



## W/C Lloyd Chadburn Gets Bar to D.S.O.

### SPITFIRE ACE IS FIRST CANUCK SO HONOURED IN WORLD WAR II

F/Os Schultz and Williams Win D.F.C. for Doing Hat-Trick

#### 12 NON-IMMEDIATE

CANADA'S first bar to the D.S.O. in this war was awarded last week to W/C Lloyd V. Chadburn, Aurora, Ont., who until recently led a crack RCAF Spitfire wing and has now been grounded as Wing Commander Operations of a group in Fighter Command.

Chadburn's name tops the list of decorations to Canadian flyers announced in the *London Gazette*.

D.F.C.s go to F/O R. D. Schultz, Bashaw, Alta., and F/O V. A. Williams, Hamilton, Ont., pilot and observer respectively of an RCAF Mosquito who shot down three Do. 217s during a night raid on Britain last month.

The non-immediate list is headed by S/L Walter F. Parks, Verwood, Sask., and F/L



Wing Commander L. V. Chadburn

canes and Spits—485 of them operational—Chadburn has piled up a personal score of 14 enemy aircraft destroyed.

#### Spectacular Success

The 24-year-old wing commander was the first Commonwealth Air Training Plan graduate to command a squadron, and at 21 was the youngest Canadian squadron commander overseas. Since he took over command last June his wing has had spectacular success, bringing down 44 enemy aircraft without loss of a pilot in action. In November Chadburn's wing led all Fighter Command with a score of 10 shot down—nine of them in one day.

"It's a funny thing," Chadburn said last week. "When the boys put on a good show the wing commander gets the D.S.O. They put on another and he gets a bar." He won the first D.S.O. four months ago.

Beside his double D.S.O. Chadburn wears the D.F.C. He received shortly after Dieppe when, for the first time in this war, Canadian airmen flew in support of Canadian troops on the ground.

In the list of non-immediate decorations are F/S Antonio Franciscone, Regina, and F/S James O. Broomfield, Stavelly, Alta., who get the D.F.M., while eight officers get the D.F.C.

These are: F/L Mark Roach, D.F.M., Vancouver, F/L R. J. Wagner, Spruce Grove, Alta., F/L C. R. Savage, Calgary, S/L D. MacK. Arnot, Toronto, F/L E. S. Alexander, D.F.M., Vancouver, F/L R. S. MacLean, Summerside, P.E.I., F/O A. H. Russell, Edmonton, and W/O R. H. Birkenes, Armada, Alta.



Schultz and Williams

G. H. F. Carter, Bronxville, N.Y., who get bars to their D.F.C.s.

W/C Chadburn is cited for "outstanding leadership, great tactical skill and courage." Says the *Gazette*: "Since being awarded the Distinguished Service Order he has led his formations in a large number of sorties during which 23 enemy aircraft have been destroyed and many others damaged; Wing Commander Chadburn shot down six of this total himself." In 1,000 hours on Hurri-

### POP'S BRUINS AREN'T IN ART'S LEAGUE THIS YEAR

F/O Art Ross Jr. Can't Say How Pop's Team Is Doing

Once a respectable net-minder himself, and in the National Hockey League now, F/O Art Ross, Jr., can't say for sure just how poppa Art Ross's Boston Bruins are doing in the senior hockey loop this year.

Young Art is too busy flying Typhoons on fighter sweeps over France to bother about the hockey situation this year. The Montreal native, now an American citizen, waited three years to get a chance to pilot fighters overseas. Now that he's clicking he doesn't think of much except flying, a wife back home and Peter, a ten-month-old Irish setter.

Although he has been on ops. for only a short time Art has two Do. 217s to his credit. "After three long years as an instructor

in Canada," he said, "I can't get too much of this stuff."

"I'm afraid I can't tell you much about the N.H.L. We're pretty busy here and sports don't form part of the picture. I haven't been on skates since last winter."

Another athlete who has been soft-peddling athletics since arrival overseas is F/O Ab Gooch, Hamilton, Ont. He, with his brother Bill, was one of the outstanding young sprinters in eastern Canada. None of his Spitfire mates knew about his fleet feet until a visitor at their base mentioned it recently.

For the past 15 months Gooch has been doing air-sea rescue work with an RAF squadron. Sixteen times he has spotted Allied airmen floundering in the Channel and as many airmen were saved as a result.

It was after 11 months' patrol work that Gooch got his first spot. During the past four months he's had a spate of rescues.

### LANC BATTLES FOUR-MOTORED NAZI AIRCRAFT

American Gunner Scores Hits on German Giant

Strangest air battle of last Friday's attack on Brunswick took place between a Leaside squadron Lancaster and a Focke-Wulf Condor. The Canadians had finished their job and were on their way home when they spotted the German four-engined machine, which is used as a bomber, troop-carrier, transport, long-range overseas reconnaissance craft and mine layer.

Lieut. Al Rorke, U.S.A.A.F., formerly of Powell River, B.C., the rear gunner on the RCAF kite, says, "It was a dead-on shot. I couldn't miss. I had a side view and I spat him from end to end. I don't know whether he was down or not. It was my fifth whack at an enemy aircraft. Maybe one of these days I'll blow one up."

Evidence of the battle, a piece of the Lancaster two feet square, blown inside the aircraft, was brought back by mid-upper gunner, P/O Murray Stewart, St. Walburg, Sask. He says, "Just after we left the target the four-engined kite came up behind us. At first we thought it was another Lanc. Then it swung into line and, just as I was going to say 'Dive to starboard,' it fired a burst at us. It plastered us and cut off half our rudder, and made my guns unserviceable. Rorke opened fire and I'm sure he hit it."

#### Some Souvenir

"I saw cannon shells floating past the port side. Something hit me in the back but it didn't hurt," says F/O Nickle Baron, Spedden, Alta., the bomb aimer.

Pilot of the Lanc was S/L W. W. Strachan, Trail, B.C. With him was F/L John Cooper, Qu'Appelle, Sask., making his first trip as a co-pilot.

Wireless operator was P/O Bob Stuart, Simcoe, Ont., who said, "A piece of flak bounced right between my hands, and they were only four inches apart."

### A CENSOR WITH A SENSE OF HUMOUR

Censors continue to show their sense of humour. The latest example showed up at RCAF headquarters this week, when AW Alma Carroll received a letter from her husband who is with the Canadian forces in Italy.

The letter contained a spicily recital of events mixed with sentiment such as only a Canadian could record. And for a P.S. the amorous hubby wrote: "I wonder if the censor who read this had a good time or, I should say, time to spare."

"Did he ever! Wahoo!" signed the Censor.

### LANCASTER GUNS FIRE ENEMY KITE

Turning an F.W.190 into a stream of flame, "just like a lighted match blowing in the wind," the gunners of a Thunderbird Lancaster fought off an attack by the German fighter just after they left Brunswick during last Friday night's attack.

The fighter came in as close as 300 yards before letting loose with cannon fire. F/L T. R. "Tommy" Shaw, Kapuskasing, Ont., making his first trip as captain of an aircraft says: "I saw four thick tracer streams shoot past the nose of the kite. I turned in to the attack and dove to starboard, making it impossible for him to sight on us again."

"As he flashed above my turret, only 150 yards away, I gave him a long burst and the whole charge must have entered the fuselage," said the mid-upper gunner, Sgt. D. L. Huband, Toronto. "I saw him flip over on his back and fade away with the flames pouring from him. The flames seemed to come from his nose and stream back over the whole aircraft."

F/O B. E. Lynn, navigator, Rocky Mountain House, Alta., gave praise to the skipper when he said: "We were at 20,000 feet and the skipper did such successful evasive action that we lost only 800 feet during the attack."

#### COMPLETE RADIO COURSE

Passing through London recently was F/O Wilf Wilford, Port Credit, Ont., who has been a radio officer with a mobile unit for the past eight months. He has completed a course, on which was F/L "Ro" Martin, Sudbury; F/O Jason McLeod, Toronto; and F/O Jack Nesbitt, Toronto.

### SHORT-TRIP SMITH

Thunderbird Squadron pilots can't figure it out, and P/O W. R. "Smitty" Smith, Toronto, won't tell. So everybody keeps guessing how he manages to take off on a job among the last and usually returns about 15 minutes ahead of anybody else.

His pet joke is to rush into the crew board and mark No. 1 after his name and kite, and wait with beaming countenance for the other crews to come in. He always comes back with plenty of petrol, and his ground crew swears that his engines don't look as if they have been raced any more than others on the station.

Smith has completed 16 operational trips and has a Scot as a flight engineer. Maybe that's the secret.

### CONCENTRATED LOAD DUMPED ON BRUNSWICK

RCAF Squadrons Beat Off Fighter Attacks Near Target

#### BOMBS LIGHT CITY

CANADIANS with the RAF and Lancaster squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group trucked one of the heaviest bomb loads of the war to Brunswick, Friday night. Until the giant American daylight attack on the previous Tuesday the city was unmarred by a major air raid.

Aircraft of the RCAF's Thunderbird, Goose and Leaside squadrons had to beat off enemy fighter attacks before reaching the target.

Leaside squadron crews were convinced that Brunswick had a good bashing. "We could see what looked like a lot of little stars down there. They seemed to rise up and burst," said P/O Dan McCoy, Rossland, B.C., who was making his first trip as an air-gunner.

"Brunswick looked like a city that wasn't blacked out," added P/O Harvey Whaley, Leamington, Ont.

"It was just like daylight," said F/O Joe Higga, Toronto. "Fires on the ground lit up the clouds and the clouds lit up the sky. You could see the big bombs going off."

#### Put Tracers in a Ju-88

A Goose squadron aircraft, piloted by F/L W. A. Russell, Mount Dennis, Ont., was attacked by a Ju-88 over the target. "The rear-gunner and I opened on him together as he levelled out for attack," said W/O B. W. Lennox, Toronto, the mid-upper gunner. "Our tracers hit him all right. We saw them passing through him."

Canadians flying with two RAF Lanc squadrons reported that German night fighters, making their presence known by flares, followed them home to within a short distance of the English coast. They also reported the plentiful use of flares by the Germans over Brunswick.

Says P/O H. J. Barrons, Montreal, "The whole target area was dazzling with them, and we could plainly see our Lancasters swarming all over the place."

#### A Near Thing

Strong anti-aircraft fire at Osnabruck holed the port gas tank of another RAF kite. F/S B. D. Howard, Toronto, the rear-gunner, says, "We ran into a searchlight belt over Osnabruck and were coned for at least two minutes. The flak came so close we could hear it. One burst really shook us, and when we landed we found the hole in the port tank. They were dropping flares on our track most of the way home, and followed us over the North Sea, but we had no combat."

Some of the boys who flew in the Lancaster squadrons are: F/O John Burrows, Montreal; F/S Kevin Doyle, Vancouver; W/O Don McDonald, Goderich, Ont.; Sgt. Paul Driver, Toronto; F/O Mel Simpson, Regina; F/S

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### LAST-MINUTE NEWS

#### VOLUNTEER MEDAL

The Canadian Volunteer Medal ribbon will soon be distributed to all RCAF personnel who have completed 18 months' service. An Air Ministry Order is to be published shortly indicating the channels through which application should be made for the ribbon. A small silver maple leaf on the ribbon denotes that personnel have been posted out of Canada.

### HAPPY SPROGS FOOL SCEPTICS

Pilots Took Spit Course At English Flying Schools

Without stripes, without props, in uniforms just a little on the seedy side, two airmen, who had been celebrating a bit on their pre-Christmas leave, had a heart-breaking task trying to convince London that they were RCAF Spitfire pilots just graduated from Service school.

Londoners were from Missouri this time. "Come back when you've got your flat hat," was the usual reply.

"O.K., O.K.," the boys said, just a little hurt.

A month later they were back. This time they presented themselves in well-cut officers' uniforms as P/O Lyon Kay, Westmount, Que., and P/O Theo Eaton, Toronto.

Lyon, who came overseas four years ago as a fitter with old Number One Canadian Fighter Squadron, and Theo, who went through Dunkirk with the Canadian engineers, are among the few Canadians who have taken their fighter pilot's training in England since the B.C.A.T.P. went into operation.



P/O Lyon Kay

Kay, then a flight-sergeant, was offered the choice of taking his training in England or Canada. He chose to take his instruction here because it meant getting into action faster.

The wings on Lyon's new uniform haven't that self-conscious newness expected of a sprog P/O's brevet. They look like they've seen plenty of action. At one time they belonged to a sergeant now a prisoner of war in Italy. When he got his commission the sergeant bequeathed his old tunic to Lyon, against the day when he would be a Spit pilot.

P/O Eaton, whom Kay met at E.F.T.S., has been in England since the first Canadian contingent arrived. He brought his wife over from Canada with him, and now lives in London.

### FOUR CANUCKS GET 3 1/2 NAZIS

Squadron Technically Off Duty as Pilots Score Near Paris

Four Canadian airmen of an RAF Typhoon squadron contributed three and a half aircraft to the total of eight enemy planes destroyed by the squadron when it was technically "off duty." Weather across the Straits of Dover had been so unfavourable recently that when a break came the pilots volunteered to go out.

F/O H. Freeman, Winnipeg, shared half an Me.109 with an RAF pilot. F/O J. M. Plamondon, Quebec, destroyed a Ju.88. F/O J. A. Macdonald, Vancouver, got a second Ju.88. W/O J. L. Allen, Tisdale, Sask., Plamondon and Macdonald shot down a twin-engined enemy aircraft between the three of them.

Part of the squadron got four of the total of enemy aircraft when they were north of Paris. The victims were two Me.109s and two twin-engined craft. At the same time more of the Typhoons were flying west of Paris when they encountered and destroyed another mixed bag, consisting of three Ju.88s and a twin-seat trainer.

#### SGT. VERNON DODDS

Sgt. Vernon Dodds, Winnipeg, a lad who saw service on a number of stations in Canada, including Regina, Toronto, Trenton and Portage La Prairie has finished up at O.T.U. His skipper is an American, P/O Barney Edwards, Wisconsin.

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EDITORIAL

FORGET IT!

LAST couple of weeks we've got the invasion date from more people than you could shake a stick at, much as you might want to.

We wouldn't know which, because that isn't our particular line of business, but there are other people within hearing distance whose lifetime work has been the separation of the duff from the pukka, and they must be very interested indeed in this type of conversation.

The warnings about careless talk grow painfully timeworn as the months and years drag on in these parts, but Heaven knows they're just as sound as ever.

The solution is not only easy but pleasant. Leave your business worries behind when you walk off station; forget even the station's name for the time being, even though it may be listed in the London phone book.

ERNIE BURRITT

Ernie Burritt, London Bureau Manager of the Canadian Press, and a good friend of the RCAF over the past four years, has gone back to take over his service's New York bureau.

COMMISSIONED

Pilots.—H. A. Chester, MacLeod, Alta.; D. R. Adamson, Prince Albert, Sask.; P. E. McGuire, Montreal, N.E. Cook, Toronto; G. D. Wallace, Simcoe, Ont.; R. C. Burgess, Nelson, B.C.; R. B. MacLean, Great Central, B.C.; D. H. P. MacLean, Sperling, Man.; W. M. Kruse, Galt, Ont.; F. R. Letson, Wayne, Mich., U.S.A.; J. K. Forest, Prince Albert, Sask.; D. C. Day, Ganouque, Ont.; W. C. Olyden, Morse, Sask.; R. O. Calder, Kenora, Ont.; A. L. Kay, Montreal; T. H. Eaton, Toronto.

Navigator.—G. M. J. Vipond, Pittsburgh, Pa., U.S.A.; J. P. McMaster, Windsor, Ont.; J. G. L. Chirrell, Calgary; L. M. Bentley, Calgary; V. L. Jenkins, Didsbury, Alta.

Air Bomber.—L. A. Nethery, Hamilton, Ont.

Wireless Operator Air Gunners.—A. G. Currie, Woodstock, N.B.; C. W. Chatten, Oliver, B.C.; B. McPherson, Grand Forks, B.C.; J. McCrindle, Miami, Man.; H. P. H. Irving, Toronto; F. M. Crowds, Montreal; D. Hughes, Wallasey, Cheshire, Eng.

Air Gunners.—R. T. Bond, Winnipeg; J. K. Smith, Toronto; H. J. Barrons, Montreal; A. M. Laughland, D.P.M., Guelph, Ont.; K. N. Doe, Hamilton, Ont.; E. W. Bourne, Vancouver; J. T. McLaughlin, Membran, Alta.; F. R. Symons, Maple Creek, Sask.; C. G. Cleary, Verdun, Que.; J. G. L. Mercier, Gerdun, Que.; R. H. Marritt, Collingwood, Ont.

BEAVER BASE

By JIMMY GUNN

SO many expressions of gratitude have been received by this department following last week's revelation of intimate details in the lives of our Base "Wids" from aspiring Romeos (the girls, bless their little hearts, are too bashful), that we present herewith another batch of prospects for the romantic derby.

Born in Dundee, Cpl. "Scotty" Reid saw the joke in time and moved to Toronto. Also a native of the land of the heather, LAW E. B. W. H. Halliday had her eyes opened at an early age and moved to Fort William, whence she migrated to Winnipeg, and has finally arrived in our midst to wrestle with an incorrigible Barlock.

From a Millbrook, Ont., bank to our Base Orderly Room has come LAW M. E. Might, while LAW E. M. Austin stopped off for a spell in Calgary (and who can blame her?) on her way here from Medicine Hat, Alta.

Newcastle, N.E., has contributed LAW I. Green to our office efficiency, while LAW A. M. Gallimore, after working in the Edmonton recruiting office as a civilian, decided that she would look good in Air Force blue, too.

Quality Sparklers Only

If any of you lads have designs on the heart and hand of LAW J. D. Bushell don't make the mistake of offering her one of those \$3.98 zircons. She worked in a jewellery store back in Canso, N.E., and can distinguish between "ice" and glass.

From Port Elgin, N.E., LAW E. D. Simmons has come over to check up on her husband, while LAW M. E. Birch, after going to Winnipeg from Fort William, decided that even overseas service might have attractions.

The unexpected visit of Air Marshal Breadner was a pleasure to everyone, but, it must be admitted, somewhat of a headache to Sgt. Tommy Bowers, who was detailed to organise and train a ceremonial guard for the event.

HOCKEY CORRECTION

It was P/O Jud Snell who slipped up to take Bobby Bauer's spot in the Kraut line when Bobby snapped a fin late in the 1942 season, and not P/O "Jud" Miller as reported in the December 29 issue of WINGS ABROAD.

PRESENTS BISON HEAD TO HALIFAX SQUADRON



Now adorning the walls of the Bison Squadron's officers' mess is a magnificent bison head, a gift of the Canadian National Railways. This symbol of one of Canada's outstanding Halifax squadrons was presented at an impressive ceremony held recently, by Mr. P. A. Clews, European manager of the railway system, and was received by W/C J. D. "Pat" Pattison, D.F.C., Toronto, officer commanding the squadron.

During the ceremony the personnel of the squadron was drawn up in a "hollow square" in front of the platform and the aircraft which is personally flown by W/C Pattison, was used as background. To add colour to the proceedings, a bomb trailer was used as a platform and to secure the bison head.

"When the company I represent was asked to secure a bison head as a symbol for your squadron I did not realise just what an important part it was to play in the lives of you air men standing here to-day," said Mr. Clews as he made the presentation speech. "About 20 years ago the bison was becoming extinct in Canada due to the wholesale slaughtering of these fine animals.

But quick action by the Canadian Government in putting them in protective custody in the National Park at Wainwright, Ala., saved them from complete extinction. Out of a herd of 600 at that time, the herd has now increased to 7,000. This bison head came from Wainwright, and I think it is fitting that this should be the symbol of your fine squadron, as your numbers have also increased accordingly as the war effort has progressed.

"It is symbolic of what is expected of every one of us standing here to-day," said W/C Pattison in reply. "If we carry out what this animal represents, which is 'tenacity and fortitude,' and press on to our final objective, it will have been well worth while."

G/C J. G. Bryans, Victoria, B.C., station commanding officer, was also present at the ceremony. Later in the day ground crew members of the squadron were guests at an informal party in celebration of the occasion.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

By Cpl. BUD JAMES

THE various sections have been playing musical chairs this week, with some moving as many as three times. Levesque and Webber were heard to remark that about the only thing permanent in this changing world was the location of the local.

Our good friends Roy Inkster and Bob Hermanson, of the radio mech. section, have left for greener pastures at a neighbouring squadron. Local publicans have noticed a decrease in sales. Len Grot is a new member of the section. Lorne MacKenzie, ex Stockton fire-watcher, says his post-war plans include opening a night club. He's going to call it Radio Mecca.

From all reports the WOP/AG's party was a stirring success. Held in the local eatery, the evening was unusual for several things. One in particular was the fact that there were still several pints left unopened at the cessation of festivities.

Congratulations are in order to our Winco, R. S. Turnbull, whose award of the A.F.C. was announced recently. The same also goes to "Cookie" Cook and Alex Nethery, who have received their commissions.

BLACK BULL BOYS

By PRO

XMAS is almost forgotten just a hazy recollection not to be discussed; the Black Bull boys are losing that "Xmas cake" look and the New Year's resolutions are already badly bent if not broken. In other words, dear readers, Bob Waters is back pulling teeth and Bob Davies has started to dish out pills, in between drawing posters.

"Pop" Poppitt, president of the newly formed corporals' club, still maintains that plaster on a wall is not "billiard cue chalk." Somehow we are inclined to agree. Visitors please note. The club is going ahead at full speed, with the C.O., S.W.O., and Y.M.C.A. rep. all giving out with plenty of support. Just wait, girls, till "Joe" Savage and his pal Pinoget through painting. Why the two strippers will be as posh as the now famous Waaf mess.

"Rob Roy" was in a particularly jovial mood the other afternoon. Seems he was visited by his brother, Capt. Dave Campbell, on a well earned leave from his duties with the Essex Scottish.

CANADIEN—FRANÇAIS

Par Cpl. M. N. Lacourcière

E nombre d'aviateurs canadien-français outremer justifie depuis longtemps la rédaction française d'une section de WINGS ABROAD nous lisons tous, d'ailleurs, le texte anglais avec beaucoup d'intérêt, mais il est préférable de lire en notre langue les nouvelles qui nous intéressent plus particulièrement.

Notre espace est limité, et donc nos articles de nouvelles seront nécessairement assez laconiques. Peu importe: l'élan est donné dans la bonne direction, et si ce projet est reçu avec enthousiasme, il ne sera pas impossible de l'élaborer plus tard. Nous vous demandons donc de lire ce coin qui est le vôtre, de le faire lire à vos camarades, au besoin de le traduire pour les anglais qui y seraient intéressés.

Nous voudrions, autant que possible, vous tenir au courant des exploits de vos compatriotes, de leurs promotions, déplacements, citations, etc. Nous parlerons de nos amoniteurs, de nos équipages de combat et de bombardement, de nos techniciens dans les professions et les métiers de terre.

Pour réaliser cette ambition, il faut la co-opération de tous, et un peu d'encouragement. Ne vous contentez pas seulement de lire, mais envoyez au rédacteur français vos commentaires, et surtout des nouvelles: n'étant pas en contact direct avec les escadrilles, il nous est difficile d'alimenter cette colonne de communiqués officiels. L'idéal serait d'avoir un correspondant dans chaque escadrille canadienne qui consente à nous tenir au courant des faits et gestes de nos compatriotes. C'est le seul moyen d'obtenir pour nos nouvelles une saveur locale, et d'empêcher que la séparation et l'éparpillement nous désunisissent. Au prochain numéro, donc, pour les nouvelles d'aviateurs.

ham versus the State." Although conclusive evidence re the ham was not forthcoming, Jack Price's remark, "You can't! It's locked," sort of shook the more sedate members of the group. How do you know, Jack? By the way, Jack, can you give me any gen on why Phil, the pay accounts lad, makes all those trips to the local village? Could it be Bunty or the fine food at the local inn? Nuff said! (till we get conclusive gen).

Amongst the air crew boys to move over to the "flat hat" mess in the past week were Ken Doe, ex WO2, and Ken Johnston, ex F/S. And to top it all Chuck Maidment finally got those tapes securely sewed on!

RECORDS OFFICE

G1 (CAN)

By F/S "MEM" AITKEN

TURPIN (the poor man's Bob Hope) hits the news again—but the hard way! Ben was enjoying himself working overtime in the cookhouse for the benefit of the local "Gestapo" when, lo' and behold, one rainy morning he did manage to almost remove the front end of his little finger whilst playing cowboys and Indians with the ultra-modern (?) Sten gun. Not finding anyone to oblige with a tourniquet our Ben thought the M.O. would be the logical man to see, and soon, after seeing a beautiful display of "crochetting" came away with a stitch and all his finger, plus an "excused parades" diploma. A stitch in time saves four days, eh, Ben?

Away, after a successful "sojourn for sinus" (new song title!) on seven days' sick leave is Cpl. Bob Moses. It's a good thing she was posted in time for the leave, eh, Marney? Leaving us this week is our LAC i/c Typing Pool, Post Office, and C. R. "Solvanos" Milstein. Sol says the "nos" on the end makes it look more Spanish!

Looking like a child with a new toy, F/S Art Mingay and his "drafters" are quite pleased with the new equipment from H.Q. After trying to Canadianise every other place, Art is on the first leg of doing likewise here.

Cpls. Ralph Dean and Ken Drage and Co. are now "going steady." This is the conclusion drawn after seeing Ralph locked in Ken's section for over half an hour. Seems no one was an "A" Group locksmith, so the local electrician-cum-G.D. finally relieved the consternation by removing said "lock." You could have used the windows, fellows!

Believing in Hollywood, Reg Watters and "Chips" Mugleston have been seen taking in a show per night at the local flea pits! Where do you get the dough, boys? (Still the "old" type corn seed being used?)

Spring is near! Spring is near! Know why? 'Cause Monty Axler only wears four sweaters to bed now, instead of the usual six! Monty says when he hears the first robin he'll take off his scarf, too. Son of a pioneer!

A2 (CAN)

By CPL W. F. MYERS

THINGS are popping around here with changes in staff, etc., and the whole effect makes the place seem almost new. LACs Gary Wallington and Dave Davies have declared a truce and exchanged jobs, a movement which should bring about some exciting developments. If it doesn't, hundreds will be disappointed. Dave hasn't had much publicity of late, mainly because of the fact that he has been working by himself. Just to put you in the know, he is the roamer type and claims to come from anywhere west of Winnipeg. His favourite ditty at the moment is "Pancho," which he renders with great feeling, even with the brilliant audience he finds amongst the fellows.

Plans are shaping up for a dance to be held around the end of the month. From the look of things it is going to be a "wizard" show. LAC "Irish" Booth is polishing up his slippers so that he can cut a rug or two with the femmes fatale that must surely attend. Cpl. George Coupar is making special efforts to erase that wolfish look that has blossomed recently upon his former angelic physiognomy.

Don't blame me if there are no reports on the conduct of Cpls. Hornstein and Cupar; it is only because they have threatened to retaliate in the next column. They say it is because W.A. goes home, but I really believe that they have something to hide—in fact I know. Worried, George?

Despite the threats, so many want to know why Gordon receives such languid greetings from certain blonde waitresses at the local hash joint. I have left my fate in their hands. Do you get better service, Gordon, or is it just the Don Juan coming out in you?

Greetings to Cpl. "Ginsberg" Heiser, who is living the life of Reilly in a hospital nearby. Those on leave this week are LACs Eric "Rugged" Lavallee, Vince Trudeau and Jack Coutts. Vince went to Glasgow for a rest, and you can draw your own conclusions, as to why Lavallee and Coutts headed for London, and it wasn't rest. LACs "Power City" Biggar and Archie Campbell are sweating it out on a drill square for a week. We have just received another two lambs for the slaughter; namely, LACs "Looie" Lobbo and "Bennie" Schmouth, of Ottawa and Montreal respect-

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. W. Roberts, F/O, Oshawa, Ont.; L. M. Sullivan, F/O, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. F. McEwen, F/S, Galt, Ont.; W. D. Scott, F/S, Milton, Ont. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. E. R. Seibold, P/O, Regina; E. H. Hill, F/O, Lucky Lake, Sask.; T. Lafontaine, Sgt., Toronto; H. Madson, Sgt., Montreal; J. G. Salisbury, Sgt., Toronto; M. J. Dean, Sgt., Regina; R. E. Noble, Sgt., Calgary; J. A. Rae, F/L, Calgary; A. M. Reynolds, F/S, Windsor, Ont.; G. E. Somerville, Sgt., Swan River, Man.; C. E. Wilde, Sgt., Kinsey, Sask.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. H. B. Einarson, Sgt., Shellbrooke, Sask.; J. Glover, F/S, St. James, Man.; A. L. Halsey, F/S, Clarence, N.Y.; H. R. Bailey, Sgt., Pembroke, Ont.; G. J. Bennett, P/O, Vancouver; L. A. Bernick, Sgt., Hawarden, Sask.; R. J. Blenkarn, Sgt., Edmonton; E. C. K. Bullen, P/O, Vancouver; P. Burriell, Sgt., Ladang, B.C.; W. B. Garmach, F/O, Victoria, B.C.; L. W. Garson, F/O, Oshawa; L. J. Conway, Sgt., Montreal; R. J. Cowan, F/S, Minnedosa, Man.; E. T. Box, P/O, Red Lake, B.C.; H. J. Dawson, P/O, West Sumnerland, B.C.; H. McK. Duke, Sgt., Victoria, B.C.; I. D. Fountain, P/O, Abbotsford, B.C.; S. Franchuk, Sgt., Kenora, Ont.; I. Fraser, F/S, Winnipeg; J. E. Galbraith, Sgt., Calgary; G. L. Harrison, Sgt., Toronto; W. R. Hawthorne, Sgt., Guelph, Ont.; C. R. Hoyt, Sgt., Debec, N.B.; C. E. Jamieson, Sgt., Trenton, N.J.; V. R. Long, W/O, Toronto; L. McL. Lymburner, Sgt., Fenthill, Ont.; C. A. McArdle, P/O, Lachine, Que.; J. R. G. McFarland, Sgt., Toronto; J. D. McIntyre, Sgt., Okoths, Alta.; R. H. McKay, F/S, Galt, Sask.; F. W. McLeod, Sgt., Truro, N.S.; C. Milne, F/O, Calgary; P. T. O'Leary, F/L, Halifax; A. C. Olson, Sgt., Winnipeg; S. A. Palmer, F/S, Madson, Red Lake, Ont.; J. M. Patterson, F/O, Toronto; W. H. Piesance, F/O, Toronto; J. S. Renault, F/O, Macrorie, Sask.; J. D. E. F. Russell, F/S, High Bluff, Man.; C. J. Smith, Sgt., Regina; B. St. Louis, Sgt., Est. L. Ontario; D. C. Thompson, P/O, Orton, Ont.; C. R. Titus, Sgt., Wellwood, Man.; C. C. Trudell, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; J. L. Ward, F/S, Battleford, Sask.; F. A. Webb, F/S, Toronto; R. H. Welsh, F/S, Sherbrooke, Que.; R. J. Westgate, P/O, East Angus, Que.; L. H. Williams, Sgt., Ladysmith, B.C.; C. S. Wood, F/O, Courtney, Ont.; C. M. S. Awad, F/L, Truro, N.S.; D. L. Beatty, W/O, Souris, Man.; M. R. Dixon, Sgt., London, Ont.; G. W. Elliott, F/O, Montreal; A. J. Farrell, Sgt., Brantford, Ont.; L. T. Fulcher, Sgt., Cupar, Sask.; B. W. Glickman, F/O, Montreal; W. S. Harris, Sgt., Yorkton, Sask.; E. E. Kennedy, F/S, Winnipeg; F. A. Lewis, Lt. Col., Toronto; F. C. McCordie, F/S, Toronto; J. W. McIntosh, Sgt., Lenora; H. M. Metcalfe, F/O, Toronto; A. D. Monaghan, Sgt., Merdon, Man.; J. Peniston, F/O, Dundas, Ont.; G. D. Mendenhall, Sgt., Owen Sound, Ont.; N. C. Swan, P/O, Sandwich, B.C.; R. E. Taiman, Sgt., Fertile, Sask.; J. K. Watson, P/O, Hamilton, Ont.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION. R. H. Halliday, F/S, Hamilton, Ont. WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. H. W. Bowker, P/O, Granby, Que.; L. R. Hobbs, F/O, Nanaimo, B.C.; G. Bird, F/O, Toronto. DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION. E. H. Robinson, W/O, Victoria, B.C.; C. McD. Hardcastle, W/O, Nanaimo, B.C.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. C. R. A. Walkem, F/S, Edmonton; W. C. Arnold, F/O, Edmonton; W. Hill, F/O, London, Ont.; C. I. Raymond, P/O, Edmonton; E. C. Champion, W/O, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; E. B. Elliott, F/L, Sisseton, S.D., U.S.A.; G. J. B. Stewart, Sgt., Washington, D.C.; R. E. Hawken, F/S, Darlington, Man.; A. Novick, F/L, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; J. E. Paquet, F/S, Souris, P.E.I.; J. J. Quinn, F/O, Toronto; P. L. J. M. Quenest, Sgt., Montreal; R. Ranzer, F/S, Celeville, Sask.; H. Russell, Sgt., Toronto; E. A. Toole, F/S; R. A. Wells, Sgt., Noranda, Que.

MISSING. M. W. H. Askey, P/O, Winnipeg; J. R. Baxter, F/S, Ladang, B.C.; E. C. Brunet, F/S, Montreal; W. P. Cameron, F/O, Winnipeg; A. W. Dunstae, F/O, Vernon, B.C.; I. R. Forster, F/S, Thornhill, Ont.; E. B. Gillespie, F/S, St. Vital, Man.; C. W. Hamann, F/O, Hamilton, Ont.; C. W. McFarlane, P/O, Toronto; E. K. Mader, F/S, Lancaster, Ont.; W. H. Offer, F/O, Windsor, Ont.; J. N. R. Redpath, P/O, Ottawa; A. W. Snelson, F/O, Windsor, Sask.; D. S. Storey, F/S, Dryden, Ont.; M. E. Varney, W/O; W. A. Wallace, F/O, King's County, N.S.; J. I. Wilson, Sgt., South Hamilton, Ont.; J. H. Barkwell, Sgt., Saskatoon; F. G. Bell, F/S, New Westminster, B.C.; J. M. Candlish, F/L, Montreal; E. G. Chard, F/S, Toronto; P. O. Clary, F/O, Milwaukee, Wis.; J. E. G. Girouard, W/O, St. Anne Des Chenees, Man.; J. W. Harrison, P/O, Winnipeg; D. J. Haus, F/S, Regina; B. C. Henderson, P/O, Toronto; J. J. P. C. Huard, W/O, Ottawa; S. P. Marias, F/L, Lillooet, B.C.; J. N. C. Milot, W/O, Montreal; H. B. Pharis, F/O, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; J. A. Raven, P/O, Flin Flon, Man.; L. C. Rowe, F/O, St. Thomas, Ont.; H. W. Shaver, W/O, Port Credit, Ont.; L. J. Thibault, F/O, Windsor, Ont.; R. H. Wilson, P/O, Toronto; J. H. Balloch, P/O, Vancouver; J. M. Barnes, F/L, Toronto; W. Beckfield, W/O, Scottsburgh, Sask.; C. M. Berr, F/S, Loughoo, Alta.; A. E. Beyak, F/O, Winnipegosis, Man.; W. Burns, F/S, Mankarsell, Man.; A. Charneyko, P/O, Arras; S. A. D. Coleson, W/O, Brantford. (Continued on page 4, col. 6)

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# WITH THE R.A.F.

CLAN McDONALD and Mac Donald are doing alright for themselves in one RAF torpedo-bomber squadron, with two Macs and one Mc, all W/Os, all in the same crew.

The trio are: C. B. MacDonald, Plato, Sask.; B. G. MacDonald, Granby, Que.; and J. S. MacDonald, Flat Lands, N.B. Also in the crew is W/O W. M. Moss, of Montreal, and Cornwall, Ont.

It's no use calling a MacDonald "Mac" in that crew, so C. B. MacDonald, of the Plato, Sask., is simply known as "C.B." to his crew-mates and to Sgt. N. A. Perry, Maldstone, Sask., with whom he was on leave recently.

C. B. has done a spell of duty in the Middle East. He was out there for approximately six months, doing a flying job, about which he isn't allowed to talk. "Lots of action and not much trouble," was the only comment he would make.

The boys were unanimous in one respect. They think the Knights of Columbus Club in Cairo is tops. "Give them a plug, they're a real organization," said they. Another organization that came in for some credit from the boys, was, believe this or not, the RCAF Headquarters in Cairo. "They treated us all right," said Moss.

With five ops to his credit in a New Zealand squadron Stirling, P/O Roy Kananen, Barons, Alta., is full of praise of the boys from the South Pacific. He doesn't feel bad at all as the lone Canuck in the crew. With him on leave recently was F/S Joe Hall, Christchurch, N.Z.

Found Brother George After nine months in Egypt, Palestine, and points east, W/O Bert Breckels, Toronto, returned to this country a while back to find brother George, a sergeant air-gunner just arrived overseas. Now they're spending a leave in London together.



W/O Bert Breckels

When asked if he liked the Middle East Bert answers, "Frankly, no." He points out that the country is pleasant as long as you stick on the shores of the Mediterranean, particularly the Palestine coast. But get into the interior, populated largely by scorpions, the non-human variety, and life isn't exactly hilarious.

While in the East, Bert visited all the places you're supposed to see, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beirut, and, of course, Cairo. The new section of Jerusalem is just like any modern Canadian city, Bert says.

While in the Near East Bert did only a spot of flying. He spent most of his time in operations.

Brother George, who has been over about four months, has just finished an O.T.U. He hasn't been posted to a squadron yet because he's scheduled to take training for a new type of job in the near future.

### Battle School Business

Another Canadian who flies with a New Zealand outfit is Sgt. Ross Bating, Winnipeg. Just finished O.T.U., Ross was slated to go to battle school.

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He was in London not long ago talking over this battle school business with Sgt. Wait Metcalfe, Toronto, who has just returned from a mud college.

Ready to go operational are the boys of W/O Earl McLennan's crew. The skipper from Sydney Mines, Cape Breton Island, N.S., brought the crew safely through the rigours of O.T.U. The four sergeants who comprise the team are: Jack Gilles, Victoria, B.C.; Herb Stiles, Innisfail, Alta.; John Stainton, Oshawa, Ont.; and Bob Gibson, Winnipeg.

"Yes, sir," says Sgt. L. A. Marfoot, Winnipeg. "We're finishing our second tour. Our second tour at O.T.U." With him was F/S J. F. Winters, Toronto, back from the same school.

The boys have plenty of company and not too much to kick about. They, at least, have finished their second session. Four sergeants just set to go back to O.T.U. for a second time are: Vern Dymond, London, Ont.; Harry Lawson, Thorold, Ont.; Gord Long, Toronto; and Will Sprig, Galt, Ont.

Said Harry, "Our original crews were broken up for various reasons. Now we've got to go back and learn to fly together."

### "PORCUPINES" JOIN RCAF SQUADRONS

By MOE ASPLER

THE Canadian Bomber Group has given birth to a new Halifax squadron. This baby, christened the Porcupine Squadron, is now all set to do its share.

Commanded by Winco "Sin" Sinton, D.F.C., the Porcupines have already gone into action and have done nobly. The squadron has been adopted by the townships of Tisdale and Timmins, Ont., and the in-between man in this affair was F/L D. W. Simpson, D.F.C., navigation officer. F/L Simpson hails from Islington, Ont., but has spent some time in the north country. It has been rumoured that each member of this squadron will receive a gold brick as a souvenir gift.

While there are a number of veteran crews on the station, a good percentage of the men are seeing action for the first time. Squadron spirit is good, and it looks as though the veteran squadrons will have to treat the Porcupines with some respect. Flight commanders are F/L J. G. McNeill, D.F.C., Calgary, and F/L H. T. Patterson, of Fredericton, N.B. Signals leader is F/L Brown, while F/L K. R. Patterson is gunnery leader. Bombing leader is F/L Cruikshank.

On the administrative and ground side of the outfit are such men as F/L Gerry German, Toronto, adjutant, F/L Normie Cuke, engineering officer, P/O "Red" Gamble, radio officer.

The ground crews are for the most part drawn from various other squadrons. With their experience serviceability, should be of a high order. Boss of the radio section is Sid Radley, gen man extraordinary. Sid, who received his third recently, had to go through the "ignominious" task of doing canteen corporal work for three days. His crime? He forgot to look at D.R.Os.

### ECHELON ERKS

By CPL. R. J. HAMEL

THE boys were all pleased with their Christmas gifts, and wish to thank the City of Oshawa for the parcels that were sent to all the boys. They were appreciated greatly.

After a few weeks holiday in Scotland all the boys are back full swing and a few are still convalescing. Sgt. Lummy Lumsden and Cpl. Watt will have something to remember Scotland by. On the whole a good time was had by all, especially at Hogmanay.

Celebrating his birthday last week was Cpl. MacLean, and the best wishes to Mac from all the boys. He was presented with a gift from the girls in the Naafi, as he is the most steady customer to the beverage room.

Leaving us this week was F/S "Chieftie" Flowers. We are sorry to see him go, and wish him the best of luck.

Newcomers to this unit were: ACs Geddes, Desroches, Lahey, Wardrop and Dixon. Welcome, boys, and hope you like this outfit.

On leave this week are: Sgt. Chamberlain, LACs Philippe, Mr. and Mrs. Rowley, Gilbert, Tucker, Lundy, McCrea, Waddell and Sgt. Major Ferguson; also on leave are the two Englishmen, Sgt. Gale and Cpl. Baker. The Adj. approved their putting up of "Canada badges."

### CITY OF WINDSOR SQUADRON IN ITALY



Members of the City of Windsor Squadron pose in front of one of their Spitfires in Italy. With them are some Canadian nursing sisters who are paying a visit to the unit from one of the nearby hospitals.

(Official RCAF Photograph)

### G/C JONES' BOYS LICK ROSS TEAM

By M. J. SEELEY

GROUP CAPTAIN ROSS'S previously unbeaten hockey keyists took it on the chin last week to a 4-3 tune through the courtesy of a Lancaster crowd of "Bombers" from G/C W. A. Jones's station, in a Northern League clash in a northern rink.

For the first time in their long careers, the Kraut Line from Boston's famed Bruins played against each other. "Porky" Dumart sparked the winning outfit, while Milt Schmidt and Bobby Bauer were members of the Ross crew.

Although the Rossians carried the bulk of the play through the game, a canny defence and advantage of the breaks brought the winners their goal margin late in the third period, when Partridge, Gianetto and Dumart broke up a Schmidt-Bauer rush and turned in a three-way effort for the final goal.

At the end of the first period, the score was tied 2-2 after Place and Bauer had counted for the losers and Cleve Cowland and "Scotty" Gourlay scored for the Bombers. Dumart gave the winners a temporary lead with the only goal of the middle period. In this period, the sparkling play of Robbie Robinson, Montreal, and Oshawa-born Lou Lott helped turn the trick.

### Where's Joe?

Early in the third period the Ross outfit tied the score again with Sells slapping home a pass from Schmidt past Joe Sponarski. A minute later, the tie was broken with Gianetto's winning score.

The second period was marked by rising spirits and several penalties. Favourite of the losers and Lemoine and Robinson of the Lincs, each took a spell on the bench. Cowland, Melville, Gourlay and Sudbury's John Desilets helped keep the goal lead during the middle period.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic hockey crowds in the history of the district saw the game. Among these were G/C Jones and W/Cs Jacobs and Swetman of the Goose and Thunderbird Squadrons, who came down to see their team win the big game. The Lincs, by winning this match, pulled themselves into second place in the league with six wins, a draw and one loss. The losers had won seven before taking their first defeat.

### PAY TABLE CRUMBS

ITEM No. 1 this week brings a bit of "blue" news—that of Sgt. Mary Renneman-Ward's posting to Bomber Group. The "Sarge," in charge of the first contingent of Wids overseas, has had quite the time since she arrived. Some of her active service included—a broadcast in French to Canada—a lengthy stay at Watford—posting to Base Accounts on opening—keeping four eyes on Wid accountants—doling out ration cards to the wolves—engagement and marriage to Lieut. Renneman—leave in Ireland—and last but not least, an attractive model in our recent concert. You've done a swell job here, Mary, and always remember Knightsbridge will welcome you in their inimitable style whenever you are down this-a-way.

Something new has been added, which gives the boys a chance to see what the "gals" go through keeping their locks over the collar margin. Take a peek at the heads gathered round yon mirror near the equipment office every morning after parade. Yep—and you'll find "Little Nell" Townley hogging it every time! Has the grapevine reached you Wids with the good news of no more collar pins on starched collars?

### "Office Prophet" says:

The fog dampened our weekly effort, but had little effect on our Saturday's farewell party to Arnie Morrison. It was not a very fitting send-off to our coach to lose Sunday's game to a squadron by a 3 to 1 count. Barnes netted our only goal in the second period, making it 2 to 1, and as we controlled play at the time, it appeared that we had a chance to even matters—but on a very fluky long shot the squadron scored their third counter. Loiselle, who replaced Morris in the nets, played heads-up hockey. Sullivan, Joseph, Ireland, McGovern, Anderson and Carroll turned in a steady effort.

The party on Saturday was really a milestone in our entertaining history. W/C MacDougall presided over the occasion and the gang really turned it on, keeping activities blaring for a good 10 hours. Sandwiches, coffee and other refreshment (thanks to the Anderson-Warren team, who sacrificed their 48's for the boys) were in abundance, and as a token of appreciation, Arnie was presented with a brown alligator skin wallet by those present. S/L Cockburn was detoured, as was Cpl. Greer. Greater love hath no man than he who has laid aside this party for a red-head!



# WITH THE RADIO MECHS.

### VISITING FIREMEN

WHY don't we see something about radio mechs. in Northern Ireland?" came a question the other day. The mere fact that we don't know "nyone from Northern Ireland is the chief reason. That was all changed the other p.m. when Cpl. Dick Osborne, a Montreal mech. of long standing in the Emerald Isle, blew into town. "Tell us all about N.I.," we demanded. He obliged with much guff about the boys who bash radios up there.

Among these characters is one Bill Penny, also of Montreal. Once a sergeant, Bill now has a crown tangled up with the hooks. Then we have Cpl. Howard "Pop" Goundy, Melville, Sask.; Cpl. Don Goodiel, a down-easter; Sgt. Bill West, from the east; Cpl. Bob Johnston, from the west; and Cpl. Russ Steele, Toronto.

It began to look like there wasn't anything as low as an LAC up there, and we thought all radio mechs. were erks. Dick put us right on this point and told us about LAC Russ, better known as "Flash," Cooper and LAC Ken Richardson.

Helping out in this round-up of North Ireland radio mechs. was Sgt. Bob Cake, London, Ont., and Cpl. Dick Brown, Beamsville, Ont.

Radio mech. who made good is Sgt. Bob Ohs, from Port Alberni, B.C. He isn't a radio mech. any more. Back home in B.C. Bob used to teach kids readin', writin' and 'rithmetic and allied subjects. Came the war and Bob answered the call. You've guessed it, lads. He became a radio mech.



Sgt. Bob Ohs

He battled through part of a course at the University of B.C., part of another at University of Alberta, went to Clinton and wound up among the radios on this side of the Atlantic. For the next nine months he spent the usual exciting existence which is the lot of all R.M.s. Up to this point Bob's tale isn't much different from that of any other couple of hundred mechs.

But the tale brightens. Bob came down to the big town to have a chat with people who count. His job was to convince them that he would be a better teacher than a radio mech. He convinced.

Papers began to move down and around official channels. About Christmastide Bob found himself on the way to London to become a clerk, educational, Group "A." Two days later he sported new rhubarb in three distinct patches. And that, children, is my tale about a visiting fireman who come down town to stay awhile. Take heart.

One thing about being in the service; you sure meet a lot of guys from a lot of different places in Canada. LACs Al Wright, Middleton, N.S., and Bert Flack, Winnipeg, talking over a few mech. friends the other afternoon, mentioned home towns as far separated as Halifax and Vancouver. From Vancouver they knew LAC Doug Weston, from Halifax, Cpl. John "Kil" Kiltson. In between were: Cpl. Bob Nichol, Toronto, "Van" Van Norman, Ingersol, Ont., and LAC "Two-gun" Norton, Calgary.

### SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Cpl. Goldsmith

WOE is us. Our numbers continue to diminish steadily. Our once large and thriving colony is now a mere shadow of its former self. Latest to leave is LAC Migicovsky.

The great McInnes is leaving us for a short while, too. He is making a return visit to ye olde Wiltshire M.U. Treat him kindly, chaps, and you might see that he gets to bed early. A great nighthawk is Mac.

We have recently had some gen on some ex-members. Cpl. Vern Vickery is somewhere in Sicily and Cpl. Eric Colbert is slaving in Italy. Eric thought he had left rain behind when he left Wales.

Cpl. "Woody" Wood, that confirmed woman hater, has been seen cycling down to the village quite often lately. It is said to be due to an aversion of "Woody's" to cookhouse food, but we are wondering whether that is the only reason.

Cpls. Fry and Clearhill went on another of their numerous 48's this week-end. Heston was, as

usual, the scene of activities. The town has adopted them.

Our sole representative in London this week is Bud DeVito, a staunch westerner from Trail. Bud is one of the species LAC which is rapidly becoming extinct. Of course, there will always be Walt Sherley.

### NORTH ENGLAND

By George Maybee

WITH kitbags, haversacks and various other articles of kit spread out on the floor, the billet looked as if the long-awaited second front was at last under way. But it was only Cpls. Graham Boyce and "Pat" Patmore packing. Graham is very happy to be posted two hundred miles nearer home. "Pat" is on his way back to Canada for air crew training. All the best to both of you.

"Pat" hails from Guelph, Ont., and says that as soon as he gets back he is going to drink six glasses of real Jersey milk.

Bon voyage also to W/O Preist. After three years over here "Chieftie" is looking forward to seeing Canada again. As a farewell do the lads presented him with a smart leather billfold.

It has been noticed that Cliff London springs out of bed with alacrity these mornings. Is it the junior commando course?

"Mac" McKinnon is still bragging about the extra spoonful of sugar he received on his morning porridge when he smiled sweetly at a certain WAAF in the cookhouse.

At the recent NAAFI dance, Herb Parke's musical boot was orchestra leader's baton.

### DOWN SOUTH

By "Butch"

THE big event of the week is the way Gus is behaving. Cpl. Provencher, Gus to us, is getting married in March, and for some queer reason is wandering about in a dazed sort of way. Gus is a native of Naton, Alberta, and we all wish him the very best.

On leave this week is LAC Jim Brown, our book-keeping radio mech. He's doing London. Jim is from all over Canada, but it seems the luckiest spot is somewhere near Saskatchewan.

Cpl. Ray Miller, Carlton Place, Ont., and Cpl. Al Lyons, Toronto, are still on speaking terms. They seem to have a yen for a certain steak joint and a pub in a nearby town. Who can blame them! Al recently struck the jackpot on some back pay, so he finds himself very popular these days.

Yours truly extends greetings to George Maybee and the boys away up north.



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