



Complete Squadrons Swell RCAF Strength

ALEUTIAN VETERANS HEAD NEW ARRIVALS

Self Contained Canadian Units Included In Vast Contingent, Alaska Flyers Wear American Decorations

FIRST HEBREW PADRE ARRIVES OVERSEAS

WITH the arrival at a British port of a number of self-contained RCAF formations, each with its full complement of air and ground crew, the movement of "several complete squadrons" to this side of the Atlantic, announced a short time ago by Air Minister C. G. Power, is now accomplished.

The Canadians were officially greeted by G/C F. E. Bond, on behalf of the British Air Council. "We are most grateful for all that the Dominions are doing in all parts of the world," said G/C Bond, "and especially for the very large part your airmen are now taking in the air offensive in Europe, which is a magnificent contribution towards hastening victory."

In the draft were several veteran pilots, here to fly their second tour of operations overseas. Among them were S/L Bradley Walker, D.F.C., London, Ont.; S/L H. W. McLeod, D.F.C. with Bar, Regina, S/L W. H. Pentland, Calgary; S/L R. W. Norris, Saskatoon; and F/L W. V. Shenk, Philadelphia, Pa.

Other pilots in this movement who hold the United States Air Medal for action in the Aleutians include:—F/L A. W. Roseland, Calgary; F/O D. M. McDuff, Trafalgar, Ont.; F/O Louis E. Cochand, St. Marguerite, Que.; F/L H. O. Gooding, Ottawa; and P/O N. H. Hobbie, Roanoke, Va. All five fly in S/L Walker's squadron. He, too, holds the American decoration.

In the same transport was F/L J. Eisen, Edmonton, first Hebrew chaplain in the RCAF and first padre of his faith to be posted overseas. Other padres included F/L W. Surman, Orillia, Ont.; F/L Leo Berthiaume, Verdun, Que., and F/L J. Dunn, New Westminster, B.C.

S/L Frank de B. Walker, Montreal, formerly chief public relations officer at AFHQ, Ottawa, arrived with the draft to take up duties at Overseas Headquarters.

Travelling in the same ship were three officers of the W.D., who joined the service as A.W2s with the first group of 150 W.D.s to be enlisted. They are S/O Nancy Taunton, Winnipeg, S/O Peggy Tynedale, Montreal, and S/O Kay Smith, Victoria, B.C. All three are in the signals branch, and served with the RAF delegation in Washington, D.C. They were accompanied by Nursing Sisters Muriel McArthur, Oro Station, Ont.; Beryl Arnett, Ottawa, and Mabel Clayton, Vancouver.

Nursing Sisters McArthur and Arnett assisted at an appendectomy during the crossing. N/S Arnett hoped soon to meet her husband, F/O Sheldon Arnett, Winnipeg, an equipment officer in England since last June.

Among additional pilots were:—F/L G. A. Stiles, Cornwall, Ont.; F/L Don M. Walz, Moose Jaw, Sask.; F/L Gilmartin, Lon-

don, Ont.; F/L Guy Mott, Sarnia; S/L K. C. Wilson, Perth, Ont.; S/L R. A. Cordon, Bobcaygeon, Ont.; F/L H. McAvity, Rothesay, N.B.; F/L W. H. Walker, Port Hope, Ont.; F/L J. W. Saville, Vancouver; F/O A. E. "Wild Bill Cody" Monson, Cody, Wyo.; F/O J. W. Ross, Westfield, N.J.; F/O M. F. Laycock, Fairy Glen, Sask.; F/O J. Kalen, Sudbury; F/O R. O. Moon, Saskatoon; and P/O A. L. "Pete" Henderson, Decatur, Alta.

FOUND BERLIN QUIET TARGET

A lone Halifax over the German capital is sure to get a pasting from flak and fighters. Winco Bill Pleasance, Calgary, had that experience recently and found the place as silent as a tomb.

The Moose squadron commander reached Berlin before the pathfinders and missed the target in the heavy overcast. By the time they located their objective the raid was over. Apparently the Germans were too busy chasing the returning raiders, because the flak guns were silent and no nightfighters were met over the target area.

Shortly after they left, the port outer packed up and the Halifax's ceiling dropped to just over 9,000. Then the rear-gunner, F/S E. Ihde, Kinuso, Alta., spotted nightfighter flares and a Jerry kite trailing them. Before they lost the Jerry fighter the gunner managed to get in three short belts.

Due to missing the target, evading the enemy fighter and difficulty in maintaining height the flight engineer, Sgt. M. D. McGill, Homewood, Man., reported a shortage of gas.

The navigator, F/O L. A. Rostein, Toronto, did a "bang on" job of plotting a course to the nearest airfield. The field was shrouded in a thick fog.

CANADA PROCEEDING WITH PLANS OF REHABILITATION

In a speech at Ottawa last month George Murchison, director of veterans' land settlement, said "Canada has made more generous arrangements for the treatment and rehabilitation of her soldiers after this war than any other country on earth."

He went on to say that in carrying out the proposed land settlement of veterans in Ontario \$50,000,000 of public expenditure will be made. He added that if at least 100,000 returned soldiers across Canada were not provided with rehabilitation the Agricultural Act would fail in its objective.

Mr. Mackenzie told a joint meeting of the Kiwanis Rehabilitation Council of Greater Toronto and the Toronto Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee that a demobilisation program is in process of development. Final decision has not been reached in all aspects of the program.

"It is too early to announce details, but public finance must stand behind private enterprise and private industry to maintain employment by such directed activities as reclamation schemes, conservation projects, housing programs and many others known to you all," said the Minister.

He was also quoted as saying: "The members of the forces must not be discharged as forgotten men amid the mists of apathy and indifference or into a desperate vacuum of unemployment."

NEW ARRIVALS MAKE LIKE CROSBIES



Leading a group of new arrivals in song with a guitar is LAC P. L. Phoenix, aero engine mechanic of Nalcam, Sask. Others in the group include LAC H. M. Owen, Vancouver; Cpl. H. H. B. Hines, Vancouver; LAC A. E. Bull, Moose Jaw; LAC D. E. Christopherson, Burlington, Ont.; LAC J. Spencer, Calgary.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

MOSQUITO MEN WANTED: A TRAFFIC COP TO PATROL BISCAY BEAT

Fortress Crew Makes Safe Return After Head-on Collision

Different Type Aircraft Downed in Separate Engagements

A scrub intruder team, picked up hurriedly to fly a Mosquito sweep over enemy territory, clicked in its first time out the other night, when Lt. J. F. "Lou" Luma, Helena, Montana, and F/L Al Eckert, Searforth, Ont., knocked down a Messerschmitt 210.

It was the first enemy kite Luma had sighted and the first time he had flown with Eckert. His regular navigator, F/O C. Finlayson, Victoria, B.C., was on the shelf with a sprained ankle and Eckert's pilot, F/O Herb Jones, Salmon Arm, B.C., away on leave.

They came on the German aircraft suddenly from behind and about 500 feet below. Luma nosed up in hurry, but overshot. "After all," he explained later, "it was the first enemy kite I'd ever seen." He caught up again by cutting a figure eight and made sure this time by opening up with cannon and gunfire.

"You should have heard Al," said Lou. "I doubt if Bill Stern could have given a better account of the attack. I was beginning to think I hadn't given him enough of our Mosquito's stingers and was getting set to let go at him with my revolver when he started to go down."

Parts of the Messerschmitt rained all around as they watched it fall. The left wing was torn off and then it hit the deck and exploded, lighting up the countryside for miles around.

Luma, who transferred to the USAAF while at O.T.U., is completing his tour with the RCAF.

Trapping a Ju.88 as it was going in to land at an airfield in France, a Mosquito intruder manned by F/L Tommy Anderson and F/O Richard Cadman, both of Winnipeg, shot it down in flames. The Mosquito overshoot on its first approach, but circled back to finish off the enemy kite.

It was their second operational trip. The Junkers may have been one that participated in the first of Thursday night's raids on London.

Another RCAF Mosquito, after stooping around for two hours

Flying on instruments over the Bay of Biscay recently, a Fortress manned by five Canadians collided head-on with an unidentified aircraft. Before the pilot, F/O H. B. Hillcoat, could regain control she had plunged 2,000 feet and was lurching badly.

The starboard outer engine was wrecked completely, the starboard inner so badly damaged it was useless, the navigator's compartment smashed, the airdials destroyed and the forward part of the fuselage stove in.

At first the skipper thought his entire starboard wing had been torn off. When he finally coaxed the Fort out of her dive at 3,000 feet it seemed impossible to maintain altitude. Immediately the second pilot, P/O E. M. Rosenbaum, began to prepare for an emergency landing at sea. Assisted by Cpl. A. De Marco, he jettisoned the load and all the loose equipment in less than four minutes. Then Rosenbaum returned to his post and helped to keep the Fort in flight.

Meanwhile the navigator, F/O F. B. LeBrish, was having his own troubles. When the planes collided he was knocked out, his compartment damaged, its windows shattered and the fuselage holed. LeBrish regained his senses quickly, moved to the wireless compartment and resumed work on the floor.

F/O C. A. Dickson, the wireless operator, had a peckful of worries, too. His airdials and loop antenna had been destroyed, but in spite of this he maintained contact with shore installations throughout the flight.

By this time the air was bumpy and heavy vibrations from the two remaining motors were rocking the kite. She seemed on the verge of breaking up. Under these conditions it took F/O Hillcoat two hours to reach his base in England. Most of the return flight was made through dense cloud, on instruments all the way.

On landing the pilot learned that all four props had been damaged in the collision. Large pieces of the aircraft they had hit were found wedged between the two operating engines.

LONE CANUCK

Only Canuck in an RAF crew is Sgt. Blair Vipond, Edmonton, the navigator. The boys have just finished O.T.U. and expect to get a crack at Germany soon.

RCAF GUNNER BLASTS JERRY SUB. OVER BAY

Hits on Surfaced U-Boat Cause Violent Explosion

LIB SURVIVES FLAK

FLAMES licked their way up the side of the conning tower and a dense cloud of black smoke belched from an enemy U-boat after an attack by an RAF Coastal Command Liberator over the Bay of Biscay recently. Credited with the hits which caused the violent explosion aboard the sub. was a 25-year-old Canadian air-gunner, W/O R. H. "Dagwood" Carroll, London, Ont.

Carroll not only directed the fire from all of the Liberator's gunners, but himself shot 50 rounds from the 0.5 gun in the aircraft's nose.

Flak from the U-boat tore the edge of the Liberator's wing and put the port outer engine out of commission. But the aircraft, despite this damage, carried out two attacks against the enemy and flew for 1,000 miles on three engines before returning to its Northern Ireland base. Immediately after the second attack, the sub. submerged and a kill was not claimed by the crew since no wreckage or oil slick floated to the surface.

The Liberator was acting as aerial escort to an Allied convoy when the enemy was sighted. Carroll, the only Canadian in its crew, was the first to spot the U-boat when it was still three miles away. But the Nazis had also picked up the aircraft, and the sub's guns opened fire when the Lib. was 1,000 yards off.

Two attacks with depth charges were nullified before the sub submerged. The second run over the conning tower was made on three engines, and it was during this attack the explosion occurred. For an hour and a quarter following the disappearance of the enemy, the aircraft circled the area before setting course to return to base.

It was Carroll's first encounter with a U-boat, although twice before on trips over Norway he had been in an aircraft attacked by Ju.88s.

REGINA WOMENFOLK "ADOPT" A SQUADRON

With its records filled by the personalities of Western Canadians, the Thunderbird Lancaster Squadron of RCAF Bomber Group has been officially adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the 120 Bomber Squadron, of Regina, Sask.

The first Canadian Lancaster squadron to be formed. It started in October, 1942, under the leadership of W/C B. G. Blanchard, Calgary. Until now, it has completed 721 successful operations against enemy targets, 455 of these on Wellingtons and the balance on Lancs. It has a record of 21 D.F.C.s and numerous other awards. The present commanding officer of the squadron is W/C Bill Swetman, D.F.C., Kapuskasing, Ont.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

GONGS GAZETTED

Immediate D.F.C.s to four RCAF flyers have just been gazetted. Recipients are S/L W. W. Strachan, Trail, B.C.; F/O Ethan Allen, Los Angeles, Calif.; P/O W. N. Armstrong, West Summerland, B.C.; and W/O J. A. R. Coulombe, Montmagny, Que. All four are pilots, Strachan and Coulombe in Bomber Command, Allen and Armstrong in Coastal.

DRINK TO DRINK

Squadron shindigs in the messes of the newly-formed Porcupine squadron of RCAF Bomber Group, have plenty of drawing power. The latest one brought a crew back from Berlin the hard way—out of the drink to the drink.

Captained by F/O Johnny Gray, Vancouver, the crew didn't return after a recent raid on the Reich capital, the night before the squadron do. They showed up in the middle of the show—14 hours overdue.

They had been forced to ditch their kite off the English coast, were picked up by the Navy, given a stiff shot of Navy rum, and showed up at the party, well caught up with the rest of the crowd.

HALIFAX BEATS OFF JUNKERS AT BERLIN

Five Canadians in the crew of a Bison Squadron Halifax are almost certain there is one less Ju.88 roaming the skies after a recent trip to Berlin.

It was just a minute before the bomber dumped its load over the capital that the Nazi fighter loomed up and raked the machine from end to end. While F/O J. Atkins, Montreal pilot, took evasive action, Sgt. T. F. Barley, Bridgeport, Ont., turned his tail guns on the fighter and saw tracers bounce off him from tail to nose. The machine was seen to turn over on its back and then dive in front of the bomber, lost to sight.

Other Canadians in the crew were Sgt. A. R. Woodsley, mid-upper gunner, Vancouver; F/O R. J. Haworth, navigator, Toronto, and F/O J. L. Widdis, bomb-aimer, Lakeside, Ont.

THE MAN WITH A LEGITIMATE BEEF

Whatever amenities may be lacking in the India-Burma theatre of war there's no shortage of bully beef. Any veteran who wants to brag about the mountains of bully beef he ate in 1914-18 had better keep away from the RCAF boys now serving in India.

Such a guy is F/L W. D. P. Jarvis, Toronto, who flies with a RAF squadron that is well up in the first division of the bully beef eaters league. Recently Jarvis got a parcel from home—and a fine parcel it was, too—with lots of useful things he wanted. But among them was a dimly familiar oblong tin.

Jarvis's wife, Paula, explained it was the first bully beef he had seen in the shops around home for some time and thought he might like some. Jarvis is truly grateful, of course, but chastened. From now on, he vows, he'll tell his wife a little more about living conditions out there.

MUSTANG MEN

By SLICH

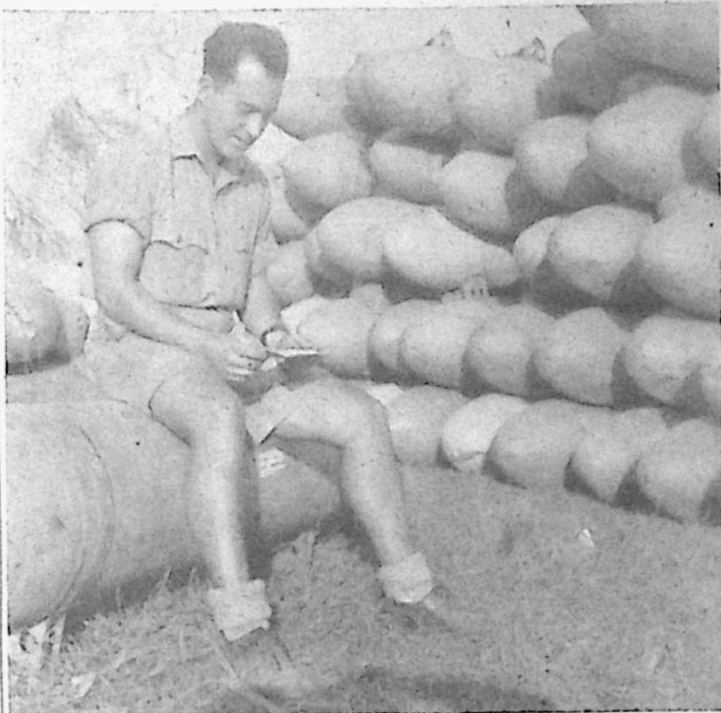
There isn't any hockey news this week as the game was called off due to the fact that our star referee, F/S Dowds, was having a baby—well, anyway, there was no game and his wife had a bouncing son for him. Of course, Daddy Dowds is now away home teaching the new son the intricacies of Orderly Room routine. We all send our congratulations to both Ma and Pa—and may the son take after Ma.

Early one recent morning, a heavy truck pulled out of camp and it seems it was carrying our three "brown jobs"—Soccem, Holdem and Yankem—to further fields. It will seem strange without "Birchey," "Blackie" and "Boyley" around these parts but we wish them well, very well indeed, because dentists are always more attractive at a reasonable distance.

With "Slim" Sturgess still away, we find our little "Limey" W/O armourer doing a good job of being daddy to the mess. You just should have seen him hop around the other day when he discovered that there was no "likker" for Sunday night. Maybe he was counting on doing another of those horrible acts. "Rusty" Brown seems lost without Sturg, too. At least he never had to walk home from town when Slim was here. And in the middle of the night, too! Strangely enough, just at the hour when Rusty was pounding the asphalt, Sgt. Frankie Ward was pounding the pavements in certain quarters in London. Wonder if Mac had to walk home that night, too.

Not satisfied with backer-up course and commando courses, etc., it seems that some of the sergeants have taken to sleeping outdoors. Seeing F.A. snoozing away in his little bed outside the door of his hut the other night was quite a shock to some of the late arrivals.

READING THE MAIL FROM HOME



Alone with a letter from home and a few long range gas tanks is LAC W. H. Jay, Toronto. He is a radio mechanic with the RAF on the India-Burma front. (Official RCAF Photograph.)



BACK from the land of "perspiration" to re-appreciate the sights of old Lunnon is a Calgary eagle-eye, F/L R. Ryall. He's been riding herd on the gunners as gunnery leader with a RAF squadron in West Africa and, after finishing a tour with his sub-chasing crew, he has a month to handle a few local expeditions and go gunning for fun instead of U-boats.

From another West African station at Accra comes word of a less fortunate gent in the same trade, W/O Walley Whetty, of Montreal. With "three years overseas in," he's succeeded in losing track of all his original mob in Class 12F, 12th entry, No. 2 Wireless School.

"I want to see who is left of my crowd and find out what still goes with the remainder," he wrote, asking all the old gang to drop him a note. His number's R-77374. He gets his mail at the RAF station, Sgts' Mess, Accra, W.A.

Wally has finished one Coastal Command tour and is now on the communications staff.

Sault to "Ceylon"

The fortunes of war have brought three Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., boys close together in a RAF Halifax Bomber Group in England. F/S Woody Scott and P/O Maxie Manser are both air bombers with the Ceylon squadron. Sgt. Roly McDonald is a mid-upper on a nearby station. A Lethbridge, Alta., booster

who never fails to recount the joys of living in his home town is F/O Joe Filmer. He's already done one tour of ops as an air gunner. Another Albertan with the same squadron is F/O Bill McKinnon, Delbourne, a navigator.

You can call most pilots chauffeurs in a technical sense, but F/S Tom Postans, Montreal, is doing just that. He's chauffeuring in a radio school staff job after completing A.F.U. Before Tom read the recruiting posters he attended McGill and held down a white-collar spot with the C.P.R. in Montreal. He's spending leave with another buddy who handles the same job, F/S Frank Doyle, Vancouver.

Births: At Port Arthur, Ont., on January 4, to Christine (née Johnson), wife of Sgt.-Pilot Doug MacKay, RCAF—a son (Douglas Haig).

"I'd have liked to have been there," smiled the hulking Northerner. "I'm heading right back as soon as possible, too."

Doug has been kicking around with airplanes for a few years, and the Air Force is hardly strange to him, although his wings are fairly new. He was formerly employed building the Hurricanes that Canada's air men fly. Now he's going to use them instead of building them. But he's up for jobs a bit bigger than Hurricanes.

Sgt. Jim Aston has lived in Canada since he was 13 years old. Without parents, he made the long trip to the Dominion to try his hand at farming. He settled in Alvinston, Ont., a far cry from his native Manchester, and spent the rest of his civilian days in the plough-pushing racket. Now he's a WOP-AG, after training at Guelph and Mossbank and with four months in on this side of the water. He's just completed A.F.U. in South Wales along with two other Canadians, Sgt. Jack Hammond, Leamington, Ont., and Sgt. "Scow" Brynjolfson, Vancouver. All three are measuring London for red paint before tripping off to O.T.U. They were the only three Canadians on the course.

In between their own worries about when they're ever going to get on ops, a group of Canadian pilots are doing instruction work at A.F.U. and F.I.S. One of the teachers, F/S Mont Allison, Winnipeg, was sojourning in the big city on leave last week looking for old acquaintances. Some of the others on his station are F/S Keith Monaghan, Victoria; F/S George Hunt, Stratford, and F/S Lloyd Annesley, Edmonton.

Coast to Coast

From opposite ends of their own country, but together on a RAF Halifax squadron, are two Americans. They are Lt. Charlie Hayden, Los Angeles, and F/L Harry Hudson, Tampa, Fla. Hudson is a pilot and Hayden a bomb aimer.

Two Vancouver lads holding down air gunner positions with the Ceylon squadron in Bomber



Sgt. Doug MacKay.

WINED AND DINED

By MAX SEELEY

HIGHSPOT of the period under review was the spree and supper enjoyed by fifteen of the Goose Squadron's old-timers, who wine and dined across the river to celebrate the completion of two years of service with the second oldest Canadian Bomber Squadron in Britain. "Chiefties" Grant, Hogan and MacKenzie, Sgts. Coat and Ledger, Cpls. Mannion, Toller and MacDowell and LACs Happy Hay, Tablot, Johnson, Davies, Felton and Lamb were among the gay lads who toasted the glorious past of the squadron and retold many tales, related experiences of many places and warmed to the glow of real comradeship as memories' door opened to make the past live again.

We shook hands with a LAC in a north-western hockey town last week who had documentary proof of the quantity of beer he had sipped in the course of one week. Two hundred and eighty pints, no less! The landlord furnished proof that the airman in question had spent fourteen quid at his bar during that period. What a way to spend a leave! (Ripley please note.)

Scotty Campbell, London, Ont., was the lass who slowed up the orderly room last week. Haircuts, clean-shaven faces, and witty and oft-times gentlemanly conversation were in abundance.

Johnny Fierce is recovering nicely from his recent appendectomy in a local hospital. A speedy convalescence, Johnny... we'll keep a winch handle warmed up for you.

Wid Terry Jones, of Signals, is the lass who has Sgt. Stan Low in tow these days. Stan is thriving on it and hasn't forgotten how to blush either!

F/S James Tennent, the squadron's amiable discip., totes a gat these days; the popularity of the song, "Pistol Packin' Mama," has him worried we hear, so he doesn't feel like taking any chances.

The station's hockey team, the Lancasters, continues to sweep everything before them in their games with other station teams. Recent victories over the "Wildcats" (7-2) and "Mudcats" (5-3) have definitely placed them as the most formidable contenders for the Northern League title. Scores in the first game were tallied by Gourley (3), of the Thunderbirds, and Cowland, Dumart, Robinson and Lemoine, of S.H.Q. and the Goose Squadron. In the second match, which proved the roughest of the season, Walker, Bourgois and Province tallied for the opposition and Dumart (2), Lott, Robinson and Gourley for the "Lancasters."

WAAF Betty Vernon, Burton-on-Trent, after two years with the Goose Squadron, is soon to desert us for a Thunderbird erk, Al Braybrook, a fitter from Saskatoon.

Larry Moise can tell you an interesting yarn about "National Identity cards." Just ask him, fellows!

Congratulations, Adj.! F/L A. J. "Bert" Bond, Winnipeg, has been recently honored by being Mentioned in Despatches. He went to London last week with the squadron's famed former chieftain, W/C Tiny Ferris, D.F.C., to attend his formal investiture by His Majesty.

Correction: The Aussie officer who was mentioned as accompanying various camp socialites to town several weeks ago was F/L Deryck Worthy Trevor Giblin, D.F.C., and not MacKenzie! Flight Loot "Gibby" is squadron signals officer and is quite a lad with up and coming section officers and others of the local club set.

Don't forget the bridge tournament, you guys and gals. It's Sunday the 13th, at seven, in the Y.M.C.A.

Wid Sgt. Mary Buckley dislikes publicity, but we consider it our duty to warn unsuspecting males of her presence. Last week we saw, in the space of ten minutes, along a hundred yard stretch of yard, no less than ten beaming males stop to pass the time of day with her, causing considerable perturbation to drivers venturing by (to say nothing of the loss of manpower occasioned by the dazzled, impetuous males involved). Her phone number is a state secret (Fourth Estate... ya, bo!).

"Paddy" Seccombe, Toronto Varsity corporal of "ops," caused a stir in the briefing room recently. She breezed into the room and asked, "Pardon me, but is Mr. Fox here?"—her boss. Up jumped a bright, hopeful F/O saying, "Sorry, miss, there's no Mr. Fox here, but there are lots of Mr. Wolves!"

Group are P/O George Mitchell and F/S "Bud" Watson. On the same squadron are some Western types, including: F/S Wilf Coderre, Forget; F/O Bill Corbett, Swift Current; F/O Barrie Dean, Yorkton, and F/S Sid Rogers, Buchanan. Two athletic members on the same station are F/O O. P. "Red" McInerney, Regina, and F/S Joe Metka, Moose Jaw and Regina. "Red" played a lot of soccer at home, but he's having trouble getting enough time off from his navigation job to kick a ball around now. Metka did a chore with Regina Abbotts in the junior hockey wars.



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ECHELON ERKS

By CPL J. R. HAMEL

LAC HURLEY from Toronto, who can eat all the Naafi chips, is back from hospital and again he managed to get a chit for about 61 days' sick leave. We wonder if he will wear civilian clothes this time.

AC Plante and his mate AC Neveu, both from Montreal, seem to take more interest in rabbit catching, than fitting and rigging, if little Tannoy catches you, you've had it, so you better pull the choke, and make your D.H.I's on "T" for Ti-Claque.

LAC Vancha, from Regina, Sask., is now a spy so you better be careful what you say in front of him. He's even got Cpl. "Hansome" Hansen from Standart, Alta., spying for him. They've only been here six months, you can imagine what they will be like when they have about twenty-six.

It's really nice to see all the new uniforms on the station. Boy, do they shine. Don't forget that's their working blues. Cpl. Ramsden tried to make a deal; he said to the lad, "I'll give you my best blues for your working one."

After the lad saw it he told him to take it to stores, that they would give him a new one.

"BAR REVIEW"

By DOC DOHERTY

GREETINGS and Salutations Eve'ybody. It has been quite some time since last I dropped you a line, but shall do my best to bring you up to date on the latest Bar Gen. We have an interesting bit of social news this week in the way of an engagement announcement, yes sired. Congratulations are in order to S/L Bill Durham. Bill—a Canuck who hails from Red Lake, Ont.—has won the fair hand of our very charming Cypher Officer, S/O Purvis, who, until the outbreak of hostilities, resided in Hong Kong with her parents. May we take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes and loads of luck. We were sure that we had seen the last of our very popular Cpl. "Little" Ann Little when she was posted to a sister

BROTHER DISCOVERS SISTER ON STATION

After weeks of trying to contact each other by mail, F/O E. A. "Ed" Moore, Edson, Alta., and his sister, AWI Helen M. Moore, found each other working on the same station. "Ed" spends his evenings over Germany in a Thunderbird Squadron Lancaster, while sister Helen, as a ground radio operator, helps guide him and his mates back to base.

The pair left home more than a year ago. Although they made elaborate arrangements for contact by letter, they moved from station to station so rapidly that mail never caught up to them.

Came retribution just after they discovered each other. In one evening eleven parcels arrived for the two Moora's.

station, but, woe is us, Little Ann finds time to get back on an off-day. She tries to tell us that she comes back to see us, but we have our own ideas.

Then there is another loss in the signals section in the person of LACW Marie Hemphill, who hails from the land of the Shamrock. Marie, who has completed her contract with the RAF, has bid us farewell, climbed back into civvies and departed in search of other fields to conquer.

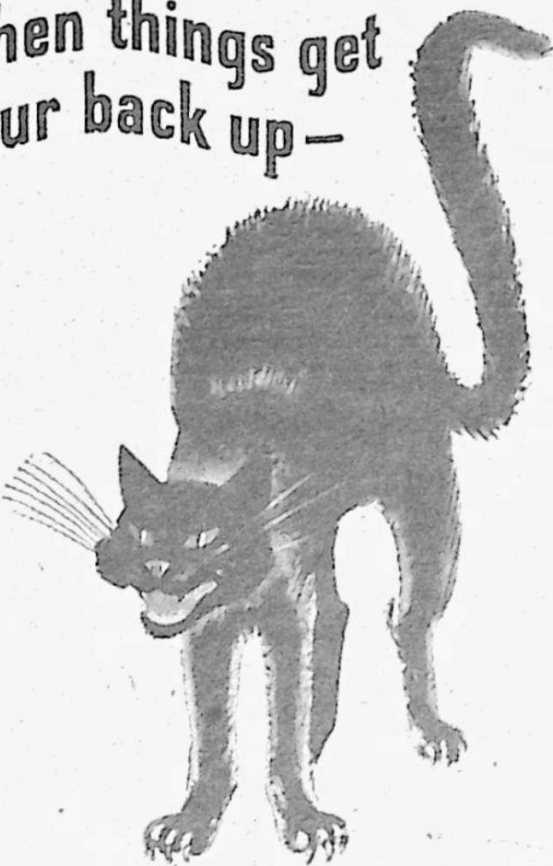
Our genial "Y" supervisor, Cam Gorrie, has found time to take a spot of well-earned leave.

In his absence the great pistol toting Ley is holding down the fort. Just try to wheedle an extra bar out of her; she possess the uncanny knack of remembering everyone who goes to the bar. However, we do appreciate the grand effort put forth. Those Canadian bars are mighty tasty.

The rather expensive habit of losing wrist-watches seems to be quite a common occurrence around these parts. Some people lose them in the dance hall and others lose them en route from the local.

Along with all the other sporting activities of the station we have the prospects of a basket ball league which should prove quite interesting. The weekly swim jaunts to nearby baths are still holding the interest of an enthusiastic crowd.

When things get your back up—



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WITH THE 'RADIO MECHS.

SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Cpl. Goldsmith

THE do of the week concerns the departure of one of the old originals, Cpl. Dudley Dohoo, for air crew training. The affair was even more enthusiastic than usual. Walt Sherley led our own rhythm section. Walt keeps his guitar in the village now. Utterior motive, perhaps?

Dudley was carried in state into the station for the last time, on many shoulders. The gate offered no obstacle as F/L Ward had paved the way with the powers that be.

The sweet strains of "Devon, Glorious Devon," have been emanating from a corner of our room lately. Its significance is in doubt, but more later.

Cpls. Fry and Clearhill are holidaying in Weston-super-Mare. Maurice is togged out in posh civvies. With those as an aid to his dynamic personality, it is colling unlimited.

Len Knight, our War Services representative, paid us a visit this week and, among other things, left us a football. We are now waiting for the rain to cease before we put it to use.

VISITING FIREMEN

LAC "Bud" Burton, Toronto, tripped along with two other radio wreckers who hail from Saskatchewan, Cpl. Phil Inkin and LAC Bill Pope. While he was sitting and sipping his Pepsi, two other guys were converging on the same spot. LAC Barry Shorthill and LAC Dan Maisonneuve were the others. They just stepped in for a bite and there they were together.

All three had studied the rudiments and elements of electricity and electronics at Toronto Central Tech many moons ago. They haven't seen each other since the impassioned farewells at Clinton. Danny used to be a travelling salesman for Forsyth shirts (he hasn't been caught wearing his own goods yet in England. Now his uncrinkled collars brave those moorish mists in Yorkshire.

Cherubic LAC Nick Waldman, Assinibola, Sask., at one time worked for Pop in a jern which supplied parts for the jalopies bouncing up and down the main drag of Assinibola. It's his face you see peering through the type.

Nick signed on the dotted line as a radio basher, and he now bashes bashed up sets at the RAF Maintenance Unit. "We fix 'em up in first-class condition—just like a factory," chirps Nick.

Some of the other Canadian basheders with Nick include: LAC Will Smith on Hamilton; Cpl. Hughie Beith, Toronto; Cpl. Alan Shaw, Nova Scotia; LAC Tom Horn, North Bay, Ont.; Cpl. Arnold Sellwood, North Bay, Ont.; LAC Frankie Walker, Toronto; LAC Phil Wright, Toronto; LAC Jack Wilkinson, Winnipeg; LAC Ernie Nason, Montreal; Cpl. Roy Taggart, Ont.

Recreation facilities were summed up with, "There's skating at a rink nearby and we won the softball championship for our district."

Nick would like to get in touch with C. E. Smith, 155868, if he's anywhere in this country. Nick's number is R155998, Smitty, and you can reach him through the RCAF Base P.O., London.

Nick won't be staying in radio—he's going back to father.

WILTSHIRE M.U.

By LAC Louis Ziff

AL LOGGIE, our Vancouver gen man, was glad to see a fellow E.C. mech. in the person of Junior Hudson, now attached to this unit. Al also knew Jack Frazer at Clinton. On his last leave, in London, Al met a neighbourhood chum, photographic Marshall Bell, who is luxuriating in Bournemouth. Al recognised him from the shape of his head, which shows how well Al knew him.

Al spent his leave with LAC Don Wilson, largely in rustic Bridgewater, where they spent their time potting clay pigeons and hunting ducks. They aver

that "there ain't a duck in Zomerzet."

Cpl. Ken Savers spent his day off in a nearby city where he met his cousin in the American Army. Ken will soon be off on a seven-day trip to Yorkshire. LAC Vic Vickery is already in London, where he has many interests to look after. Cpl. Joe May is spending his leave in London with his wife. Scotty Campbell and Jack Frazer are well matched titans in the game of checkers.

LAC Siwak is still in training somewhere in South Wales. P/O Odell, a Wiltshire boy, is stationed near London.

Graduates of Can 38 and 39 from McGill U. will be interested to know that Havelock Yates is now a F/O, and recently got married. He's still stationed in Canada.

NORTH ENGLAND

By George Maybee

RADIO mechs. as a whole delight practice gas alerts with all the paraphernalia they entail. But there is one RM on this unit very much interested in gas warfare. However, during the past week Paul Maisonneuve has been wearing a long face since his red-headed corporal friend of the gas section has been detached.

A story about that romance has come to us over the grapevine. A few days ago Paul received a long-distance phone call. After four minutes of intimate conversation the flight sergeant gruffly reminded Paul that "We are not conducting a matrimonial bureau."

Cpl. Jock Lance, who wears a sprig of heather behind each ear, was overheard discussing air force law and floor polish at the weekly "hog-wrestle." Why did you leave early, Jock? In the NAAFI bar, we saw "Pop" Kopelaw jumping over chairs in true wolf manner while his chum, Paul, heard all about weather conditions from Pop's lady friend, Paul Quinn and Cpl. Gill Miller, as usual, decided to mingle with the WAAF. But Pete Melkjohn couldn't take it two nights running—not after the hectic evening at the "Half Moon," which was a full one for all, including Ken Craig and Hugh McVitty.

Jack Scarciff sat in the stag line, dreaming (as he says) of finer things. Could it be that the absence of a certain WAAF officer was occupying his thoughts.

WEDDINGS

KENNEDY—KNOX.—An all-Air Force wedding took place recently in St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London, when LAW Jean Davidson Knox, Sarnia, Ont., was married to P/O John William Kennedy, Westmount, Que. The ceremony was conducted by W/C F. K. Belton, Vancouver.

LAW Shirley Chambers, also of Sarnia, attended the bride and F/O Murdock Harvie, Montreal, was best man.

CREWROOM CHATTER AT CANADIAN BOMBER GROUP

WINNIPEG'S basketball star, Stan Pankow, has turned up at the Beaver Base as a Sgt. P.T. instructor. Stan will work on the airmen of the Goose, Thunderbird and Leaside Squadrons. Other athletes of note in these parts include: F/O Norm Boyd, who used to net mind for Yorkton Terriers, Moose Jaw Millers and other western clubs, now a flying control officer; P/O Joe McDonell, Rossland, outstanding goalie with the Trail Smoke Eaters. Joe has 16 trips in the rear turret of a Ghost Squadron Hally.

Two members of the Moose outfit to put up the ops. badge are P/O J. R. Morrison, Montreal, and F/L L. J. Thoms, Niagara Falls.

F/L N. J. Logan, Morinville, Alta., may soon have an all officer crew in his Thunderbird Lanc. Both his bomb-aimer and rear-gunner have just been commissioned. They are P/O J. R. Willis, Calabogie, Ont., and P/O R. S. Kennedy, New Perth, P.E.I.

F/L H. H. Harris, Montreal, is the new adj. of the Leaside Squadron. A well-known legal light who rates the B.A. and E.C.L. after his name, he is doing a rushing business with the boys seeking buckshee legal advice.

P/O Howie Stewart, Walburg, Ont., is acquiring quite a rep. among his Leaside mates as a skeet and trap-shooting type. Rear-gunner in the crew bossed by S/L Bill Strachan, D.F.C., Traill, B.C., he has had a number of brushes with the Jerries and

SAILOR'S CRAFTSMANSHIP ON DISPLAY



F/O Paul A. Goranson, Vancouver, RCAF official war artist, examines a model of a three-masted barque made by Chief Bosun's Mate, PO Wilcock, of the Royal Navy. Goranson has spent some time in North Africa, where he documented the Canadian Bomber Wing in Tunisia last summer.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

BOMBER GROUP

By SIS

SEEMS like I have competition. O.K. Carl, how about a fight for survival.

W/O Crowe is headed for London on leave. Feeling lonely again, Lou? How about those cold feet.

Last Wednesday, Sgts. night out, the regular difficulty occurred again. Anyway, hats off to the boys who made Sgt. Moses stand, in favour of the lady (W.D.).

A/W Clement-Smith pays nightly visits to the "Mucky Duck." What's the attraction, Clem, a Porcupine?

That rugged type, Jack Allman, and the mad Russian from C.R., started on leave for Edinburgh. Your navigation is all haywire, boys. Since when has Harrogate been the capital of Scotland.

Who is the officer who pays frequent visits to the M.T. section, and why? And who is the F/O who was seen minus his socks. How about a domestic evening, Jack?

Sgt. Harry Keen, late of Fighter Command; was it combat manoeuvres he was showing to Cpl. Minnie Sharpe—or was it?

Lunch hour in the Orderly Room provides a convenient meeting place for a certain couple.

To all concerned, this column has been censored by our Sgt. Moses, so all complaints to be directed to him.

Thanks, "Mo."

R.C. MISSIONARIES MEET CANADIANS

In a small seaport in Eastern Bengal three French Canadian members of the Holy Cross Order who left Canada many years ago are doing missionary work among the natives.

They are Father Clement, C.S.C., who left his native village of St. Laurent, Que., 27 years ago, and is now vicar of the Holy Cross Cathedral there; Brother Flavian, St. Louis de Bonsecours, Que., and Brother Martin, Farnham, Que., both of whom are teaching brothers and did such fine work during the recent Bengal famine. Recently, as the RCAF has begun to play an increasingly important part in air operations out of India, the missionaries have been meeting many compatriots. Among those who often pass the time of day with the priest and brothers are F/L H. Booth, Regina, F/O F. Gladman, Hamilton, Ont., Cpl. A. Kennedy, Lintlow, Sask., LAC W. S. Fancy, Ottawa, and LAC G. W. Hart, Milford, N.S.

NAMELESS ONES

By F/S J. A. COMPHILL

THE year 1943 found a fledgling squadron trying its wings, and out of the seeming chaos came a smooth-working machine. That first chapter in the log-books—of mine-laying, bombing the Happy Valley and covering the Mediterranean invasions—gave way to 1944, which finds us experiencing those familiar growing pains caused by conversion to four-engined kites.

Thus far we are nameless, but one day soon we hope to stage a christening, and after that long, dry summer this should be quite an event. Unfortunately, one highly appropriate name has already been chosen by another squadron, and a quick glance at our armament section, from the flight sergeant Wolf down to the little AC Wolves, gives you reason to ponder. Believe you me, these are no mere cubs but a genuine full-grown pack.

For example, Sgt. Bill Revie has been trying to get some dual on Ford trucks; then there's LAC Harry Driscoll, whose success has us all dazzled; and brother Asham, who ought to know better than to walk around the back streets in stocking feet.

Most of our headliners have been posted to echelon, and our former Bad Boy has agreed to do the reporting for that unit to keep his own devious activities in the dark. After a short but hectic tour of all the local hot spots P/O "Doc" Livingstone (assistant adj., we presume) is enjoying a well-earned rest. Sgt. McLauchlan reports that due to increased gremilin activity since the departure of F/S "Sidi-Ben" Arsenal there is peace and quiet on the W.T. front.

Almost famous phrases of the day:

S/L Rhineland—"What can I have to-day? Have you seen my motor-bike?"

F/L Green—"No! R. and I are too busy."

F/S Bateman—"I really mean it. I'm staying in to-night."

W/O McMasters—"I guess I'll have to fix it myself."

F/S "Pirate" Morgan—"Has the Sally Ann been yet?"

Sgt. Freddie Prudence—"Wait till I get my column in WINGS ABROAD."

BEAVER BASE

By R. J. GUNN

THAT deep thunderous sound that was heard in the vicinity on the evening of January 31 originated in Montreal, it has now been ascertained. The cause was the news of the arrival in this vale of tears of Miss Karen Donnelly. The proud father came through the ordeal with flying colours and the occasion called for a party in a nearby city. Among those toasting the young lady were Charlie Brown, Tommy Plunkett, Mac McCordel, Doug Skinner, Mac McFadden, Ray Boyclin, Joe Doherty and Jimmy Gunn.

Mystery of the week concerns Cpl. "Atch" Atcheson, who came back from a day off with two fractured ribs. He is maintaining a discreet silence about the whole affair, but rumours say that "Babs," the Regina Tornado in the M.T. Section, could make some very interesting disclosures.

This week we bade adieu to Wing Commander Ernie Emond, who is returning to the land where fog and rain are only occasional nuisances. His place has been taken by S/L A. C. Tufts, Haligonian, who has been at one of our Base Stations for the past few months.

Mac McCordel is going quite musical these days, his favourite song at the moment being: "Noel, Noel the Angels Did Sing." Christmas is past, Mac, old man.

S/O Babs Rooke's education is complete at last. She has been to Betty's. The eagerly anticipated event took place one evening this week.

Another new arrival in our midst is AW Dorothy Oakden, who hails from Calgary's northern suburb, Edmonton. Dot was working in England at the outbreak of the war and enlisted in this country. She is a singer specialising in choral work—which tip is passed along to Squadron Leader Butcher.

Pictures of domestic simplicity are WAAF and W.D. personnel scrounging wood for the fires in their billets these days.

R.C. PRELATE PRAISES RCAF

In a message to Canada, following a flying tour of RAF stations in India and Ceylon, Msgr. T. D. Roberts, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Bombay, told parents of boys serving with the RCAF in South-East Asia Command that they have reason to feel proud of their sons. He said they are clinging resolutely to their faith in face of trying conditions.

Msgr. Roberts spoke to air crew and ground personnel of various faiths during his trip. He was particularly impressed with the work of Canadians in the Eastern Bengal and Assam areas, "who flew throughout the last monsoon into the worst flying weather in the world."

"The Canadians, along with the rest of the boys in the RAF squadrons, flew continuously while rain fell in torrents to keep the Japs at bay," said His Grace during an interview granted at the Archbishop's house in Bombay. "The weather was so bad that the Japs would not come up to meet our lads, so they had things pretty much to themselves."

The Archbishop was pleased to hear that a Roman Catholic chaplain for the RCAF soon would be in the field in India and Ceylon.

PORCUPINE POINTS

By MOE ASPLER

THE squadron party was a smashing success. Wassail flowed, differences in rank were forgotten and there was a great deal of back-slapping between erks and officers. WAAFs from neighbouring dromes and a hundred Canadian W.D.s from Bomber Group Headquarters were among the guests at the party.

Flight Commanders J. G. McNeill and Pat Patterson have received recognition for their fine operational records and have been promoted to the rank of squadron leaders.

Among the crews breaking the ice recently is the one captained by F/S Jim James.

Men who never benefit from stand-downs are the Orderly Room Wallahs. Their work is tedious and their hours long in the formation period of a squadron. Sgt. Don Jeffs, Vancouver; LAC's Gib Mathewson, Sgt. T. Catherines, and Bob Holmes, Toronto, have been with the squadron from its earliest days.

The situation has Chief Elliott Branch worried for fear that some day he will be called upon to solve the mystery of the missing building. From the purposeful look in Dae Goodeve's eye when we saw her, axe in hand, the other day, even the wooden portions of the Guard House aren't safe.

Great sorrow has been occasioned in these parts by the departure of LAW Gerry Broadribb, Edmonton lovely, who was well on the way to becoming our Base No. 1 heart throb. However, our loss is Group Headquarters' gain and Gerry will now have the inestimable privilege of working under the administrative aegis of Sgt. Lewis J. Moses.

Our newly arrived Wids are now getting into the social swim in a big way, locally. Among frequent visitors to nearby cities, usually accompanied by one of the lads with winged brevets, are LAWs Marrie Birch, Helen Dahl and Dannie Bushell. Dot Sidaway will have to look to her laurels now.

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GROGGY CREW STICK IT OUT

Carry on to Bomb Berlin Without Oxygen at 20,000 Feet

Young Bobby Spink, of Vancouver, can be very proud of his dad after the last raid on Berlin. Proud, too, of the Lancaster "Bobby Boy"—named for him—and the six men of the Leaside Squadron who help fly her.

Groggy for lack of oxygen, their navigational instruments wrecked, the electrical bomb release u.s., and the fuselage shredded like a gunnery drogue, they ploughed on through tenths cloud, in freezing conditions and with static lightning flashing on the windscreen, to bomb the target.

Bobby's papa, P/O T. B. Spink, was at the controls when Nazi nightfighters attacked twice. He shook them off, but the damage had been done, and the RAF flight engineer estimated that just enough oxygen remained for three-quarters of an hour's flying. The navigator, P/O G. I. Phillips, West Selkirk, Man., figured they were just an hour from Berlin, so it was decided to risk it. The wireless operator, an RAF man, collected all the oxygen bottles from spare stowage, brought them to the navigator, and Phillips charted course for the German capital.

"We were about five minutes from the target when the oxygen ran out," Phillips said later, "and flying at 20,000 feet in very thin air. Somehow we managed to carry on and complete our mission."

After leaving the target, skipper Spink dropped down to 16,000 feet—still far too high for comfort without oxygen—and managed to keep her in that groove until they crossed the enemy coast. After that he brought her down to 6,000 feet, where the crew could breathe normally again, and finally set her down at a coastal aerodrome with all hands safe.

Other Canadians in the crew were W/O W. R. Leadley, rear-gunner, Manor, Sask.; and F/S D. K. Ryan, Tillsonburg, Ont.

THE MAIL BAG

By SGT. C. L. GAGNON

GOSH, more promotions. Now it's Sgt. Gamey and Sgt. Barton (Algy to you). The last-named is now safely removed to the land of the heather, so gets his third in absentia.

Many staunch members, tried and true, have lately stamped the local dust from their shoes and hid away. Among them are LAWs Carmichael and Jessiman, LACs Power, Dupont, Pidgeon, Murphy, Kowalczyk, Wayne and Walker.

Inward bound are a few new faces: LAWs Smith, M. A., and MacDonald, E. H., LACs Scheff, M., Dauphinais, Ouellet, Fletcher and Monette, and AW2 Dinwiddie.

Former toller at the Base Cpl. Jackson, seen visiting old haunts; and wasn't that LAC Tressider looking round as well?

Handicrafters Rausch, Hager, Perry, Dubourt, Plowman and Revell (to mention a few) gathered lately to raise their voices in a discussion on handicrafts.

"H.Q." Sgt. Paxton handicrafter extraordinaire, gave out with a few ideas of his own to add to an interesting evening of exchanging news and views.

Boost to WINGS ABROAD from this column: Noticed your editorial on Rehabilitation and consensus of opinion from here seems to be that you are giving publicity in the right place.

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(Official RCAF Photograph.)

CHRISTMAS IN EAST NEEDS SNOW AND FOLKS AT HOME

The folks back home and a few feet of snow were all that several hundred Canadians in the Middle East missed at their Christmas celebrations. From desert sands and Mediterranean shores, from Persian hills and the Gold Coast, Canadians came to celebrate the festive season with their fellows.

In Cairo, Canada House was "a scene of revelry by night" and by day. Gay decorations, mistletoe and Mrs. Stuart combined to make all the boys nappy of heart. A continuous round of excellent dinners was served from 1 p.m. to 4 o'clock.

Meanwhile at Aero House, the airmen's billets, upwards of 100 pleasantly interspersed officers and men of District H.Q., Middle East, sat down to soup, turkey, peas, potatoes, celery, plum pudding, mince tarts, fruit and nuts, mainly provided through the generosity of the Greek management.

The jovial spirit which pervaded the lengthy dinner table was enhanced by a generous ration of Canadian beer, thanks to the Knights of Columbus. They also provided every man with a Maple Leaf pin engraved "Christmas, 1943, RCAF, K. of C., Cairo, Egypt," and embracing the well-known pyramids and palms.

Dinner was appropriately preceded by grace said by S/L Harston, the "Seven League Foot" padre. Toast to the King was proposed by Cpl. Taylor, of North Bay and Russia. W/C Paterson, in a few words made everyone feel worth while, and F/S Peerless had unanimous support for his toast to the C.O. and fellow officers. The only

sad feature of the dinner was F/O Hopper, who fell asleep over the second course.

After dinner, entertainment was provided by F/L Pettis, who mounted the table to recite that Canadian epic, "Jake, the Hermit of Shark Tooth Shoal," and Pte. Barton, of the C.D.C., who presented a Hollywood feature, a pleasant relaxation for all who saw it. In the evening, the enthusiastic throng at Canada House attested to the staying power of Canadians.

In Alexandria, Canada House was filled to capacity several days before Christmas and many were accommodated in nearby pensions. The gay decorations and the Christmas tree with its myriad coloured lights were at one with the Canadians in their celebrations. At 1.30 p.m. approximately 100 sat down to an all-inclusive Christmas dinner "en the house." As in Cairo everyone was decorated with a Maple Leaf and souvenir menus were passed around for autographs.

During the week three movies were presented and a generous supply of cigarettes and candy was thrown in for good measure. The boys played three softball games in a nearby park. Open house was held on Boxing Day, when many friends of the boys dropped in. In the evening 75 couples enjoyed a dance. On New Year's Eve, Canada House provided an excellent buffet supper and a good dance band.

Thus Canadians in the Middle East capped an eventful year with a memorable festive season and welcomed 1944 with confident gusto.

HOCKEY SERIES TO GET GOING SUNDAY

Top of the heap in both halves of the Knights of Columbus Purley League, W/C Elms station hockeyists start the best-of-three playoff series with the London H.Q. sextet next Sunday afternoon.

With an enviable record of 50 goals to their total while only having 9 scored against them in eight games, the Elms crew is favoured to take the laurels, but the London squad is close behind in efficiency with only two losses in eight tangles.

Winner of the league will enter into the All-England playdown series against the representatives of the other six leagues scattered throughout Canadian stations. The first play-off will be against the winner of the Brighton League.

Second half standing:

	P	W	T	L	Pts
Elms	4	4	0	0	8
London	4	3	0	1	6
Brown	4	1	0	3	2
Hospital	3	0	0	3	0

HERE IN BLITZ

A librarian on one of the stations on the Beaver Base, AW2 Iris Baker, Cataragui, Ont., has seen plenty of this war. The 22-year-old Wid has been overseas throughout the war, and was a nurse during the great blitz on London. On one occasion she was buried under debris for 24 hours. Born in France, she moved to Canada and then to Britain. She tended many casualties in London before moving to the librarian job.

GROUP MEN WIN IN SECOND HALF

RCAF group cagers pulled the big surprise in recent games of the Y.M.C.A.-RCAF Beaver Base Basketball League when they toppled G/C D. M. Edwards' team 24-19 after trailing 10-11 at half-time. In the other half of the twin bill, G/C H. M. Carscadden's quintet trimmed G/C R. C. Gordon's crew 22-13.

Bill Calithness, who came into the RCAF by way of Winnipeg, was the ace scorer for the H.Q. outfit, potting no less than nine of his team's points. Jim Goloubeff, Vancouver, added six to his team's total. Aaron Wolinsky, Winnipeg, Arnold Tobin, Toronto, and "Flash" Genza, Windsor, split 12 of Edwards' points evenly.

Maxie Applebaum, Toronto, set the pace for the winning Carscadden side in the other game, scoring eight of his squad's 22 points. Mack Howard, Windsor 6, and Jack Karry, Toronto, 4, were other main scorers. Bill Thompson, Iowa, a former crack American player, bagged six of the 13 Gordon tallies.

RCAF GROUP H.Q. — Backs: Webster, Vancouver; Lou Cruise, Toronto (4); Jim Goloubeff, Vancouver (6); Fred Sward, Toronto; Bill Calithness, Winnipeg (6); Henry Hall, Vancouver (3); Jim Gordon, Buffalo; Allen Wolfe, Windsor; Gene Sigaardson, Winnipeg (2); Ed Powers, Preston.

EDWARDS — Percy McGillivray, Cape Breton; Roy Swindells, Bowmanville; Aaron Wolinsky, Winnipeg (4); Gordon Cameron, Glace Bay (3); Dave Young, Vancouver (2); Arnold Tobin, Toronto (4); Elsie Genza, Windsor (4); Don Patterson, Toronto; Roy Perry, Toronto (3); Bill Thompson, Vancouver; Ronnie McNeill, Cape Breton; Wal Moran, Montreal.

CARSCADDEN — Fred MacPherson, Winnipeg (7); Lou Katzman, Windsor (4); Burr, Winnipeg; Jack Karry, Toronto (13); Mack Howard, Windsor (6); Jack Minten, Fernie, B.C. (2); John Hezgie, Raymond,

COASTAL CREW STRADDLE SUB

Despite U-Boat's Ack-Ack Depth Charges Are Well-Placed

A Demon Squadron Wellington of Coastal Command sighted and attacked a fully-surfaced U-boat last month in the Bay of Biscay. Result was uncertain because the underwater raider disappeared eight minutes after the depth charges had gone off. The Demon crew, skippered by F/L Desmond W. Farrell, Montreal, stoozed around for over an hour, dropped markers on the choppy surface, turned for home and feasted on roast chicken as their good ship carried them back to Britain.

It was a rare way of celebrating Farrell's first submarine attack. On their return the navigator, F/O A. J. Hoddinott, Bird's Hill, Man., told how his skipper had been the first to sight the Nazi craft. "Farrell saw what looked like a white line of phosphorescence straight ahead. It was a fully-surfaced J-boat all right and we could all see it perfectly when we got within three-quarters of a mile range."

The deck gunners lost no time in opening fire, and Hoddinott, aiming straight for the conning-tower, replied from the front gun. The captain immediately nosed down to attack, and the English rear-gunner reported that depth charges straddled the sub halfway between the conning-tower and the stern.

The force of the explosion shook the Wimpy and all the Germans guns were silenced. Eight minutes later the U-boat huddled down into the water and disappeared.

On the return flight W/O G. A. Biddle, Windsor, Ont., electrified his crewmates by producing a roast chicken. "It was certainly a grand way to celebrate," said Hoddinott. "I sat and chewed away on a drumstick all the way home." Other Canadians in the crew were F/S C. J. Hall, Kelowna B.C., WOP/AG, and F/L W. H. Brown, Amherst, N.S.

NOTE TO MASONS

All Freemasons serving with the Canadian Armed Forces (Army, Land and Sea) or Canadian Freemasons in Britain serving the common cause in a civilian capacity are most cordially invited to visit "The Square Club," 38 Mount Street, Mayfair, W.1, to enjoy the amenities and to partake of the hospitality of the club.

The chief objects of the club are for the well-being and welfare of Freemasons away from their native land, to enable American and Colonialists to meet English Freemasons in a fraternal atmosphere and surroundings, and to further Anglo-American friendship.

Alta.; Fred Duchine, Wallaceburg, Ont.; Max Katzman, Toronto; Maxie Applebaum, Toronto (6); Ray Pedell, Kitchener. GORDON — Jack Lancaster, Fernie (2); Doug White, Toronto (4); Jim Thompson, Iowa (6); George Desjardine, Newcastle, N.B.; Len Wilcox, Ottawa; Bill Gray, Vancouver; Ken Keenan, Brampton; Wilbur MacDonald, Ottawa; Horace Dery, Quebec City; Wes Shank, Creston, B.C.; Art Plumber, St. John, N.B.; Ian MacKenzie, Montreal; Stan Pankow, Winnipeg; Al Hall, Ottawa (1); D. Ramsay, Albernie, B.C.

RECORDS OFFICE

A2 (CAN)

By LACs WALLINGTON and POPE

OUR absence last week is regretted, but that leaves us more room for the news this week. The big news is the Canadian party and dance held last Thursday. LAC George Allen, with his partner LAC Al Pope, showed the crowd a snappy boogie, while LACs Lorne MacLaggart and Waldo Mitchell waded a rumba. Cpl. Gord Hornstein denies all guilt—says he was there late. Gord claims credit for one victory—he got home alone!

Since the departure of Cpl. Willie Myers from our midst, the N.C.O. i/c the typing pool has been LAC, u/t Cpl., Gord Smalley. Gord doesn't find the life as relaxing as Willie did.

After a very short stay, P/O Steeves left for a Group Headquarters in the North Country. We hope that the W.D.s are okay there. LAC Irish Booth and AC Joe Thorlacius left last week for operational stations. A lot of new faces have showed up lately. Among them are F/O Hayward, who arrived right from D.A.P.S.; LACs Jimmie Gellespie, from Dryden, Ont.; Wagner, from Nanton, Alta.; Swift, from Montreal; Sayer, from North Bay; and Rees, from Vancouver. The welcome mitt is out, boys.

Prof. Braithewaite

LAC Ken Braithewaite has been in a flat spin for the last week, and after living in Ontario for all of his life he has suddenly had to become interested in the place. Ken has to give a lecture on Southern Ontario to an audience of English people and he is sure having a time collecting the "gen" for it.

The new addition to C.2 Dominions Section, LAC Bennie Schmoult, spends a very happy day pitching woo with the gals in French. They can't understand you, Benny, so it's no good.

LAC Dave Davies has shattered his own rules about the right height for women. She's about four foot nothing and is blonde. Dave's idea was that they should be about the same height as he.

Our new arrival, F/O Hayward, is creating havoc among the WAAF's at Records. Sinatra's following would look like a mere trickle beside the avaricious eyes that follow him—you had better watch out, sir, or they will be mobbing you.

G1 (CAN)

By F/S "MEM" AITKEN

AFTER missing last week's A issue due to concerts and dance, we return once again with our minds at ease.

It seems the section "do" was a big success, and so far the committee have heard no "ill" reports about same. Our thanks are extended to the committee, including Cpls. Don Bridgman, Norm Clarke, Teddy Bennett and LAC Cliff Crawford. Great show, fellows—and I hear clamours for more of the same.

If "Brid" keeps putting in many more week-end passes he'll have to put "platoon" week-ends on them!

Visiting us this week is Sgt. Abe Ellis, of Headquarters. Abe is gathering in RAF "gen" in order to make his road easier in the near future.

BOSTONS HAMPER NAZI TRANSPORT

Fifteen RCAF air crew are flying with a RAF squadron of Boston night bombers which have been co-operating directly with Canadian and Allied ground forces by disrupting German transport and lines of communications in Italy.

Nightly, the light bombers attack bridges, road junctions and railway yards, or take off on armed reconnaissance flights, patrolling enemy highways and rail lines. When they spot a train or a convoy of trucks, they come in close and drop their bombs first. Then they circle and strafe the target, usually from about 200 feet.

Since the Germans have been trying to move supplies largely by night, the work of the Bostons has been a highly important factor in the present campaign. They operate on both sides of Italy in support of both the Eighth and Fifth Armies. Often they attack tactical targets only a matter of yards ahead of Allied troops.

"It's pretty exciting work," said P/O James Borden, Stratford pilot. "Sometimes when you go in low and bomb a truck carrying ammunition, the explosion may push some stuff right up at you. In attacks on truck convoys, we start fires and pit the roads so the movement of supplies is held up."

Other Canadians on the squadron are: W/O Alleyne Harris, WAG, Vernon, B.C.; P/O Edward Penner, AG, Clark's Crossing, Sask.; P/O David Low, pilot, Kamsack, Sask.; W/O Art Davidson, pilot, Prince Albert, Sask.; F/S Charles Hale, AG, Brooks, Alta.; F/S George Dean, pilot, Pine Falls, M.; F/O Ian Walker, Winnipeg and Oakland, Calif.

Crooning love songs to himself all day and working to boot—Monty Axler still won't deny it's spring fever!

Back in the hospital again—he loves M.N.O.s—Bob Moses has again delayed that "third." Hoping to have had his intimate advice and knowledge of "joints" in the big town, LACs Clark White and Ker Kerman have gone on a "gen-up" course for ten days without Moe.

Looking sad and wistful these days is "Stoolie" Muggleston. Seems his "theatre escort," Reg Watters (the ansome thing), is working on the opposite side of the clock to Muggsy! Cheer up, "little one," he'll be with you soon. By the way, "Mugs," how's Russenholt's girl friend? Say, what kind of lemonade does Len Collins drink? Twice now, in the past few weeks, Len has been seen going back into town the time when all the rest of the boys are heading for camp.

Now singing to war workers are our "four troubadors": "Bing" Bridgman, Bill "Frankie" Watson, "Nelson" Cooper, and "Dinah" Boydell. Spurning all offers, our Crosby-Sinatra quartet won't give us an "ear." Therefore this critic won't pass judgment—just yet.

Bits and Pieces: Looking and feeling much better since his brother's leave terminated, Geo. Hough can now be seen without those "bags" under his eyes; Eddie Sturgeon looking very pleased. The "slow march" is coming closer. Trying his best to date a lovely girl is Georgie Fisk. Seems the "Flight" concerned—is concerned.

NUMBER OF PROMOTIONS FOR VETERAN OFFICERS

Four Major Changes Made in Important Posts Of Canadian Bomber Group

Promotions in RCAF Bomber Group aren't exactly reaching epidemic proportions but at least they've been frequent recently with flight-lieutenants adding narrow bars and other veterans stepping up the ladder and assuming new responsibilities.

G/C L. E. Wray, A.F.C., Belleville, Ont., recently arrived from Canada and has taken up duties as C.O. of a bomber station on the Group. Before coming overseas, G/C Wray had been commanding officer in Newfoundland and S.A.S.O. at Eastern Air Command.

Veteran of 36 attacks on enemy targets, S/L H. T. Patterson, Fredericton, N.B., has recently been appointed to take charge of a flight with the newly-named Porcupine Squadron. He has been overseas since June, 1941.

Holder of a private pilot's licence before the war and at one time a member of the Canadian Army, S/L J. G. McNeill, D.F.C., Calgary, has been appointed a flight commander with the Porcupine Squadron. A. V. "Riley" Rellander, Regina, has been promoted from flight lieutenant to the rank of squadron leader and put in charge of a flight with a squadron of RCAF Bomber Group still unnamed. A veteran of 22 attacks on enemy territory, he has made three sorties to the German capital and against targets such as Frankfurt, Mannheim, Milan, Hamburg and Cologne.

Not to be outdone by bomber personnel, L. M. Cameron, of Winnipeg and Roland, Man., has been promoted from flying officer to flight lieutenant in charge of a section of the first fighter squadron Canada sent overseas and from flight lieutenant to squadron leader in command of the squadron. His two-rank transition took place within 20 days. At 21, he is a veteran fighter pilot with three Germans destroyed and one badly damaged to his credit.

LOCAL BOY MAKES

Home-town folk in Nicola, B.C., will be glad to hear that earned-town boy, D. Hughes, earned himself a commission overseas. It's now P/O Hughes.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

CONGRATULATIONS would seem to be the order of the day. Among the many who now wear hooks instead of props are: Clare Rutherford, Hamilton's blonde W.D.; Mable Beaven, the equipment assistant who sings in the choir and calls Toronto home; Margaret MacKinnon, of Moosomin (she's wearing hers on her pyjamas in the hospital); and Shirley McCosh, an Easterner from Dalhousie, N.B.

And we say good-bye for a time to three of our H.Q. W.D.s—Norah Botterill from Rocanville, Sask.; Doris Hollings of Maple Creek, Sask.; and Marie Jarvis, whose mother now lives in Kent. They've been chosen to go to the O.C.T.U., and, providing they work hard, in a couple of months we'll be saluting them. Good luck to you all.

Welcome back to H.Q.—A/S/O Peggy Douglas, a Winnipegger. After labouring in the north country for a time, she was brought back to London, and you'll find her pondering over charts and what-have-you in D.P.

Recently arrived from Canada are three signals officers—Section Officers Nancy Taunton, Winnipeg; Peggy Tyndale, Montreal, and Kay Smith from Victoria, B.C.

Basketball again last night when two W.D. teams played against each other. They're getting in trim for a good season. See you at the O.R. dance to-night.

MOSQUITO MEN

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without much luck, engaged and shot down a Do.217 last Thursday night.

Manned by F/O E. F. P. Fox, Lethbridge, Alta., and F/O C. D. Sibbett, Vancouver, the intruder fired a short burst. "For about 20 minutes Jerry did everything imaginable in the way of aerobatics to shake us," said Sibbett the observer. "Our advantage in speed soon began to tell and we closed in for the kill. By this time we had dropped from 18,000 feet to about 15,000. When we were finally dead astern and closed in we fired over 200 rounds of cannon into him. One of his wings burst into flames and he plunged down into the sea and exploded."

NEW ADJUTANT

F/L J. E. German, Toronto, is the new adjutant of the Porcupine Squadron after serving several months as camp commandant at Group H.Q. Successor in the latter post is F/L C. G. E. Leafloor, Ottawa, who has 16 years' service in the RCAF to his credit.

RAF CANADIAN



W/C M. E. Pollard, D.F.C., A.F.C., of Montreal, is the C.O. of an RAF Boston bomber squadron. He has taken "Old Faithful" on eight of its thirty-five operations. He joined the RAF in 1938 and has seen service with Army Co-op and Blenheim squadrons.

(Official RCAF Photograph)

LOWESTOFT FOLK SALUTE THE SOO

The City of Lowestoft, Norfolk, showed its appreciation to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, by staging a reunion on Saturday and Sunday for Canadian boys from the Soo.

During the Battle of Britain, Sault Ste. Marie adopted the City of Lowestoft, sent gifts, two mobile canteens and cash donations totalling £2,000.

Citizens of Lowestoft opened their homes to the Canadians for the reunion, which started with a high tea on Saturday, a dance, a reunion service on Sunday and closed with a lunch and an address by the Mayor of the City.

Canadian Air Force personnel at the reunion included: F/L "Web" Harin, F/L Dave Roger, F/O Ken Ingram, D.F.C., F/O G. E. Smith, F/O Ted Mosser, F/O R. B. Gray, F/O Burnie Thorp, F/S Roman Roychuk, Sgts. Don Murray, Doug E. Gapp, P. C. Dubois, B.E.M., Cpl. Eva Pickering (W.D.), LACs W. C. Ellis, Fred Vicary, O. C. McAuley, S. P. Adams, J. J. LaRue, G. T. E. Dingman, J. D. Cullen, W. E. "Ted" Cunningham and George Wray.

HEADQUARTERS

GEORGE ARTICHUK must be dipping into the vitamin pill jar. He hooped seven field goals in the cage opener of the house league on Saturday afternoon to top all the scorers for the afternoon and lead the L.I.F. team to a 32-11 win over Airmen's Pay. Rignall added another eight points to make it decisive.

P4 Casualties were just that in the second game. Evans sniped one to save them from a skunking, while Dreidger looped 12 points and Davis poured 10 more into the hoop to swell to 32 and Accounts total to 32. These were the two games in "A" Group. Only a single match was played in "B" Group, with Knights scoring a narrow 18-17 edge over H.Q. Cpl. Gibbs and F/L Hec Crigh-ton had a sniping duel between them, with Gibbs providing the extra point. He notched 10, while the former whistle tooter bowed out with nine points.

It was a nice big afternoon with Air Commodore Wait out to eye the openers. A few more players and a little raz-mat-raz from a larger gallery wouldn't do any harm. The Queen's Club gyms are big enough to hold all of headquarters. Come early and get a seat.

The joint will jump down at Porchester Hall even if Iturbi isn't there to swing it. Don't wait till it's over. The digging's done and there's scruff aplenty. Polish up those patents, climb aboard a tube and get in that groove. In other words, we'll see you at the dance.

Gongs are topics of conversation all over the building. You can hear snatches of chatter over tea and toast (?), or just strolling around the corridors. They've even tacked strange groups of initials to the description. Several of the groups are H.T.R.V. and E.B.G.O., but we can't say what they mean (courses).

Jack Darby claims he got his after finishing his second tour of ops. on the funeral parties. "I've already got four in on my third tour," he quipped.

Charlie Phelan has a bit of help nowadays to handle the increased entertainment around headquarters and London. His new local walking boss for the Knights of Columbus is Supervisor Dick Waide, former Montreal and Sudbury citizen. He's a solid-looking type and was reportedly knee deep in boxing and rugby circles in his Northern Ontario habitat. Newly arrived, but already with some service in on an airfield, Dick was out to jot scores and watch the basketball get under way at Baron's Court last Saturday afternoon. Lend him your hands, Jacks and Jills.

A feud is in existence and flared anew around the joint this week. It bids fair to taking its place alongside that of the Martins and the Coys. The feudin' gents are Sgt. ("Don't give me those shots") Duguid and Harley ("I wasn't drunk and my boots weren't dirty") Cunningham.

It gives a guinea (not a pig) prize for the best name for the troupe of artists and artistes who please you at the Vaudeville Theatre, March 9. A cast of 50—count 'em—50 guys and gals who call H.Q. their place of occupation will provide the songs, dances and funny sayin's.

FILM LOG

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" (Odeon)

Claude Rains brings to the screen a new and more sympathetic version of the monster who spreads terror among the audience and the personnel of the Paris opera. But instead of just the horror and mystery to frighten the audience, this time there is a pleasing combination of voices, those of Nelson Eddy and Susanna Foster, to bring life to a number of memorable tunes from the stage of the opera house. Minor roles are well done by J. Edward Bromberg, Fritz Feld, Jane Farrar and Hume Cronyn. Technicolor helps to bring out the full colours of the operatic costumes.

"THOUSANDS CHEER" (Empire)

A private who doesn't like the army, a colonel who does (ain't it the truth) and the colonel's beautiful daughter, who, of course, falls in love with the private, form the standardised plot of this technicolor production. However, once this is disposed of, the picture starring Kathryn Grayson as the heroine and Gene Kelly as the hero, produces a galaxy of stars.

Mickey Rooney is M.C., Jose Iturbi skips nimbly over the piano keys, and some trapeze artists strut their stuff on the high wires. In addition you get some tuneful and entertaining samples of Judy Garland, Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell, Ann Sothern, Lucille Ball, Virginia O'Brien, Frank Morgan, Lena Horne, Marsha Hunt, Marilyn Maxwell, Donna Reed, Margaret O'Brien, June Allyson, Gloria DeHaven, John Conte, Sara Haden, Don Loper, Marine Barrat and Kay Kyser, Bob Crosby, Benny Carter and orchestras. Well worth your money.

IMMEDIATE D.F.C. TO LEASIDE PAIR

Two Leaside Squadron pilots, P/Os J. A. McIntosh, Revelstoke, B.C., and T. B. Spink, Vancouver, have been awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry in the Battle of Berlin.

Both their Lancasters were attacked by enemy nightfighters, Spink's on the outward trip and McIntosh's soon after the bomb load had been released. In Spink's kite the oxygen supply sprung a leak while 200 miles from the target, but, despite much physical discomfort caused by oxygen-lack, he pressed on to Berlin, dropped his bombs and brought the damaged Lanc. back.

McIntosh's gunners shot down the Nazi fighter, but his bomber was badly damaged. The elevator was hit, one wheel smashed, and all the way back it was a fight to maintain altitude. None the less, P/O McIntosh made a safe landing at an airfield in Britain.

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PALLADIUM. Ger. 7373. Twice Daily at 2.30 and 5.20. ALL STAR VARIETY Max Miller, Ivy Benson & her Ladies' Band Webster Booth and Ann Ziegler, etc.	MARBLE ARCH PAVILION. May. 5112. Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, Phil Baker, Benny Goodman & Orchestra. THE GIRLS HE LEFT BEHIND (U) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.
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