



WINGS ABROAD

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EDITORIAL

LEAVE PROBLEMS

If you have no relatives in this country with whom to spend leave the problem of finding a good spot can often be a very tricky one. If your idea of leave is bags of entertainment and a large number of good shows to see, then, of course, London is the place.

This England

There is nevertheless still much that is charming, much that has remained unchanged for centuries, and much that we hope will remain unchanged for centuries to come.

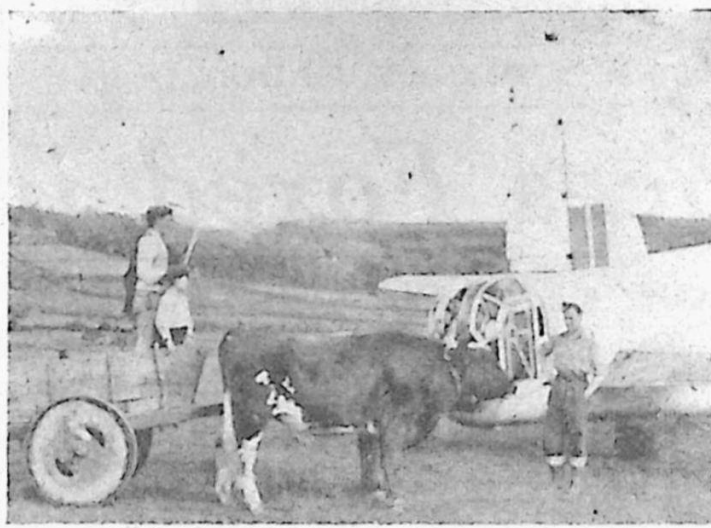
Have you ever tried, for instance, spending leave in one of those ancient and friendly country pubs...



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PARADISE OF ORANGES AND BANANAS

Fruit-Starved Canadians Cotton to Azores, Juggle Portuguese Escudos, Use Sign Talk



War has speeded up the tempo of life on the island of Terceira, in the Azores, but ox-carts are still the principal mode of transport for the natives. Here a mechanic pauses to converse with father and son.

ANOTHER million square miles of Atlantic are under Allied eyes, and another language has been added to the babel of tongues Canadian airmen have to cope with in every theatre of war.

Slumbering Terceira, set on a volcanic hillside, edged in a thin white girdle of surf, blinks at its new-found importance.

A Canadian pilot burrows deep in a huge basket of oranges, seeks out the soundest fruit, pays off with a crisp Escudo note.

F/S Don Maher, an air-gunner from Westmount, Que., affects his best Mayfair manner shouting "Taxi! Taxi!" as a leisurely procession of ox carts moves down Lagens' broad perimeter track.

of years, but now that Terceira is a vital base on the global aviation map, life's tempo is bound to quicken.

Reasonable Prices

Whenever the troops have penetrated in this war it's been selling unlimited on prices. Not

so in the Azores, where Portuguese officials have clamped a tight lid on all commodities. And woe betide the street vendor who tries to skin the flying visitors.

Sign language is used, almost

to the point of exasperation, yet all hands manage to understand one another and preserve their good humour.

Practical Portuguese have not been long discovering the versatility of petrol tins. On mobile airfields they're put to a couple of hundred uses, but the natives are even more resourceful.

Churned Milk, but Fresh

The village milkman astride a prancing colt, with two large milk cans dangling from his saddle, reins in and accepts a Canadian cigarette from Sgt. Air-Gunner H. E. Ingram, Bois-Sevain, Man.

Stick a pin anywhere on the map—Tunisia, Ceylon, Iceland, Malta—and you find Canadian airmen on the job.

COMMISSIONED

- Pilots.—L. B. Wilson, Toronto; G. M. Young, Unity, Sask.; L. G. Roberts, Hoylake, Cheshire; E. E. McCann, Musgon, Mich.; A. L. Lee, Regina; G. M. Creelman, Wynand, Sask.; A. V. Hardy, Viking, Alta.; J. A. McIntosh, Revelstoke, B.C.; E. Macswain, Kincairdine, Alta.; W. K. Scott, Edmunston, N.B.

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HANDBOOK OF "HOT TIPS" FOR AIRMEN GOING SOUTH

Gen Up on Germs, Bugs and Other Unfriendly Natives of the Steamheated Hinterlands

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TORONTO SUB-DEPOT ON SCOTTISH DROME

On the outskirts of a great airfield in Scotland there is a post office handling mail for Canadian forces that is known among the boys as "Toronto Sub-Depot."

TERROR WEAPON?

A Thunderbird squadron Lancaster had to splash through a bath of fire to get rid of its bomb-load over Stettin last Wednesday night when it ran into a German "scarecrow" during the bombing run.

As the skipper, F/L W. H. "Wylie" Spafford, Winnipeg, described, "We were on our bombing run, ready to drop our load when one of these huge floating bonfires exploded right in front of us."

GUNNERY BOSS CLIMBS FAST

Thunderbird Pilot Finds Promotion Sequence A Bit Confusing

F/L Jimmy Watts, D.F.M., Vancouver, gunnery leader of the Thunderbird Squadron, is somewhat confused over his promotions. In the short space of a month he changed his sergeant's stripes for a flight lieutenant's.

CASUALTIES

- KILLED IN ACTION. R. F. Smith, F/S, Vancouver; J. L. Gibson, F/O, Caledonia, Ont.; J. W. Deschamps, F/S, Ottawa; M. P. Northmore, F/O, Norwood, Ohio; S. A. H. Richards, F/S, North Esk, N.B.

STAFF PILOTS WIN AWARDS

Six Canadian Instructors Cited for Exceptional Work in F.T.C.

Six Canadians—all staff pilots in RAF Flying Training Command—have been awarded the Air Force Cross or Medal in recognition of their conscientious and thoroughgoing work as instructors.

THE GRIZZLY B'AR

By F/O WOODIE HOGG AND CPL "RED" HILLEN

BAGS of activity over the Yuletide. S/L J. D. McFarlane took over the squadron on January 1. Our former boss, S/L Ormston, expects to be going back to the land of malted milk and honey as soon as he is fit to travel.

Hillen Enters, Ta Da!

Overheard in the crewroom.—As the boys were sitting around the fire in wandered a popular pilot and to the tune of western music warbled "Is my kite fixed yet?" "No," replied an ERK, meekly. "Why," said the pilot, "I've fixed more sewing machines in my time than you have engines. Back home they call me 'Singer' Hogg."

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