. This air bomber flies with F/L Johnny Tyler's Bluenose crew.

F/S Etienne Cabana swapped his walter's whites for Air Force blues, and is holding down the rear turret job in one of his squadron's Hallies. The air-gunner finds the hours little different from when he looked after Montreal night club patrons.

From N.C.O. to Squadron Leader in five months was the record hung up by Charles "Chuck" Palmer, D.F.C., who has left an important position at Group Headquarters to become a Winco supervising training at one of the Group bases. Back home at Dundalk, Ont., he starred on local club circuits.

When W/C W. P. "Bill" Pleasance, Calgary, recently left the Iroquois squadron to command the Moosemen he took his crew with him, including F/O Lorne Rotstein, Toronto; F/O Dave Taylor, Regina; Sgt. Jack Fagg, Burlington, Ont.; F/S Eddie Ihde, Killam, Alta.; Sgt. Morely McGill, Homewood, Man. The crew started its operational experience with the Moose outfit when the skipper personally led the squadron on the raid against the strategic railway yards at Cannes.

F/L H. A. "Happy" Hewitt, Lac Vert, Sask., has just been elevated to the post of deputy flight commander of the same Moose squadron.

Just moving into the officers' mess is L. L. H. Hansen, Lethbridge, Alta., Lancaster skipper of the Goose squadron, who made such an expert forced landing in the North Sea that none of his seven men crew, all Canadian N.C.O.s, were not even scratched. His navigator, F/S C. C. Spencer, Picton, Ont., switched messes with his captain.

Another gen man has joined Group headquarters staff in the person of S/L Harry Malkin, D.F.C. and Bar. "Hank" hails from Montreal, and is a two-tour pilot. He did his first in the normal way, and the second as skipper of a Pathfinder kite.

One of the most precious souvenirs of the Lion squadron is on its way to the Canadian War Museum, started in Ottawa, by the RCAF. The blond head of Piccadilly Princess, comely insignia painted on the fuselage of a Halifax bomber, and the only souvenir Sgt. R. C. Deegan, Smith Falls, Ont., had to show for his first operational trip in which he and the rest of the crew baled out when their returning bomber got out of control.

Navigator F/O R. J. "Rod" Dunphy, Winnipeg, of the Thunderbird squadron, can tell a good yarn about the riddled black-out curtain which has also been forwarded to the RCAF War Museum.

Dunphy's all-Canadian Lancaster crew were attacked by an Me.109 and a Ju.88 at different times during a Leipzig raid. Four shells perforated the curtain around his table, leaving it in tatters. Dunphy was unscathed.

## BOMBER GROUP

By LAC HORSLEY

MORE about the doings at these Headquarters here.

Our own Cpl. Hamilton is evidently enjoying her leave in Belfast, and according to the latest gen she really doesn't wish to return to England. The greatest attraction seems to be the lowly hamburger. We'll wager they won't come to the standards of those produced in her own little hamburger bar.

A/Cpls. Hill, Lunn and Mason. Congratulations on acquiring those tapes, but remember they're not nailed on.

Members of the Scroungers' Club, shame on you for not turning out to the meeting called for the evening of November 2.

AW2 Squires, many, many thanks for doing up in fine style the rabbit we caught, for its was luscious, and in Canada, love, very few people eat the species of jack-rabbit round there.

F/Sgt. Ginsberg, our sympathies in your recent mishap.

Sgt. Goodeve's brother, good luck in your training in the F.A.A.

Hallowe'en Party

Hallowe'en did not pass unnoticed at Bomber Group, although many fine intentions went astray when it came to light that stone fixtures are not so easy to move as good old Canadian wooden ones. However, the party "doings" in the Rec. Hall were very nicely arranged, a credit to Cpl. Donalds and the Entertainment Committee, who thought up the decorations of flags and apples on strings. Not a few Wives found their faces with that fruit when they least expected it.

Cpl. Thomas, one-time member of this happy little gang, was a visitor to the M.T. Section from H.Q. She had enthusiastic reports concerning the big city,

## FLYER NOT EVEN SAFE IN HIS MESS

Getting a letter written can be just as hard on a man as an intruder flight, according to F/C Herb Jones, pilot from Salmon Arm, B.C.

Busy on correspondence at a desk in front of the fireplace a few nights ago, Herb was suddenly deluged with plaster and water.

Someone had gone to sleep in the bathtub on the floor above. The water had run over, seeped through the floor and brought the ceiling down with it, all over Herb.

and was given a hearty welcome back into the section.

Talking of the M.T. Section, it has just passed through a crisis, a major one that affected the pocket books of nearly every member. For several days there was a noticeable atmosphere of strain about the place. The drivers were bundles of nerves, the fitters were messing up the motors. It was horrible until the news finally came through and the time of stress was over — S/L Brittain's brand-new son arrived.

Cpl. Mary Hamilton and LAW Alice Harrison are enjoying leave in Ireland and saw "Clem" Clemens recently returned from holidays in Edinburgh.

We are pleased to see that Betsy has at last learned the essential points of cleanliness that all young women should know. At least, she can wash herself without extra help. For a while it seemed as though the M.T. Section had a full-time job when Saturday night bath time rolled around. Even the D.R.s took their turn with soap and lather for Betsy's benefit. But now it is a different story—after nearly two months, Betsy, the pride and joy of the section, licks clean her own white fur—and takes all the pride of a full-grown cat in doing so. She has seen the light.

## INTRUDER ANTICS

By LAC GOLDBERG

HERE'S a toast to new-comers F/L Bob Kipp, Namloops; P/O Pete Huletsky, Montreal; F/O Herb Jones, British Columbia, and F/O Al Eckert, Seaforth. P/O Cliff Butler has come as supernumerary Signals Officer after 26 months on RAF squadrons.

Two more additions to the signals section are F/S Cliff Partridge, Toronto, and Sgt. Tommy Colbert (no relation to Claudette), of Hamilton. These two have "got some in," having recently returned from a long stay in India. As Tommy so aptly put it, "Ceylon is definitely a South Sea Island, but you don't find any Dottle Lamours." Cliff asked if there really was a mystery of the East—answered tersely, "Yes, the smell!" Both Tommy and Cliff would like to say hello to the boys on the old squadron and a special one to F/L Elmer Hill and the Signals gang.

The "Love Life Dept." reports that ACW Betty Cottle and F/O "Finn" Finlayson are planning to make the plunge. LAC English, "A" Flight, Hamilton made the fatal step this week LAC "Lucky" Mineauet, Winnipeg, has the foundations laid and he and his pretty WAAF, Kay, are about to say "I do." Why does Cpl. Bill Elworthy hang about the NAAFI so much? It's quite a tall story!

Our hard-working mailman, LAC Larry Murray, of Rosebank Man., says that business at the squadron post office is so good that he needed a new man to help. His new assistant is Montreal's Louis Roussy. Let's hope the Christmas rush keeps them plenty busy.

Our Victory Loan Drive went way over the top. We left our quota away behind and sold \$6,750 worth.

Bicycles are a thing of the past for some of "A" Flight air crew. Whizzing about the dispersal is Lt. Lou Luma, of Montana, and F/L Tommy Thompson, of Vancouver. F/O Johnnie Johnson, of Omemu, Ont., has taken to mechanical transport, too.

We are sorry to lose LAC Fred Ritchie, Virden, Man. He's gone to another Canadian squadron. We had a short—but sweet—visit from S/L Duggin from Edmonton. He is our former adjutant and had a reunion with his old pal P/O Gord Williamson, our P.R.O.

The latest "green sheet" brought forth bags of "A" groupings and promotions. Now wearing two rings are F/L Keith Reynolds, of London, and Archie Martin, of Ottawa. Those trading their narrow for a wider one are F/Os Gwynn Morris, St. Catharines, and Ted Wildgoose, Winnipeg.

## DECEASED DUCK

By BUD JAMES

DUDLEY DUCK is dead. His passing occurred on the day following the Lion's Birthday party, and it is believed due to intemperance. If it was, he is the first member of the squadron to die from an excess of alcohol.

Dudley joined the squadron and made his first public appearance when W/C Burnside bid the Lions farewell. For a few days afterwards he was seen in the company of a couple of officers of dubious character, and fears were expressed that he wouldn't last until Christmas. However, he smartened up and shook these guys, and until the afternoon of the birthday party he was a familiar figure on the grounds surrounding the control tower which he favoured because there were plenty of worms and radio mechs. there. He liked the radio boys because, he explained, "They're a bit quacked too."

On the birthday party afternoon he left his peaceful surroundings to take a leading part in the orderly room presentation, "More Bombs on the Target." That afternoon the practice went without a hitch. A hoghead which Levesque and Browne had insisted was a necessary prop for the stage setting was opened. Although neither of these chaps would think of drinking during daylight hours, Donald was befriended by a character named "Trudgeon," who, like himself, takes it when he can get it. Anyway, the long and short of it is that Donald got as drunk as a billy goat.

Like a real trouper, he made the evening performance and few in the vast audience suspected he was nursing one hell of a hangover. After the play he took a few belts of the snake that bit him and then disappeared. His body was found the next day at the base of the control tower. He will be missed.

Heartiest congratulations to Bob Skillen, who has been awarded the D.F.M. He didn't know he'd won it until he received a cable from the folks back home congratulating him.



THE Lancaster from which F/S Bill Steeper, Utica, N.Y., drops his bombs was beetling along at 20,000. The night was filled with four-engined bombers and well above them and a little to one side a Halifax got himself coned by searchlights. Slowly the Hally inched over and soon was directly above the Lanc. Says Bill, "Guess who was in the cone then?"

The Halifax followed through by trickling off to one side, leaving Bill and the Lanc. lads holding the spotlight.

The moral of this little tale is, "Don't try to tell Bill Steeper that a Halifax can't fly high, wide and handsome if the need arises."

Bill has been on three ops. to date, Essen, Dusseldorf and Modane, and the toughest of these was Essen. Because he was on leave last week he missed the Berlin "do" of last Thursday night, in which his squadron took part. Still, leave is leave.

Only other RCAF member of Bill's crew is fellow-American F/O George Bailey, the skipper, George comes from Pound Ridge, "garden spot of America," which, for readers not familiar with the rural geography of America, is hard by White Plains, N.Y.

Neither Bill nor George expect to finish their tour in RCAF blue. Not because they're over-optimistic and expect the war to finish quickly, but because their transfers to the U.S. Army Air Force is all but complete. Within a few weeks they should be in the American force.

"If you walked down the Strand or drop into a club you can bank on seeing somebody from Hamilton," he says. One of the first people he met was Sgt. William Forrester, a navigator. The pair hadn't met since second form in Central Collegiate.

In one night he met seven Hamiltonians in the Crackers Club, including Cpl. George Christopher, Canadian Army; Sgt. Arthur Warnick, an engineer on a Halifax, Sergeant-Major Dave Munroe; F/O Bert Kapslaski and Jim Warnick.

Morrison and Jim Warnick went through training at Brantford and Dunville together. They hadn't seen each other since they parted at Service Flying schools when Jim went into twin-engined training and Charles to a fighter school.

When not on leave in London, F/O Morrison spends a good part of his time piloting a Mustang on low-level sorties.

## WOLF CALLS

By G. E. B.

WOLF squadron's new crest has been approved by His Majesty King George VI. A miniature reproduction is to be made into the form of a medal and worn just below the button on the upper left tunic pocket. It consists of a crown with a wolf's head in the centre and bearing the inscription "stalk and strike."

Two other distinctions were added recently when two former members of the squadron were decorated. LAC Pete Wilkinson has been awarded the B.E.M. and F/L Dolan received the M.B.E. for meritorious service.

F/L "Buzz" Beurling, recently promoted to flight commander, has been posted to another Canadian fighter wing. Beurling was one of the most popular pilots with the Wolf ground crew.

Despite these major occurrences, one of the big things of the week was the arrival of a supply of Coco Cola and Canadian chocolate bars at the Canadian Legion canteen.

## Calgary WOGs' Reunion

Early in December came a reunion if Cpls. Ed Shepherd, Imperial, Sask., Ed Chatterton, Toronto, and Chuck Ford, Winnipeg, can help it. They're calling on all members of the WOG class of November, 1940, at Calgary, to show up at the Beaver Club on Dec. 9. The class arrived overseas Dec. 9, '40, and these gentlemen would like a full turnout for the third anniversary in England.

Some of the lads have been getting some skating hours in at a nearby ice rink. F/S Watt, Sgt. Chevers and LACs "Biff" Barton, "Red" Hardaker, Phil Reid and Gord Baynham were among those trying out their legs.

Happy and contented after a spot of leave are Sgt. Winchester, Cpls. Phillips and Marino and LACs Mallette, Dow, Dafeo, Orioux and Macdonald. Some of the "lucky people" just starting are Cpl. Le Marsh, LACs Brenner, Bebbington, Deyotte, Marquis and Carrington.

W/O2 "Duke" Windsor has been repatriated home. LAC Don McDowell, of the signals section, has been posted to another Canadian airfield.

Back from a "gen" course are Cpls. Kalcicak and Mackin, whose beaming faces were missed for some time.

## NEW FLIGHT COMMANDER

S/L Lloyd Linnell, Gwentworth, Sask., has succeeded to command of a flight in the "Bluenose" squadron, and has been promoted from flight lieutenant.

In addition to plenty of operational experience, S/L Linnell is a veteran of 27 months as an instructor. He is 24.

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BAS(E)IC NEWS

By JIMMY GUNN

DAN Cupid must have been taking a "refresher course" in love. "Shuff" Arcubaud, now a P/O, still has it bad, and joining him on the romantic hot seat is Sgt. Tommy Plunkett, who seems to have gone "all out" for a new WAAF sergeant. It was noticed one evening sitting in her company carefully reading the daily paper UPSIDE DOWN.

Then there is the sad case of F/S Doug Skinner who spent a cold night lurking in station waiting rooms and hotel lobbies on his way back from visiting his current heart throb in a nearby city. When they take you home to meet the folks it's time to walk warily, Doug old boy, or perhaps it's Hilda who should be warned.

Also in the starry-eyed brigade at the moment is AW "Tiny" Baker, whose frequent rendezvous with a certain "Flight Looie" together with the fact that she has taken up knitting sweaters and socks haven't passed unnoticed by this department.

Having read that Irving Berlin once acted as stage manager somewhere, W/O Norm Zaccour has developed thespian ambitions and aspires to become the Bob Hope of the Base Concert Party in their new production. It is anticipated that his first appearance before the footlights will be the occasion of a vigorous "vegetable shower," eggs both new and ancient being strictly rationed.

Warner Lies Low

W/O Freddie Warner now knows to his sorrow what it means to get his "lines" crossed. It appears he wrote two "friends" living in different parts of the country one evening, recently, and inadvertently exchanged the letters. The result? Two very emphatic phone calls and Freddie is now earnestly studying the far fields that arc said to look "green."

Week's award for sterling patriotism goes to Sgt. Ted Kozachenko, king of the Link Trainers, and also versed in other educational activities of not such operational urgency. Ted took the admonition "Is your journey really necessary?" so much to heart that he decided to spend his leave right in camp, devoting his attention alternately to African Golf and manipulation of paste boards. Tell us, Ted, does patriotism pay?

Our welcome mat this week greets two of Canada's feminine ambassadors of Empire good will in the persons of Section Officers Ruth McJannet, from Burwash Ont., and Barbara Fellowes, of Hull, Que. Personnel with social aspirations in their direction will have to make application, submitted by a duly completed pro forma to W/C E. R. Emond. Another recent arrival is P/C Paul Bozak, long the terror of tardy arrivals on parade at the Canadian P.R.C. He has now graduated to the "Flat Hat" class. He has already been noticed playing the "indirect approach" with the current Base siren, AW Dot Sidaway. Get in the queue, sir.

De Grey Glide

Now well into his second "tour" in this locality, F/L Eric Strathdee is regarded as the maestro of the "De Grey Glide," although he encounters strenuous opposition from Winco W. H. Swetman. Also seen in local "hot spots" these days are S/L W. L. Marshall, F/O S. R. Smith, F/L H. E. Davies, W/Os Stan Whitehead and Bill Ard, and S/L "Slim" Bootle, who has returned after an absence on course. Air Comm. C. M. McEwen, M.C., D.F.C., has been called many names during his career.

THE MAIL BAG

By SGT. C. L. GAGNON

NO great pomp or ceremony to announce this initial offering from RCAF Overseas Postal Depot. We'll just proceed in our own quiet manner.

Taking the small and tall of things, Cpl. Craig a cloud-purging personality of six-six, and LAC Coyston, a microscopic five foot and a couple of centimetres, who work side by side, cause their vocal cords a bit of strain. Their natural tones don't suffice when they talk to one another.

Unrelenting determination is personified in Cpl. "Tiny" McNight at a dance when he casts his glims about for a gal who won't look too bad dancing with his 245 lb., six-foot-four frame.

Miss and data: Sarge "Tiny" Gagnon met up with a gal with strong family instincts the other night. She kept on calling him "Uncle." Is it old age, "Tiny"? Or is it that she was hollering "Uncle" for an entirely different reason? LAC Harry "Moisha" Duckworth has one less item to moan about. He's finally had his LAC "B" grouping confirmed. It had gotten so bad listening to his laments that he wondered if he was going to set it to music. Every "36" LACs Szpak, McDuff, McMillan, Kowalczyk (yeah, me too), Willey, "Jock McTavish" Bradley, Ed "Sour" Krause and Cpl. Bill Sherriff make a pilgrimage to Manchester. Wonder what attraction that city holds for them, and if they're very attractive? LAW Perry, an effeminate lassie with an effeminate curiosity, tried to satiate same by paying Manchester a visit. Get any pointers, Perry, old kid?

Strictly from Hunger, That

I wonder how many times a day LAC Battle of the letter lespatch section hears, "How goes the Battle, old boy?" "If you hear any ultra broad 'reel-lays' or 'ack-chew-lays' about the Base, you may lay odds that it's those two personable lassies, LAWS Quantz and Davidson, who spent a happy seven days' leave at Oxford U. Cpl. McDougall has become a levotee of bagatelle. Wonder what stimulated the interest in the afore-mentioned game? The locals?

Pun of the week: Cpl. Keep is now keeping house. It used to be Bundles for Britain, but now it seems to be bundling with Britons.

but he was never more surprised than when he walked into a nearby orphans' home recently and was greeted by a general salute and the nickname "Big Boss." The Base has unofficially adopted the orphans for this Christmas and is raising funds through the medium of its concert party to finance the visit of Santa Claus. The "Big Boss," accompanied by W/S Ernie Emond, F/L Nick Carrie, Larr; Moyle, YMCA supervisor, W/C Norm Zaccour and Cpl. Joe Treaves, together with member of the concert party spent a pleasant few hours with the orphans. If the tykes could have had their way a mass adoption would have taken place.

Congratulations are extended this week to an ex-T. Eaton Co executive, C. O. King, who has now graduated to the exalted ranks of the Winco's. How about wetting the new one with a supplementary parade for clothing, armen for the use of, sir? Away on leave this week is A/S/O Verral Day. Having duly surveyed the London scene she has gone to the land of the heather this time to study at first hand the technique of the kilteer lassies. If she finds the lassies as interesting as Cpl. Gori Arscott found their feminine counterparts a good time will have been had by all.



This picture was received from LAC M. Smith, who is in North Africa. He captions it: "Why Italy surrendered unconditionally." We can't vouch for that, but anyway the radar mechs. are: Left to right, standing: Cpl. "Red" Lytle, LACs Cowie, Smith, Heakins (RAF), Barrett, Ortenberg, Harrison, Bryson; kneeling in front: LAC Fish.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)



CLUTCHING a slip of paper with an address in his hand, LAC Harry Schiff, Montreal mech., paused briefly in his search of London's tangled maze to talk with this scribe and pose for the portrait accompanying this chatter.

Harry is hunting for fellow mech., "A. B." Boxer, Winnipeg temporarily resident in these parts, and expects to track down the quarry before leave is up. Schiff has been around a bit in the radio business. Once, back in Canada, he was firmly determined to continue in the radio business when the strife and trouble is finished. Now he's not so sure.

The popular picture of mechs huddled together on an isolated station for months at a time doesn't apply to Harry's case. He says he's just a wanderer from one spot to another.

During his travels he has bumped into many men from his course at McGill, but LAC Harry Schiff things happen so fast he's not even sure how many Canuck mechs. are on his present station.

Boxer took his basic course at U. of T., but, met Harry during a later course. "A. B." likes to spend his off hours poring over a chessboard where he makes a rather formidable opponent. He can also hold his end up in a knock-down drag-out poker session when the occasion arises.

POLAR BORES

By S. J. Wells

FROM this Cave of the Winds come news of the Polar bores. Two of the lads are on leave at present, Cpl. Alf Ashdown, St. Catharines, and Dave McLeod, Ft. Francis. The big town may expect another blitz according to their plans. Alf is a basketball star back home, and must have plenty on the ball as far as we can see.

Vital Statistics: the ratio of males to females up here is 50 to 1.

Murray Garrett and Al Fram are still not of this world since their picture made the front page of WINGS ABROAD. They are willing to pop into their sleeping bags to pose for anyone with a camera. Their latest idea is to have an artist do them in oils if the gang will serve meals to them in bed for a month or two.

Keith Fraser, Ottawa, has done caricatures of each member of our happy hut. They are on the wall over every bed, and are more popular than Petty pinups.

Funny Honeymoon

Cpl. Howard Stobbs left the bachelor ranks while on leave. His only complaint regarding his married life was that he spent his wedding night with a few hundred other people in the waiting room of a railway station due to a tie-up in trains. This brought french chukles from Norm Disney and Bert Giles, our other married members.

The happy days arrived for Sgt. Don Grice and Cpl. Wally Allen when they headed back for Blighty with a full year's Icelandic service tucked under their belts.

Our two new additions, Len Chase and Jack Wellman, are still debating the relative merits of living in civilisation and being broke, or existing here and

stuffing their wallets. They heartily agree with our description of the place. No grass, nor weeds, not even seeds, From Greenland, Wales or Java, Will grow in snow where breezes blow Across the frozen lava. 'Nuff said.

NORTH ENGLAND

By George Maybee

THE latest character to cause feminine hearts to flutter by his arrival is debonaire Maurice "Stroble" Koplaw. "Stroble" is another westerner, hailing from Winnipeg. In Civvy Street he was a student at Manitoba University. After the war he was serious, intentions in the mental field.

Tired of bacon and eggs in N. Ireland, he claims he came down to enjoy our potatoes. He and Paul Maissonneuve, ex-Can. 50, came over together. Paul is from the East, and with he and Koplaw occupying adjoiningunks we shall expect some new angles on the East vs. West question. Welcome to our little family of tube-bashers, Maurice.

Flat Hat Hopefuls

Cpl. Andy Laprade and LACs Rudy Picherack and Roberts have left for a pre-commission course. All the best, lads! Come back and see us when you get those flat hats. Sgt. Ashton's away on a gen course. Good luck, sarge!

On leave this week are Paul Quinn and Herb Parkes, down a the big city. Back from enjoying cokes and apple pie in London are Cpl. Patmore, Reg Jackson and yours truly.

With Christmas in the offing, plans are being made for an all-Canadian contribution to the station Christmas concert.

SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Cpl. E. F. Guy

TALK about enthusiasm, Walt Shirley hit a new high on a station discipline course. He proved his love for rifle drill by slapping the butt so hard that he uprained his wrist. To top it all off, when he went to the M.O. he was found to be behind in his innocos, so he received a jab in the other arm. He certainly looks pathetic with one arm in a sling and the other swollen to twice its normal size.

George "Peaches" Irvine is at it again. There is something about George that women cannot resist and vice versa. Anyway, let's 'em down easy.

"Goldie" tells us that pranging is a piece of cake. Why, "it just happened."

We hope soon to welcome "Bud" De Vito and Morris Dearhill back from the hospital. Hurry up, Morrie, we need your guiding hand for another big "do," and, Bud—your WAAF is getting impatient.

I hear from reliable sources that the wolves are going to howl a grand style on November 29. The Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared," is being adhered to; here is a noticeable sharpening of fangs and pointing of ears.

WELL-KNOWN SPORTSMAN

Gridiron fans should find something familiar in the name of Eric Duggan, of Edmonton and Calgary.

In 1941 he was referee in charge of the Canadian football trials between Winnipeg and Ottawa. Now with a bomber squadron, he has also been adjudant of a Canadian intruder squadron since his arrival overseas.

RECORDS OFFICE

G1 (CAN)

By Sgt. "MEM" AITKEN

SEEMS a mild form of flu has hit some of our boys recently, LACs Jim Harcer, Don Rogers, Gen Turpin, Cpl. Carl Walstrom and Sgt. Harry Sloan! Hope you get over it quickly, fellows. Sgt. Harry Sloan, Cpl. White Myers and "yours truly" have been going theatrical this week. We are in the local camp concert trying to portray a melodrama or old. After the first evening's performance, Harry was taken ill, and at last minute notice LAC Don Bridgman stepped into the villain's shoes, and a swell job of filling them he did! Thanks, "Bridge."

The boys have decided to give a Christmas party for some local orphans in the near future, and the committee is busily rounding up sweets, chocolate bars, etc. Food and movies are to be provided with the kind help of Bud Pocock, our K. of C. convener. The boys will get just as much kick out of the party as we hope the kids will, we'll bet our "bottom dollar."

Scene: a Saturday night dance at a local dance hall.

Cast: LACs Don Bridgman and Monty Axler.

Dialogue: Bridgman to Axler: "Let's dance together, eh?" Axler: "O.K."

Result: A red-hot jittering session with these two jiving together, and as Ted "Dusty" Miller (now a W.O.I.) who was on a visit here, said, "That's the first time I've seen the whole door stop dancing and form a circle around two boys." Anyway, everyone gave them a big hand, so they must have been good.

By the way, Dusty says this roughing it with the T.A.F. is O.K. Seems to have made a man of him, anyway. Olive! I have not mentioned our "great" ping-pongers lately, as it was my painful duty to withhold their two resounding defeats. They are still in second place, and Bill Watson informs me that they are now back to an even keel. If you want more good tidings printed, Willie, you'd better not let "Cas" Calthness lose to any more of these WAAFS.

A2 (CAN)

By LAC A. G. WALLINGTON

THIS week brings another newcomer. This time it is LAC George Allan, who hails from Toronto. George has spent most of his overseas time at RCAF Headquarters, London. Seems like the Wids have taken over his job, but George proudly claims it takes two of them to do it.

The resemblance to an I.T.S. is becoming more noticeable every day. LACs Jack Anderson, Jim McKenzie and Johnnie Marmen have joined the parade of air crew candidates and are waiting for that call to return to Canada for training. Good show, lads, you'll see Berlin yet.

The local bobbies were perplexed to hear a loud shout of "Murder" the other night. The cause was never discovered by them, but LAC "Mitch" Mitchell has a story to tell. Involved in a game of Truth or Dare "Mitch" had to get out in the middle of the street and shout "Murder."

Lamont Cranston has come to life in the form of an erstwhile "Shadow" who leaves notes on LAC Al Pope's desk. The trouble is that the notes have a habit of going astray. One note wound up in the hands of the "Shadow's" girl friend, Sgt. Art Toomey wouldn't like to elucidate on that?

A real mountain feud has developed between Cpl. Gord Hornstein and LAC Al Pope. Gord has a mania for turning letter-trays upside down, and the same applies to Al with ink bottles. We are expecting 252 action any time.

Neill's New Idea

A new idea for a hobby is the collection of beer labels. W/O Cliff Neill now has a collection of nearly all sorts sold in England, and has hopes of getting them all before going home. Grandma would be shocked!

The proud possessor of two brand new books is Art Bale. A hearty handshake is extended, Art. We're sure glad that you got them at last. Art came back from leave to find them waiting for him—glad you're back, Art?

Our "Commando" Course has a bad effect on LAC Jim McKenzie. Methods of crawling are something that is complete nemesis to Jim. He has a fear of thunderclashes.

Willie "Sarong" Myers and Vern "Bing" Johnston took part in a revue put on here. If Dorothy Lamour's popularity wanes suddenly, blame it on the sarong Willie was wearing; or it could be the chassis exposed. Willie says he does it to keep up the morale of the Forces.

TWIN "FOG HOGS" ARE BOTH PILOTS

Something new in twin combinations with the RCAF are F/Ls Melvin Dewey Lee and Calvin Creighton Lee, Vancouver. They don't fly together, at least not in the same aircraft. But more than half their service careers have been spent together flying similar aircraft on the same operations with 2,000 hours' flying time.

The only person who can sight the identical twins accurately is Melvin's young English wife. Each can wear the other's clothes and share the same flying suits. They even have a combined banking account.

Both were peace-time pilots in England and also in Canada as charter pilots.

"I hope we can go through this war together," said Melvin. "I wanted to fly Mosquitoes but Calvin sold me Sunderlands, so we joined our present squadron, the 'Fog Hogs.'"

The brothers have flown on the longest Sunderland Atlantic patrols, sometimes in the Bay of Biscay and at other times over the North Atlantic.

MUSTANG MEN

By SLICH

IT'S too bad that J. L. E. Smith and J. V. Haggerty hadn't their third available last week-end so that they could have been at the mess dance. Stradiotti, our new sergeant cook, missed the party. Maybe we'll be able to throw another so these new boys can celebrate. We were sorry to lose our "Limey" cook, Sgt. Heinzelman, and were really cheering when we heard that Stradiotti was coming back to us. He's the best cook in the Air Force, you know... so he's off to the "officers' mess! As Winco Moncrieff was in the hospital and unable to come to the party, it might be just as well if we said it was a swell "do." Maybe we wonder why one of the English lassies wanted to know, "What's a wolf?" W/O Sturgess seemed to enjoy the affair. I was talking to him to-day and he seems to be coming to again. (Sat. to Wed. . . . not bad going, Slim.)

Clark (DMT) and Johnson (Fitter) have joined the two hookers, we see. Congrats, fellows. In the midst of all these promotions we find that we've lost the only other good cook in the Air Force. Cpl. McCook has gone to (censored) headquarters, the luckies. We were all sorry to see Waddy (F/S Wadsworth) leave us too. But when the colleens call, there's no denying them. Our Cpl. Connelly has been sent to another airfield. . . . Poor fellow, and LAC Scriven, AC Dixon and AC Neilson have all managed to arrange a course. Good luck, men. Cpl. Edwards . . . you know, the guy from stores, wangled a posting. Yes, wangled is the word . . . you never get posted to where your wife is living without pulling something.

While we are at it, you'd better meet our new arrivals. . . . just fresh across the briny. From the west come LACs Longdon, Rosebrook and AC Hargest. One herring basher . . . Lipkus, and two blokes from Canada Proper (Ontario to you), ACs Veitch and McClay. Then there's a gang from Quebec . . . LACs Bailey, Caza, Hahamovitch and ACs Dussault, Goulet, Barry and Landry.



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THE GOOSE IS BACK

By Cpl. M. J. SEELEY

IT was heartening to note that our reading public has been perplexed and vexed about our absence from these columns these past few weeks.

Matlock, that man they are all talking about, is usually called Matty. However, his Queenie calls him C. . . .

Another Armourer's days have been numbered! Yes, sir, this time it's Jack Glover from Abotsford, B.C., and the Miss he is to marry on Christmas Day is a "letter-a-day" Scots lassie from Edinburgh.

Davis says, "I don't mind being occasionally bothered by the mice and rats in our billet, but now they line up, stamp their feet, and take turns nibbling at my two slices of bread beside my bed" (i.e., Davis' breakfast).

F/S Tommy Dimma, D.F.M.

An aircrew item to note this week is F/S Tommy Dimma's posting. Tommy was gonged with the D.F.M. just before he left for his six months' hibernation period, a merited award for his work as an A/G during the thirty odd trips he has completed.

Cpl. Kenyon, A Flight Fitter, is a lucky man. We know for we pinch-hitted for him on a recent Sunday evening in town. He missed his bus that night, and we hadn't the heart to let a dainty ATS girl eat her heart out in the lonely vastness of the Royal all by her lonesome.

McDerby, the O.R. Cherub, went on leave last week. To prevent a recurrence of the calamity of his last leave the boys took him to the Station under escort, intending to see that he at least got out of the town.

Hockey days are here again, and although the Goose Squadron has no team of their own, they have ganged up with W/C Bill Swetman's men and SHQ to form a really good team.

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PAY TABLE CRUMBS

WE point with pride to A/S/O Smith this week, just back from O.C.T.U. "Smithy" struck a blow for B.A.U., as one of three Canadians to head the course.

Just back from leave, in Scotland, is LAW McKay, and still thawing out. She had a good time, but Kay's sweater did a 24-hour duty daily to keep the "bonnie" chilled out.

The H.Q. dance seemed like fun for all. Gee Gee, our male reporter, was really hep on the floor, while other B.A.U.s were hep at the bar!

Happy reunion last week was Cpl. Baker seeing her brother, recently returned from the Middle East. Freddie Stein thinks he has reason to be happier; he received a dozen oranges from a friend in the Middle East!

An orange is a globular, pulpy fruit, dark yellow in colour, to be eaten sparingly in war time. (F.S. please note.)

Before we write fins—more zen on the W.D.'s "show" for the Duchess of Gloucester—girls, we've made the movies! Our reporter was informed from week-end "movie-goers" that we are appearing on newsreels at several local cinemas.

—you lucky people!

Sulker Posted

Last week the Unit lost its very popular N.C.O. 1/c Discip., WO2 "Art" Sulker, the man who ran all the odds 'n ends, such as clothing parades, all other parades, chocolate rations, etc. interval, etc., was posted from us.

It seems that we are very lucky as far as discip. go, for F/S Allan has taken over in Art's place, and is already "in the groove" and we are confident that he, too, is one of the best.

P. and A. Section has claims to a great number of bits and pieces, amongst them that great defender of the underdogs, F/S Sinclair. This knight in blue was recently seen upbraiding the person or persons responsible for the borrowing of the cap badges of several of the boys, loudly claiming, "There's something rotten in Denmark."

Sgt. "Mark You" Marlew is one of the shyest men, really he is. Whilst indulging in that favourite of indoor pastimes, the "Friendship Kiss," he actually refused to "convert"! We have witnesses.

Sporting activity at the unit is branching out a bit, and "Daniel Boone" Harris led his gallant band of crack-pots, pardon, crack-shots, against a well-practised and experienced Home Guard rifle team on Thursday last. F/S "Chuck" James didn't hit the target, but he did clip LAC "Bill" Townley in the back of the stomach.

Sgt. "Jack" Heenan arranged a pre-view victory dinner and stag for the hockey team. It was a darn good do, and the boys were really pleased to have W/C MacDougall attend. Excellent food and beer, plus several songs from "Howie the Adj." Jack was elected captain of the team and thanked for his work in arranging the stag.

WEST COAST HAS BRASS MONOPOLY

Stan Wardill, who used to pucker lips for Pimlott's Orchestra back in Nanaimo, B.C., is still giving out with his trumpet since coming overseas as an LAC airframe mec.

THIS LIFE WE LEAD

BIG BEN

THEIR FIRST VISIT TO LONDON



SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET IN MOSQUITO SQUADRON

Five Flyers of Intruder Unit are Former Pedagogues

If the education of British youth ever becomes neglected through the war-time shortage of schoolmasters, somebody had better send a call to the Mosquito intruder squadron of the RCAF. Five members of the unit are qualified teachers.

F/L Lissen taught school in the vicinity of Vegreville and Irma, Alta. F/O Eckhart had just completed his normal school training at Stratford before he enlisted. F/O Marlatt saw teaching action in the interior of British Columbia. His fellow intruders got a bang out of one story Marlatt has to tell of his teaching experiences in B.C.

One night in mid-winter a howling blizzard developed and Marlatt had to "scramble" in pyjamas and bedroom slippers out into the stormy night and actually hold on to the roof of his small shack.

Should S/L Moran go back to teaching he'll be able to entertain his pupils with some stories of his intruder experiences. On the last trip of his tour he went in very close on an enemy aircraft, and when his prey exploded the blast sent the Mosquito a thousand feet into the air.

P/O Morris is the language expert of the group. For ten years he taught languages at Ridley College, St. Catharines, Ont.

The sixth member of the teacher intruders, F/O Herman Schellenberg, comes by his teaching through heredity. His father was a teacher until he was 63 years old, and Herman has five brothers who are also teachers.

F/O Schellenberg and four of his brothers broke away from the Mennonite cult to join the RCAF. Herman is a pilot. George, also a pilot, has done a tour on bombers and has returned to Canada; Bill is a fitter at Rivers, Mans.; John a sergeant armament instructor at Mossbank, and Dave an instrument maker at St. Thomas.

BISONS JOIN RCAF'S FLYING MENAGERIE

W/C "Pat" Pattison, D.F.C., Toronto, officially christened his RCAF Bomber Group squadron as the "Bison" squadron at a monster party and dance held on a recent Sunday to celebrate the first anniversary of its formation.

LANGUAGE TEACHER HAS OWN SYSTEM

P/O G. Morris, former Ridley College language instructor, is using his own brand of science to make pilots read the notice board. His latest reads: "Achtung, Alle Flieger Lesen Sie, Bette Nummer 12 und 13, im Flugzeugfliegerordnung Buch."

Translated, it means "Attention all pilots. Please read Nos. 12 and 13 in the Pilot's Order Book."

FORMER SGT. IS NOW C.G.I.

Bob Miller is First RCAF Wop/Ag To Become A Squadron Leader

S/L R. F. "Bob" Miller, Marshall, Sask., 27-years-old wireless air-gunner, has set up an impressive list of records as Chief Ground Instructor of the oldest and largest heavy conversion unit in the Canadian group which trains pilots and crews in flying four-engined bombers.

Under his supervision, operational Canadian instructors have trained and produced for transfer to operational squadrons more crews and have flown more hours than any similar unit in Britain. S/L Miller is the first Canadian WAG ever to be appointed to the high rank of squadron leader, and he is also the oldest S/L in the Canadian group from the point of view of seniority, his rank being substantive as of November, 1942.

Graduating from the first class from No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal, after enlisting early in 1940, "Bob" came overseas to join the first Canadian Bomber Squadron formed in Britain. Now he's looking toward spending his fourth Christmas overseas.

As a sergeant, Miller and his crew established some sort of a record early in the war when they flew a Whitley from Britain to Malta in 24 hours, but took two and a half months to return. The aircraft was wrecked during the height of the Malta bombing, and they were forced to get back the best way possible.

"cake" and the adoption of the name, chosen from a list submitted by squadron members. A concert in which the personnel took part also enlivened proceedings. The squadron operated on Wellingtons when first formed, but has since converted to Halifaxes. During this time the squadron has been honoured with the award of four D.F.C.s and one D.F.M.

THUNDER FLASHES

By ED HOUSTON

THIS was a momentous week in the history of the Thunderbird Squadron. Amid much pomp and before the Squadron A/V/M G. E. Brookes, O.B.E., A.O.C., of this Group, officially presented the crest of the Thunderbirds to us.

In a few well-chosen words, W/C W. H. Swetman, D.F.C., accepted the crest which had been officially approved by His Majesty King George VI. W/C Swetman assured everyone that the Squadron was out to better its record and thanked the ground crews for their splendid co-operation, on behalf of all the air crew.

Among the honoured guests at the proceedings were Lady Birkett, Air Commodore C. E. McEwen, M.C., D.F.C. and Bar, G/C D. M. Edwards, A.F.C., G/C J. L. Plant, S/L Morriss and F/L J. H. Conner, our old "Adj." Lady Birkett is a well-known person around this Group. Her home has been thrown open to all Canadian personnel in this country, and it was indeed an honour to have her present.

Al Davies remarked to this young fellow that we have been seeing things all along so far as the kites we are flying are concerned. Or perhaps all of us require lessons in aircraft recognition.

Just Gunn's Fun

One of the features of the Sergeants' Mess party planned for Saturday night is expected to be the appearance of Jimmie Gunn with his "Black-Out Beauties." By the way, far be it from us to detract from our colleagues' qualifications as a Lothario, for his numerous abilities are too widely known.

Larry Moyle and his YMCA crew are rapidly whipping the old Sergeants' Mess into a meeting place for Station personnel. G/C Edwards has promised a comely mademoiselle in charge of the refreshment bar.

Congrats. are in order for the following types on our squadron—Al Davies, "Griff" Griffin, Ernie Griffiths, George Daymond, Rollie Lachance, "Biddie" Biderman and "Polly" Polson. All now buy their own clothes and rate salutes. Al is due to go on leave next week, so London will gaze with open mouth at the spectacle of this slick young fellow, attired in his new raiment. Incidentally certain H.Q. personnel now address Ed. George's mail with an eye to the future.

Wedding bells are due to ring shortly for Audrey, a comely WAAF, and "Scotty" McKernan, one of P/O Mac Shaw's crew. Everyone joins in wishing them marital bliss.

P/O Don Berry and the rest of his Wildcats have vacated these premises for a week, thereby causing a rather serene air to hang on. P/O "Shuff" Archibald and part of his crew seem to enjoy our company so much that they just can't tear themselves away. However, Hal Hurley has shifted scenery to

NIGHT BOMBERS

(Continued from page 1.)

F.W. "let us have it at 50 yards." He and the RAF tall gunner fired at point-blank range, but couldn't observe results because of violent evasive action and searchlight.

F/O J. T. Head, Glace Bay, of W/C Pattison's squadron, said they could see the fires of Ludvigshaven "burning fiercely" when they were 100 miles on their way home.

A piece of flak bounced off the head of P/O W. R. Bloch, Vancouver, as his Halifax went in, and another sailed by the head of Sgt. N. Barlow, rear-gunner from Toronto.

Others in the Ludvigshaven trip included F/O R. J. Fawcett, Toronto; F/O J. M. Grieve, Shoal Lake, Man.; F/S W. C. Patterson, Portage La Prairie; and F/O M. G. Utas, Lacombe, Alta.

NEW A.O.C.-IN C.

(Continued from page 1.)

T. A. Crerar as Air Adviser after the outbreak of war, and was back in Ottawa for Christmas Day, where he was put in charge of British Commonwealth Air Training Plan operations. He became Chief of Air Staff on May 29, 1940.

Other appointments and retirements are as follows:

Air Vice-Marshal N. R. Anderson, present Air Member for Air Staff directing operations on the home war establishment, was appointed deputy to Air Marshal Breadner overseas.

Air Vice-Marshal W. A. Curtis, M.B.E., D.S.C., present Deputy A.O.C.-in-C RCAF Overseas, will return to Canada to replace Air Vice-Marshal Anderson.

Air Vice-Marshal Frank McGill, Montreal, present A.O.C. of No. 1 Air Training Command, becomes Air Member for Organization, succeeding Air Vice-Marshal A. T. N. Cowley.

Air Vice-Marshal Cowley succeeds Air Vice-Marshal McGill at Toronto.

Air Vice-Marshal J. L. E. A. de Niverville, present A.O.C. No. 3 Air Training Command, Montreal, becomes Air Member for Training, succeeding Air Vice-Marshal Robert Leckie, the new Chief of Air Staff.

G/C Adelar Raymond, present C.O. of No. 2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, becomes Commander No. 3 Training Command with rank of Air Commodore.

Air Vice-Marshal G. M. Croll, Inspector General; A. E. Godfrey, Deputy Inspector General for eastern Canada; and A. A. L. Cuffe, Deputy Inspector General for Western Canada, are retiring.

renew filial relations, though there is "Ensa-ficient" data on just when he intends rejoining us.

By the way, it is rumoured that W/O Jock Tumilty will shortly retire to a home for neurotics after the club-footed display by certain types on the big parade the other day. All was well at zero hour though. F/S Joe Joyal claims he is a triple threat now that his duties include those of Mess President, flight commander and engineering officer.



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WOMEN'S DIVISION

BACK from the WAAF Officers' Training School came the "Ocktoos" with nice white flashes on their hats...

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Another Headquarters Dance is past history—judging by the sagging knees on Saturday

FORMER STAFF PILOT PILES UP OPERATIONS

Once one of those morose individuals who work as staff pilots, S/L C. E. "Bob" Hess, Iroquois, Ont., got his chance to go on operations and made good in a big way.

In addition to getting his second ring in June of this year, and his squadron leader on July 30, he is flight commander with a squadron of RCAF Bomber Group.

BLUES FOR HUGHES

S/L "Alf" Hughes, 25 year-old flight commander in the "Thunderbird" Squadron of the RCAF Bomber Group, is an indignant hospital patient, recuperating from a piece of lead in the thigh.

morning's parade, it was successful. One Wld, standing at attention with both eyes closed, was told by the sergeant in charge of the flight "Move down one please."

HEADQUARTERS

MORNING parades were cancelled and Friday's nights dance went over big. P/O albot and F/S Allan, were posted to Accounts and Accounts were posted to us.

There's not a hefty curse left in the I. and R. Section, not at least since the Wld has set up a swear box in the corner.

They're Sergeants, Too

According to Sgt. Jimmp "Saturday Night" Duthie, Sgt. The "Goldylocks" Ellis had a wonderful time playing "spin the bottle" and "post office" last week-end.

Cpl. LePage, recently posted to a Service Echelon, hardly had time to say "I'm here" before the Echelon said "You're a sergeant."

A floor show went with the tea and toast in the fourth floor eatery on Monday morning.

Ban'er between "Billie," the girl with the magnetic eyes, and LAC Vern Spiece on the front door reached a climax recently.

UP AT OUR STATION



THE GRIZZLY B'AR

BAGS of brand new P/Os have moved their stuff from the Sergeants to the Officers Mess. Those making the switch are Don Stewart, New Liskeard, Sid Brooks, Prince Albert, Harold Kramer, Port Colborne, Len Harrison, Toronto, and John St. Denis, Montreal.

Joe (Hoot) McFarlane is pining away to a mere shadow of his former self since his Number One WAAF has been posted.

Recently posted to a course are LACs Stu Yates and Woodie Woods. Both regretted leaving this outfit, but it is hoped by everyone except the Engineering Officer that they will be back when they finish their course.

The old 'flu has thrown a number of our erks for a bit of a loss, and they are resting comfortably in the local sick quarters.

Well, that is all the trivia for this week, but before I close off I wish to go on record as stating that I think Doug. Matheson's dog, Duke of Dunkumshire, is a very dull tool.

HALF-BLINDED PILOT BRINGS PLANE HOME

F/O B. D. Jackson is Gonged For Feat Of Endurance

Flying his battered bomber through some of the heaviest German night defences even though he was partially blinded by blood from painful facial wounds, F/O Basil Jackson, Weston, Mass, brought his crew and craft safely back to base following a raid on Kassel.

The trip that night to the German industrial target went smoothly, and the 21-year-old skipper reported a good pranging.

Suffering, and partially blinded from the blood, the young Canadian, with the help of his navigator, set what they thought was a course for home, but it proved erroneous and took them a long way out of their true course.

FILM LOG

SALUDOS AMIGOS" and "THE STRANGE DEATH OF ADOLF HITLER" (New Gallery)

Half straight travelog and half cartoon, "Saludos Amigos" is wholly a success. A Disney gesture of friendship to Latin America, it introduces a new character, Joe Carioca, a Brazilian parrot, who is just about the funniest thing in feathers, even including his running mate Donald Duck.

"THE MAN FROM DOWN UNDER" (Empire)

A different Charles Laughton, prize fights, Japs, and an old story in a modern setting, are the ingredients of this picture.

If you don't mind Laughton in a Wallace Beery role, if you like action and can stand your credulity being strained, you'll derive an evening's light entertainment in seeing this film work itself out to a happy ending.

ON THE AIR

- Wed., Nov. 24.—Forces. 1.15 p.m. Greetings from Home. Thurs., Nov. 25.—Forces. 10 p.m. Canadian News Roundup. Sat., Nov. 27.—Forces. 9.30 p.m. Central Band of the R.A.F. Sun., Nov. 28.—Forces. 2.15 p.m. Ice Hockey from Canada. Sun., Nov. 28.—Forces. 2.30 p.m. Johnny Canuck's Revue. Mon., Nov. 29.—Forces. 6.30 p.m. Canadian Calendar.

On landing the crew discovered that only sufficient petrol remained for one circuit of the airfield.

During the return trip across enemy territory the crew saw at least six more enemy fighters, but prompt evasive action saved the day.

F/O D. J. Eastham, Toronto, the mid-upper gunner in the crew, relinquished his rank of Flight Lieutenant to remuster to air-crew. The two other Canadians—air-bomber P/O J. Friergerger, Kitchener, Ont., and navigator F/O J. Radford, Toronto—were making their second operational trip. The pilot had completed four ops.

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