



BOMBERS OUT THREE TIMES

SPIT BOMBERS SPRAY FRENCH WAR TARGETS

RCAF Squadrons Shuffle Ceaselessly Across Coastline

HIT FECAMP VIADUCT

Breaking into the low-level bombing business in a big way, RCAF Spitfires of the Second Tactical Air Force made repeated sharp attacks last week-end against vital military targets on the Continent.

One squadron led by W/C George Keefer, DFC with Bar, in its first sortie of this type, scored damaging hits on a railway viaduct near Fecamp, on the line between Le Havre and Amiens Sunday morning. Although two bomb bursts were observed on the narrow target, another short of it, and a fire alongside, results were obscured by a heavy pall of bomb dust. But when members of the squadron made a return visit the same afternoon a gap in the viaduct was clearly visible.

The ceaseless Spitfire offensive got under way Saturday morning and continued throughout the day. S/L R. A. Buckham's Wolf squadron made two separate attacks, and formations led by W/C Lloyd V. Chadburn, DSO with Bar, D.F.C., newly returned from an operational rest in Canada, and W/C Keefer, struck single blows.

F/L R. M. Staynor led the squadron commanded by S/L L. M. Cameron, DFC, on another bombing show, and S/L Jack Shephard's unit flew a similar mission about the same time. In the evening S/L Shephard's boys provided close fighter escort to Cn. Misraiders, S/L Fred Green, DFC, Toronto, also led his unit on their first attack Saturday.

WESTON FLIER IN SHIPPING STRIKE

Two enemy merchantmen were torpedoed, three others damaged by cannon fire and five escort vessels also damaged recently, when RAF Beaufighters attacked a German convoy off the Frisian Islands.

F/O Donald F. McIntyre, Weston, Ont., who joined the anti-shipping wing last May, took part in the successful strike. The enemy ships were sharply outlined against the brilliant setting sun as the cannon-carrying Beaus swooped in. They raked the escort vessel and damped the enemy's fire so effectively that none of the torpedo-toting Beaufighters was hit.

Canuck Crew Sets Blue Danube Afire

RAF Wellingtons and Liberators laying mines in the Danube the night of April 12, touched off a raging oil fire when one Liberator—manned by an all-RCAF crew—machine-gunned a tanker and the flames quickly spread, enveloping at least a dozen other vessels.

Dense Smoke

Columns of thick black smoke rose to about 8,000 feet and the great Balkan waterway was blanketed with burning oil. The Canadian skipper, F/L Harry Lewis, who flies with an Italian-based Liberator squadron, told correspondents:

"We went down to low level to drop our mines. It felt strange after high-level bombing. We were not told about strafing vessels before getting out on the first trip (April 11), but my gunners got fed up with holding their fire on good targets so I gave them okay."

Go Ahead

Next night the crews were specifically briefed to gun

THE GENERAL PRESENTS



Imposing List of Decorations Conferred on Canadian Airmen

IN A RUT

The flying Sherlock twins, Eric and Allen, Simcoe, Ont., whose cheek by jowl progress is well known to "Wings/Abroad" readers, were both awarded non-immediate DFCs last week.

They enlisted together in August, 1940, were assigned consecutive regimental numbers, sped through their pilot's training at the same schools and were winged together. Both brothers came overseas as sergeants, were commissioned together and both sweated out an instructor's hitch at the same flying school in Scotland.

Eventually both joined the Tiger squadron and flew with them in Africa. Both flying officers, Allen and Eric, were decorated the same day, having concluded their first operational tour, and are both now in Canada on leave.

Eisenhower Presents U.S. Legion of Merit To Sampson

51 AWARDS LISTED

Record crop of 51 decorations has fallen to Canadians this week. There are seven immediate awards for gallantry, 43 non-immediate, and the United States Legion of Merit, Degree of Legionnaire, conferred on G/C F. A. Sampson last week by Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander.

G/C Sampson, whose home is in Ottawa, now commands a station in the RCAF Bomber Group. He is cited for "exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the Joint Canadian-American Military Board." The citation singles out his willing and sympathetic handling of administrative problems with the American members of the Board in expediting the transfer of US citizens from the Canadian armed forces to the forces of the United States.

Immediate DFCs have gone to F/L Hedley Everard, Timmins, Ont.; F/L G. G. Sutherland, DFM, Winnipeg; F/O C. F. Ridgers, Hamilton, Ont.; P/O Don A. Berry, Trail, BC; and P/O J. R. Morrison, Montreal; while Sgt. Joseph Petsche, Ville La Salle, Que., and Sgt. Charles McRae, Winnipeg, have been awarded immediate DFCs.

Three Kills

Everard, formerly a City of Windsor Squadron flight commander, cited for "outstanding keenness, great skill and resolution," is credited with at least three kills, two of them over the Anzio beaches. Sutherland is a bomber captain, Ridgers a Goose Squadron navigator, Berry a veteran of eight trips to Berlin, and Morrison is the skipper of a Moose Squadron Halifax.

Sgt. Petsche, on his first operational sortie, was at the mid-upper guns of a bomber attacked over the target area by an enemy fighter. Though painfully wounded and weak from loss of blood, he helped extinguish a fire which had flared up in the rear of the kite. Not till the flames were mastered did he tell his captain of his injuries.

McRae, rear-gunner in an (Continued on page 6, col. 1)

CANUCKS DOWN TWO AT NIGHT

Nightfighters Knock off Germans Raiding Britain

Two German bombers attacking London in a recent raid were destroyed by two aircraft of RCAF nightfighter squadron of ADGB. It was the second kill in four weeks over the London sector for one of the Canadian crews. This crew comprises F/O S. B. "Red" Huppert, Winnipeg, pilot, and his observer, F/O J. S. "Blackie" Christie, Montreal. Their first kill came last month when they knocked down a Ju88. The pair have completed only a few operational flying hours to date.

The other crew credited with destroying a Nazi raider comprises F/O R. L. Snowdon, Ottawa, pilot, and Lt. M. S. Cardwell, observer. The squadron now has a total of 21 Hun aircraft to its credit.

W/C KEEFER LEADS OLD GANG ON RAID

Newly promoted from S/L to take over W/C Buck McNair's Spitfire wing, W/C George Keefer, DFC with Bar, Charlottetown, PEI, led his former squadron, now commanded by S/L Jack Sheppard, Dollarton, BC, in a bombing attack on a military target in France one day last week.

The bomb-carrying Spits struck just before sunset, all pilots taking extreme care to avoid hitting a nearby village. On their return both Keefer and Sheppard said they were pleased with the accurate results. They encountered some flak but no enemy fighters.

W/C Keefer, who is 22 years old, has flown in the Middle East as well as in Britain, and is credited with four enemy aircraft destroyed. Sheppard, 24, was a flight commander under S/L L. M. Cameron, DFC, Roland, Man., before taking over Keefer's former squadron.

CAN'T MISS

It was inevitable. F/O Baer, Galt, Ont., pilot with a RAF Halifax bomber squadron, was christened Russell by his parents. But now, to everyone from the CO down, he is, you've guessed it, "Maxie."

GERMAN AND FRENCH CITIES SHARE BLOWS

Canadian Group Smashes Own Record, Lugging More Than 1,000 Tons To Lens and Cologne

MEET DENSE FLAK OVER GERMANY

RCAF Bomber Group crashed five times against vital bulwarks of Europe last week. The score was two German cities and three shattered French marshalling yards in three nights' flying. The Group surpassed all previous efforts once again Thursday night, dropping more than 1,000 tons (Canadian) in a two-way thrust at rail installations at Lens, France, and on Cologne.

Double Blow

Saturday night many RCAF squadrons fought through heavy flak and fighter defences to blast Dusseldorf, while several other squadrons of the Group attacked marshalling yards at Laon, France.

Six of the squadrons that went to Dusseldorf were led by their commanding officers. W/C Bob Turnbull, AFC, DFM, Govan, Sask., made the 14th trip of his second tour, leading the Lion Squadron. Others were: Snowy Owls, W/C G. A. McKenna, Ottawa; Iroquois, W/C Bill Newson, DFC, Victoria, BC; Alouettes, W/C R. A. McLernon, Montreal; Goose, W/C D. S. Jacobs, DFC, Vancouver; Leasides, W/C W. A. McKay, DFC, Vancouver.

The glow of the fires from Dusseldorf could be seen clear to the English coast, reported Sgt. Bill Draganuk, Port Arthur, Ont., of the Lions. W/O "Biff" Alford, Kingston, Ont., said flares and searchlights were so bright over the target area that it would have been possible to read a newspaper inside the plane.

"Jerry fighters dropped big orange flares," added F/S John Sheldrake, Toronto. "They looked like huge light bulbs hanging in the sky." He is a Lion gunner.

Heavy Flak

F/L Henry McIver, Meadow Lake, Sask., who piloted a Thunderbird Lanc, reported: "We had just reached the target area when all hell broke loose. Searchlights coned us front, back and on each side, and flak burst all around us. At the same time the glow in the cloud formation ahead nearly blinded me."

Many airmen told of encounters with fighters. A Bison Halifax piloted by F/L Jim Atkins, Montreal, was blasted by an unidentified attacker, but succeeded in flying back to base, although part of the port elevator was shot away, holes put through mainplane, rudder, fins and fuselage. A fuel line was hit and petrol drained from one tank.

Jerry Hit

Back from the Laon raid, F/O Walter Watt, Cartierville, Que., Ghost Squadron bomb-aimer, said he saw "what must have been a German fighter pranged just as it was taking off. There was a huge shower of sparks following it and suddenly it exploded. Somebody must have caught the big engine house north-east of our target. The whole thing seemed to blow up."

"A strange sort of explosion" was described by F/S Keith Fox, Belleville, Ont., Moose Squadron gunner. "It was on a long line," he said, "one explosion after another, as if somebody was pulling a zipper."

Every squadron in the Group took part in the 1,000-ton-plus raid Thursday night, and the Lens raid was all-Canadian. Three squadron commanders led their boys to attack the French yards. They were W/Cs C. S. Bartlett, DFC, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.; W. F. N. Newson, DFC, Victoria, BC; J. D. Blane, North Sydney, NS who command the Bluenose, Iroquois and Tiger Squadrons respectively.

Blast

One tremendous explosion, (Continued on page 6, col. 5.)

HIT TARGET

RCAF Bomber Group HQ has set a mark for the squadrons and stations to shoot at by over-subscribing Canada's newest Victory Loan in the first week of the campaign. As soon as subscription forms arrived at HQ the lists were opened, and in less than a week the objective was exceeded, 20 per cent. greater than was subscribed last time.

W/C S. A. Terroux, St. Lambert, Que., was in charge of the campaign, assisted by F/L R. P. Klombies, Saskatoon.

AIRMAN WITH PBI IN BURMA

Canuck Hurricane Pilot In Brush With Nip Patrol

After giving air support in recent actions on the front south of Tamu, Burma, F/O R. T. Dunn, Cheadle, Alta, saw how the other half lives when he spent three days and four nights with the forward troops on that front.

A pilot with an RAF Hurricane bomber squadron of the TAF, South-East Asia Command, Dunn, with a RAF pilot of the same squadron, got a close-up of the country he had patrolled from the air. With an English North Country regiment he hacked his way through the jungle, slept in dug-outs and had one brush with a Japanese patrol.

After crawling along an animal track they reached a bank overlooking a narrow stream, to lie in ambush for the Nip section, bullocks below suddenly stampeded, warning of the approach of the patrol.

"Just as we were ready to fire on them they broke away," the pilots said. "We felt quite disappointed, but it showed us vividly just what the Army has to do."

LUCKY CANNON SHOT SENDS PAIR TO DOCK

"It was just a lucky strike on Jerry's part," said W/O Gordon Myles, Regina air-gunner, commenting on the Focke-Wulf cannon shell which sent him and W/O Jim Fitzsimmons, Toronto wireless op, to hospital.

They weren't badly hurt, but splinters kept them in dock for six weeks. Now they are in form again and looking forward to more trips. They fly together in a 2nd TAF Mitchell.

The shell put their inter-communication telephone out of action, so they weren't able to tell their skipper what had happened. They carried on and finished their job. "Last I saw of the Focke-Wulf as it dived past us he was trying to get away from the Spitfire," Myles related. "I hope that Spit pilot did his stuff."



E-BOATS HIT DURING TEST

Tracer Bullets Attract Patrolling Wimpy

When cannon fire from German E-boats off the Yugoslav coast damaged their Wellington, F/O Thorvaldson, Riverton, Man., and his crew members, continued their attack, dropped their bombs and flew on one engine for two and a half hours to the nearest Allied airfield.

The Wellington crew was patrolling the Yugoslav coast at dusk when strings of red tracer bullets rising into the sky were seen. Below were three Nazi boats, apparently testing their guns.

Although the ships were ready for action, Thorvaldson lifted his twin-engine bomber off the deck to a bombing altitude and headed for the E-boats. In a few minutes the tracers from the boats were following them through the darkening sky.

Flying through the flak, they laid a stick of bombs across the three ships, which were seen to stop immediately after the bombs burst. Cannon shells from the boats hit the Wellington, damaged the hydraulics system, holed the overload tank, and put one engine out of order. It was not possible to ascertain the effect of the bombing on the enemy vessels. None of the Wellington crew was injured.

Around Town

After the rolling skating party and the mud football game over the week-end the Wids look as if they had been over Germany with the four engine jobs.

Orchids of the week go to F/O Cameron for her all round play and fighting spirit in the mud football game. After last week's performance all Wids will report to their NCO i/c for permission to take part in these rough proceedings.

Rose Marie Brant, the Moosman Flash, is the hard luck kid of the series. The first game she scraped her knees, and now after last week's game she sprained her ankle. Here's to a speedy recovery, kid.

The baseball schedule will soon be under way. Already the boys have started to practice, so don't forget to give them your full support, gang.

The newly arrived number three band gave a very entertaining concert in the park last week. This new leader really works hard.

It was good to see our old SW/O the other day when W/O1 Dennison came in to see some of the lovely lovelies. He is up at the Repat. Depot doing his stuff.

The Denmark, commonly called Little Canada, is still packing them in up at South Kensington. You will see the same familiar airdales in there quaffing night after night.

Two old HQ familiars, F/O Hinde and F/O Birchall, have been posted to the field. Good luck, fellows, on your new positions.

—Hawkeye Harry.

FLOWERS for HOME

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CASUALTIES

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. H. E. Holbrook, F/O, Westmount, Que.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. W. S. Anglin, F/S, St. Catharines; R. C. Bailey, Sgt., Worcester, Mass.; J. H. Bickerton, P/O, Toronto; J. S. Bird, F/O, Calgary; P. H. Brand, Sgt., Montreal; J. B. Buckley, F/L; H. C. Collins, F/S, North Vancouver; T. A. Dutton, F/S, Calgary; E. K. Edwards, F/S, Toronto; P. S. Grindley, W/O, Moose Jaw; J. C. Harrison, F/S, Vancouver; H. W. Jennings, F/S, Sydney, N.S.; J. L. Kingsley, F/S, Montreal; J. P. D. Leclerc, Sgt., Quebec City; D. A. Levesque, F/S, Clair Madaraska, N.B.; I. S. Levitt, Sgt., Outremont, Que.; T. H. Livermore, P/O, Dundalk, Ont.; R. C. McRae, F/S, Meaford, Ont.; J. N. Magnusson, Sgt., Winnipeg; J. A. C. Marshall, Sgt., London; S. F. Mattoon, Sgt., Montreal; D. Neale, Sgt., Battleford, Sask.; C. C. P. O'Hara, Sgt., Vancouver; A. C. Puley, F/O, Revelstoke, B.C.; R. A. W. Sharpe, Sgt., Montreal; D. J. Sibbald, F/S, Montreal; J. W. Sprule, P/O, Edmonton; H. Spenser, F/S, Fresham, Ont.; R. W. Stanley, W/O, Brandon, Man.; W. C. Sutton, Sgt., North Bay; J. A. Thain, F/O, Sarnia; H. Uretzky, P/O, Edmonton; G. W. Young, P/O, DFC, Toronto.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. H. J. Zacharias, F/S, Cayuga, Ont.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. R. D. Hann, F/O, Vancouver.

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. W. L. Johnston, Cpl., Zealandia, Sask.; W. Barry, F/S, Medicine Hat, Alta.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. P. E. Cote, P/O, Montreal.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. A. D. Hutchison, P/O, Toronto.

MISSING. N. E. Plaxton, F/S, DFM, Victoria, B.C. (RAF); J. A. Walker, F/L, Gleichen, Alta. (RAF).

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. F. L. Carvey, F/L, DSO, DFC, Vancouver (RAF).

GHOST PILOT THINKS ST. PAT'S DAY LUCKY

Because he got his wings on St. Patrick's Day, F/O Forrest Lord, DFC, Sherbrooke, Que., feels that the luck of the Irish has been with him ever since.

On a bombing mission to Amiens his starboard inner engine packed up shortly after leaving base. He proceeded at low level to the target and unloaded. On the way home he had difficulty in maintaining height, yet so skilfully did he handle his plane he brought it through a powerful searchlight belt without a scratch. It was for his fine work on this trip and an outstanding record for service on other missions that he received the DFC.

On his fourth operational trip he went to Dusseldorf. Two Me109s and three FW190s each had a go at his craft, but he gave the slip to all five. On his next attack, to Ludwigshafen, he and his crew met some predicted flak. "It wasn't bad, though," he related. "There were only a few holes in the kite when we got back."

Rehabilitation

Who Will Get Subsistence Grants?

This is the fourth of a series of official articles on the Canadian rehabilitation program for Service Personnel. The fifth will appear next week.

Q. Under what authority are grants for subsistence paid to discharged members of the Services?

A. These payments are made under a Privy Council Order, known as the Post-Discharge Re-Establishment Order. One of the most important parts of the program, it has become known as the backbone of the re-establishment plan.

Q. Who are eligible for grants?

A. The grants are divided into five categories. They are payable to: (a) those fit and available for

A column of motor transport in drab war paint drawn up at the new operational site of W/C Frank W. Hillock's mobile airfield. The trucks have just completed a 500-mile trek from Scotland to the south of England, delivering all the kit and paraphernalia on schedule, together with the ground personnel, while the fighter squadrons flew down to their new location without a moment's hitch in the operational schedule. This movement is believed to be the war's longest non-stop advance by airfield crews and all their equipment. Within 36 hours of the main party's arrival, the senior intelligence officer, F/L George R. Crichton, Toronto, had briefed the pilots and they had taken off on their first fighter bombing assault of the Continent.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

DESERT ACE SHAKES MATES, STROLLS BACK FROM CRASH

An advanced Allied fighter base in Italy—(CP)—If ever anyone could claim to have come back from the dead, then that person is bantam-size James Francis Edwards, DFC, DFM, of North Battleford, Sask., ace RCAF pilot in the desert air force who commands a Spitfire squadron.

An RAF companion circling in a Spitfire high over the snowy mountains of Italy watched his 22-year-old leader's Spitfire going down for a forced landing on a sloping plateau, with white fumes streaming over the cockpit from the exhausts. A moment later he saw the landing plane explode and burst into flames. And he didn't see anyone get away from the flaming wreckage.

The fighter pilot flew back to his landing strip and told his comrades on the squadron their CO had been killed.

Then, hardly a week later, Edwards stepped out of a truck by a dispersal hut and strode perkily over towards a group of his companions. Edwards, the highest scoring pilot in the desert air force, with 11½ enemy planes to his credit and a like number damaged and probable, had reached the bombline on a fighter sweep when his aircraft developed a glycol leak. He turned back, but was compelled to try a forced landing in the mountainous country on the northern fringe of Allied territory.

"It was like a dream," he said. "The last thing I remember I was coming down to make the landing. I saw this nice level stretch and thought maybe I could just make it. Then the white glycol fumes kept streaming up at me and I don't remember anything after that." Edwards had no idea how he got out of the burning plane. "The first thing I heard when I came to was a lot of people talking," he said. "I couldn't make out what they were saying until after, while someone came close and said, 'Don't worry, we're your friends.'"

JOINS STAFF

F/L Charles King, Toronto has joined the staff at RCAF DHQ in Italy as accounts liaison officer. He previously held a similar position at RCAF DHQ in the Middle East.

Pay Table Crumbs

House league baseball is under way. The officers' section got in some practice hours last Sunday morning, and the WDs of EAU held a meeting last week at which LAW McBride was elected captain and Sgt. Jack Heenan coach. The team will be known as the "Pay-offs."

LAC Joseph reports that the civvies are very enthusiastic about their practices, and he predicts a good opposition for the WDs when he gets his outfit into shape.

The tennis enthusiasts are flattening the courts at Barnes and also noting the places where balls might be lost. F/O George William Maitland Grant and Miss Christine Riley, Feltham, Middlesex, were married recently, and the station personnel have been giving them congratulations and best wishes. We didn't know anything about it; we were scooped. We'll never forgive you, Gee-Gee, but all the best to you both.

Congratulations too are in order to our new W/C Archibald and S/L Spiller. Their new appointments didn't hinder their tennis match against the Greer-Barnes team, which the latter won.

Jerry Hanson is forming a unit orchestra, and the situation looks favorable, he reports. He will be glad to see any who are interested. With Bill Barnes as drummer boy, the parades are becoming a pleasure. Don't beat too hard on the morning after, Bill. Have a thought for those heads.

—By Tee Vee.

FPO

We want to let our friends in the outer world know that we are very much alive. In the mail bag department things are almost too much alive for the personnel there.

Sgt. "Rocky" LaRocque, Ottawa, i/c, is wondering if he still is in charge since the Canadian army moved in and all

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Pilots.—M. A. Bennette, Hamilton; J. E. Land, Tupelo, Mississippi, U.S.A.; W. H. D. Spence, Ottawa; A. G. Vautour, Richibucto, N.B.; M. J. McDonald, Calgary; C. H. James, Vancouver; K. B. Munro, Halifax; A. L. Breckels, Toronto; J. P. Finan, Hamilton; L. E. Larson, Regina; D. M. T. Burnett, Regina; C. O. Thrasher, Harold, Ont.; B. A. Nichols, Windsor; A. L. Arnel, Vancouver; G. A. Lewis, Kindersley, Sask.; C. S. Copp, Kamusack, Sask.; T. W. Doshigain, Outremont, Quebec; A. A. Holiday, Teemond, Newcastle; R. D. G. Arkell, Ingersoll, Ont.; V. Montgomery, South Mountain, Ont.; G. Ditchburn, Toronto; N. A. Goulet, Dalhousie, N.B.; I. G. Burnham, Philadelphia, N.Y.; J. A. Hull, Fairview, Sask.; G. E. C. MacDonald, Vancouver; A. G. H. Hedley, Lachine, Quebec; A. W. Timmuth, DFM, Fairview, N.S.; R. Walker, Abran, Ont.; K. A. Macdonald, Kirkland Lake, Ont.; H. W. McLeod, French River, P.E.I.; C. E. G. Patterson, Toronto; J. R. McLaughlin, Colborne, Ont.; A. Szychuk, Timmins, Ont.; L. W. Pethick, Montreal; J. H. Allen, McGee, Sask.; A. H. Gibb, Hamilton; H. K. Rose, Vancouver; G. D. Fowler, Boniface, Man.; W. F. Costello, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

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Special (Radar) Branch.—J. M. Forster-Coull, Vancouver.

but swamped the joint. With him are Jack "Stupy" Matto, also from Ottawa, and two Montrealers, Vic Bernier and Freddy Parnell, who still argue whether or not Montreal is a satellite of Verdun.

Bennie Zlat comes from Toronto, Dave Dick from Niagara Falls, and Johnny Burrows, St. Kitts. All they talk about is the Niagara fruit belt.

Johnny Palmae, Winnipeg, and "Wild" Bill Huest, Glace Bay, NS, complete the postal staff. In a week's time this crew take on DHQ in a softball game, and mighty preparations are being made for this event.

—By Wild Bill.

OFFICER HERE TO PUSH PLAN

Form Liaison Office for Rehabilitation Efforts

Recently arrived in the United Kingdom, to tell RCAF personnel how they can take full advantage of the rehabilitation benefits established by the Canadian Government, is S/L J. A. Sutherland. He has been appointed liaison officer between the Department of Pensions and National Health and RCAF Overseas.

At present he can be contacted at Canada House, but in about one month's time expects to have his own office at 50, Pall Mall. Here he will be able to personally assist RCAF men and women in making full use of the rehabilitation services.

Information concerning the Canadian rehabilitation program already has gone out to all RCAF stations and RAF units where Canadians are located. This information can be obtained by personnel on these stations upon application to the education officers, who are co-operating under S/L R. M. Winter, Senior Education Officer for RCAF Overseas, and from chaplains and liaison officers.

Although it has not been possible to provide copies of the information for everyone, this information can be seen if asked for. It will answer most questions occurring to those who are anxious to have help in getting settled when peace comes.

Personnel on leave can meet S/L Sutherland and discuss their problems with him. At Canada House is Col. G. W. Bearcroft, who has been appointed overseas rehabilitation officer for the Department of Pensions and National Health.

The Canadian rehabilitation program is a concrete one and applies equally to men and women in the forces. Benefits under the program are available to members of Canadian forces only.



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MULLIGAN STEW A LA INTRUDERS

"It doesn't matter what you eat it out of or what tools are used it still hits the spot." The hitting in this instance is done by a specially concocted stew, and the statement concerning its wondrous powers comes from F/L Tommy Thompson, Saskatoon, and four others belonging to the City of Edmonton Squadron.

Out of parcels from home take one tin of home-cooked roast beef melted in butter. Add one tin of chopped spork. Prepare two packets of chicken noodle soup and affiliate same with the beef and spork. Add one tin of canned milk and equal amount of water, plus seasoning, and simmer for ten minutes.

The result is "the doggondest, tastiest pot of mulligan you ever sat down to." That's pukka gen from Thompson and his cronies, who include F/L J. Stewart, the MO, Toronto; F/O F. Hender-shott, Toronto; F/O J. Swack-hammer, Hamilton; and Cliff McClelland, K-of-C supervisor, Guelph.

To get it down the hatch they used one fork, three teaspoons, one tablespoon, a shoehorn, and ate from two mess tins, one fruit jar, one tin mug and one glass. The cook scraped the pot.

PORCUPOINTS

Taking care of the gas centre is only a sideline with Cpl. Nick Pliszka, Portage la Prairie. He is unofficial sports organiser in addition to his other committee duties, and spring is a time for sports in these parts.

The hockey team wound up its season with a do at the station hotel, and celebrating with the players was S/L Gaffney. Now that skates are away softball is coming into its own. There seem to be a dozen balls whirling in the air and no part of the drome is a safe area.

The Victory Bond dance was easily the best of the year, even though the men outnumbered the women by about ten to one. Those who didn't dance enjoyed the antics of those who did, and most certainly enjoyed the music of the visiting RCAF orchestra.

The Victory Bond campaign has been very successful to date. W/C Clive Sinton and F/L Jerry German are chief salesmen, and they are finding lots of customers.

Ren Cheshire is growing a new style moustache. Opinion here has it that this latest effort is doomed. Possessing a handy pair of mitts and a practical turn of mind, Johnnie Felt, Montlach, Sask., is surprising the lads in the radio department with his inventions.

Duncan Brown has been promoted from pilot officer to flight lieutenant in one seemingly easy step. His new rank carries with it the title of deputy flight commander for "A" Flight.

Among the new arrivals here are F/S E. J. Devine, F/O J. A. Morgan, F/O G. R. Harrison, P/O J. A. Wolstencroft, F/O T. Ellison, F/O Linklater and P/O Eyolfson.

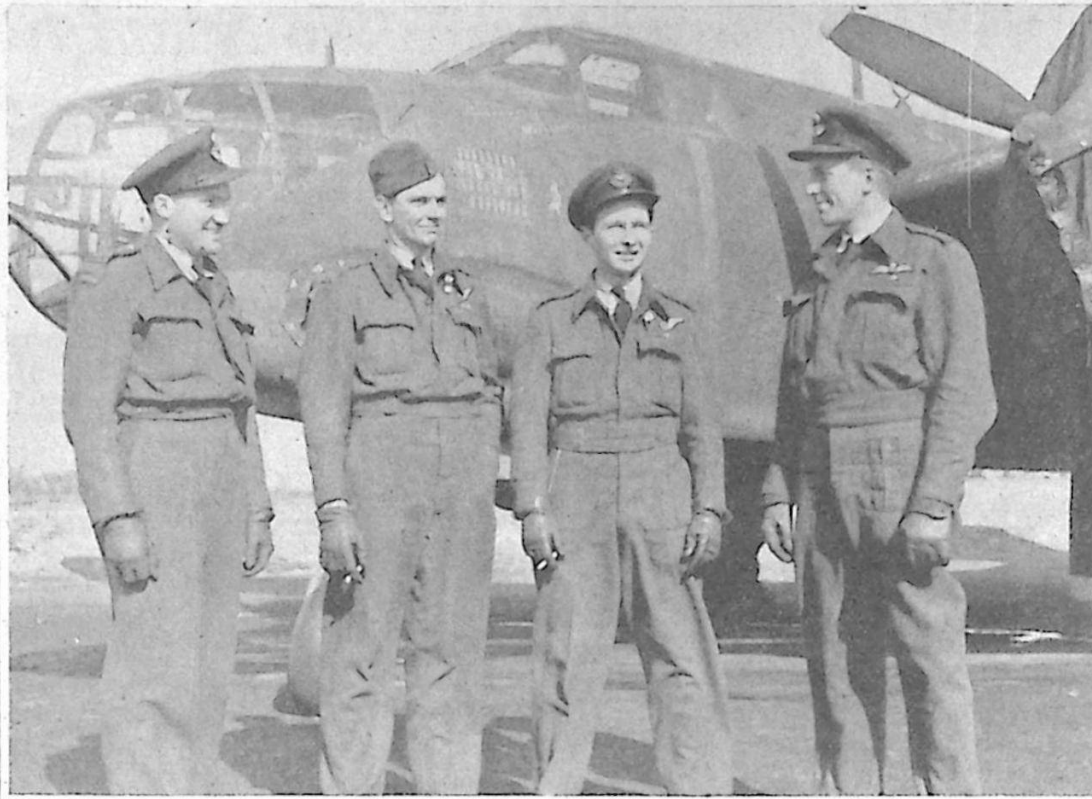


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(Official RCAF Photograph.)

R DEPOT

Quiz Kids Vie for Cigs

Spring fever has hit the staff. When one sees W/O Dutchie Reinholdt, Cpls. Eddie Jean and Bert Muirhead and LAC Norm Whyte outside mowing grass and trimming garden borders we know that spring really is here. Things like that don't happen every day in their lives.

Lisped

Shining examples of the Quiz Kids are W/O Reinholdt, 178 Jimmie "S for Sadie" Power and Sgt. Gordie Adamson. They outdid themselves trying to beat the Y for some cigs at a recent quiz. Jimmie was lispng by the time he got through spouting words starting with "S." Compete for the evening was our Y supervisor, Gordie Davitt.

Anticipation is at high pitch for the coming RCAF show, "Blackouts of 1943." The hard work of the NAAFI and Y staff succeeded in getting a new stage erected for their coming. Hats off to them. Special mention is due Cpl. "Ben" Benditsky, our ace designer. When Ben is not doing orderly corporal, that genius of his is at work. The result is the smart 1944 design for the stage.

Hunt Kit

LAC Bill Chantler spent an enjoyable and restful week in hospital and then had to use up all his energy trying to track down his kit. The latter went missing when there was a change-over in the huts. A bad show for one with years of training as a store-basher.

Sgt. "Bart" Barton, our postal wizard, wants it known that the boys in the post office don't write the letters the lads receive. They just handle and distribute them. It's a tough life these posties lead. Not only do they get the blame when there is no mail, but it now seems they have also to bear the responsibility for the contents when the letters do arrive.

On Prowl

In case you've been wondering about the strange expressions and antics coming from the far corner of the camp these nights, it's only our old Captain Reinholdt warming up his softballers for an exhibition game in the forthcoming "Salute the Soldier" campaign. It's about time someone saluted Dutchie. He seems to get mixed up in most everything.

—Sgt. A. G. Hotson and LAC A. G. Wallington.

Mac's Originals

"Mustang Men" has changed its name. Now we know how a bride feels on her wedding day. Anyway from now on we're "Mac's Originals"—and don't ask any questions because it's none of your business.

The officers have given two very instructive performances on how to play baseball. They have an air-tight line-up with W/C "Mac" on third, S/L A. MacLean on first, S/L "Doc" Metzler pitching the old pill, and F/L Knechtel with the mask on. The supporting players are all just as effective.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Sgt. "Wolf" Roherty. It is reported he has been making deprecating remarks in this publication. So we have sent along F/Ss Bill Hancock and Strain, Sgts. Frank Ward, Smith, Ted Hallstone and "Vogey" Vogwill with a small party of men, to visit him at his unit to see he keeps within the limits of respectability. So beware Roherty!

What with the ball games three nights a week, two movies and two bingo nights a week in the K-of-C, the fellows seem to have less time to tramp to Ye Locals. There has been one excellent result. The dough has been rolling in to our Sixth Victory Loan HQ.

In the first seven days we hit the \$20,000 mark and we're still going strong. Speaking of Bingo, is it true that KayCee gave five complete dinners as prizes to other night? No wonder the mess hall has been deserted.

Sgt. Bob Ohs has joined the airfield, and will be found in the education office. One of our cooks, Sgt. "Hank" Wise, got fed up with the life we lead down here and has trotted off to Bomber group. F/L Johnson says he got that black eye playing ball. Does he mean baseball? F/S "Robt" Robichaud has promised to buy a \$300 bond on May 12 if somebody will take him on a pub crawl on May 13. Any takers?

—P/O Slich.

TORPEDO SQUADRON EXPERT NOW BOSSES GROUP STATION

At 30 years of age and with a decade of service in the RAF behind him, G/C E. L. Wurtele, Westmount, Que., to-day commands a Canadian station in Bomber Group.

Having flown Hawker Furies, Swordfish, Sharks, Blenheims and later Beauforts over the span of years, G/C Wurtele is looking forward to flying heavies from his own station.

G/C Wurtele took his first flying lessons at the Montreal Light Aeroplane Club before crossing to Britain in 1935. Later, he was attached to Fleet Air Arm and saw two years' service in the Mediterranean aboard HMS "Glorious," HMS "Furious" and HMS "Malaya." A flight lieutenant in 1939,

Wurtele instructed for a year in advanced flying training and then joined a Coastal Command squadron flying Blenheims. Since 1940, however, he has been closely associated with the RCAF, helping form the first Canadian torpedo bomber squadron. Not long after its formation, he was posted to Canada as chief instructor and later C.O. of the RAF station at Patricia Bay, B.C.

His twin sisters, Rhona and Rhoda, are the well-known skiing champions; another sister, Joan, serves with the VAD at Moncton, and his younger brother, P/O George Wurtele, recently graduated as an RCAF pilot after an overseas hitch as a radio mech.

POTINS et NOUVELLES

Le correspondant de guerre Maurice Desjardins, qui revenait dernièrement d'une tournée des escadrilles canadiennes, a remarqué dans la "Villa du Québec" à l'escadrille Alouette, une véritable atmosphère de "Chez nous"; la "Villa du Québec" est une petite hutte occupée par l'équipage de l'officier pilote Léopold Brochu (récemment promu); tous dans la hutte sont des Canadiens de langue française; sous l'enseigne de la villa, le sergent de section Camire cultive un jardin miniature.

Le lieutenant d'aviation Denis Turenne, DFC, qui à la suite d'une tournée d'opérations avec l'escadrille "Alouette" est devenu instructeur de vol dans un "OTU" était de passage cette semaine à Londres en devoir spécial.

Le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Philippe Bernier, de Lévis, était également de passage ici récemment. Cet officier, lorsqu'il traversa en Angleterre, eut une aventure. Le cargo qui le transportait fut coulé, et Bernier dut passer cinq heures dans une chaloupe de sauvetage. Une corvette anglaise vint à la rescousse des naufragés. Le lieutenant d'aviation Bernier raconte comment il arriva en Angleterre sans même un rasoir pour se barbiifier. Ce fut l'expérience de sa vie.

Dans une escadrille de Buffalo de la défense côtière, plusieurs pilotes canadiens-français font leur vol de guerre; ainsi le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Fernand Rancourt, qui dernièrement abattit un Messerschmidt 110 lors d'une envolée de patrouille; et le navigateur, récemment promu—l'officier-pilote André Lauzon, de Montréal, qui compte plus de 400 heures de vol. Un des nouveaux pilotes à l'escadrille Buffalo est le lieutenant d'aviation Roger Savard, de Montréal.

Des félicitations! A l'escadrille "Alouette," qui a été la première (dans la région du "Beaver Base") à remplir son objectif de \$20,000, pour l'emprunt de la victoire; ceux qui ont complété la somme, le sergent de section G. M. Landry, et le sous-officier breveté V. J. Boyer, tous deux de Montréal. Des félicitations aussi au chef d'escadrille Claude Hébert, qui vient de se voir décerner la DFC.

BOMBS PUNCH TARGET AS MEDIUMS UNLOAD

"Our bombs were seen to fall across the centre of the target in good concentration," P/O Lloyd Pears, Montreal, said on his return from an attack with medium bombers of the 2nd TAF on military targets in northern France recently. "There was only slight heavy flak, but it was accurate," he commented.

Other Canadians who took part in the action included Sgt. J. D. P. Carriere, Toronto; Sgt. Archie Zado, Mazenod, Sask.; Sgt. J. Dawson, North Coaticook, Que.; W/O Stewart McNeil and W/O Peter Melanosh.

Alexandria Hotelman Friend to Canadians

Alexandria.—A friend in need to Canadians in the Middle East is Albert Metzger, prosperous Alexandria hotelman. From his office in his downtown Cecil hotel he keeps tab on Canadian activities and lends a helping hand whenever he can.

He looks after much of the catering for Alexandria's Canada House, which building he leased to the Knights of Columbus, who operate it as an auxiliary service. A great deal of the excellent food served there comes through the Cecil Hotel.

Overflow

In addition to his hotel, facilities are available for the asking. When there is an overflow from Canada House, and he has room for them, he takes in visiting Canadians and makes them at home.

He runs a one-man missing persons bureau and receives letters from the many who are trying to locate pals. His villa on the outskirts of the city usually is home to one or two Canadian fliers who go out for a meal and visit with Metzger, his wife and family.

At Christmas and the New Year, he loaned dishes and decorations to the club for holiday parties and transferred well-trained waiters and hotel employees from his own establishment to help out the Canadians. He packed more than 20 small Christmas trees with "amusing" little gifts and sent them to Canadians fighting in Italy. "The surprising thing is that most of them arrived," he said, "and the boys seemed amused by them."

War Veteran

Metzger lost a leg at the Somme with the Canadians in the last war. He served with the 24th Victoria Rifles. Previously he won the Military Medal for a night's work as sergeant in charge of a scout section. He was wounded that night.

He returned to Canada following the last war, but his wounds and Canadian winters did not get on well together. He went to Alexandria without a dime, worked first as a clerk, and now owns the smart Cecil and has hotel interests throughout the Delta.

He would like to join the RCAF, but his 54 years and his artificial right leg prevent this. "I could do catering for them for I know the hotel business," he told some Canadians. "But they say I am too old, and then there is this," and he tapped his right leg.

Metzger is an Alsatian by

birth, went to England as a young man and then to Canada, where he farmed in the West. He is now a naturalised Canadian.

When he lost his leg he was sent back to Canada and joined the Royal Flying Corps as a pay sergeant. Since he has been in Egypt, he has had a trip to Canada every three years. He has a home at Whitevale, near Markham, Ont.

Drop into the Cecil in Alexandria and you probably will find Metzger talking to Canadians over a cup of smooth coffee made in the best Canadian coffee tradition. He has a reputation as a host. His Canadian friends come again and again to meet a fellow countryman away from home.

JOCK'S WORST TRIP NO FAULT OF JERRY

The worst experience in F/O Jock Letourneau's career wasn't the enemy's doing and shook him more than anything Jerry ever threw at him in the course of 21 operational trips.

It happened about a month ago as the Levis, Que., navigator and his pilot were taking off on a night intruder mission. Their Mosquito had climbed to 1,000 feet when one of the engines packed up and they had to turn and crash land.

"The Mosquito was split in half," said Letourneau, "but all I got was a scratch on the hip. But I thought it was going to be my last attempt to get off the ground."

He flies with a New Zealand squadron of the Second Tactical Air Force.

DOMINION OFFICERS GET CLUB IN YORK

A new Dominion Officers' Club will be officially opened in York on May 1. It will be located at the former District HQ location.

It is designed as a leave club, and there will be immediate accommodation for 40 officers. It is planned to expand this to 120 as the need develops. Arrangements are for rooms and meals only.

Any officer desiring to book accommodation is requested to write the secretary at the above address.

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W/O WOP/AG Ernie Abbey, Ottawa, is enjoying a siesta these days... have it your own way then, he's on an operational rest.

Two of those kills were made within three nights. These attacks were made against subs of the fully surfaced variety with plenty of flak attached.

F/L Ken Grant, Toronto, air-gunner, hit the boom town recently, after winding up a tour of Coastal ops from the Azores.

The squadron is mostly Canadian, and evidently they're all flying officers from the West.

W/O WAG Roy Hicks, Winnipeg, has just about completed a torpedo bombing tour with an RAF squadron, flying Hampdens.

After laying their torp an Arado float plane came sailing in, his cannon going blam-blam.

P/O Don Fleming, London, Ont., bomb-aimer, probably knows what debit and credit means.

THUNDER FLASHES

Chief Brave Digs In

Activity on the Thunderbird encampment during the past couple of weeks has been almost negligible, hence the absence of this column last week.

New Boss The new Thunderbird Chief-tain, W/C E. C. Hamber, of Hamilton, Ont., took over the controls of the squadron a couple of weeks ago and is rapidly making himself known to the scattered tribesmen.

S/L Al Avant, DFC, "B" Flight Commander, and his crew have just returned from leave.

It is rumored that P/O Don Berry, DFC, of Wildcat fame, and the Berlin Kid, P/O Rog Coulombe, DFC, are getting their heads together these nights studying the intricacies of higher mathematics in order that they

may arrive at the correct total of their operational trips.

Jock Doyle, Wildcat bomb-aimer, has recently discarded his well-worn stripes and crown, including the set he wore on his pyjamas, to don the coveted thin blue stripe and flat hat.

Also commissioned this week was Sgt. George Congreve, a flight engineer in 1st Lt. Smith's crew.

A gunner with a flair for high-pressure salesmanship was discovered recently in the person of the amiable F/L Jimmy Watts, DFM, Thunderbird gunnery boss, who really set things humming at the opening of the Victory Loan Sales Campaign.

REFLECTION



LAW Voi Pearce, Evansville, Ind., gets an official hair do from AW2 Molly Melhuish. It happened in London.

Gedoink! Like Brooklyn Yet

Allied Airbase in Italy.—It's pretty rare to listen to a yarn in a RCAF or RAF mess these nights without hearing the word "gedoink."

Gedoink, it seems, is the air force's mot of the moment to express impact—any kind of impact from the burst of a 4,000-pounder in the hangars of an enemy airfield or the strike of cannon fire from a Spitfire along the fuselage of a FW190 to the accidental biff of one's eye against a door in the dark.

"Gedoink!" says the fighter pilot, "and there I was at 1,500 feet with no tail on my kite."

If it doesn't get firesome in a month or so, it may be one of the weird service words the RCAF will take home when the lights go on, along with the bits of Arabic picked up from the natives in the Libyan desert or the streets of Cairo, the phrases caught from the French in North Africa, and the smattering of Italian they're acquiring at the moment.

Gedoink must be classed as good Rafese of the same lineage as prang. Its origin has not yet been traced by this department, which isn't working on it anyway.

BEAVER BASE

Alouettes Reach Goal

The Alouette squadron has scored again—this time in the purchase of Bonds in the Sixth Canadian Victory Loan Drive.

Loan Ditty As an aid to the drive an English officer, F/O Len Scott, wrote a music hall sketch featuring the current loan campaign, which was the highlight of a show staged at one of the base stations before members of the Leaside squadron by the base concert party.

The show was followed by a dance, and among those demonstrating the latest in terpsichorean twirls were G/C H. H. C. Rutledge, Ottawa, W/C Court Tufts, Halifax, and F/L Eric Strathdee, Toronto and Winnipeg.

Good Trick

It takes a good man to lose a caravan without knowing it, opines Sgt. Hunter, airfield control gen. man on the base station.

Outstanding event of the week was the commissioning of F/S "Jock" Doyle, Glasgow socialist and last NCO member of Don Berry's Wildcats.

supply at base station sick quarters is due to the activities of F/L Andy Simard's officer softball aggregation.

Decorating first base is P/O "Porky" Dumart, while S/L "Bud" Hoodspith holds down second.

New Fields

Flushed by the success of their first engagement the lads are now looking for new fields to conquer.

Overseas HQ and Bomber Group HQ as well as at other stations in the group, P/O Harold Goodchild, recently graduated from the sergeants' mess to the zoot suit class, has arrived and is at one of the base stations.

PATRIOT

F/O Tom Wright, Vancouver, bomb-aimer with a RAF Halifax squadron, refuses to adopt such RAF terms like wizard and prang.

MOOSE SQUADRON

No Spam for Moosemen

Extra! Extra! Ninety (we counted 'em) great, steaming cans of moosemeat arrived to-day, and the bayonet sharpening about these parts is fierce.

Three Do's

The gang was well represented at three hops in the vicinity. The arrival of spring seems to be loosening the old tendons.

bitterly complaining about the punishment his corns were taking, climbed aboard his partner's pedals and rode in comfort for a good part of the evening.

The Sixth Victory Loan drive got away to a flying start with the flight and station commanders doing the canvassing.

The "Goosepool Gavotte" (station dance to you) was a crowded affair. First in and last out was Cpl. Tommy Higgins, Cedars, Que.

That perennial armorer, Andy Andrews, Angusville, Man., has added another stripe to the two he's already being paid for.

Hold Tight

Smooth music by the RCAF dance orchestra put the Victory Loan dance over with a bang.

LACs Bill Taylor, Darmody, Sask., and George Wray, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Sgt. Eddie Legault, Sarnia, seem to have a bet on. Who's winning?

—By Sgt. R. K. Bradey.

BOMBER GROUP

Athletes Getting Hep

The baseball diamond is taking on a new appearance. The sports committee have had it skinned, and Cpl. Powers is to be seen there most days putting the finishing touches.

Concerts

The nucleus of a concert party has now been formed. The first meeting was held this week, and rounding up the talent are A/S/O Mutch, S/L Johnny Britain and "Y" Sup. Ray Daddels, who has very recently been attached here.

The one time discussion group has turned into a cycling club and is now to be found on Monday evenings visiting the local beauty spots.

There has been much spring cleaning around here. The SWO's office now glistens with new paint as do the teleprinter room and the telephone exchange.

Sick List

In hospital is Cpl. Beveridge, of the Service Police. It is nice to see Cpl. McAvoy walking around at last without all that plaster on her foot.

Recently promoted are P. T. Smith and R. M. Hart, of the MT section. Both are wearing two tapes now.

We apologise to Hank Hauk for spelling his name wrong a few weeks ago.

Cpl. Connie Stagg is telling us of the many strange sights she saw in Bonnie Scotland. Also back amongst us is LAW Helen Symmons, of the MT Section.

There is an underground movement in the WD site. Yes, those seeds planted with so much care are coming up! Of course, they may be weeds, but we don't listen to rumors.

A station sports committee has recently been formed to ensure a good program this summer.

Recently a number of table tennis matches have been played. The officers played other ranks recently and the ORs won.

Yet another batch of WDs have had an anniversary party. Everything went off with a bang.

—By LAW Lewis.

Hodson Hooey

W/C K. L. B. Hodson, DFC and Bar, has taken us to green pastures. But the tent life seems to agree with everybody, especially Cpl. "Dada" Stephenson, Edmonton, who said when a rabbit went by, "I told you there were gophers in this country."

The inventive genius of the boys in their attempts to make their quarters comfortable reached its peak in the one-two effort of the Hunter and Callaway crews.

There is, however, a sad story. A certain corporal had been boarding marshmallows for a long time and they mysteriously disappeared.

The boys want Mr. MacLeod of the Canadian Legion to know they appreciate the evening shows and cigarettes and stuff, and this includes Wally Walpole and his swing cats who have been hepping it up in our new recreational blister.

Back in our fold are LACs "Timber" Yates, Wood and Menidew. New members in our midst include F/S Jerry Dyer and LACs Yule, Richie, Sparks, Pyne, Lemarr and Pinard.

Wedding bells are ringing lustily? Congratulations go to LACs Lloyd Leigh, Orillia, Ont.; Jack Stanley, Edmonton; Andy Henderson, Argyle, Man. Andy would like to thank the maintenance boys for their lovely wedding gift.

—Cpl. "Red" Hillen.

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Engine Gen Man

Ex-GI Primes Plugs at Bomber Group

FOURTEEN years ago, when the name "Lindbergh" was spoken in hushed reverence in aviation circles, George Loft-house, New York City, spent his working hours tearing down Liberty engines of Douglas 02H biplanes in the Philippines.

To-day George is a corporal in the RCAF, manhandling the engines of an RCAF Group Hall-

bombers also operated from Nichols. It was from a Martin that George made his first parachute jump.

"Baling out of a Martin is a slightly different proposition from doing a fade out of a Halifax," George said; "It goes

Of the 350 hours George put in flying out in the Philippines, he figured in two crashes, escaping with minor injuries. Crack-up number one came in a Loening Amphibian. George was sitting on a cushion in the bottom of the kite when the pilot came in to land with his wheels up. The bottom of the boat's hull was ripped open, and George lost a few inches of skin from his

meet George came out on top in the 100 yard event, and was presented with a medal by the CO of the Philippine Army, the now famous General McArthur.

Late in '31 George was back in the States at Mather Field, Calif. Later still he left the Air Corps, and in the years that followed he MC'd in a night club, barked in an Amazon show at



VISITING FIREMEN

There's quite a concentration of characters on the station along with LAC Bill Reeves, ex-stockbroker from Montreal.

barrack floor, Johnnie Reid gave the bumper a good shove and went the length of the floor. Cpl. Goldsmith, our editor-in-chief, spends a lot of time in a nearby town.

Now that spring is in the air the wolves are on the loose once

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RCAF AWARDS

(Continued from page 1.)

RAF bomber, was wounded and his turret made unserviceable when three enemy fighters attacked during an assault on Frankfurt. Says the *London Gazette*: "Although in great pain, this brave gunner refused to leave his post and, operating his turret manually, continued to use his guns most effectively, causing the attackers to terminate the engagement."

The non-immediate group includes Bars to the DFC for S/L Albert Lambert, DFC, St. John, NB, and F/L Peter Wilby, DFC, Jasper, Alta., and DFCs for the following: W/C W. A. McKay, Vancouver; S/L E. W. Blenkinsop, Victoria, BC; S/L J. C. Hebert, Magog, Que.; F/L J. F. Mitchell, Toronto; F/L A. M. Stockdale, Montreal; F/L Henri de Solla, Forest Hills, NY; F/O A. C. Groul, Vancouver; F/O J. E. Agrios, Camrose, Alta.; F/O M. C. Tucker, Lakeview, Ont.; F/O A. K. Leitch, Weston, Ont.; F/O R. L. Kelly, Minnola, Man.; F/O H. R. Cook, Abbotsford, BC; F/O W. D. M. Hamblin, Detroit, Mich.; F/O H. M. MacDonald, Vancouver; F/O C. H. Johnson, Strome, Alta.; P/O S. A. Meeks, Kingston, Ont.; P/O Wilfred Dingley, Calgary; P/O G. I. Phillips, Winnipeg; P/O W. A. Thompson, Lipton, Sask.; P/O T. H. Kimmett, Calgary; P/O C. G. Hopton, Montreal; W/O Wray Paterson, Millinger, Sask.; W/O P. M. Connor, Kingston, NS; W/O W. T. Evans, Winnipeg; W/O G. A. Wilkie, St. Vital, Man.; W/O J. W. Lawrence, Lethbridge, Alta.; and W/O (now P/O) R. D. Borrowes, Montreal.

Non-immediate DFM's have gone to F/S J. N. J. Pilon, Luskville, Que., and F/S William Kondra, Prudhomme, Sask.,

TRANSPORT TYPES EAGER FOR SHOW

There's going to be two more RCAF navigators in on the big show when it starts. That's if F/O Fred MacAllister, Ottawa, and his buddy, F/O Roy Davis, Toronto, can get somebody to hold up the big show until they get on operations. At present they are racing through their training at a Wellington OTU.

For both boys the training unit marks the culmination of a long struggle to fly operationally. When they joined Transport Command in April, 1942, most of the flying was being done by civilians. Fred met Roy for the first time on a train down from Scotland after both had delivered their first aircraft. Fred delivered a Mitchell and Roy a Ventura.

From then on they built up over 1,000 hours delivering light, medium and heavy bombers and transport planes, and set them down from Texas to Egypt. At stops where they could get hold of their CO they would make their plea to go on ops.

Finally, in December, 1942, they ran into an operational type who saw their point and pressed their transfer. In March, 1944, they both delivered Dakotas, their last job for Transport Command. They stayed in England and immediately went to an OTU.

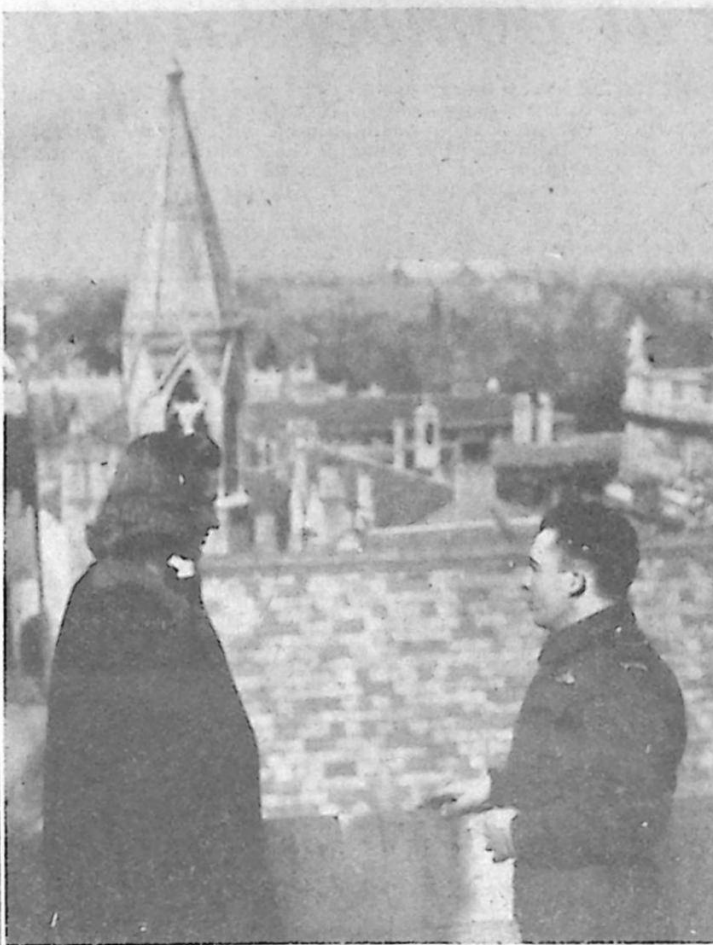
While he was with the Transport Command, Fred helped to deliver a Mitchell from Nassau to Africa, setting up a record that was still standing when he left the outfit in February. "Now," he said jokingly, "all I want to do is to get in on the big show, finish a tour, remuster to a pilot, and go home."

NEW FLIGHT LEADER WITH BLUENOSE UNIT

In sixteen missions to Berlin, Kassel, Dusseldorf and other important major targets, S/L Frank Watkins, Winnipeg, has never had a turnback and has never had to feather a prop. S/L Watkins is newly-appointed Bluenose squadron flight commander.

On one of these trips, over Mannheim, an unidentified Nazi nightfighter attacked his craft, ripping the plane from underneath with cannon and machine-gun fire. The rear gunner, Sgt. Phil Perchinski, Saskatoon, was wounded during the engagement, which was over in a few seconds.

OXFORD LEAVE



Atop Balliol College, overlooking the spires of Oxford, F/O Harold D. Turvey, Brantford, Ont., chats with an undergraduate.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

District H.Q.

With deep regret we had to say cheerio to our CO, S/L Ted Howe, and in appreciation of his gallant leadership we held a little party for him one evening last week. All officers and airmen attended and contributed their share to make it a most joyful time. After a few games, etc., S/L MacGregor Grant gave a little speech, bringing to all of us the closer realization that S/L Ted Howe opened the doors of this little bit of Canada and built it to its present state of efficiency. He then presented Ted with a model aeroplane, on which were inscribed the names of the gang here as a token of our thanks.

After the presentation and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," S/L Howe thanked all the boys for their services and their co-operation during his stay here. F/L D. M. Lunan, taking over S/L Howe's position, was heartily welcomed.

—By Freddie Otto.

Book Review

Civil Aviation, by Michael Young (Pilot Press, 4s. 6d.).

Seventh in the Target for Tomorrow series, edited jointly by Sir William Beveridge, Dr. Julian Huxley and Sir John Boyd Orr, Michael Young's handsomely illustrated pamphlet makes a clear and convincing plea for the establishment of World Airways to operate all airlines in Europe and the Far East, and the great international trunk routes crossing the North and South Atlantic. There is good sense, too, in his suggestion that an International Board for Air Navigation be set up to lay down common standards for those routes not completely internationalized.

Especially interesting to Canadians because of Canada's unique position astride the east-west and transpolar routes and her new status as a ranking Power, "Civil Aviation" clears the air of the noxious fumes emanating from both Washington and London.

OUT THREE TIMES

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believed to be an ammunition train which sustained a direct hit, was reported by returning crews. W/C Newson said flames seemed to reach 6,000 feet. The blast, which lasted 30 seconds, made the sky so bright, according to P/O Archie Gardner, Lansing, Ont., that he could see the huge force of RCAF heavy-weights converging over the target area. He is a Bluenose Squadron pilot. Sgt. George Hansen, Standard, Alta., reported seeing bombs drop "right on a turntable."

In the early hours of Wednesday morning a considerable force of Canadian bombers plastered marshalling yards at Le Bourget, near Paris.

"They certainly threw plenty of flak at us," reported W/O Johnny Cooper, Winnipeg, Leaside pilot. "I've never seen so many scarecrow flares. They burst with a tremendous yellow flash, then seemed to break in two as they fell. We had to run right through some of them."

The consensus of the returned fliers emphasized the dense concentration of bombers over the target area, plenty of flak, the ease with which they could see the flare-swamped target and—"lots of explosions."

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Oh to be in England now that spring is here! Glorious weather, sweet-smelling blossoms everywhere—and romance! Yes, it's another wedding. On Monday afternoon at the Paddington registry office, LAW Ruby Tribe, of Olds, Alta., who works in Personnel, and F/O Douglas Barr, of Connell Creek, Sask., a navigator with the Thunderbird squadron, were married.

Ruby is a recent arrival overseas, but she had met her husband back in Calgary before she enlisted. LAW Margaret Sutherland, Vancouver, was her bridesmaid, while P/O Roger Stone, of Strongfield, Sask., pilot of the groom's crew, acted as best man. Following the ceremony, the newly-weds entertained their friends at a wedding dinner at the Maple Leaf Club at Queen's Gate.

Boy, what a hot game of mud-football that was in Hyde Park Saturday between the Norwegian gals and our Wids. When the players really got themselves warmed up, we were reminded of the good old sports days back home. Thanks to Kay Starchuk, of Smoky Lake, Alta., the final score was 2-0 in favour of the Norwegians. Kay did a marvellous job as goal keeper.

Among outstanding players were Cpl. Lois Wimble, a Torontonian, and LAW Klem, from Vancouver. Both look like former basketball enthusiasts. Music provided by the RCAF band made the game just so much more enjoyable. After the game a delicious buffet luncheon was served to members of both teams and their friends, followed by dancing, at Albion Court.

You never saw such busy little bees as a roomful of Wids last

FILM LOG

"A GUY NAMED JOE" (Empire)

Spencer Tracy, tossing off more wise cracks in five minutes than Bob Hope does in an entire film, makes what might have been a mediocre pic into a joyful evening.

Although the story fails to convince and the characterization is stereotype, a full quota of solid laughs will help you sit through this queer combination of "Test Pilot" and "Here Comes Mr. Jordan."

"PYGMALION" (Leicester Square)

The revival of a fine film production of Bernard Shaw's most famous play still makes for top flight entertainment. Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller turned in fine jobs of acting when the cameras rolled on this one. If you missed it the first time it's a must, if you saw it before judge for yourself.

"WOMEN IN BONDAGE" (Pavilion)

Another of the Gestapo films. Lots of rough and tumble and bags of the old Nazi menace are packed into the film, which is not too original. Some fairly good Hollywood people toiled on this number.

Godfrey's Field

F/O J. O. McAusland has swooped down on Godfrey's Field with a bundle of Sixth Canadian Victory Bond applications in his hands and a determined gleam in his eyes. Many applications already have been made, but he's got a fresh supply of forms, so let's go!

Georgina, the field mascot, has presented the camp with quints. As each pup made its debut "Doc" Buchanan, chief surgeon i/c, phoned the news to "Buck" Briscoe. Georgina is now resting comfortably in the officers' mess, with the Doc and his assistant, Stempien, dancing proud attention.

Here's the long and short of it in the battle course this week. LAC "Mac" Maclean is six foot three inches and "Little General" Verette is five foot two inches. Resting comfortably after last week's strenuous do is "Eckie" Ekstein. He claims it was that last route march that brought about his present condition, but we're more inclined to think it was that last day off in London.

If you thought the zoot suit was a sensation you should get a lamp full of the dazzling tartan scarves most of the air crew are modelling these days, it wouldn't be surprising if Adolf doesn't have the Nazi air raid sirens playing "The Campbells are Coming."

Monday night, all cutting out gloves. It looked like sewing circle days come round once more. And we think they'll be busier before the gloves are finished.

CONTROVERSIAL?

M'yes, as we expected. But the majority of the critics in favour of "A Guy Named Joe" and its acting—as "GREAT ENTERTAINMENT", "GRAND, MOVING, EXCITING", "MAGNIFICENT", "POWERFUL AND ORIGINAL", "EXTRAORDINARILY POIGNANT AND AT TIMES HILARIOUSLY HUMOROUS", "ORIGINAL, TOPICAL, OF OUTSTANDING APPEAL"★—was Churchillian in its proportions.

The verdict of the public, of course, is overwhelming. So on to a great second week!

★ The adjectives were not chosen by M.-G.-M., but by the distinguished critics of the "Sunday Express," "Sunday Dispatch," "Daily Telegraph," "Evening Standard," "Daily Express," "Daily Mirror" respectively.

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HIPPODROME. Ger. 3272. Evs. 5.40. Weds., Thurs., Sats., 2.25. GEORGE BLACK tells THE LISBON STORY A Play with Music	PALLADIUM. Ger. 7373. Twice daily at 2.30 and 5.20. ALL STAR VARIETY Max Miller, Ivy Benson and her Ladies' Band, Webster Booth & Ann Ziegler, etc.	MARBLE ARCH PAVILION. May. 5112. JOEL McCREA and MAUREEN O'HARA BUFFALO BILL (U) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.	NEW GALLERY. Regent St. Reg. 8080. Winner of 1943 Academy Award JENNIFER JONES in THE SONG OF BERNADETTE (U) Twice Daily at 2.30 and 6.30. Sundays at 3.45.
PRINCE OF WALES. Whi. 8681. Evs. 6.15. Tues., Thurs., Sats., 2.25. GEORGE BLACK restages <i>The Trial of Madeleine Smith</i> , now entitled THE REST IS SILENCE.	SAVILLE. 2nd Year. Tem. 4011. Evs. 6.15. Wed., Thurs., Sat. 2.30. FIRTH SHEPARD presents JUNIOR MISS "Brilliantly acted...screamingly funny." —Sunday Dispatch.	NEW VICTORIA (G-B). Opp. Vic. Stn. ALI BABA & THE FORTY THIEVES (U) (In Technicolor.) Oh My Darling Clementine (U), News, &c. Weekdays: continuous 12 to 9.45. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.	ODEON, Leicester Square. Whi. 6111. VERONICA LAKE, FRANCHOT TONE in W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S Hour Before the Dawn (A) Continuous from 10 a.m.
STRAND. Tem. 2690. 2nd Year. Evs. 6.30. Mats. Thur., Sat., 2.30. FIRTH SHEPARD presents ARSENIC AND OLD LACE Lillian Braithwaite, Mary Jerrold, Naunton Wayne, Frank Pettingell, Edmund Willard.	WINDMILL, Picc. Circus. 13th Year. REVUEVILLE, 173rd Edition (2nd week) Continuous daily 12.15-9.30 p.m. Last performance 7.50. A VIVIAN VAN DAMM PRODUCTION "WE NEVER CLOSED"	PARAMOUNT. Eus. 4175. Tottenham Ct. Rd. RAY MILLAND, GAIL RUSSELL THE UNINVITED (A) Mischa Auer, Kay Kayser and his Band Around the World (U)	REGAL, Marble Arch. Padd. 6011. Commencing April 28 JOHN WAYNE, SUSAN HAYWARD THE FIGHTING SEABEES (A) Daily at 1.50, 4.50, 7.55.
DOMINION (G-B). Tottenham Court Rd ALI BABA & THE FORTY THIEVES (U) (In Col.). Oh My Darling Clementine (U) Weekdays: continuous 11.30 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.	EMPIRE, Leicester Square. Ger. 1234. 2nd week SPENCER TRACY, IRENE DUNNE in A GUY NAMED JOE (A)	FATLER TH. (G-B). Charing Cross Rd. ANGLO-BOVIET SEASON MY UNIVERSITIES (A) (From the third volume of Maxim Gorky's Autobiography) The Glory of Sebastopol (U)	TIVOLI, Strand. Tem. 5625. ROSALIND RUSSELL & BRIAN AHERNE THE BEAUTIFUL CHEAT (U) Weekdays: continuous 11.45 to 9.30 Sundays: continuous from 3.30.
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