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BOMBERS OUT FOUR NIGHTS IN SIX

BATTER FRANKFURT, AMIENS & STUTTGART

RCAF Group Carries its Heaviest Load In Two-Pronged Attack; Tonnage Tops Luftwaffe's Best

JACOBS, SWETMAN, TURNBULL LEAD UNITS

COMPLETING their fourth major operation within six days RCAF Bomber Group delivered a heavy load of bombs at Frankfurt on Saturday night. Wednesday night they went to Stuttgart and Amiens with the heaviest load of bombs they have carried since the group was formed. On Thursday evening RCAF bombers again visited Amiens.

Frankfurt.

Lancasters and Halifaxes of RCAF Bomber Group unloaded deadly cargoes over Frankfurt on Saturday night. Other Canadian bomber squadrons laid mines in enemy waters. W/C Bill Swetman, DFC, Kapuskasing, Ont., ied his Thunderbirds to the target. It was his fifty-second sortic over was his fifty-second sortic over enemy territory. Other squad-ions participating included the Goose, Alouette, Snowy Owl, Porcupine, Tiger, Bison and Lenside

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P/O Joe Corbally, Toronto, Lion squadron bomb-aimer, told of going in with the second wave of attackers. "Target indicators were good, and I was able to bomb dead on... The attack seemed to start in the north-west part of the city and then switch to the centre. It looked well concentrated, and the fires were just taking hold when we arrived..."

"Scattered fires had started by the time we went in," said S/L. Jerry Bell, Victoria, B.C., "but coming out we could see the glow for a good distance." S/L Bell is a Lion squadron navigator-flight commander.

The Pathfinder Force was "bang-on," said Sgt. Don Frayling, Lion squadron midupper gunner, of Saulte Ste. Marie, Ont.

Sgt. Lyle Chistner, Bison squadron rear gunner, London, Ont., told of a battle with are enemy fighter as his Halifax. piloted by F/O Al MacDonald Vancouver, was starting its bombing run.

"An Me.110 attacked us from

hombing run.
"An Me.110 attacked us from dend astern," said Chistner-"It closed to 200 yards and

SMILE!

FIGHTING NAMESAKES

Two of the Canadian Spitfire pilots who figured in last Wednesday's Focke-Wulf massacre over Cambrai airfield bear the names of World War commanders.

They are F/L Alec Foch Halcrow, Penticton, B.C., and F/O Robert Kitchener Hay-ward, St. John's, Nfld. Hayward destroyed one FW 190, badly damaged another and shared in the possible destruction of an Me, 410 bomber. Halcrow bagged an FW at 50 yards range and saw it disintegrate com-pletely.

opened fire with cannon and decks. machine guns. I got a burst of about 100 rounds in and saw tracers hit. We were taking violent evasive action and shook him off."

through one propellor.

Other fighters were seen by P/O Andy McNamee, Moose Jaw, P/O Andy McNamee, Moose Jaw, Sask, 'bomb-aimer, who related how his skipper, F/S Pat Cadogan, Glace Bay, N.S., shook off two, one an ME210. It shook him, though, he said, when directly over the target another Halifax about 400 feet below and 25 yards ahead, opened fire on his own aircraft. The other was not flying on the course of the bomb. ing on the course of the bomb-ing run, and was apparently manned by an enemy crew, he concluded.

Amiens and Stuttgart.

Wednesday night the RCAF several other Beaufighte Bomber Group joined the RAF ing near it in dispersal. in a two-pronged attack on Stutt-gart and Amiens. From the latter attack all Canadian air-graft returned safely.

It was revealed that on major forts such as Wednesday iow delivering a bomb load sub-antially in excess of the tonnago lropped by the Luftwaffe on any single raid during their heavies: attacks on British cities.

Leading the Thunderbird Squadcon to Stuttgart was W/C Bill Swetman, DFC, Rapuskasing Ont. G/C J. G. Bryans, Saskatoon, a station commander, was also on the trip, flying with W/C Bob Turnbull, AFC, DFM, Govan



THE MILLION DOLLAR grins here belong to Sheila and LAC J. R. Racine, Alfred, Ont How come an elephant at an airfield? A circus—you dope.

(Official RCAP Photograph.)

RANCOURT HITS

Buffalo Squadron Flier Sets Merchantman Ablaze

F/O J. L. F. Rancourt, St. Victor de Beauce, Que., one of three French Canadians flying with the RCAF Buffalo Squadron of Coastal Command, has won his spurs as a Beaufighter pilot in attacks on enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast, Known as "Ferdy"

mates, Rancourt has been flying operationally since last October, but it wasn't until recently that he got in on his first strike against an enemy convoy. The opportunity came when the Buffalos were sent to attack a merchant vessel and four escort ships off Norway.

It was one of those days Beau pilots hanker for, with plenty of cloud cover, and they caught the Germans cold. The Beaus came in from the sea and started their attack at 800 feet, finishing almost on the deck at 300 feet.

The merchantman, their main The merchantman, their main objective, was screened on the seaward side by the escort vessels and protected on the land side by coastal flak batteries. Rancourt whisked in past the escort and dropped his bombs, two of which were seen to hit the target amidships.

As he came in low he raked

As he came in low he raked the superstructure with cannon fire which burst all along the decks. Reconnaissance proved that the vessel beached and burning.

racers hit. We were taking ident evasive action and shook him off."

After returning to base his rew found a hole blasted hrough one propellor.

Other fighters were seen by the following had burning.

The Germans at one time reported Rancourt as killed in action when they picked up a pair of his gloves from the wreckage of a Beaufighter that had been washed up on the coast of Norway. But the gloves had been worn by another pilot who failed to return.

Smell of burning insulation in a nearby aircraft reached an air frame mechanic of the RCAF Buffalo squadron in time for him o put out a fire which threatened several other Beaufighters stand-

a bright green than in the plane found that trail, followed it to the dinghy and directed a ship to them.

Al was surprised at being invited to the officers' mess. Then he learned that his commission had before putting out the fire. The aircraft was completely fuelled and constituted a definite threat to the other parked aircraft when Champion attacked the fire.

Burlon later a search plane found that trail, followed it to the dinghy and directed a ship to them.

On reaching an RAF station Al was surprised at being invited to the officers' mess. Then he learned that his commission had come through as he left on the flight. He had been a warrant officer.

Hawkshaw recalled his first drop into the ocean. "Prospects didn't look any too bright that time. But one of our landing wheels which had broken off (Continued on page 7, col. 4.)

THE NEW MAN TAKES OVER



THROUGH THIS HANDSHAKE passes the leadership of RCAF Bomber Group. AVM G. E. Brookes, CB, OBE (right) is wishing well to his successor, AVM C. M. McEwen, MC, DFC and bar.

SHARK-INFESTED RUFFLE

Crew Rescued by Indian Sailors After Clinging to Wheel All Night

his aircraft ended its career in the sea.

"When our motor went dead we sent out an SOS and managed to keep the plane in the air-for about 15 minutes," said Hawkshaw on his return to base. "We made a good landing and things went well, in contrast to the way they went on our first ditching."

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"This time we were able to jettison our fuel before going into the water, and that made a difference. The alreraft remained afloat for a minute, more than twice as long as the first time, and we were able to get our dinghy out."

When the crew had climbed into the dinghy it was found that one of the English wireless air-gunners had cut his foot and before thinking about rescue his mates attended to him.

Hoping their SOS would bring help they trailed a fluorescence.

help they trailed a fluorescene tab behind the dinghy, which left a bright green trail in the water. Four hours later a search plane

BLUE LETTER RATES CUT TO THREEPENCE

Reduction in the postal rate for blue air letter forms to Canada has been, announced officially by S/L/D. C. Kerr, i/c RCAF Overseas Postal Services.

Effective immediately, the rate has been cut from sixpence per letter to three-pence. This rate applies to all armed forces air le being carried by RCAF bomber mail.

"We are carrying all of the blue letter forms to Canada now," S/L Kerr said, "although we aren't carry-ing them all from Canada."

Rates to other areas, including mail to the Middle East and Far East, continue at the previous rate of sixpence per form.

CANUCKS KILL NEAR CAMBRA

RCAF Spitfire Squadron Gets Entire Bag

ME410 DAMAGED

A SINGLE RCAF Spitfire squadron flying behind F/L Jack Sheppard, Dollarton, B.C.,

Jack Sheppard, Dollarton, B.C., while the squadron commander, S/L J. Cameron, Winnipeg, was leading the wing, shot four FW 190s out of the sky near Cambrai last Wednesday and damaged an Me 410.

Flying escort to a strong force of U.S. Marauders Sheppard's outfit detached itself momentarily from the other Spitfires and plunged into a 10,000-foot dive towards Cambrai airfield where the leader had spotted nine FWs waiting to land while a twin-engined bomber with a damaged undercarriage blocked the runway. the runway.
"We bounced on them before

we bounced on them before they realised we were there," said Sheppard, who half-rolled back on one fighter after a bit of manœuvring and fired as he came down. S/L Cameron saw Sheppard's quarry blow up with a huge mass of flames as though a huge mass of flames as though it were a tank car exploding."

F/O Bob Hayward, St. John's, Newfoundland, peeled off from the squadron and went down through the clouds in S-turns to within 200 feet of another FW before firing two short bursts. The German's propeller stopped and Hayward pulled alongside as make and flames poured from

yards. He saw strikes on the fuselage as the FW turned to port. On his right was another Nazi fighter and Hayward turned Nazi fighter and Hayward turned against him to stop him getting behind his Spit. "He took most violent evasive action including climbing rolls," said Hayward, "at the top of which we both pulled up to a stall at about 3,000 feet, trying to get behind each other. Ashleigh pulled up behind him and sent him down in flames. I saw a chute leave the German kite at about 200 feet from the ground."

The two then dived on the (Continued on page 7, col. 3.)

Quick eyes and the deadly aim of two Canadian air gunners proved more than a match for two German nightfighters in the early hours of last Thursday morning. In a grim air battle over Stuttgart, the gunners teamed up to score a kill and a probable in a matter of seconds.

Canadian Bags Zero as RAF Spitfires Canadian Bags Zero as KAF Spittires The two were P/O Art Death, Toronto, the rear gunner, and P/O Douglas Maw, Winnipeg, mid-upper. Both fly with an RAF Halifax squadron. "We picked up our first fighter flust as we entered the target

Scarcely hours after he had burning on the ground. I got a shared in the historic Allied anding deep inside enemy lines down after another and saw in Burma, F/L Bob Day, flight commander with an RAF Spitchiffer squadron, blasted an attacking Jap aircraft out of the sky. In May his second kill.

As morning came, the Vancouver pilot swung up from the Ting pockei with other fighters to tackle an outnumbering force of bomb-carrying Zeros attacking the landing strip in the landed from the sciets during the night. The pilots returned only after destroying mules and equipment, including there enemy alteraft, scoring one probable and damaging at least six others.

"I saw the C.O. get one," Day told of the fight. "It went down on fire and afterwards I saw it interception on the Arakan over the wings of air-time with their nats draped on the sites and afterwards I saw it interception on the Arakan over the wings of air-timed wings overlapped in my sights. You can't miss at 100 yards. "We picked up our first fighter from the fand after a period of two years land after a period of two years and fired. Both Doug and I opened up."

He flew right in the closed to be a untracking against their nather that they expected to be at a diving off the first of the first of the mass that they expected to be at a back to cat and rest for the next blow to come.

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CASUALTIES

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

D. R. Agnew, F/O, Weyburn, Sask.; D. E. Campbell, F/S, Zealandia, Sask.; W. A. Hood, F/S, Bras D'Or, N.S.; H. C. Jordan, F/S, Renfrew, Ont.; R. G. McKessock, F/O, Vancouver; W. B. Mayes, F/O, Maywood, Ill.; C. W. Price, Sgt. Edmenton; W. Vancouver; W. B. Mayes, F/O, Maywood, F/L, DFC, Tillsonburg, Ont.; L. W. Hunt, P/O, Lereburn, Sask.

D. E. Gibbon, W/O, B.C.; N. McG. Scott.
O. Rumsey, Alta.
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EDITORIAL

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AIR COMMODORE ROSS

came overseas in November,

Succeeding him in command of WAAF OFFICER IS

FLAK OFFICER—SOLDIER WITH WINGS

Major Stephenson, A Mine of Ack-Ack Savvy Probes German Defence Tactics From the Air

S TRANGE mixture of Army and Air Force is the flak liaison officer. Skilled in the art of area defence and equally of area defence and equally skilled in the similar art of defeating area defence, the flak officer has a job as important as any in Bomber Command. His is the strength behind the briefing room.

DEPORTMENT

One such officer is Major A. K. L. Stephenson, South African born Englishman, who spent his childhood near Nelson, B.C. His career in the forces is as broad as his Empire travels. He is a qualified pilot, and a former commander of an ack-ack battery in Britain.

The 30-year-old soldier enlisted

canada and overseas, associated with the blue of the Royal Canadian Air Force. That, in itself, is pleasant enough, so long as no one collects a swelled head as a result or figures that his new suit gives him an edge which he can use to his own personal advantage.

The truth is that no member of the RCAF can divorce himself, as an individual, from the service at any point during his period in the force. Everything he does, on or off duty, is going term and overseast the research of the Royal Canadian The Solyear-old soldier enlisted in the RAF in 1932, received his pilot's wings two years later. A training crash placed him on the reserve list, but he refused to keep inactive and transferred to keep inactive and trans



gaged by fighters, flak or search-lights, and whether the opposi-tion will be fierce or only

moderate.

"The German studs the most likely lines of approach to his target cities with searchlight belts and heavy gun batteries," said Major Stephenson. "He encircles the areas he knows we are after with ring upon ring of lights and guns, extending well outside the city limits to give maximum range and opportunity for his heavy guns to concentrate over the city. In order to get maximum field of view, heavy and light flak guns are placed on high towers looming well above the highest buildings, and on the roofs of skyscrapers. Dummy fires, decoys, dummy targets, imitations of our pathfinder force pyrotechnical target markers, and blinding flares are all used to confuse and mislead our pilots in their attacks."

That's the flak liaison officer's light with the must count searchlights.

"The German studs the most his target of approach to his heavy gun batteries," Alshom, N.B.C.; N. McG. Scett, P.O. Rumsey, Alta.

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W. E. Suddick, F/O. Toronto; F. J. Zubic, Lenden, Ont.

OC. R. Baleer, P/O. Mentreal; S. D. Bird, Schrisht, Ont.; C. H. Dunn, P/O. Toronto; L. Schrisht, Ont.; C. H. Dunn, P/O. Toronto; L. F. O'Leary, F/S. Flatiourelle, Que.; E. J. Monk, P/O. F/S. Latourelle, Que.; E. J. Monk, P/O. Cambri, Sask.; R. M. H. Purden, F/S. Cambri, Sask.; R. M. H.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

G. P. Johnston, P/O, Winnipeg; W. L. Boisvert, F/O, Swastika, Ont.; G. E. Giff, W/O, Smith Falls, Ont.; G. H. Hivon, Stt., St. Paul, Alta.; R. G. Kimball, Sat. Yan-couver; J. P. Lavallee, F/O, Quebec City; G. C. Munro, F/S, Vermillon, Alta.; W. Phillips, F/O. Edmonton; R. D. Poe, F/S, Smooth Rock Falls, Ont.; W. J. Rozers, F/O, Coaticook, Que.; C. L. Spooner, F/O, Edmonton. That's the flak liaison officer's job. He must count searchlights, rocket and flak gun emplace-

DSO. The London Gazette, which this week announced seven immediate awards to RCAF men, cites Davoud as "a forceful and courageous leader whose personal example and exceptional ability have been reflected in the fine fighting qualities and efficiency of the squadron he commands."

Immediate DFCs have gone to one of Dayoud's Mosquito teams.

Immediate DFCs have gone to one of Davoud's Mosquito teams, F/L J. R. F. Johnson, Omemee, Ont., pilot, and F/O Noel J. Gibbons, Vancouver, observer; another DFC to P/O Claude Weaver DFM, Oklahoma City, Okl., who went missing on a Spitfire sweep over the Continent in January, Credited with 13½ enemy machines Weaver was cited for his "great skill. courage and resolution."

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Petry, F/S, Edmonton; J, H. Sharpe PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR.

K. A. Banks, F/O, St. Iroquels, Ont.; J. C. A bunicary, F/S, Iroquels, Ont.; J. C. A layer, F/S, Kingston, Ont.

The DFC has also been awarded to F/L Joseph R. Owen, Windsor, Ont., a veteran the Gazette mentions sorties in 1939, I which they pressed on to the hours. target and reached base safely One

EXTRA! EXTRA!

squadron had been officially adopted by the City of Edmon-

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WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION E. A. MacKay, W/O, Calgary.

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DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, L. Petry, F/S, Edmonton; J, H. Sharpe, F/S, Coshrane, Ont.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. K. A. Banks, F/O. St. James, Man.; L. E. Aspinall, F/O. Torento: W. A. Dunleavy, F/S. Irequels, Ont.; J. C. A. Hayes, F/S, Kingston, Ont.

NAVIGATES LANC

F/O James R. Soutar, Dartmouth, N.S., has flown most of the air roads leading to the defeat of the Nazis. Since joining the RCAF on September 1, 1939, he has logged 2,000 flying hours.

One of the first war tasks of despite considerable difficulty.

Graham flies with an Australian outfit and Murphy with the Ghost Squadron.

One of the first war tasks of Canada's air force was to patrol the East Coast and escort content to the Canada and Great Britain. Soutar is one of the voys between Canada and Great Britain. Soutar is one of the few of the young men who made those lonely flights who still are in operational flying. He put in 1,200 hours' sub-hunting in flying boats.

That's about three times the length of a coastal command tour of operations to-day, but there weren't any tours in those first days. The boys just kept

That severity he speak Directly for the speak of the Canadian Group.

The severity he speak of the Canadian Group of Organisation at AFHO Ottawa.

Famed as a commander of the RCAF Pathfinder Squadron, Group of Command of another of the Canadian Group.

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Mans, France.

J. H. Jones, Toronto; R. T. Henry, Turnerville, Ont.; A. J. Laprade, Ottawa; R. P. Linden, Winnipes; E. H. MacKinlay, Parry Sound, Ont.; C. A. Mantz, Whitly, Ont.; A. M. Marcille, Montreal; J. C. Mayne, Summerland, B.C.; S. Mossman, Windsor, Ont.; N. H. Longstreet, Toronto.

Squadron

Sveinson, Marquette, Man.

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River, Ont.; G. J. Picken, Islington, Ont.;
G. J. Folks, Westminster, B.C.; R. W.
Akey, Point Anne, Ont.; J. E. E. Legault,
St. Francois de Masham, Que; M. F.
Tupper, Scotts Bay, N.S.; G. M. Weaver,
Bernie, Man.; L. E. Baxter, Montreal;
C. M. Schell, Toronto.

Gunnery Officers. A. Franciscone egins; A. R. G. Fonseca, Mulvihill, Man. C. R. Sambrock, Westminster, B. E. Shepherd, Embro, Ont.; C. A aquette, London, Ont.

Non - Flying List, Engineer (Electrical) Branch.—P. A. Lyons, Montreal.

Officer

to G/C A. D. Ross, Sydney, N.S. One of the first members of the RCAF to command a station in the U.K., Air Commodore Ross

the station from which the Moose and Ghost Squadrons operate is G/C R. C. "Bus" Gordon, Vancouver. He formerly commanded another of the group's stations the group's stations.

G/C J. L. Hurley, Ottawa, has been appointed to command the station from which the Alouette Britain. and Snowy Owl Squadrons fly. "I an Until recently he was Director of Organisation at AFHQ.



up-it's an eagle.

This disclosure punctures an old balloon built up in many training stations where the doctrine of "albatross" has been taught since the beginning of the war. Don't believe the square-bashing corporal who told you it's an albatross, for the pukka gen comes from J. D. Heaton-Armstrong of the Chester Herald, College of Arms, London.

Fairly exhaustive enquiries as to whether the bird was an albatross or an eagle were carried out some time ago by H. A. Jones, late Librarian and Historian, now Air Ministry's Director of Public Relations. Nothing was found to suggest that either the Royal Naval Air Service or the Royal Air Force bird was anything but an eagle.

It is believed that the albatross was worn by the RNAS and that it may have been adopted in a provisional badge of the RAF in 1918. The RAF general badge (an eagle) was approved by H.M. King George V and registered in January, 1923, although it had been in use previous to that.

CREW GETS DINGHY AS PRACTICE FLIP FLOPS Wen, Windsor, Ont., a veteran reconnaissance pilot, and to two bomber captains, F/L Clifford Murphy, Belleville, Ont., and P/O David Graham, Vancouver. Both pilots have been to Berlin several times, and in both cases the Guestle weather several times.

Trawler Men Fish Canucks From Sea; Break Out Tea and Grog

DEMONSTRATION of British hospitality came un-Holland, senior WAAF officer at the Canadian Beaver Base, is a crusader for Canadians in expectedly to six Canadians of the RCAF Bison squadron when they were forced to abandon their Halifax at sea and take to their dinghy, about a mile and a half from the British coast. The boys were on a cross-country run which promised nothing out of the ordinary. Their Halifax was flying smoothly "I am happy to have been posted to the Canadian Group," she said recently, "for I hope to repay in some little way the many kindnesses shown my two

JERRY-STEP UP AND NAME YOUR POISON



EACH MISSION done by this Hally is indicated with an upturned poison bottle against a map of Germany. LAC Frank Chaplin, Montreal, touches up the design, while LAC Doug Davis, Chilliwack, B.C., looks on. The theme is further carried out by naming the motors Cyanide, Strychnine, Arsenic, etc.

G1 (CAN)

OVERSEAS AGAIN

Cpl. Garton "Jim" Crow, Burnaby, B.C., in the equipment section at RCAF Bomber Group headquarters in Britain, has been with Canadian forces in two

wars. His record is one of faith-

ful and useful service to Canada

and a pair of spectacles which he has worn since being gassed at

could have stayed in his civilian job, but he joined the RCAF as

equipment assistant, aircraftman

second class.

After two years at Camp
Borden he was posted overseas
at his own request. He has the
King Edward VII Coronation
medal, the 1914-15 star, General
Service medal and Victory medal
for service in the last war, and
the Canadian Volunteer Service
ribbon for service in this war.

ribbon for service in this war

He is married, and has a son and daughter in Canada.

MOBILE BARBER

Ypres. When this war began

second class.

RECORDS OFFICE

His Mail Ship Comes In

A2 (CAN)

RETURNING from a spot of sick leave, "feeling fine now thank you," we wish to apologise for missing a week. Thanks Cpl. Gordie Hornstein for a grand job on your column. Gordie was longing to get back at a few past reporters. Seems they have been dragging his good name through the mud.

CONSIDERED at least at this unit to be a record was the arrival of 35 letters in one mail for Cpl. Don' Bridgman. "Bridge" had almost given up hope, but evidently the ship with his mail wasn't sunk. He's still reading 'em.

Well, the day is fast approaching when this bunch of Canucks

dragging his good name through the mud.

That Romeo Cpl. "Pyjamas" Coupar is making the headlines again. After a wonderful weekend George started flourishing the profile of a lovely brunette around the office.

Well, the day is fast approaching when this bunch of Canucks will split up and move to other fields. So, to do it up right we're flevilled. So, to do it up right we're flevilled. Bridgman and Clarke have assured all and sundry that it's at a local hall with "B" for sear and "G" for gals.

After a long lapse of "jankers" in the office, LACs Mitchell, Ayling and MacTaggart decided to return from the "Big the aches and limps and groans

once again Marty?

-LAC "Al" Pope.



Two Moorland Tablets are all you need in order to enjoy your meals without fear of gastric trouble.

Read what this soldier writes to us :-

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(Signed) Cpl. H.E., R.A.O.C.

Moorland Indigestion Tablets are the best
method of warding off indigestion. If you
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dyspepsia, flatulence, acidity, heartburn,
palpitation, gastric catarrh, etc.
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packets (Incl. tax).

ONE LUMP—OR TWO?

drinking pooch.

when she wobbled across the ping-pong table in the dis-persal hut, to gulp down a mug of hot liquid.

The pilots were surprised. A tea-drinking hound, they reasoned, is a decided asset to any squadron because tea can always be found in England, even when dog-meat can't. Now every round of tea includes a mug for Sheba. In fact, she is the first to cock her ear when the kettle starts to sing.

Sheba, Alsatian pet of a mobile Canadian fighter squadron, is strictly a tea-

Sheba was first discovered

WINDSOR SPITS GET NEW CHIEF

Wellington Hay Jr. Takes Command of Unit In Italy

American-born and Britishraised, Wellington Hay, Jr., has been promoted squadron leader and has assumed command of the City of Windsor Spitfire squadron in Italy. At the same time F/L Bruce Ingalls, Dunville, Que., replaced F/L Hedley Everard, Timmins, as flight commander with the Wind-

A Yale graduate, Day joined the RCAF in 1941. Since coming overseas he has seen action in Britain, Malta, Sicily and Italy and was mentioned in dispatches during the desert campaign after being shot down into the sea near Daba. He overcame hardship and privation to make his way through

PILOTS DISPLAY

receiving, or could it be the coming "evacuation." Question of the week: Just how long is Marty "S. for Sinatra" Starr going to retain that handsome beard? How about coming out and joining the bour coming out and joining the bour FLIES FROM

Norwood Pilot "Surrendered" to Fifth Army After Escape From Nazis

ful and useful service to Canada in time of need.

Born in London, he went to Canada as a youth, and enlisted with the C.A.S.C., and went overseas in August, 1914. He rose from private to the rank of acting captain in his five years overseas. He has two mementos of the struggle to get supplies to the front in the first world war, a shrapnel scar on his upper lip and a pair of spectacles which he A Nazi reception committee was waiting when F/O W. H. Fell, Norwood, Man., baled out after shooting down a Do.217 over the Salerno beach-head. He was held prisoner for 36 hours, made his escape, and 20 days later rejoined his squadron. To-day, from a station in the north of India, Fell is flying against the Japs:



His squadron, then based in Sicily, was covering the landings at Salerno last summer when Fell tangled with the Dornier. The German's rear guns opened up and Fell's radiator was hit. He got the Do. all right, but was forced to bale out himself when his engine heated up and the kite took fire.

Fell.

After another month in Italy Fell embarked, with the rest of his outfit, for Cairo and later flew out to India.

His brother Bob. a sergeant rigger, has been with an RCAF fighter squadron in the Mediterranean since April, 1942. Bob is a City of Toronto squadron ori-

soldiers surrounded me and I was taken prisoner. The next night Jerry moved us (I was with a few hundred Americans) in three-ton trucks. Our bombers came over and started dropping their eggs in the area. The Italian drivers pulled over The Italian drivers pulled over to the side of the road and ran into a field for cover. There was no one watching, so I just jumped out of the truck and started running."

By dawn he was nearly exhausted and hid under a tree.

One morning 18½ days later he saw Fifth Army advance parties.

saw Fifth Army advance parties, ran down the hill, and gave himself up. "I stayed with them for 4 hours and then they I rejoined my squadron," said

Everyone is so busy on a mobile RCAF airfield in Britain they can't spare time to visit the station baeber. So the barber tours the tarmac for customers. The hustling snipper is LAC Medar Roberge, Sherbrooke, Que.

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"I landed near a small town," four times during the war: in Sherbrooke, Que.

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TEN TALK

Spring-Well, Dig, Dig

SPRING is here—when a young man's fancy fondly turns to thoughts of—well, other things. But here thoughts are turned towards gardening and the urge to dig has come upon us. A number of amateur gardeners are enthusiastically digging tion to make his way through the enemy lines wearing dingly paddles on his feet for shoes. A picture of Hay in his bizarre costume was widely published at Toronto, and F/L C. O. Baker, Edmonton, and Kirk Bell, London.

Not only is the urge to dig The new C.O. spent a short period with the Windsor squadron a few months ago as supernumerary flight lieutenant. He has since led a flight in a frontline RAF Spitfire unit.

wided the music.

Kirk Bell, Y supervisor, caused much merriment with his clown antics and there was never a dull GOOD TEAMWORK moment. The costume pro-menade proved difficult for the you might call F/S John H.
"Maungdaw" Magill, Toronto, and F/O Bill Murphy, New Zealand pilot, a good team. Magill is Murphy's No. 2 with a Hurrican fighter squadron on the Burma front.

This is an example of their lidden.

GONGED GANG

Pay Table Crumbs

has since led a flight in a frontline RAF Spitfire unit.

His parents are former Londoners, now living in Millbrook, N.Y. Though born in the United States, Hay was raised and educated in England; lived there until the outbreak of war when he returned to America to complete his education at Yale University.

Spotlight on station activities fell this week on the St. Patrick fancy dress dance, held in the University.

Capt. Kalfas, Montreat; F/L J. Gaschler, Regina; and F/L J. Glessing, Saskatchewan.

Spotlight on station activities fell this week on the St. Patrick fancy dress dance, held in the Y Club. It was well attended and much enjoyed. The dance band under the leadership of LAC Brian Field, Toronto, provided the music.

Kirk Bell, Y supervisor, caused

China Tea

Then there's LAC The Krockery Kid." Nichol, What's

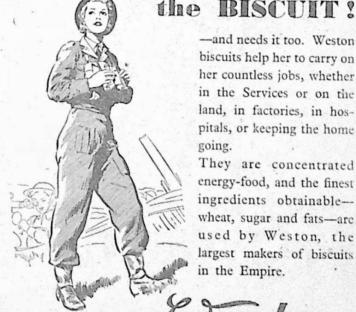
decided to return from the "Bits content of the week and from the "Bits content of the week and limps and groams (Cly" a little late. The SP2 took took and let him the series of the same and woke up somewhere in which they went to sleep on the train and woke up somewhere in walls.

NEW OPS CHIEF

Thai is an example of the cooperation: daily in the person of most official costume went to LAC official standing around and cooling down the helping down the helping to serve the boys their loads up ball, and almost won helping to serve the boys their loads and ball and the proportion of the well will all the winners were "yours truly root of the well will all the winners were "yours truly root of the winners were "yours truly root of the winners were "yours truly root of the winners were "your struly root of the winners were "your struly root of the winners were "your struly root of the winners were "your winners

to everyone's envy, Cpls. Murray and "Red" Hill and LACs Freddy Grainger and RCAF Bomber Group's Lion Squadron, led by W/C R. S. as mangoes and curried rice are concerned. But what will Govan, Sask., can list a handsome string of awards. Altogether, personnel of the squadron have gained one bar to a DFC, an AFC, 20 DFCs, 12 DFMs and two CGMs. Eight of its members were mentioned in disturbed with the string of the squadron have gained one bar to a DFC, and AFC, 20 DFCs, 12 DFMs and two CGMs. Eight of its members were mentioned in disturbed up, lucky Doc. Jones, Gilmore are rumoured to be by bers were mentioned in dispatches in the New Year's and she should help to ease our Honours List. extractions.

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By Stumble Bum

OVE came back to our unit last week, not the passionate kind, but our old comrade, LAC Love. Long time, no see—pal and we need an assistant water boy for our scrub rugby team. By the looks of their antics with the old rugby ball, Bailey, Freeborn, Fry, Goldsmith, Goffin, Irvine, Love and Sherley should whip up a good grass hockey team.

Big noise from Llintwit, Cpl.

Big noise from Llintwit, Cpl. Sherley, blew right in again at one ack emma this morning and I should know. Yes, he's joined the elite circle of corporals now. Is it true that Johnnie "Strait-jacket" Reid is going to portray the Mad Hatter in a station play?

NORTH ENGLAND

commission course and was strutting around in a flat top before going back to the grind. Another tube basher on leave in the big city with Embree is LAC Alex Kreptul, one of those silent townspeople claim Cliff broke all sprinting records chasing the suspect. The best he could do was catch bag—no catchem contents or villain.

"Gilyam" Miller was busy this week patenting his ribbon holder. It facilitates an addition of the DFC and other awards.

Herbie Parkes and Jack Rose,

holder. It facilitates an addition of the DFC and other awards.

Herbie Parkes and Jack Rose, our volunteer band reps, really did a bang up job at the NAAFI hog wrestle. Jack is business London was just a brief spell of manager and Herbie beats out the time with his educated foot. George Maybee, Reg Jackson, "Bud" Backhouse and Paul Maissonneuve were quite busy at the bar. NCOs in charge of consumption were Sgt. Sanderson and Sgt. Sammy Arenow. Congrats to Sandy who was NCO i/c in "Chiefie" Ball's absence. "Chiefie" still blames Sandy for bringing in our new radio WAAFs.

Sgt. Nichol was seen manicuring his nails. We can see that the condon (Canada) classmates.

Sweating it out in Ireland. Handed a reprieve from the land of eternal rain, Saville caught a soviet four the land of eternal rain, Saville caught a sphere stuff to S/Ls Westland, Metzler and their gang and have a gander at what the boys are doing on the ground.

With many misgivings I report the doing of a pair of worthy flight sergeants who warn me that the nights are dark—I'm scared! Who wouldn't be with so many four-gun turrets around. But I've heard that F/S "Murt" Mooney is easy meat for some bright young gal on the way up (Att, accounts section), and just how much did have a gander at what the boys are doing on the ground.

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LAC Art McGlade continues to carry on his low-level attacks to

must get busy.

VISITING FIREMEN

Cpl. "Ears" Wood has returned from the sick bay. Our night hawk, the fugitive from an iron lung, "Judge" McInnis, has apparently turned wolf.

Our laughing Westerner, Cpl. Wilson, has returned home for air crew training. The happy farewell party at a local ended up with dire results for a bunknate of Mr. Wilson.

Sunshine and the few spring, are taking their toll in morale among the radio mechs. One gent who has some in on this side of the pond and who seemed to be day-dreaming about the old homestead recently was LAC Vic Embree, Amherst, N.S.

He was moaning something about "sure wish I was home" and recalling the good old days UNSHINE and the few

He was moaning something about "sure wish I was home" and recalling the good old days when he used to do a little schoolteaching and help out on the old man's farm. That was before he made his mistake, took CHARLIE McKINNON and Hugh McVitty came from the gen college recently, fairly bursting with pukka stuff and electrons streaming out both ears. No sooner were they in the block than McV. was tearing around here long enough to be paid for his shadow third; has been with Bomber Group since ing for someone to accompany.

While floating around Leading around Leading around the shadow third; has been with Bomber Group since its formation.

while floating around London on leave he ran into ex-Cpl. Al dance spot. The instructors down there must have kept them well latter had just completed a precommission course and was While floating around London commission course and was strutting around in a flat top



WANTED-ONE TRAFFIC COP



THIS CREW goes on record with the statement that every kite should have a horn these days the way they are packing the bombers in over the target. It would help the traffic problem. The boys carry the tooter on every trip. From left to right they are F/O C. Hetherington, Vancouver; F/L Harry Bow, Vancouver; Sgt. A. M. Bell, Hamilton; and F/O J. D. Brown, Calgary.

(Official RCAP Photograph.)

TIGER HOWLS

Report-With Misgivings

If a few of my errant brethren had their way, my prowling days would be over and I'd find myself either in a cage or pushing up daisies. However, in spite of a few of us cutting up, in our futile little ways, this squadron, now fostered by the city of Hamilton, has tasted blood and is out for the kill. Back on ops. again, the boys are bombing from higher than

PERFECT TIMING

Even the Air Staff couldn't have timed it better.

A tannoy announcement rocked the audience with laughter during an appealing song by a glamorous swing-stress of the "Blackouts."

"Attention, please! Atten-

round. But Ive and the second of the way up (Att. accounts section), and just how much did he have to do with the terrific and has nothing to do interval of the second on the mearby metropolis, and on interrogation gets all het up and interved to carry on his low-level attacks on the mearby metropolis, and on interrogation gets all het up and interved to carry on his low-level attacks on the mearby metropolis, and on interrogation gets all het up and in the second on the mearby metropolis, and on interrogation gets all het up and in the second on the mearby metropolis, and on the first of what we seem to have get to carry on his low-level attacks on the nearby metropolis, and on the first of what we seem to have get to carry on his low-level attacks on the nearby metropolis, and on the first of what we seem to have get to carry on his low-level attacks on the nearby metropolis, and on the first of what we was the first of what we seem to have get and he leaves to carry on his low-with the terrific and has nothing to do with the first of what we will and the proposition of the week here well and the proposition of the week here well approposition of the proposition of

POTINS et NOUVELLES

heures, alors que je m'appliquais Company. de mon mieux à m'acclimater trouver une boite où déposer, comme chez nous, cette première lettre d'Angleterre. Je cherchais en vain lorsque subitement je vis une boite avec l'inscription suivente. Litter

RCAF PLAYERS AID MUSTANGS

Army Team Loses to US Despite Air Force Assistance

outstanding Canadian . Five outstanding Canadian football players, members of the RCAF in England, took part in the second international game at London on Sunday between the Canadian Army Mustangs and the US Blue Division ETO champions. The Blues won the game 18—0.

game 18—0.

To bolster the Mustangs, the Canadian Army officials added three RCAF pilots and two ground crew members to the squad. They are F/O Bill Stukus, F/O Hi Living, F/O Jack Thurlow, Sgt. "Buddy" Hellyer and LAC Jack Poplowsky.

Stukus and Living were formed the square forme

Stukus and Living were former members of the Toronto Argo-nauts. Poplowsky held down a backfield job with the Montreal Big Four entry. He joined the RCAF Hurricanes in 1942. Thurlow was part of Sarnia's stonewall line in peace-time.

Hellyer lugged leather for the Ottawa RCAF squad.

THOROLD FAMILY TOSSES NATURAL

The Devine family, Thorold, Ont., boasts a brother act that will take some beating. Seven sons of J. A. Devine and the late Mrs. Devine are in uniform with the Canadian and United States forces, and the eighth and youngest expects to join up shortly.

Third in line, LAC W. B. "Bernie" Devine, is with the armament section of an RCAF bomber station overseas. He works at the bomb dump, where OTINS et NOUVELLES

the does a vital job, but modestly describes himself as "only another Joe." But he is proud of his family's Service record. Before enlisting he worked for a Thorold paper footby.

sergent de section évoquait l'autre soir des souvenirs de son arrivée en Angleterre. Histoire in Thorold paper factory.

All the boys are American citizens, though most were born in Thorold Bernie was born in de faire rire ses copains, il narrait l'aventure suivante: "Mon arrivée à Londres présentait bien des aspects nouveaux. Durant les premières heures glors que le m'applique le l'aventure dent of the Ontario Paper (Company)

Jim, the eldest at 29, is with aux us et coutumes, je décidai the Canadian Navy; Alex, 27, is d'écrire à mes parents. J'entrai in the United States Naval Air dans un établissement où je Force; Paul, 24, wears khaki of burinai quelques nouvelles à ma burinai quelques nouvelles à ma foundland; Frank, 21, is a F/S famille. Lorsque ma missive fut complétée, il s'agissait de unit in Great Britain; Don, 20, is the U.S. Appris and Lep. 19

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(Omcial RCAF Photograph.)

BEAVER BASE

Winco Goes Nostalgic

H IGHLIGHT of the current week has been the appearance of the much-publicized "Blackouts." The troupe played herring chokers at their station are Set Behert MacBae Steller. to crowded houses on all base stations, and the unanimous of the words of the officer who moved a vote of thanks at the base station, that it is "the best dams show to thanks at the base station, that it is "the best dams show to thanks at the base station, that it is "the best dams show to thanks at the base station, that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the best dams show to the base station that it is "the base station to crowded houses on all base stations, and the unanimous thanks at the base station, that it is "the best darn show to come within 3,000 miles of this locality." We award a very special orchid to F/L Bob Coote and S/O Mary Carry and their boys and girls on a revuesical that would do credit to any of the leading theatres back home. As W/C C. O. King nostalgically remarked, it makes us feel lonesome for Shea's.

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Scotty Campbell, one of our base orderly room, heart throbs,

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This week we extend a greeting to Group Captain J. L. Hurley, who has just assumed control of one of our base stations. At the same time we bid farewell and "all the best" to Group Captain R. C. Gordon, who has left to assume command of another station in the group.

A recent honoured guest for a

Canada.

Up inspecting the attractions of the Highlands this week are "Chiefles" Bill McCarthy and "Leather" Leatherbarrow.
Visiting London and Bristol is Mel Melstead, while Bob Silk has just returned from a holiday on the south coast, sporting a nice coat of "Bath Tap" tan.

W/C A. C. Tufts sports a new third ring and S/L R. P. Vaughan has just added a narrow ring between the two wide ones.

duties,

Another recent departure who made many good friends here is Larry Moyse, Y.M.C.A. supervisor at the base station. Larry expects to spend the summer season on the Continent. His place here is being taken by Irving Wismer, who hails from Kitchener, Ontario. If P/O Porky Dumary and other alumni of the "kulmbacher" city are any criterion he should add considerably to the lustre of the local social scene.

famous irish browed. "My goodness."

A prospective June bride is LAW Gerry Broadribb, blonde orderly room lovely from Edmonton, Gerry plans to take the fateful walk up the middle aisle and promise to love, honor and obey F/O Ian Robbie, who is also a native of the Alberta capital. Latest word from Gerry, who has that starry-eyed look these days, is starry-eyed look these days, is on the way from Canada.

Snoopers!

An enemy aircraft.

EX-BUSH PILOT LOGS

2,200 FLYING HOURS

Test pilot for a central maintenance unit of the RAF in India, 30-year-old F/O M. M. Gardner, Medicine Hat, has tucked away 1,700 hours in his log book since joining the service.

With the growth of the station we are getting more and more new faces showing up—including yours truly. Some of the newcomers are straight from the wilds of Canada, and others from



NDIA is "duck soup" for Canadians attached to RAF fighter squadrons along the India-China border. Not because they are not doing some tough fighting, but it is noted the pilots have ample opportunity to go duck hunting. The district fairly teems with the wild fowl, and the men never go short for a plate of duck when it's chow time.

Three Canadians who formerly did their fighting in Italy and Sicily are now attached to a PAE unit along the border.

and Sicily are now attached to a RAF unit along the border. They are F/L R. W. Day, Vancouver; F/O W. H. Fell, Norwood, Man., and F/O D. W. Rathwell, St. Vital, Man. The latter two were schoolmates in Winnipeg.

They are based at an air-field in the mountains. Their field in the mountains. Their strip is 5,000 feet above sea level and surrounded with hills, towering another 6,000 feet above them. At night five blankets are required to keep them from shivering; and in the daytime the burning sun browns them until they look like natives.

At another Spit squadron in the valley are four other Canucks and an American. They are F/L D. E. G. Thurston, St. Thomas; F/L T. J. Trimble, Kenora; F/O Rod Lawrence, Winnipeg; F/S K. A. Neville, St. Thomas, and F/L L. D. Thomas, Detroit, Mich.

The natives are friendly. The Canadians are invited to the various villages to watch the dancing and are provided with "zoo," a drink made from fermented rice and tasting much like ginger beer. Learning the Manipuri language and reading stray detective novels complete the daily routine. routine.

Back in London and browned off over their lengthy stay at AFU are several of the Bluenose clan clustered at their RAF training station in the U.K. Sgt. Don Muir, Windsor, N.S., and Sgt. Ken Cady, Fredericton, N.B., were spending a short leave in the big city and hoping to go to OTU as soon as they got back to camp. Other

An air-gunner's life is not usually quiet, but one Canadian is having trouble keeping up on his aircraft rec. F/O John H. Brown, 30-year-old Kamloops, B.C., gunner, has had 13 trips in without getting even a fast glance at an enemy aircraft of any kind. He's flying with a RAF Mitchell squadron and has turned in a few chores across the Channel.

In the same squadron is another B.C. airman, F/S Keith Brown, Vancouver. He has exchanged compliments with a Hun fighter during his 21 operational trips. On one trip to France a lone Jerry wriggled through the escorting fighters and came at his fighters and came at his ship.

Mystery man of the base these days is Sgt. Rusty Russell, exherifrew, Ontario, Lothario, whose nocturnal forages into a nearby city are exciting considerable local curiosity. Our sleuthing department reports that he has been seen more than once at Hillier's in company with a titian-haired beauty.

Sgt. Tommy Plunkett, the Thunderbird squadron orderly room pundit, now makes daily visits to base registry, ostensibly to collect the squadron mail. Of course the presence of Eileen Simmonds, Sally Duxbury and Kay Armstrong wouldn't have any bearing.

—ggt. R. J. Gunn.

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—ggt. R. J. Gunn.



It was July, 1941, when F/). Alex McDonald, Cornwall, arrived overseas. He flew Spits in England until December, and then wound up in Rangoon in January. He fought the Japs through the entire campaign in Burma, and then evacuated to Burma, and then Easter Sunday. For umpteen thousand others! China on Easter Sunday. For the next two months they operated from the China base and then were evacuated by air

IN SAME FLIGHT

Two fighter pilots, born within a few hundred miles of one another in Central America, have landed up in the same Hurricane squadron on the Burma front.

They are F/L R. G. Hall, El Salvador, who worked for a Wall Street engineering firm in New York and Washington before joining the RCAF, and W/O Charles H. Anderson, Belsize, British Honduras.

Anderson, after completing his RCAF training, became an RAF staff pilot in Scotland, then went through a Hurricane bid farewell and "all the best" to Group Captain R. C. Gordon, who has left to assume command of another station in the group.

A father and son gathering took place in the sergeants' mess the other night when Sgt. Sully's air crew son, recently arrived in this country, came to pay him a visit. A second son is at present in air crew back in Canada.

Up inspecting the attraction.

A native of John Labatt's headquarters, she spent her leave in the Empire's capital. At the same time Helen Dahl, the Kapuskasing bombshell, spent her leave in Edinurgh.

A recent honoured guest for a day was Group Headquarters one and only Sgt. Lewis J. Moses. The orderly room gen man "non pareil" was taking a half-day from his arduous duties.

Another recent days to the straction of John Labatt's headquarters, she spent the Empire's fany kind. He's flying with a RAF Mitchell squadron. Hall was with a Canadian fighter squadron in Britain after operational training, was posted to his squadron. Britain after operational training, was posted to Palestine, where he joired his present squadron and flew out to Ceylon.

** Nor have I seen our bomb bursts," he said. "But of course gunner never lets his eyes off the sky during a bombing mission in case the aircraft is jumped by enemy fighters."

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"R" Depot

OUR absence from the columns of Wings Abroad

of the "kulmbacher" city are any criterion he should add considerably to the lustre of the local social scene.

Our itinerant Irishmen, Donnelly, Brown, Arscott, O'Perchaluk and Fitzbouelin are back from the land of the shamrock. The trip was uneventful except that Gordie Arscott was nearly locked overnight in the plant where a famous Irish beverage is brewed. "My goodness."

A prospective June bride is LAW Gerry Broadribb, blonde orderly room lovely Edmonton, Gerry plans to take the fateful walk up the middle gigle and promise to love, and promise to love to the lack of a correspondent. From now on we hope to keep you from his belly and over with the furned over with the turned over with the grade, "He turned over with the plant to toule to a lack of news, but to the lack of a correspondent. From now on we hope to keep you from our "R" (Our) Depot. The you form our "R" (Our) Depot. The you form our "R" (Our) Depot. Fro

new faces showing up—including yours truly. Some of the newcomers are straight from the

GOOSE SQUADRON

It's a Boy-It's a Girl

Top news of the week concerns two births. The stork came to the snuggery of Sge. Hank Henry and Joan (a squadlass of nearly two years' standing) and left a nine-pound tenounce boy, setting an all-time high in avoirdupois in the squadron annals. The new little Englishman is called David Joseph. The second blessed event of the week left William Wilhelm, of Tavistock, dazzled. Into his family came an eight-pound girl, Patricia. One of the squadron MT wallas, Bill has been over here over two years now, and on top of the family addition had to take a terrific beating over an error in DROs recently.

Next important item also involved an MT driver. He has just announced his engagement to a lass in the ATS. The man is Walter H. McManus, Stratford, and the bride to be is Ruth Gallagher, Northalierton, Yorks. It's to be a June event by all reports.

Hank Strictland, Peterboro,

Strictland, Peterboro, Hank

Hank Strictland, Peterboro, Ont., is torn between a half dozen tires. He swears he's not involved though. "Tell 'em I'm still single and still trying to make good in England," he said. Armorer Bob Leggett, Winnipeg, after selling us a 10 cent Bobby Burns cigar for two bob, told us he and his Toronto Marie have become engaged by post.

assie in the WLA.

by Secretary Marg.

-Max Seeley.

TAKES TO AIR

to dush e and his Toronto Marie have become engaged by post. Says Bob. "I just can't wait to get home." Yes! You and umpteen thousand others!

"S" Party

W/O Doug. Harvey, Swansea, threw a party along with his crew mates for the flight wallas of S for Sugar. McLafferty's erks had a real night out despite the distance to the Hawthorne. Despite the perils of the deep which the merrymakers had to face both on their outward and homeward trips, all returned from the operation safely.

Speaking of Doug Harvey's Speaking of Doug Harvey's crew. F/O Ray "Butch" Butchard attended the crew stag party, too. The latest we heard Ray's participation in the straight and narrow, old man. The Sawyerville flash and Doris, the blonde WD bomber of the latest we can do is to give them a few lines. Someone's navigation is slipping!

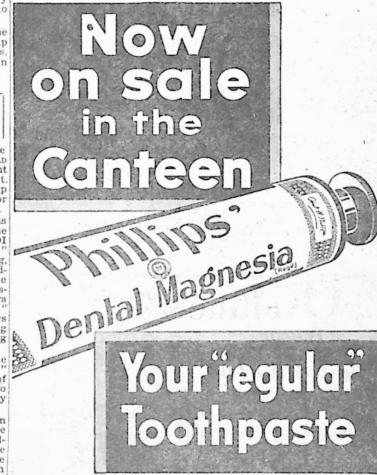
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J. P. Brooks, Toronto, likes girls in uniform. The latest is a lassic in the WLA.

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THUNDER FLASHIES

Wildcats Back Again

THE peaceful and quiet atmosphere that has prevailed in all flights and sections for the past week or more was shattered the other day by the return of P/O Don "the Great, What a Man" Berry and his Wildcats from a sojourn in the highlands of Scotland. The hearts of the fairer sex will once more beat with some degree of regularity now that P/O "Sammy" Sambrook, P/O Bill "Isn't he Cute" Plummer and F/S "Leave Me Alone" Doyle have resumed their places in the social swim.

are we gonna have another?" supply a beefsteak, Joe.

The old welcome mat is —T. Plunkett.

It was a case of "open house for Johnny Canuck" when some

of the crews of the Moose squad-ron, diverted due to bad weather

after an attack against Berlin, landed at a U.S. Eighth Army

Air Force bomber station.

and F/S "Leave Me Alone" Doyle have resumed their places in the social swim.

Chief gunner, F/L Jimmy Stretched out this week to the Watts, DFM, was observed with paint brush in hand and clad in coveralls doing a little spring painting over at the Gunnery Section.

After serving a long term as undisputed Squire of the Ouse, W/O Joe "I used to be a Filer." Tumilty has now returned to the fold of the Thunderbird tribe, Questioned as to reason for his resignation from his once high office the little man was very reticent in reply. However, it is known that he recently undertook a physical training and drill Gilkinson, Winnipeg, Man.; Sgt. Bot Charlie Harrison, Toronto, Ont.; Sgt. Charlie Harrison, Calle Sgt. Charlie Harrison, Calle Sgt. Charlie Harrison, Calle Sgt. Charlie Harrison, Cont.; Sgt. Charlie Harrison, Calle Sgt. Charl W/O Joe "I used to be a Filer"
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The routine of the sergeants' mess has once again returned to normal and is showing signs of becoming more vigorous in the near future, with the return of Sgt. Jimmy "Casanova" Gunn from a quiet rest (?) in London. Old familiar faces were very much in evidence recently. Back visiting the boys after a long spell in dock were F/L Jimmy Cleveland, DFC, one time navigation mentor, F/O Dave DeBloeme and F/S Jerry Martin, F/S Tom Dubord, former W/T chief, spent a quiet day last week meeting old acquaintances. Events of the week proved to be the visit of the famous "Blackouts." The arrival of this troupe has been awaited with much patience by all ranks and particularly by one sergeant named Gunn. The collective opinion of all who managed to see the show was expressed very well by an erk who waited an hour and a half to see it. "When are we gonna have another?"

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WOMEN'S DIVISION

FOR DIVERSION DE LUXE

C/O THANKS THE YANKS

AIR MARSHAL OPENS CLUB EXTENSION NAZIS DOWNED

London, March 16,-"Since the war began I have constantly been conscious of the very great kindnesses which have done by numberless friends for the men in the Royal Canadian Air Force," declared Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, CB, DSC, AOCin-C of the RCAF Overseas, as he officially opened an extension to the Canadian Junior Officers' Leave Club at No. 8 Cadogan Gardens last week.

Other speakers at the opening were Mrs. Leonard Hancock, donor of the club and who is a native of Montreal, and Sir Edward Peacock. Officials of the Canadian Red Cross and auxiliary services were present.

Air Marshal Breadner pointed out that since the club first opened in July, 1942, many thousands of young officers had found accommodation there. Miracles had been performed for men in the ranks, whose need was naturally the greatest, said the Air Marshal. But there has been some danger that the needs of our junior officers would be overlooked.
"Too often, while non-com-

missioned officers and men can spend a forty-eight or seven days' leave in the comfortable and healthy atmosphere of service clubs at very small expense, the junior officers, whose pay is only a little higher, have no alternative but the rest of the service clubs at very small expense, the junior officers, whose pay is only a little higher, have



vice clubs at very pense, the junior officers, whose pay is only a little higher, have no alternative but to go to expensive hotels where, quite apart from the cost, the environment will not be as suitable as it is here or in other similar clubs," said the AOC-in-C.

Mrs. Hancock first opened her home to junior officers in July, in memory of her son who was in the RAF. Starting with accommodation for 12, it has a possible to the club, but some private organisations have been built and purchased particularly for the club.

The Canadian Red Cross and other auxiliary services and opened last week, until beds and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and and furniture are from Mr. and opened last week, until beds and opened last w

OVER AEGEAN

Vigil near Rhodes proves Eventful For Coastal Command pilot.

Two German transport planes, both JU52s, fell to the cannon of a Canadian Beaufighter pilot, F/O Edward E. T. Taylor, Victoria, last week in a brief battle

toria, last week in a brief battle over the Aegean Sea.

Flying with an RAF Middle East squadron, Taylor was patrolling just off the island of Rhodes when he sighted a formation of three Jerry transportand supply planes. He intercepted them off Cape Prasonisi, on the south coast of the island "As we closed in to attack the leading aircraft, it opened accurate fire on us from about

accurate fire on us from about 800 yards," Taylor said. "I held 800 yards," Taylor said, "I held my fire until we were within 400 yards and let him have a long burst. It dived straight into the sea and broke up. The second plane blew up after a three second burst. I could see it burning on the water for several minutes. By this time, the third had made off and we the third had made off and we had lost it."

A few nights previously Taylor shot up two lorries on a night intruder mission into Rhodes.

RCMP he chased rum-rummers off Canada's east coast. He joined RAF air-sea rescue in 1938, cruised up and down the coasts of Britain rescuing fighter pilots and bomber crews forced into the sea. When Allied forces invaded North Africa in 1942 Preston was with them running his speedy craft from ports and seeking out new harbours as he followed the advance to Pantellaria, Sicily and now Italy.

and now Italy.

The thing that bothers him most is that he hasn't seen his wife and sons for amost six years. As the years rolled on Preston has accumulated a comprehensive series of 'enaphots' Preston has accumulated a comprehensive series of 'snapshots showing the growth of his boys, Keith and Donald, from the ages of three and four respectively to nine and ten.

"But this family life by way of snapshots," he said, "isn't the real thing. I wonder when this show is going to be over."

ATHERING of the clan in the form of a smoker was held last week. Thanks to the smart organising of F/O Cliff Stampe, Toronto, assisted by F/O Larry Fleming, Windsor, and W/O."Boots" Wannick, Toronto, it was a doozer. F/O Keith Taylor (pronounced Tie-lor), Australia's gift to the squadron, provided some comic skits while W/O." Morry" Boileau, Montandad out the collections to the investor. real, pounded out the solid fours on the ivories.

real, pounded out the solid four F/O "Sinatra" Szabo, Wellland, Ont., attempted to croon a solo but fortunately everyone knew the words and it ended in a singsong. Cpl. Dick Calverley, Schumacher, Ont., then took over and led the gang through some choice service ditties. SGT. JILL WIGG was a beautiful bride Saturday

At one time it was thought the place was on fire until it was discovered that F/L "Doc" Currier, Kingston, had lit up his Their money just wasn't any good as far as Uncle Sam's establishment and its personnel were concerned. Entertained royally from the time they landed until they left, the Canadians couldn't pay for a thing.

D beautiful bride Saturday afternoon when she changed her name to Blakeney. The lucky man is F/L W. T. "Bill" Blakeney, a fighter pilot from Toronto. And guess who caught the bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce whose concerted furnace. Incidentally, he hasn't got over the fact there was no sick parade the next

Canadians couldn't pay for a the bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, said S/L E. C. Hamber, Hamilton flight commander, "we were literally showered with hospitality."

"We were treated like royalty," sidded E/S Oryille Lee Durches the price of the bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, B.C., too. That's what we like Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and Gill Stotz, Irvine, Alta., with the bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and Gill Stotz, Irvine, Alta., with the bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride to see girls—boosting the old could be bride to see girls—boosting the old could be bride. The property of the bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and could be bride's bouquet? None other than Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally, is Nelson, Gallinger, "Gable". Hart and Catherine Pearce, whose home, incidentally

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"We were treated like royalty," added F/S Orville Lee, Durham, Ont., air gunner, recalling some pineapple cubes he had tackled in the U.S. mess. F/S Charlie Thompson, bomb aimer from Silton, Sask., echoed his sentiments.

W/C W. P. "Bill" Pleasance, Moose commanding officer, penned a letter expressing the feelings of his men in part:

"Without exception, my boys were most enthusiastic on the genuine greetings and generous treatment they received—our common wish is that we will have the opportunity of reciprocating sometime in the near future."

home town. Where the bridal couple are honeymooning is still amystery.

F/O Di Cameron returned from returned from leave spent in bonny Scotland, full of enthusiasm, and the gleves once more, and help keep the W.D.s.

Basketball is all lined up for this week. We're playing the CWACs. Let's put up a good sack from leave

Basketball is all lined up for this week. We're playing the CWACs. Let's put up a good sack from leave spent in bonny Scotland, full of enthusiasm, and interesting saturate is also back from leave work. Being a stag, there were no fems. present. But Cpl. Being a stag, there were no fems. Prorage La Prairie, substituted with a conversation on WAAFs. Bill was looking pretty rough about half-time. It could what they saw. We noticed LAC.

"Tuscon" Stewart, Daysville, "Tuscon" Stewart, Daysville, and his hair combed for a change. An ugly frown on the usually smiling face of LAC in the usu

Arriving back as full-fledged captains and just in time for the party were F/Os Freddy Foster, Vancouver, and Clarry Bolger, Renfrew. Their crews include F/O "Stew" Butler, Willowdale, Ont.; F/O Harry Florence, Foam Lake, Sask.; P/O Ed Gray, Amherst, N.S.; W/O Ernie France, Markham; W/O Jack Andrews, Blenheim, Ont.; W/O Hec Godin, Pembroke; W/C Ed Ross, Toronto; F/S Cy Butler, Sheet Harbor, N.S.; Sgt. Graham Forrest, Ottawa; Sgt. Frank Osteen, Pahokee, Fla.; and Sgt. Ed Read, Moncton, N.B. Another Ed Read, Moncton, N.B. Another know your mates party is in the offing, so watch the notice board.

—"Smokey."

FAREWELL DINNER



IT WAS no joke when Jerry W/01 Turgeon's engine went wonky over Anzio. He wasn't laughing either when he brought the Spit down on a make-shift runway under enemy shell fire. An hour and a half later his ship was repaired and he was on his way back to base. Jerry's from Montreal.

HOCKEY DOZEN

Representatives of the four voluntary branches of the Canadian Auxillary Services tendered a complimentary dinner to S/L J. J. Hogan, senior officer at RCAF headquarters, last Friday evening.

Occasion of the dinner was a farewell to S/L Hogan, who is returning to Canada after 2½ years' association with the overseas organisation. Major Wiseman, Salvation Army, was in the chair, and the speakers included Capt. Otter, Canadian YMCA; Mr. Walter Slade, of the Knights of Columbus, and Mr. Frank Bastin, Canadian Legion.

In addition to servicing aircraft at a mobile RCAF airfield and training to become tarmac Commandos, a dozen Canadians have found time to wrap together a fairly strong hockey team. The players include W/O E. Soules, Orillia; Sgt. Ernest Belanger, Ville La Salle; W/O H. Snowden, Calgary; LAC A. Duke, Winnipeg; LAC J. R. F. Roy, Quebec; LAC I. Stuart, Toronto; F/S A. Edwards, Rosemount; LAC D. Rattray, St. John, N.B.; F/O N. Rassenti, Montreal; and AC1 D. Groves, Winnipeg.

METHODIST DOFFS SHOES ENTERING HINDU TEMPLE

After persuading his native who decreed before the lad was bearer, Dillou Ram, to attend a born that he must die. Just Methodist Church service with him one Sunday, F/O Don Horton, Bon Accord, Alta., repaid the compliment the follow-

Newdale, Man., is doing all right by the RCAF

are F/O Al Lawrence, Ghost Squadron flight engineer; his

brother, F/O Bill Lawrence, Tiger Squadron navigator; F/O Bill Coutts, who drops

bombs from a Tiger Squad-

ron Halifax; and F/L Jack

Adams, an armament officer at one of the group stations.

Three of F/L Adams'

brothers are also in the Air Force. They are F/O Gavin, reported missing in the Middle East; F/O Doug, Coastal Command pilot, and Bill the volumest now

Bill, the youngest, now taking air crew training in Canada.

Among its sons serving in the Canadian Bomber Group

Horton, Bon Accord, Alta, repaid the compliment the following week, doffed his shoes and went to worship in a Hindu temple.

The trick was to keep his balance while removing his shoes and natives surged into the temple behind him. Once he reached the inside of the temple the natives seemed more interested in him than in the religious proceedings.

The Hindu, threw coins in the direction of the priest, and although Don did not have any change he was given pomegranate seed and sliced apple, as were the worshippers. The service celebrated the birth of Krishna, a champion of the Hindu poor. And as the life of Krishna was re-enacted in the temple, Dillou Ram explained to his master one of the Hindu faith. As the story goes, Krishna was the son of a wicked king rushed to were here with the proposed and returned to prison. When the guard awoke he announced the birth of a child. The wicked king rushed to the announced the birth of a child. The wicked king rushed to the cell, determined to kill the child, only to learn it was a girl. Krishna grew up in the village to become a champion of the poor people and his birthday is still celebrated wherever Hindus worship.

Since leaving his job as staff instructor at the Radio College of Canada in Toronto to join the RCAF, Horton has been in plenty of exotic places. For a time he was stationed in the Punjab, where he ski-led among the 7,000 foot snowy peaks near Muree, visited the Khyber Pass and looked over into Afghanistan. He is now stationed in Ceylon as a radio officer.

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DIDN'T LAUGH

BOMBERS OUT

(Continued from page 1.)

Sask., commanding officer of the Lion Squadron. W/C Dave Jacobs, DFC, Toronto, led the Goose Squadron. Among other units in the Stuttgart attack were the Bison, Alouette, Tiger, Porcupine, Leaside and Snowy Owl Squadrons.

Four huge fires were burning after they left the target, reported P/O W. A. "Bill" Plummer, Ottawa, navigator.

Returning airmen told of seeing large numbers of enemy fighters over Stuttgart. "A Ju.88 opened up at us from about 2,000 yards," said F/L W. B. Stewart, New Richmond, Que., making his thirteenth trip as Thunderbird pilot. "He fired a rocket and then started to come in, but we corkscrewed in evasive action and he buzzed off." F/L Stewart added the attack developed into a "good show."

Earlier in the evening several of the Group's Halifax squadrons of th

yards at Amiens. Among those participating were Moose, Ghost, Iroquois and Bluenose units, the Just a few days previously Iroquois and Bluenose units, the last-named being led by its commanding officer, W/C Chris Bartlett, DFC, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask. who flew with G/C Douglas Edwards, RFC, Ottawa, as his co-pilot. G/C Edwards commands a station in the Group, G/C N S MacCrows Group. G/C N. S. MacGregor, flight.

Endorse the Mosquito? Certainly!

Earlier in the evening several of the Group's Halifax squadrons attacked railway marshalling attacked railway marshalling the dickens out of that Jerry. It was the second aircraft we'd

"We could see bombs

judged it a successful effort.

Bombs fell directly on railway tracks, reported S/L H. R. "Hank" Dow, Toronto, who commands a Bluenose Squadron Squadron bomb-aimer.



Finlayson and Luma peer through the hole blasted in their Mossy's tail by German ground defences.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

Group, G/C N. S. MacGregor, DFC, Hamilton, another station commander, flew in a Moose Squadron aircraft.

Heavy cloud over the target prevented accurate observation of results, and all bombing was done on markers released by the Pathfinder Force.

Thursday: Amiens.

Several Halifax squadrons of RCAF Bomber Group followed up Wednesday night's attack on Amiens with another the next night. Again strategic railway installations were the target. No aircraft were lost. W/C D. T. French, Hamilton, led the Ghost It was his 23rd trip, and he judged it a successful effort.

Heavy cloud over the target of the rear turred of an Iroquois Squadron Halifax, save several big explosions. The crew of a Bluenose Squadron on expect the target of the runway. They both sent the first the runway. They both sent the first the runway. They both sent the first the runway where it had over shot, fired once and found he was out of ammunition. Another Toronto pilot, F/L Henry Kempington. Squadron which he commands. It was his 23rd trip, and he judged it a successful effort.

Hight. "We could see bombs from aircraft ahead of us fall away and strike in the marshalling yards," he said.

F/O Doug. Wiley, London, Ont., who mans the rear turred of the runway. They both sent towns of cannon fire into it despite intense ground fire. Hay-ward then turned toward a four-regime FW 200 at the end of the runway where it had over-shot, fired once and found he was out of ammunition. Another Toronto pilot, F/L Henry Kempington, helped in the possible destruction of the Messerschmitty to make the target, and there were place like explosion." The fourth FW tried to escape in 'skidding turns as F/L Alec in the marker at turr

opened fire at 350 yards with a carrying a 40-foot sail, the grainone-second burst. "The starboard cowling came off and I closed to about 50 yards dead astern," said Halcrow. "I fired a half-second burst and the German machine blew up in a closed to about 50 yards dead astern," said Halcrow. "I fired a half-second burst and the German machine blew up in a sheet of flame."

The fourth FW tried to escape in skidding turns as F/L Alec Halcrow, Penticton, B.C., attacked. He stayed with it and tacked. He stayed with it and

Hot tea, dry clothes Part of the exploding FW badly dented the elevators in the tail of Halcrow's Spit.

Hot tea, dry clothes and blankets were produced and the airmen made themselves comfortable. With a smattering of Hindustani and Tamil the men After the combat the squadron reformed with the rest of the Canadian wing and continued on the Marauder's target, deeper in France.

Hindustani and Tamii the men explained they wanted to go to Bombay. They went to sleep covered the Indians had broken their journey to reach that port.

ROUND OF GOLF IS GOAL OF VETERAN AFRICA WAG

Nazi Cannon Shell Almost Stopped Career of Vancouverite

"Tour expired" are two terse words contained in the documents of P/O W. C. McQueen, Vancouver. A German cannon shell helped to print them as it ploughed past his heart while his South African Baltimore squadron was plastering the Mediterranean island of Pantellaria. To-day he is in England, homeward bound for a game of golf at the Langara Golf Club.

The McQueens are a fighting family. All four children, three boys and a girl, are in the Canadian services. Brother Jack is a flying officer pilot; twin brother Allan an LAC electrician in Canada; sister Helen a Nursing Sister in England

Canada; sister Helen a Nursing Sister in England.

Bill landed overseas in Septem-ber, 1941. But his stay was shortened by the Rommel threat in Egypt. Along with many others, he was rushed to the Mid-dle East to face what might have been a back-to-the-wall defence with untrained airmen.

with untrained airmen.

The tension eased, he moved straight to an OTU in Kenya, skipping his advanced flying. He squeezed in a few games of golf in Cairo, Capetown, Kenya and Uganda. Then he came back to the job he started out for the previous year. He went to the previous year. He went to the Western Desert Air Force, one of five Canadians attached to a South African Air Force squad-

ron of Baltimore light bombers.
While the Eighth Army
smashed its way across the
desert to Tunisia, McQueen went

Christmas they sent me a chess set from home."

Almost as many moves as he made on the chess board, McQueen duplicated with his squadron, moving incessantly behind the advancing Montgomery army. He didn't confine all his ops to blasting immediate paths for troops but added sorties against the Tunisian cities of Sousse, Sfax and Tunis.

Covered he had been promoted from the rank of flight-sergeant to pilot officer almost a year ago. McQueen's return to England resulted in a reunion between he and his brother and sister. Jack came overséas after him, went to Gibraltar and completed a tour of ops with Coastal Command and was back in England waiting to be posted home as an instructor. His sister had crossed

From Cape Bon, he and his quadron mates were in the first waves of bombers to sweep across to Pantellaria. Three raids he made and few fighters ose from the battered island to meet the onslaught. On the fourth day, his twenty-first op, the story was the same—few fighters but plenty of ack-ack fire. But there was one fighter

too many.

The fighter carried cannon and during the engagement one of the shells ripped into McQueen's aircraft, splintered past his elbow and smashed its way through his body and out of the aircraft again. The wound was serious and only a large slege of command of a crack RAF Spit-

too, bombing scant yards ahead than a holiday for he made no of the ground troops.

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"It was grim," he said as he remembered the desert. "There was nothing to do but play chess. That was all we into.

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That was grim, he said as he remembered the desert. "There was nothing to do but play chess. I played so much I even mentioned it in my letters. Last Carthage to hospital, and a medical board, which grounded him. Off the boat in England, he discovered he had been promoted from the rank of flight-sergeant to pilot efflor allows to we we let from home."

the Atlantic in their wake and has served two years in England. Since then his pilot brother has gne home.

"We tried to go together but it didn't work out," he smiled. "We're leaving Helen to carry on the war. It doesn't seem cricket, does it?"

through his body and out of the aircraft again. The wound was serious and only a large slege of hospital in Tunis, Soukahras and Algiers brought him around.

By this time his squadron had moved to Malta, to Sicily and then to Italy. He crossed to Italy and motored up through the south of the country, which he described as "beautiful with lts rich, olive green farmlands," to the central cities.

ford fighter ace, has been promoted squadron leader, and given command of a crack RAF Spit-fire unit in Italy.

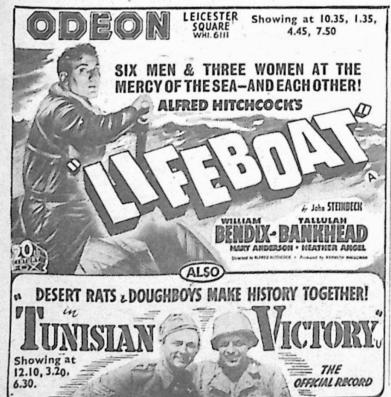
Highest scoring RCAF fighter pilot in the Middle East, Edwards jumped from flight sergeant to flight lieutenant in a matter of weeks, shot down eight enemy aircraft, and was awarded the DFM and DFC within a few days' interval, early in 1943.

to the central cities.

No More Ops

He rejoined the squadron but his sojourn in Italy was no more upped his score to 12½.





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GREER WALTER GARSON PIDGEON -FIFTH WEEK-



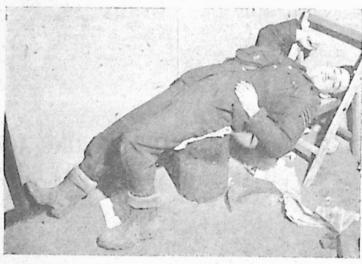
SWING KING

DANCER-HIGH EXPLOSIVE-DESTINATION GERMANY



THERE'S PLATTER PATTER aplenty in the Ghost Squadron these days with swing king, Sgt. Les Barr, London, Ont., giving out with his home-made jive unit.

PIN UP BOY FOR WIDS



THIS HURRELL pose is the work of Sgt. A. F. LaFleche, Montreal. The Sarge's sleep is legitimate, though—he's waiting for the Alouette Hallys to return from a raid.

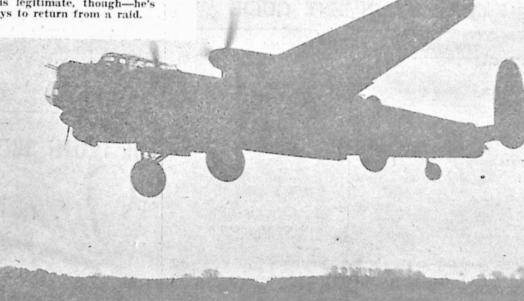


SPIT PILOT W/O Downer. Midland, Ont., has des-troyed three Jerry kites and damaged another in six days' work north of Rome.





JOES, IT'S Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's star Joan Blondell. (As if you didn't know. Owf! Owf!)
Miss Blondell will shortly be appearing in a new picture. Any objections? HELL TO PAY

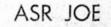


DUSK HAS SETTLED over an airdrome in the North of England. Operations are on and the field is alive with the ragged roar of engines. A giant Lancaster, loaded with destruction, rises from the runway and flies eastward in the gloom. It is followed by another and yet another—there'll be hell to pay in Germany.



THE TRAIN LOAD of ash cans following that tractor means ten tons of trouble for the Krauts—delivered through the courtesy of RCAF Bomber Group. The Guy behind the Wheel is Armorer Cpl. David Linn, Port Hope, Ont.

WE LIKE-HOW ABOUT YOU?





POSED UNDER the fin of a wrecked Jerry kite is F/O G. C. Smith, St. Andrews, N.B. He flies with an RAF Air-Sea Rescue Squadron in Italy.

BOYS, MEET BUTCH



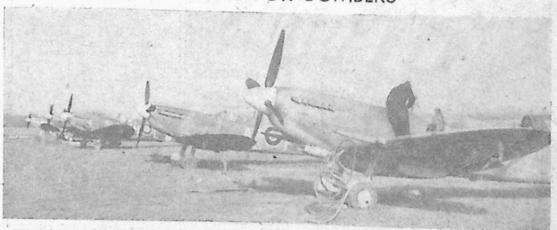
DOGS ARE prime favorites as mascots for overseas Canucks. This pooch, reaching for a slice of candy, is Butch, property of engine mechanic LAC R. S. Jensen, Macrorie, Sask. Butch is mighty proud of the Canada shoulder tabs he wears on his blanket.

HELD OVER AND WHY NOT?



GEMS IN the wolf setting are ENSA dancers. Their show in Italy was held over a week. The guy with the hold—F/L Clarke, Edmonton; guy in the cold—W/O Ritchie, Montreal.

ESCORTS FOR BOMBERS



THE LINE UP of Spits at an RCAF airfield had escorted bombers on two separate attacks inside France and were being readled for a third when this shot was taken.