



## Fresh Blows Cripple German Targets

### STUTTGART, BERLIN, LEIPZIG BATTERED

Alouette, Tiger and Snowy Owl Units Make Debut in Week's Raid; Leipzig Costliest

ATTACK ON CAPITAL BREAKS 16 DAY LULL

**B**REAKING a 16-day lull in the Battle of Germany, Bomber Command took the offensive again this week, launching massive blows against Berlin, Leipzig and Stuttgart.

Canada's Bomber Group, strengthened by three new Halifax squadrons, all of which had converted from Wellingtons after fighting through the summer as a powerful element of Gen. Doolittle's North African Strategic Air Force, figured prominently.

The Snowy Owl squadron, led personally by W/C Dan McIntosh, D.F.C.; Regina, and the Tiger squadron, commanded by W/C J. D. Blane, North Sydney, N.S., made their debut Tuesday night when Bomber Group mounted its heaviest attack of the war against the German capital.

W/C Baxter Richer's French-Canadian Alouette squadron, which had also converted to new-mark Halifaxes, held the spotlight early Sunday morning when another potent force went to Leipzig, and 18 RCAF bombers failed to return.

All three units were out again Sunday night for the second time in less than 24 hours to smash Stuttgart in what some airmen considered a model raid.

#### Berlin

Canada's Lion, Bison, Moose, Ghost, Iroquois, Bluenose, Thunderbird and Goose Squadrons also took part in the Tuesday attack. W/C Bill Swetman, D.F.C., Kapuskasing, Ont., led the Thunderbird Lancasters and W/C Dave Jacobs, of Toronto, the Goose. The Bluenose Squadron was making its first sortie under the command of W/C Chris Bartlett, D.F.C., Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., who also completed a tour in the Middle East before returning to this theatre.

RCAF air crew who took off from an RAF bomber station pictured Berlin's defences cracking beneath the extraordinary weight of the raid. "For us it was just a long cold stogie," said P/O S. Davidson, of Clover Bar, near Edmonton, who took in the show from the rear turret of a Lancaster. F/O R. T. Martins, Winnipeg, bomb-aimer in another Lanc, was less nonchalant. "It was the most intense flak I have seen in 16 trips," said he. "There were plenty of fighters in conjunction with two zones of flares which lit up our path on the way in and out. Our pathfinder markers were very good," he added.

"and well concentrated, so that we were able to bomb accurately in spite of thick clouds."

F/O W. B. Jardine, Kitchener, Ont., pilot whose Lancaster was in the last wave, reported that when they turned away from Berlin there was nothing to worry about in the way of opposition. Two huge columns of smoke billowed up from the burning capital and he could see the glow of reflected fires for a hundred miles on the way home.

Other Canadians who flew in the raid were: F/O J. W. Page, rear-gunner, Bridgeport, Ont.; P/O G. S. Milne, pilot, Edmonton; F/L F. R. Shedd, pilot, Toronto; P/O W. N. McInnis, bomb-aimer, Trill, B.C.; and F/L L. T. Raynsford, navigator, Timmins, Ont.

#### Leipzig

Again early Sunday morning Bomber Group's heavy fleets were out, this time to Leipzig. The shattering attack marked the return to operations of the famed French-Canadian Alouette Squadron, which, like the Tiger and Snowy Owl outfits, has converted to heavy bombers since returning from North Africa. Four of the Group's squadron (Continued on page 4, col. 5)

## Cripple German Targets

THEY'VE BEEN "WORKIN'" ON THE RAILROAD



The last time Sgt. Jack Marsh, Calgary, and F/S George Arnott, Elk Point, Alta., visited the Foggia marshalling yards they were in Wimpy bombers. This time they're here to see what happens when a blockbuster kisses a railway yard. Behind them is a de luxe Italian railway coach—1944 model

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

### MOSQUITO PAIR TAG TWO ME'S AT HOME BASE

Canadian Crew Destroys London Raiders Over France

THIRTEENTH TRIP

**A** CANADIAN intruder team flying its 13th operational trip in treacherous weather, blasted the familiar hoodoo Friday night when F/L Bob Klipp, Kamloops, B.C., shot down two Me.110s returning from the night's raid on England.

Both Klipp and his observer, F/O P. Huletsky, Montreal, were officially on leave when the engagement was fought near Juvincourt, in Northern France. Stogging along in dirty weather with their Mosquito icing badly, the two came upon their first victim approaching its home field.

"It nosed up into the air," said Klipp, "as though the pilot had pulled back on the stick and then went straight down and burst into flames with a terrific explosion that actually shook us."

In less time than it took to appreciate the fact that they had scored their kill, the second target appeared. Klipp gave him one long burst and both his engines broke into flames almost instantaneously.

"It was a beautiful sight," said Huletsky. "At each end of the field two roaring fires were lighting up the whole area as though it were daylight, and it was nice to get that 13th trip in before going on leave."

The success brought their score to three destroyed and one damaged since joining the intruders.

### AIRCREW PAIR HAUL RAF LAD TO SAFETY

Caught under falling masonry in a wrecked building somewhere in Italy an RAF airman was extricated and carried to safety by two Canadian air crew.

F/S Edward de Blaquiere, bomb aimer, Victoria, B.C., and F/S James Cartledge, pilot, Verdun, Que., went into the shattered building, found the RAF man buried up to his shoulders, uncovered him and carried him to the street. He was then taken to hospital.

Huge blocks of masonry suspended overhead and likely to topple at any moment made the rescue tricky. But the Canadians came out unhurt.

### LAST-MINUTE NEWS

#### THREE DESTROYED

Thanks to the keen eyes of British troops of the Fifth Army, three enemy aircraft listed recently as damaged by the RCAF City of Windsor Spitfire Squadron, have been altered to the destroyed category. Nine Spits took on 35 F.W.s and Me.s, claimed five damaged. S/L Albert Houle, D.F.C., Massey, Ont., claimed two damaged, and the others fell to F/L H. Everard, Timmins, Ont., F/O Garth Herricks, D.F.M., Toronto, and W/O Harry Johnson, Ottawa. The squadron score over the Anzio beachhead now totals nine destroyed, two probables and seven damaged.

### ENOUGH SAID

W/O Merv Sims, a Vancouver Mosquito pilot, and his navigator, Jim "Junior" Sharples, of Toronto, were stogging along on intruder business one night when they made out the silhouette of what looked like another Mossie, ahead and above them.

To make certain of its identity Sims called on the R.T.: "Hey, Mac! Are you a Mosquito?"

For an instant there was silence. Then came the reply in broad Yorkshire: "Ee, ba goom, I am y'know!"

"That," said Sims, "was good enough for me."

### GOING STEADY



F/O Tony Morbito, D.F.M., Creston, B.C., and his Air Sea Rescue Walrus have been going steady for two years now. Once he fished three Germans out of the drink. "Are we going to be shot?" they chorussed. When Tony said "No," they became quite effusive and wanted to shake hands continuously.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

### BEAUFIGHTER PILOT WINS D.S.O. FOR DARING TACTICS

Draws Off Attacking Me.109 Enabling Comrade to Get Away

**A** D.S.O. awarded to F/O Sidney S. Shulemson, Montreal, heads up the list of decorations to RCAF airmen announced this week in the *London Gazette*. There are 11 in all, including the U.S. Air Medal to F/L Eldon B. Elliott, Sutherland, Sask., and the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) to W/O R. J. Meek, Vancouver.

Shulemson, who flies with the Buffalo Beaufighter Squadron, was cited for saving a fellow pilot from attack by an Me.109. He was almost shot down himself in the ensuing action, but returned safely to base.

The engagement took place after a successful attack on an enemy convoy off the coast of Norway. Shulemson was leading the formation home when the Messerschmitt appeared. Informed of the attack over the R/T he peeled off immediately and came to his comrade's rescue. The German machine, faster and more manoeuvrable than Shulemson's Beau, tore into him and after the first burst the Montreal pilot was unable to train his guns on the enemy again.

"By skilful and daring tactics," says the citation, "he drew away the attacker, thus enabling his comrade to fly clear."

At one point he slipped sideways and the German fighter's bullets stitched a pattern through his wing—a spot where his cockpit had been just seconds before. Eventually he reached the safety of a rain cloud and breathed easily for the first time. Not for long, however, because the German turned up again and chased him through four complete turns before Shulemson flipped out and broke away, this time for good.

#### Stays on Job

W/O Meek, navigator in an RAF heavy bomber, is cited for gallantry when, though desperately wounded and suffering intensely after an attack on Berlin last month, he refused to leave his post. "Although deprived of practically all his navigational equipment, he plotted the route home with great skill," says the *Gazette*.

Immediate D.F.C.s went to S/L C. W. Smith, Windsor, Ont., and F/L Sven R. W. Laine, Port Arthur, Ont., both of the Goose Squadron. Laine, a veteran of 10 trips to Berlin, is cited for determination and skill in pressing home an attack on Brunswick though his Lancaster took fire over the target. Smith is cited as "a most efficient flight commander, whose leadership has been most inspiring."

Immediate D.F.M.s went to F/S Ross E. Irwin, South River, Ont., flight engineer; F/S Alexander Clibbery, pilot, La Prairie, Ont.; mid-upper gunner Sgt. R. E. Qualle, Beverley, Sask.; and F/S John Angus, Toronto, rear-gunner.

During last month's attack on Brunswick F/S Angus drove off (Continued on page 6, col. 1.)

### ALBACORE HITS NAZI WARSHIP OFF BOULOGNE

Fire Breaks Out on Enemy Vessel After Bomb Strikes

For a successful attack on a German destroyer off Boulogne, which scored at least one direct hit, seriously damaging the warship and putting her out of action, F/O D. Thomson, Fort Assiniboine, Alta., of an RCAF Albacore squadron, has been awarded an immediate DFC.

The enemy vessel was apparently caught napping as Thomson, striking at night, dived from 2,000 to 1,000 feet before releasing his bombs. At least one of his bombs struck the after deck, and three hit the water along the starboard bow. Immediately after the detonation a fire broke out on the destroyer.

Only after the attack had ended, and Thomson turned sharply to sea did flak come up from the destroyer and her companion vessel.

"The flak was coming up hot, and we couldn't climb up to have a look," he said later. "That big stuff on the destroyers was coming after us for at least three miles."

Thomson, whose observer is F/O A. H. Bartlett, Montreal, had made four successful strikes on enemy shipping the previous month.

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Before an Air Liaison Officer (that's the official name) is selected by the Air Branch of Army Headquarters, he must have had a year's experience in the field, be fully trained in Commando tactics, and pass a course of specialised training. After that he is classified G3 (Air)—junior staff officer, and stands ready to

sell the Army to the Air Force, and vice versa.

Typical of the Brown Jobs are two young captains, recently posted to an airfield in Scotland where RCAF fighter pilots, newly arrived from Canada, are completing their operational training. They are Arthur W. Woodhouse, Montreal, of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, and Jack Price, Toronto, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards.

Capt. Woodhouse explained his task this way: "When the pilots take off we tell them what the target is going to be, what it looks like, and where it is; also how to identify tanks, and recognise the army on the ground. Every scrap of information they bring back is a help to us."

"Incidentally," he went on, pointing to a group of pilots at a dispersal hut across the duck-walk, "when the boys in the front lines see these lads smashing up enemy defences right ahead of them, and crawl over the rubble, they'll learn that Army Co-operation is synonymous with morale."



EDITORIAL

Air Minister Reports

NAPOLEON OF THE COOK-HOUSE

If You Want a Fancy Cake or a Cauliflower Ear, Sgt. Stradiotti Will be Glad to Oblige

Following is a report to the House of Commons by Maj. The Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of National Defence for Air, following the recent conferences between representatives of the Canadian and United Kingdom Governments.

ONE of the many legendary characters of the RCAF in this war is going to be a man who works in a kitchen instead of a cockpit.



The fliers on Winco Moncrieff's airfield may be heroes to their mothers, but here is their hero, Sgt. Napoleon Stradiotti. The sergeant keeps them happy by making miracles like the above display, out of war rations.

pastry," he says. "In that way I have the regular margarine and butter rations for other things, for instance this butter icing here."

Demobilisation and Pre-Demobilisation Training.

"Long and tough fighting lies ahead before the war is won, but we must be ready with plans for demobilisation, repatriation, and rehabilitation well in advance. Our problems in this connection are greatly accentuated because by far the largest numbers of our aircrews are serving with the RAF in distant and varied theatres of war."

Transfer of Canadian Nationals from RAF to RCAF.

"Finally a matter which, though not connected with the Air Training Plan or its graduates, but which is of considerable interest to Canadians was also considered that of the transfer from the RAF of certain Canadian nationals who had joined that Service prior to and during the early stages of the war."

Air Training Capacity.

"Besides these personnel matters consideration was given to the overall capacity of the training organisation in Canada which is administered by Canada on behalf of the partners of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan."

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. W. W. J. Allen, Sgt., Aubrey, Que.; J. R. Bateman, F/S, Timmins, Ont.; H. R. Bessen, Sgt., Grand Prairie, Alta.; J. O. E. J. Bouly, F/S, Quebec City; E. M. Couler, F/O, Souris, Man.; K. J. Cox, F/O, Toronto; A. J. Davies, F/O, Lloyminster, Sask.; W. L. Dodson, W/O, Saskatchewan; N. B. H. M. Gill, Sgt., New Westminster, B.C.; L. K. A. Grant, F/O, Vancouver; B. W. Haney, F/S, Dunnville, Ont.; C. L. Hope, Sgt., Toronto; A. H. Irvine, F/S, Toronto; A. A. Johnston, P/O, Souris, S.A.S.; G. MacD. Jones, P/O, Waterloo, Ont.; T. M. Kneale, S/L, Woodstock, Ont.; J. Blakely, Sgt., Sarnia, Ont.; M. J. Maynowski, F/O, Paynton, Sask.; M. M. Prill, F/O, Minoum, Alta.; M. F. V. Brodbeck, Sgt., Bonaventure, Que.; H. M. Schneider, F/S, Brudersheim, Alta.; W. F. Sheppard, F/O, Victoria, B.C.; D. H. Strang, Sgt., Grand Prairie, Alta.; L. Wilson, Sgt., Toronto; H. B. Wareham, O.G., Placilla Bay, Nfld.; H. P. Morris, F/O, Sarnia.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION.

J. Burns, F/S, Pittsburgh, Pa.; H. Clement, Sgt., Armstrong, B.C.; H. H. Drake, F/O, Winnipeg; A. B. Foster, F/O, Vancouver; M. Haxton, Sgt., Toronto; R. H. M. Hicks, Sgt., North Gower, Ont.; A. E. Kemp, P/O, Thornhill, Ont.; L. Stinson, F/O, St. Catharines, Ont.; W. A. Stinson, F/O, Hamilton; G. Currie, F/O, Calgary; J. D. Halliwick, Sgt., Oryenaud, Sask.; C. Murray, P/O, Waterloo, Sask.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION.

F. B. W. Anderson, Sgt., Punnichy, Sask.; A. L. Bateman, Sgt., Bateman, Sask.; C. N. Beaton, Sgt., Windsor, Ont.; W. M. Bissett, Sgt., Goderich, Ont.; C. A. Boyd, Sgt., Cole Island, N.B.; G. A. Brennan, F/O, Toronto; J. G. Brindley, F/O, F/S, Waukegan, Man.; R. B. Carlson, P/O, Halesbury, Ont.; E. R. Carvalja, Sgt., El Paso, Texas; J. M. Channon, P/O, Toronto; C. Colocor, P/O, Hesina; R. G. Cook, F/O, Toronto; C. L. Coppins, Sgt., Valcourt, Que.; C. E. Dahl, Sgt., Meigs, Sask.; J. D. Doherty, Sgt., Toronto; J. H. M. Fraser, Sgt., London, Ont.; J. E. Hardy, F/O, Twin Butte, Alta.; W. D. Heslop, Sgt., Cochrane; W. G. Hoar, P/O, Sarnia; F. J. Huesther, F/S, Brusals, Ont.; A. H. Jackson, F/O, Simcoe, Ont.; J. A. Kilpatrick, Sgt., Vancouver; E. Kilt, Sgt., W/O, Cache, B.C.; A. Lambert, Sgt., Wevyn, Sask.; R. C. Legge, Sgt., St. John, N.B.; E. J. Longstaff, Sgt., Indianapolis, Ind.; F. F. McAdams, Sgt., real; R. G. MacLean, F/O, North Sydney, N.S.; R. G. Montgomery, Sgt., Montreal; H. F. M. McQuinn, F/O, Cache, B.C.; A. H. Penner, Sgt., Laird, Sask.; E. R. Ray, F/O, Hinesville, Ga.; D. L. Robertson, Sgt., Hazel, Sask.; K. W. Roverer, Sgt., Toronto; O. A. Smith, F/O, Elmdale, Ont.; F. C. Stewart, Sgt., Charlottetown, P.E.I.; H. R. Steyer, Sgt., Markham, Ont.; F. S. Kroust, Sgt., North York, Ont.; H. E. Tanner, F/O, Port Kells, B.C.; L. R. Townsend, P/O, Calgary; J. V. H. Turnbull, P/O, St. Albert, Alta.; G. Vallance, F/O, Atespore, B.C.; W. A. Wallen, Sgt., Saskatchewan; R. J. Weatherhead, F/O, New Westminster, B.C.; G. K. Young, F/S, Stratford, W. G. Zappie, F/O, Saskatchewan; G. A. Zappie, F/O, Gasts, Sgt., Amherst, N.S.; C. E. Cronk, P/O, Toronto; L. Y. Johnston, Sgt., Winnipeg; C. MacKay, F/O, Ocean Falls, B.C.; C. L. Maunder, F/O, Lindsay; H. F. Perrot, P/O, Three Rivers, Que.; J. D. J. Pridmore, F/O, Astor, Ont.; E. D. Rodger, P/O, Winnipeg; H. J. Ross, P/O, St. Catharines; C. H. Smith, Sgt., Sydney Mines, P.O. D.F.C., Valleyview, Tex.; G. A. Mann, J. V. Walsh, Sgt., Nelson, Sask.; J. A. Anderson, F/S, London, Ont.; F. G. Baker, P/O, Wainwright, Alta.; J. P. Bishop, Sgt., Port Hope, Ont.; G. J. Smith, Sgt., Ottawa; W. E. Douglas, W/O, Balcarres, B.C.; S. E. Eversfield, F/S, Chilliwack, B.C.; M. H. Fezon, P/O, Montreal; K. F. Fichter, Sgt., Elham, Sask.; D. B. Henderson, F/O, Kingsville, Ont.; J. R. Kepling, F/S, Melford, Sask.; A. L. Keith, F/S, Sault Ste. Marie; G. A. Leitch, Sgt., Toronto; J. H. T. Lemicux, P/O, Montreal; L. E. McCee, F/S, Toronto; G. McMillan, P/O, Toronto; R. G. Madras, P/O, Winnipeg; D. C. Maxwell, Sgt., Montreal; W. G. Monk, P/O, Winnipeg; S. L. Murray, F/O, D.F.C., Valleyview, Tex.; G. A. Nelson, F/S, St. Paul, Alta.; W. G. Penner, Sgt., Ryley, Alta.; F. A. Reynolds, F/L, Chauvin, Alta.; H. L. Robinson, F/S, Montreal; E. D. Rowe, B.C., R. Orth, Ont.; W. B. Taylor, P/O, Arcola, Sask.; N. J. Waters, F/S, Lipton, Sask.; D. J. K. Walko, Sgt., Gollingswood, Ont.; G. R. Denamore, F/O, Brockfield, N.S.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION.

R. T. Pentland, P/O, Calgary; W. C. Allan, F/O, Toronto; R. E. Harmon, F/O, Edmonton; P. Perchinski, F/S, Vancouver; L. S. Yeo, F/S, Lemberg, Sask.

MONTREAL GUNNER WINS BELGIAN WAR DECORATION

First Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm to be won by a member of the RCAF was awarded recently to P/O J. H. P. Higgins, Montreal WOP/AG. He received the award for his part in intruder operations in a Boston aircraft over Belgium and occupied France.

Serving with a Canadian Boston squadron before it was converted to Mosquitoes, he completed a tour of more than a score of intruder operations before being transferred to his present instructional duties. Higgins had not been given his commission when the award was recommended.

Particular show for which the medal was recommended, aside from the general run of their lone wolf operations, Higgins thinks was a low level night attack on railway yards at Ghent.

HAMILTON ADOPTS NEW HALIFAX UNIT

Newly equipped with the latest type Halifax bombers and adopted by the City of Hamilton, W/C J. D. Blane's Tiger squadron went back into action last Tuesday night after a long layoff.

ADJ. DOFFS COAT AND LOSES POST

If F/O Victor Willing, Vancouver, had worn his greatcoat five minutes longer, he would probably still be the adjutant of the Wildcat fighter squadron, with which he completed a tour in Alaska before coming overseas.

SCORES JERRY AT 500 YARDS

Top Scoring Desert Pilot Chalks Up First on Second Tour

Top-scoring RCAF pilot of the Desert War, F/L James F. Edwards, D.F.C., D.F.M., North Battleford, Sask., chalked up the first victory of his second operational tour last week when he knocked an F.W.190 out of the sky over the Anzio beach-head at the extreme range of 500 yards.

COMMISSIONED

- Pilots.—H. E. Miskiman, Vancouver; G. S. Milne, Edmonton; J. H. Thornton, Dundee, Ont.; L. Curatolo, Montreal; J. O. Broomfield, Staveley, Que.; J. Lee, Wright, Sarnia, Ont.; K. P. Dale, Winnipeg; C. A. E. Matson, Exquimat, B.C.; H. I. Smith, Edmonton; W. J. Sheppard, Winnipeg; G. A. Biddle, Windsor; J. M. B. MacAulley, Scotstown, Que.; A. Jones, Dunnville, Ont.; J. A. J. C. Anderson, Montreal; D. J. McKenney, Froid, Sask.; J. W. Strath, Toronto; G. C. McKay, D. A. Can, Alta.; J. Sigurdson, Winnipeg; D. A. Thickett, Ladysmith, B.C.; W. J. Charles, Toronto; J. P. Dunlop, Vancouver; J. R. Wells, Biele, Man.; J. L. Egger, Nanaimo, B.C.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

- Administrative Branch.—A. J. M. Smith, Saskatoon. Operators (Controller F.) Branch.—H. V. Taylor, Toronto; J. C. Calt, Goderich, Ont.

CANADIAN OFFICERS HONORED AT PALACE

A/V/M N. R. Anderson, deputy A.O.C.-in-C, RCAF Overseas since the first of the year, attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive from the King the insignia of a Companion of the Bath. He received the award in the New Year's Honours List. Previously A/V/M Anderson was air member for air staff at A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, and before that Air Officer Commanding, Eastern Air Command.

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The Mail Bag

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"HEY, Pop," someone called. I paused and found Sgt. "Tiny" Gagnon at my elbow, his puckish face enveloped in a broad impish grin.

Valentine Notes: AW J. Macklem and ACs Bill Campbell, Bob Juffs, Comstock, Smurlick and Boughton all received anonymous Valentine cards.

Bomber Group

"BLACKOUTS" were the only big event of this week, and everyone turned out to see the grand show.

Valentine's Day dance was a big success under the direction of Y.M.C.A. supervisor J. Chisholm.

Oh, You Kid

One of the Kindergarten Kids, LAC "Stewey" Stewart, has been seen quite often lately in the vicinity of the nursing home on Castlebar Mews.

Well, LACs Szpak, McDuff and McGrew move over and make room for another comrade in arms. LAC Abby "Smiley" Glosinsky has been the recipient of heavy airmail letters.

The Mutt and Jeff combo, Cpl. "Tiny" McKnight, six-foot and a couple of hundredweight, and Cpl. Bill Sheriff, five foot plus a negligible plus, like the prodigal son, have returned to the fold.

District H.Q.

TALK about Sergeant York! His deeds were mere trifles in comparison with the heroism of some of our fellows here at D.H.Q.

While we're on the subject of pride, Cpl. Al Armstrong will shortly be a daddy. Al says it's nothing to get excited about, as he calmly puts the match in his mouth and tries to light it with his cigarette.

Our M.T. Section seems very much on the "T" these days. Maybe it's because Cpl. Bill Burden got a haircut or because LAC "Shorty" Bull threw away the cushion he uses in the driver's seat.



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THEY'RE ROLLING IN CLOVER



If mascots mean luck, then this RAF Typhoon outfit should be rolling in clover. On the left is F/O Hal Freeman, Winnipeg, and "Donald," next "Satan" the retriever, and then F/O Cliff Abbott, Edmonton, and "Heinz" the pup.



MANY an airman stood in cramped quarters of the Beaver Club last week patiently awaiting the arrival of the King and Queen on the occasion of the fourth birthday of the club.

The Maritime air-gunner is a veteran of the early bombing war on Germany. After completing 11 trips, he was seriously wounded and badly burned.

Several others were equally appreciative of Her Majesty but less fortunate than Lipsett. One of these was F/S Keith Boyle, Belleville air-gunner, who is spending a leave in London with his brother George.

Another onlooker during the royal visit was F/S Alex Watt, WOP/AG, who hails from Winnipeg. The former motor mechanic is now tinkering around Halifaxes in Coastal Command.

F/S Carl Johnston, Guelph, missed the King and Queen by only a few minutes as he nipped into the club in the usual search for friends from home.

With one tour under his belt already, F/O Chancey Morey, D.F.C., is doing a spot of instructing these days. The Cumberland, E.C., bomb-aimer has been spreading gen around his pupils for the past six months.

Three more ops. and P/O Len Goodkey can call it a tour at last. The Bancroft, Ont. observer has 27 trips over Germany and parts east in his 17 months in Bomber Command.

LIFE OF DELAROCHE

Now instructing at O.T.U. is W/O Reg Delarocche, Montreal. Reg has finished a tour which took him to North Africa.



In the above "pitcher" is F/O Hap Armstrong, Toronto, and the background indicates he isn't on the corner of Queen and Yonge either. Hap has completed two tours of ops on the Burma front.

Porcupine Points

FIRST D.F.C. to come to the Porcupine squadron was won by F/O Johnny Gray for his exploit during a recent Berlin prang.

Now eating in the officers' mess are brand new P/Os. J. R. McLaren, a Newsie, and W. J. Bernard. Other appointments are those of F/L J. M. Walton and F/L J. B. Edmunds as deputy flight commanders of "A" and "B" flights respectively.

Discip. F/S "Pop" Shead, Stonewall, Man. (pop. unknown), he of the stern demeanour, but of mental disposition, still drives his bike as though he's on a bucking bronco.

Radar Cpl. "Inky" Inkster, Toronto, swears every morning that he is on the wagon. His resolution lasts for only as long as no suggestion of pub. crawling is made.

Wireless mech. "Dunc" Duncan is on a course somewhere near London. Whether Dunc will get the gen is not known, but one thing is certain he'll have a good time.

"Brownie" McLaughlin, Vancouver, usually has a pretty good audience for his descriptions of places throughout the world. In peacetimes, "Brownie" worked on a luxury liner.



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Beaver Base

Heavy Artillery Moves

THIS week we bid farewell to two of the Base originals, F/S Baldy Saples and F/S Doug Skinner. However, it's an ill wind that blows no one good, and at least some of the hopeful swains will have a chance around here now that the heavy artillery has moved.

W/O Tubby Reid is very happy these days. Now, at long last he can claim the undisputed distinction of Base "chuta"—due to the posting of his two midget competitors, W/O Tiny Court and F/S Bill Last.

Cleanest man on the Base these days is Sgt. "Pranger" Worth. Eric now finds it necessary to visit the neighbouring metropolis several times weekly "to attend to my laundry."

F/L A. J. Bond, formerly Goose Squadron Adjutant, has achieved a well-deserved promotion, and is now Base Station Adjutant.

Our social snoop in London's west end reports that S/O Nita Tory looks nice in civvies—especially when dining at Oddeninos with "a tall, dark and handsome stranger."

The Ottawa Willis-O'Connors held a reunion recently when "Cookie," our M.T. Section glamour gal had a visit from her airman brother Ray, who is a P/O Air Gunner, recently arrived from Canada.

Enjoy themselves nevertheless. "Cookie" has now deserted us for Overseas Headquarters—which will produce an increase in business at the Embassy and other Piccadilly night spots.

Taking the rest cure these days is Joe Grenier, who acquired two lovely bags under his eyes while vacationing in Scotland.

Elliott Branch and Walt Morgan are practical persons who believe in making every minute count. They are combining their passion for the theatre in a neighbouring city with a course in equipment stores pro-

BOMBER QUINTET ON SECOND TOUR

Along with four veteran crewmates, S/L Jack Bissett, D.F.M., Winnipeg, is about to start his second tour of ops. Recently promoted to his present rank, Bissett has also been appointed a flight commander in the Lion squadron.

He finished his first tour as an N.C.O., and since being screened has been instructing at a unit. He was awarded the D.F.M. on completion of his first tour, winning his commission at the same time.

Bissett and his four veteran friends draw into their shell when asked about their first tour. They claim they came through the whole series without a single shaky do. But according to the record, Bissett has flown over Berlin, Mannheim, Frankfurt, Essen and Hamburg, among other targets.

The four who are beginning their second tour again in his crew are F/O "Whitey" White, D.F.M., Perth, Ont.; F/O F. R. Zulauf, D.F.M., Milverton, Ont.; F/O R. A. Shannon, D.F.M., Winnipeg, and F/O J. G. Leclair, Montreal.



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# Rumors of Rumors

G1 (CAN)

MAIN topic around these parts this week is that old move rumor that keeps coming periodically. Don't give up fellows. It could happen, you know. After many months at "Wreckords," LACs "Wally" Wallington and George "Jeep" Prew have departed for greener pastures. New arrivals this week include Fred Shaw, Montreal, John Graff from Waterloo, Ray Lavallee from Starbuck, Man. (it is on the map, we think), and Don Robinson, Oshawa, our first motor city man.

Our boss, F/L Russ Davey, has heard the London call again, and decided he needed a spot on leave. You did say you'd be back in two weeks, didn't you, sir?

LAC Jim "Available" Macenzie thought he had the night-work cinched, but somebody had other ideas. I guess the signal girls will have to get along without you, Mac. We're wondering if that luscious blonde that LAC Davies is escorting to the "Hipp" these nights is serious or not.

We don't know whether the many romances of "Rolly" Vailancourt have cooled, or if they are going on the secret list. He is very quiet about his doings of late.

We had almost forgotten about F/S Doug Spalding's "Rep" when along comes Sgt. "Rep" Mitchinson. Tsk! Tsk! Sarge, we all thought you knew that sentry boxes were to be left standing.

After a lengthy stay in the hospital, Cpl. Bob Heiser has returned. Cpl. Gord Hornstein should brighten up now that his pint-lifting pal is back. Also out of sick quarters are LAC Lorne McTaggart and Cpl. Norm Clarke.

All the A2 Gang join in with Mem and his G1 Crew in wishing Eddie Sturgeon all the best. You're a lucky fellow, Eddie.

—LAC Al Pope.

A2 (CAN)

THIS week must definitely start off with the telling of F/S Art Mingay's mid-week 48. Art had the pleasure of being invited to a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace to see his soldier brother receive the MBE, the second big thrill in recent weeks. The first was when he received word from his other aircrew brother saying he was safe in a POW camp after being missing for months.

Visiting this week are three former "inmates," Roy Roper, Lloyd Fawcett and "Romeo" Romaniuk. They're down here with F/O Moore trying to keep Records right—they say. Judging from the plans and preparations made for paynight, we see where the place will be reminiscent of old times. The leader of this Spartan exercise is, of course, "Commando" Bud McEvoy and Jenchman.

Seems the germs are keeping track of where to get their best meals. Now in hospital with various temperatures and types are "Blondie" Evenson and Stewart.

Away on leave this week are F/S Patsy Kavanagh and AC Len Craig. Seems Len is waiting here in town for something before moving further afield.

When next you "Bore" your way through this column, Eddie Sturgeon "single" will have left work, arrived at church, got married, honeymooned and back at work again. Congrats, and all the very best for the future to Winnie and yourself, Ed.

When seen in London last week-end, Cpl. "Marney" Moses was unconsciously polishing an imaginary bayonet while sipping a light. Must be the course. Supposed to have been the best man at Ed's wedding, Moe, disappointedly finds he won't be able to make it, so yours truly will try and bat a thousand instead.

—F/S "Mem" Aitken.



ESCHENBERG - 44

"What Do You Mean, You'll Toss Me 14 Days or Nothing?"

## POTINS et NOUVELLES

LE GENERAL MARTIAL LEVALIN, Commandant en Chef des Forces Aériennes Françaises Libres en Grande Bretagne, en Russie et au Moyen-Orient, a visité cette semaine la section française du Bureau des Relations Extérieures à l'Aviation Canadienne. Le Général Valin a profité pour témoigner des relations amicales qui existent entre les aviateurs du F.A.F.L. et du C.A.R.C., un véritable rapprochement entre la France et le Canada français, comme nous le signalons la semaine dernière en annonçant l'ouverture d'une école préparatoire au vol de guerre. De toutes façons, le Commandant en Chef français ne dissimule pas son admiration pour les aviateurs canadiens.

Nous apprenons, dans la gazette officielle à Londres que le commandant d'escadre Baxter Richer, de Montréal, vient d'être décoré de la D.F.C. Ce jeune commandant de l'escadrille "Alouette" fait partie de la force permanente de l'Aviation Royale Canadienne, et sa carrière est brillante et mouvementée. Pendant cette guerre, il fut en action en Angleterre et dans la zone méditerranéenne. La citation témoigne de sa haute valeur: "Le commandant d'escadre Baxter Dollard Richer a complété, contre l'ennemi, plusieurs opérations couronnées de succès, au cours desquelles il a manifesté une grande dextérité, avec une force morale et un dévouement insignes." Cette citation, rendue publique le 11, est rétroactive au 5 février. Le commandant d'escadre a un frère, également pilote, en Angleterre, le lieutenant de section Paul Richer.

Un autre aviateur canadien-français, l'officier-pilote François Mayou, de Verdun, Québec, à la suite d'un grand courage démontré au cours de nombreuses opérations de vol de guerre, se voit attribuer la D.F.C. S'ajoutent à cette liste deux noms bien connus dans les milieux canadiens-français, tous deux de Québec; le lieutenant d'aviation H. W. Keane, D.F.M., reçoit la D.F.C., et son concitoyen, l'officier-pilote J. C. Brown, reçoit la même croix de vol. Ces deux québécois de langue anglaise parlent couramment le français, et sont amis des nôtres.

Un autre équipage essentiellement canadien-français vient de terminer la préparation au vol de guerre, et ses membres nous racontent que toutes les communications d'intercom. se font dans leur langue. Le pilote et capitaine est le sous-officier breveté Jacques Têroux, de Cartierville; son navigateur vient d'Ottawa, le sergent de section Pierre Gauthier, jadis traducteur et grand ami de l'escadrille "Lorraine." Le radiotélégraphiste-mitrailleur est du nord de Québec, le sergent Maurice Bernier, de Noranda, et le bombardier est un autre Outaouais, le sergent François Bernier. Les deux mitrailleurs (arrière et centre) sont les sergents Romuald Pêpin, et Paul Corbell, de St. Jean d'Iberville et Bonfield respectivement; il ne manque que l'ingénieur pour compléter cet équipage, lequel attend, en vacance, les opérations prochaines.

L'aviateur-chef Roland Courtois a révisé, semble-t-il, son rêve de quitter le bureau de poste du quartier général: il sera désormais responsable du courrier des aviateurs dans une escadrille canadienne.

## Top Notch

BAGS of Sports activity, Jam Sessions and Quiz Queries top the programme this week. Cpl. Nick Phiska, although nearly heart broken over the last hockey game, still carries on and passes some of that old fighting spirit to the rest of the boys. With the first eliminations over, and the lads on top—Cromaby, McGlade, Russell, Carr, Louie Legg, Olivier, Bryson, Gignac, Beniot, Walker, Sharpe, Bonneau, Robertson and Dean undoubtedly will show plenty of spirit in the semi-finals and the finals that are soon coming up.

One of the highlights of the sports events coming up in the middle of March promises to be the boxing match. Good prospects on the line-up to give the boys their money's worth include Paddy Nagle, Phil Pott, LAC Sturn and LAC Booth.

Other sporting activities of late occurring hereabouts include basketball with Macintosh, McDonald and Green showing great form and helping to make it a bang-on team.

## Band Comes Out

Last week saw the lads of our newly formed band make its début under the master of the ivory, F/O Woods. LAC Dennon, ex-Toronto Band man, Phil McKellar, trumpet, Cpl. Grevals and ACW Eddie Warrel gave the lads and lassies a rare treat. Henceforth the swingsters will blare forth twice weekly.

Cpl. Geo. Burgess is off the list for the time, recuperating with a broken wrist.

Everybody from the lowest rank upwards stuck out their mitts this pay day and received the Canadian Volunteer Medal, known as the E.G.O. medal (everybody's got one). Glad to see it, though.

Comes word this week that yet another has risen. Congrats to F/L M. A. A. Singer, Montreal, on his recent promotion.

Folks are glad to see our Blonde back again after a little vacation in the blood and bandage shop. Now Cpl. Joy Ball hikes it south to enjoy a well earned leave. We hope.

—Jerry Cutler.



## WILTSHIRE M.U.

By Louis Ziff

VIC VICKERY is back from leave in London, where he ran across a number of old 396'ers. (396 was the number of Vic's ab initio course at Central Tech. in Toronto.) Among them were Bud Burton, of Toronto, and Wolfe, from around Clinton. He just missed Yorkshire gen. man Maisonneuve and Barry Short-hill.

Al Rattray, another 396'er, has written Vic suggesting a reunion in London during the next leave period. Those 396 men who are interested should write Vic, or LAC A. N. Rattray, R167245, c/o Base Post Office.

Jim Mulvihill reports that he met Bob Nesbitt, Ottawa, while on leave in Edinburgh. Less lucky was Cpl. Joe May, who fell ill while holidaying, but is back now, well as ever.

Al Loggie and Junior Hudson were pleasantly surprised when they met those dashing squadronaires, Wally and Ralph Light, at the local Naafi. Al and Junior took their ab initio course with the rocky Cobalt twins.

Ranks of the Canadians hereabouts will be weakened by the departure of LACs Scotty Campbell, Jack Fraser and Junior Hudson. We all hope to be seeing them again before long.

## SOUTH WALES M.U.

By Cpl. Goldsmith

WE'VE learned that Cpl. Bob "Peaches" Hambleton is now at 6 SFTS, Brantford. Bob was one of the original radio mechs. of U. of T. and Can. 1 fame. He is now wheeling Ansons around, and finding them quite a change from the kites in which he flew on air tests in this neighbourhood.

We are expecting Cpls. Fraser and Freeborn back from London shortly with some personal accounts of the raids. But if they inhabit the same bars as we do, we doubt if they even heard an alert.

Our London emissaries this week are quite numerous; Cpls. Wood and McInnes and LACs Shirley, Irvine and Kloppenberg. Cpl. "Willy" Rachuk has deserted the bright lights, and is holidaying with his wife in a nearby village.

LAC "Shadow" Sergeant" Shirley really hit the jack-pot this week at pay accounts. We predict a very hectic leave for our Western friend. How about buying us another guitar, Walt? The Idyllic Welsh climate has warped the old one rather seriously. Not that it can be heard above twenty lusty voices anyway.

## VISITING FIREMEN

THERE are more flies in North Africa than there are in the rest of the whole world," are the sentiments of Cpl. R. M. Brooker, Orillia, Ont., who has recently returned to this country with his squadron after 10 months of radio headaches in the Mediterranean theatre.

Cpl. D. H. Rumble, Regina, provided a stirring amen to that statement as he added: "Yeah, there are more flies there than Carter has liver pills."

They and another corporal with North African experience, Cpl. E. H. Dinzey, Calgary, were beating their gums and happy to be back in England when they ran into each other recently

on leave in London. Rumble had been back about three months and strolled into the big city to find his other two friends whom he met first in Algiers, touring the city on disengagement leave.

Dinzey and Brooker had been together on a RAF nightfighter squadron while in Africa, and Rumble had been stationed not too far away from them with a squadron of glider pilots chauffing around airborne troops.

## Fried Chicken?

Rumble had notable experience while riding in a glider from Oran. He pranged in the desert with the others and they all shared "fried chicken with the feet cut off" (bully beef with you uninitiated). All three had "got some in" upstairs during their tour in Africa.

Brooker and Rumble were direct entry mechs, and arrived in England early in 1941. Dinzey is a graduate of the first radio course at McGill and was not far behind his buddies in U.K. service.

LAC Bill Newton has enough in to qualify for 18 months' voluntary over in Blighty, so there's no question of him not getting his N. A. A. F. I. ribbon.

Bill studied the intricate science of electronics at the University of Saskatchewan before moving to the Canadian alma mater of all radar mechs., Clinton's "S.I.C.P.Y. Hollow." He was snoring away in classes as early as G-6-R.

## LAC Bill Newton

away in classes as early as G-6-R.

Ring 'em Bells  
Bill hit this country with LAC Ron Keeping and the two stick together for quite a while before Ron got around to taking out himself a light of love in addition to a pal. His Calgary sidekick is figuring on a knot-tying job with a miss in Bradford, Yorkshire, next month.

F/O T. "Buster" Hoffer, a Winnipeg mech. who made good, is just back from the Orkneys and passed through the big city en route to one of those perennial courses. He's seriously interested in having another one of his successful classmates, F/O "Harpy" Harper, Regina and Moose Jaw, get in touch with him as soon as he saves up enough paper and ink.

## NORTH ENGLAND

By Jack Scarelliff

WITH a screech and a jerk (who failed to get off) the LMS stopped at a Northern Metropolis this week, and as we stood on the platform, sixty deep, who should raise the proverbial hand but Jeff McDowell and George Maybee, returning from London way. The Rajah of Podunk had nothing on these "jeep-pushers" the way they were enthroned on those deep velvet cushions, smiling paternally at a cute little ATS girl of obvious French descent. To Jeff's always ready card trick she remarked, "Yoo Canadians shoot the line, Oul?"

Spring violets to "Sandy" Sanderson, Sammy Arenow, and "Nick" Nichol, who are carrying the extra weight of a third stripe. We learn with regret that Cpl. Bill Hogg is posted.

Good luck, Bill. (Continued on page 5, col. 1.)

## Lion Squadron

# Calling Correspondents

FOR some time now we have been curious about what methods, if any, other correspondents use to obtain a complete coverage of their squadron's activities. Until now we haven't used any sources but the cocked ear and the occasional chat with the adj. Consequently, the Lion's news has been more or less limited. Beginning next week an arrangement has been reached whereby each flight and section commander will gather odds and ends of interest for inclusion in this column. At least that's the idea, but perhaps other correspondents have better methods or ideas for gathering material. If so, we'd like to read about them.

Following the Magdeburg raid last month F/S Rex Clibbery and Sgt. "Shorty" Qualle received immediate awards of the D.F.M. Making their first operational flight as captain and mid-upper gunner, a nightfighter attacked their aircraft over the target. One of Sgt. Qualle's guns was rendered useless and extensive damage was done to the rest of the aircraft. Despite these handicaps, Sgt. Qualle accounted for the Jerry and F/S Clibbery successfully flew the aircraft back to this country.

Besides the above, congratulations go to Sgt. Taillon, who recently took unto himself a charming French wife; to W/O2 Bill Roberts, a regular contributor of snappy cartoons to this paper, who is now a W/O; to Len Webb, popular mid-upper

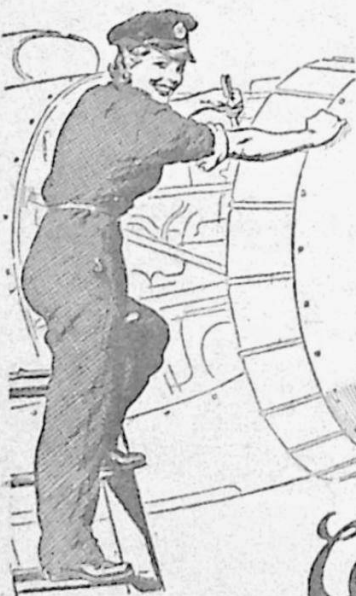
gunner, who has been commissioned; to Bill Schlote, squadron radar officer from Waterloo, who has exchanged his pin stripe for the more discernible ring of a F/O; to S/L Jack Bissett, D.F.M., of Winnipeg, who has been recently promoted and appointed flight commander; to Ron Forde, who passed the cigars the other day when he learned he was the father of a bouncing boy; to Bill Galpin, W/T gen man who is blinding the boys rigid since he mounted his tapes; and, finally, congratulations to Jack Grainge and Jim Iverson, recent arrivals who were fortunate in picking such a red-hot squadron.

Marty Sawyer and Bill Thompson, just back from a leave spent for the most part at Oxford University taking a course arranged by the Canadian Legion, report having had an enjoyable and profitable time. Fergie Ferguson and Gord Maitland presently on leave in Ireland are sartorially impeccable in classy drapes loaned by a religious organisation located in a nearby town. The orderly room and discip. staffs, who have been definitely out of sorts of late due to morning work parades, are once again their placid selves with the cancellation of the parades. Chick Levesque has chalked up a win.

To Karl Kalbfleisch: Don't believe anything you hear and only half what you see.

—Bud James.

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The Demons

Romance Has Blossomed

OUR former Flight Commander, S/L Cam Taylor, Winnipeg, paid us a visit last week and received handshakes and congrats on his new D.F.C. "A proper do" was held in a nearby town to fit the occasion, with the result that the policemen there are still wondering if it was a cyclone that passed through.

Romance has blossomed greatly this past while. Our postman, LAC "Sleepy" Madill, Gooderham, Ont., was seen at noon gayly skipping along the road hand in hand with a Waaf. The same girl spent most of her time at the post office until recently. Unfortunately, the discip. office is next door and the wall is thin. W/O "Roy" Faulkner, Goderich, Ont., 1/c discip. heard her one day and cut her visit short, much to the embarrassment of Madill. I guess that mail and female just don't mix. Oh! that's done it. LAC "Hoppy" Hopkins, Innisfail, Alta., says, "If corn is money, we'd be settled for life." Cpl. John Cobb, Toronto, Ont., would like to have the Waaf's billet moved far from the road leading to the mess halls, especially since he was seen during the tea hour rush, with a newly arrived box of "chocs" under his arm, waiting for his "Cookie."

R and I "Hospital"

I all started on paper, but this R. & I section has emerged from a promiscuous file of hurried scribbles to a set-up not unlike a huge aircraft hospital. Acceptances, modifications and inspections are now being doctored in a manner that almost amazes us at times.

Since "A" Annie has now been moved to the "Convalescent Ward," it enables us to operate on several aircraft with a certain degree of comfort, especially since our eminent A/C doctors, F/S Bob Ramsay and Sgt. "Tomb" Stone are enjoying a spot of well-earned leave. However, since our two interneers, Sgts. Asham and Allan (of old soldier fame) have taken to visiting the local pubs, they must be times lick their own wounds caused by a prang from a not-so-steady bicycle.

Just why is it that Sgt. Mallice bolts his lunches and stays out so late these cold evenings? Is it that he enjoys night air or "sumpin'?" Theme song of Cpl. McInnes seems to be, "Why does everything happen to me?" Cheer up, Mac, every cloud has a silver lining.

The coffers of No. 2 Hangar Anti-Swear Campaign have fallen these days. Seems as the boys are moderating their language to save their pockets. There are a few outstanding accounts on the box, one of them F/S Campbell, of "A" Flight, and to the tune of five bob. It seems some people don't know when to give in.

LAC Hapwood spends most of his spare time walking around a nearby hotspot. See LAC "Ace" Bailey, and learn how to wolf the Mecca way. LAC Macaffee finds his days off rather strenuous, and comes back to camp for a much-needed rest.

LAC Withers becomes so wrapped up on his day off that he spends a week getting straightened out. No doubt he can keep track of that time.

Cpl. Pete Grant and LAC Sammy Cook are campaigning in the local spheres. How about it, fellows, don't you feel guilty drinking up the natives' rations? It would appear Sgt. MacLaughlan is quite a whipcracker, or why do all his AC's head for the nearest YMCA in their time off?

Congrats. are in order to Cpls. Bewley, Bookam, Ross and Bois-sonneault. Cheer up, fellows, it's a long way to the top. Which reminds us, drinks for all are due from S/L Cam Brown and F/Ls. Green and Holmes.

Sgt. F. Prudence.

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Pay Table Crumbs

WE were nearly ready to put WOI "Clem" Cavanaugh's name on the "non-eff" list, but a surprise visit to Accounts last Monday has put everything right. Clem's having too good a time on his present station to do much traveling, and does he look well on it!

Big event of the week was the marriage of Cpl. Toni Landry to Lance Cpl. John Weedon, Canadian Army. Highlights of the day were Lou Raby, who gave the bride away, doing a Boy Scout job for taxis in and all round the Battersea area.

"Bonnie" Baker proposing a toast to the couple on behalf of our W.D.s LAW's Anderson and Jumphies doing a swell job of serving the mob; Don "Rosie" McLean and Bob Richardson excelling at the bar. It was bartending, wasn't it boys? LAW Jean Hodgson, bridesmaid, thinks everyone had a grand time.

Our apologies to Sgt. "Leo" Ladouceur for last week's "bloomer." We only just managed to prevent P. and A. Registry from actioning that reversion, so what's it worth Leo?

SPROG CLICKS IN GEN CREW

F/O Lloyd George McDonald, Toronto, a fewsman with Canadian Press before he joined up, had the toughest assignment of his career recently when on his third operational trip as a navigator he had to guide a Thunderbird squadron gen crew to Berlin.

Among them his mates held six decorations and all but one were second-tour men. "Fortunately we met little opposition and I made no boobs in my paper work," said the sprog. "I don't mind admitting that I did a lot of perspiring."

Skipper of the Lancaster was S/L A. F. "Al" Avant, D.F.C., youngest flight commander in RCAF Bomber Group at 21. It was the first trip of his second tour. F/L Mark Roach, D.F.C., D.F.M., Thunderbird Squadron bombing leader, was the bomb-aimer. He was logging his 50th trip. In the rear turret was the squadron's 24-year-old gunnery leader, F/L J. D. "Jimmy" Watts, D.F.M., just completing his first tour. All three come from Vancouver.

The mid-upper gunner, W/O G. Y. Lebel, Cacouna, Que., was flying the first trip of his second tour, as were the flight engineer, F/O R. G. Priddy, D.F.C., Port Carling, Ont., and the wireless operator, P/O W. R. Shelling-ton, D.F.M., Brantford, Ont.

VETERAN FLYERS GET NEW POSTS

Three of RCAF Bomber Group's squadrons have had new flight leaders appointed, the officers concerned adding another ring when they took over the jobs.

With the Bluenose Squadron S/L F. E. Carter, Courtney, B.C., has been to Berlin, Stuttgart, Dusseldorf, Mannheim and Nuremberg on some of his trips over enemy territory.

New flight commander with the Ghost Squadron is S/L F. R. "Frank" McGugan, Weyburn, Sask. He is a veteran with almost four years' service to his credit.

S/L H. W. Metzler, Fort William, Ont., has taken over his new post with the Halifax Squadron, unofficially dubbed "Tiger."

The bulk of his operational career was developed in the Middle East, where he piled up 24 op. sorties.

WESTMOUNT AIRMAN QUENCHES FLAME

LAC B. M. Reid's quick thinking and disregard for personal danger nipped what might have become a serious fire recently at an RCAF field hospital commanded by W/C J. M. Growse, London, Ont.

Reid, whose home is in Westmount, Que., was working in the officers' mess when a container of inflammable stuff caught fire. Before the blaze could spread Reid picked up the container and rushed outside, where the flames were smothered with an extinguisher.

Although Reid himself appeared to be on fire as he dashed from the tent he escaped with a minor burn on his right hand.

Eventually the bomb-aimer, P/O R. J. Brown, Toronto, the wireless operator, an Englishman, the navigator, F/O D. R. Hutcheon, Davidson, Sask., the second dickie, F/S E. Vigor, St. Catharines, Ont., and the skipper went out the front hatch, while the mid-upper gunner and the flight engineer, both Englishmen, went out the rear.

WIMPS WORK NIGHT SHIFTS

Canadians in Italy Boot Swing Shift With Fortresses

Flying under hazardous conditions which include icing and dense cloud formations over mountainous country, Canadians in squadrons of RAF Wellington bomber crews have plastered the Greek harbor of Piraeus, the Bulgarian capital, a fighter aircraft factory near Bologna and two airfields behind enemy lines on recent nights.

In every raid the bombing was accurate and deadly with the exception of one airfield, where cloud shrouded the target. The nocturnal intrusions, all made from Italian bases, were highly destructive.

The Wimps have been working a swing shift with U.S. Fortresses, the Americans hitting a target by day and the Wellingtons taking over after dark, usually finding fires still burning in the wake of the Forts. The co-operation has proved successful against the Bulgarian capital, against Piraeus and on the huge Reggino Amelia aircraft factory near Bologna, where photographs showed extensive destruction. At Villa Orba airdrome, the Wellingtons messed up runways which Nazi fighters were using to intercept the day-bombing Forts. They also destroyed a number of enemy fighters on the ground.

On the most famous Wellington squadron in the group, both flight commanders are Canadians, S/L James Bodman, Edmonton, and S/L Gordon Avment, D.F.C., Winnipeg. Another outstanding Canadian pilot in the same wing is F/L Eric McDowell, D.F.C., Victoria B.C., a veteran of the RAF for four years.

The crews include Sgt. Leslie F. Dutton, Toronto; F/S Reginald Carter, Weston, Ont.; F/S James Cartledge, Verdun, Que.; Sgt. Arthur Howes, Saskatoon; Sgt. Norman Reid, Edmonton; Sgt. Edward Beetz, Winnipeg; Sgt. Tom Bradshaw, Edmonton; Sgt. Vernon Norbury, Ladysmith, B.C.; F/S Edward de Blaquiére, Victoria; Charles Cameron, Vancouver; P/O William E. Turner, Rossland, B.C.; F/O George Wickhammer, Winnipeg; P/O F. M. McKenna, Vancouver; and P/O Ernest Sutherland, Drumheller, Alta.

Echelon Erks

REPORTS brought back from London have it that LAC (Morphis - in - the - underbrush) MacLeod was seen doing early morning readiness at the threshold of the "Crown," Lancaster Gate way.

Sponsored by the pilots as a farewell gesture, an impromptu get-together for members of two echelons was held in the N.A.A.F.I. the main course consisting of mild "kickapoo juice." Words of appreciation were voiced by G/C E. A. McNab, D.F.C., station commander, S/L J. S. Darrant, chief technical officer and others, with F/O G. W. Jacques, acting as master of ceremonies. The station band rendered sweet moosic throughout.

The "Merry Widow's" hat rack is being graced with not one, but two airmen's caps these nights. It seems that Cpl. Stan Morris's little flower knows another little flower, and young George Pearce has been going along to make up the foursome, for tea—so they say!

The wireless section, while listening-out lately, have heard no little bit about Luubelle, over the "Little Tannoy," and are wondering if it's the eggs she cooks up, or what's cookin'?

Cpl. Hogan is sporting a couple of hooks now. Both Red Gordon and "Gib" Gibson apparently have something definite in mind, 'cause sending home for "quids" of that proportion certainly doesn't suggest pin money. Our guess is that they're both off at the deep end.

On the first road test, Red Gordon's newly acquired motorbike mysteriously disappeared from in front of the dancehall. He has the bike back now along with numerous headaches, including courts, insurance companies, jvvy police, service police and lawyers, but the culprit remains at large, and judging from Red's looks, he'd better stay that way.

CATCHING UP

Young F/O Johnny Turnbull, Govan, Sask., is starting to catch up on big brother W/C Bob Turnbull, A.F.C., D.F.M., Lion Squadron commander. The "kid brother" who flies with the Moose Squadron, now wears the two rings of a flight lieutenant.

Ten Talk

Society Stomp Success

The outstanding social event was the Fancy Dress Dance in the "Y" on St. Valentine's Day. Kirk Bell, the YMCA wallah, seemed to find no difficulty in filling the role of a clown. Kirk is very popular out here. So are his weekly dances, and more than one Canuck would add, so is his sister, Helen.

Her attached posting to the parent station is not favoured by our titian-dressed R.T.O., who, as St. Valentine, led the parade and carried off first prize.

A maximum effort on the part of the WAAF officers was greatly appreciated. "Squaw" Kelly presented the prizes. We noted at the event LAC M. R. Bissonnette, Montreal, dressed in his night attire, but not at all sleepy. LAC J. Dusseault, Montreal, was dancing steadily, and conversing rapidly in French with our French-speaking S/O Collins.

LAC Stoyack, Winnipeg, cutting a rug in the real hep to the jive manner, left his friend, LAC Jack Skellein, Victoria, looking on sadly shaking his head. LAC J. W. Tremblay, Quebec, looked somewhat dejected too. Perhaps it was because his bride-to-be was absent. LAC Rea, Toronto, and LAC N. F. O'Connor were noticed among the dancers. P/O Rowley, London, tells an interesting story. It was mid-

night. Strange noises were issuing from the little room beside the barber shop. Friend Rowley drew closer. He listened. "Hip-one-two-three. Hip-one-two-three." He slowly and quietly opened the door to investigate, and there was our worthy SWO, W/O W. J. Jessleman, parading up and down in his nightgown, going through the various motions of his rifle drill, memories of Manning Depot.

LAC Gunther, while working at night, fell off an engine stand and injured his arm. Did you enjoy the sick leave you were trying for, Bill?

The long-expected wedding of our M.T. pilot, LAW Fairless, took place the other Saturday. Several of the Bluenose boys were present for the ceremony, and arrived back high in spirits if a little late.

In his modest way, LAC King, "A" flight champion pedal-pusher, announced the breaking of all existing records of pedalling into town. He makes it 14 minutes, 46 seconds. King claims that on a full stomach and a stripped wheel he could cut the seconds off his existing record.

LAC McGarry, the man from PEEI, is doing a thriving business in the barber trade. Get this boys—his cuts are free. —Sgt. F. W. Mason.

MEET "HANS THE HORSE" MASCOT OF MOSSIE MEN

Hans is a horse. He's the mascot of an Intruder squadron of the RCAF. He would never win a beauty contest. Man O'War, Whirlaway, Seabiscuit or the horse pulling your milk wagon need have no worry about their laurels.

But to the Intruder Canadians, Hans, with his white face, scruffy coat and pink eyes, is as fine as any dobbie on the finest merry-go-round in existence.

He is pastured in a field lying between the Canadians' mess and the airfield. It's a common sight to see a group of Canadian pilots or navigators leaning over the fence carrying on a conversation with their good luck horse.

Intruder pilots returning to base after a trip over enemy territory, are forced to fly over Hans' pasture. They dip their wings in a salute, and Hans usually looks up, tosses his head and probably says, "There are my boys home again."

The boys write home about him, and here's a sample from one letter to an airman's wife: "Hans sends his best too. I was talking to him this afternoon, and he was saying he thought he should go into the Irish sweepstakes this year if he can get the plowing done in time."

There is only one problem. It's

a poor mascot that doesn't make a familiarisation flip in the aircraft flown by the squadron. How Hans will ever get his flip in a Mosquito has the Intruders stumped.

GUNNER CROONS HIS WAY HOME

Six minutes of his own style of swoon-crooning constituted F/S Jean Paul Bilodeaux's "last mile" as he bailed out of a Wellington bomber in the black of night on a recent ride.

The Sherbrooke air-gunner found himself feeling softly sentimental on the way down. Thinking of the home-folks as he dangled on the end of his parachute and floated slowly through the fog, he sang the song which was tops on the parade of hits as he left home, "The Anniversary Waltz." He waltzed safely back to his squadron.

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