



HEAVIES BLAST BOMB BASES

DEBS DUB HAYBAG



"If for Howe," a Halifax that lugs bombs with the RCAF Bison Squadron, has been christened "W-Debs" in honor of the RCAF road show, now appearing at bomber group. The names of all the gals in the show are painted on the nose of the bomber.

Shown standing on the wing are: LAW Lenor Barlow, Vancouver; W/C Al Avant, DFC, Hughton, Sask., CO of the Bisons; F/O Lola Davis, Ottawa, i/c of the "W-Debs" unit; S/L G. F. Arbuckle, Toronto; LAW Hazel Moore, Winnipeg; LAW Winnie Kermath, Montreal; Sgt. Harry Glass, DFM, Toronto; Cpl. Ceel Smith, Winnipeg; Cpl. Audrey Canty, Ottawa; F/L Don Hall, St. Lambert, Que., pilot of "W-Deb."

(Official RCAF Photograph)

LYNXMEN GET DORNIER TRIO

Vancouver Mossie Pilot Bags Two Near France

S/L D. J. Williams, DFC, Vancouver, brought his score of enemy aircraft to five when he shot down two Dorniers in flames off the Brest peninsula last Friday. A third Dornier in the same formation was destroyed by F/O W. H. Meakin, Kaministiquia, Ont., flying a Beaufighter. The Beau and Williams' Mosquito are with the Lynx squadron of ADGB. First aight of the enemy was made by Meakin as the Dorniers were crossing the French coast.

"They were right down on the deck, flying only a couple of feet above the sea," said Meakin's observer. "We were flying pretty high, and dived down 9,000 feet to get on their tails. But when we got there the sunlight packed up. Meakin decided to fire blind and gave one of the Dorniers a burst. It sent both of them into cloud and we lost them."

Fixed Sight

"We set to work on the gun-sight and got it working again. Then we suddenly saw the Third Dornier straggling back. It was heading for some shipping. We crept up behind it and gave it a burst of cannon which sent a sheet of flames and smoke belching from both its engines. We went in closer and gave it a second and longer burst. Debris flew into the air, and it went down in flames."

Meanwhile the other two Dorniers emerged from their cloud cover to be spotted instantly by Williams and his observer, F/O Joseph Kirkpatrick, Saskatoon.

Making Run

"The pair were just turning to make their run in, but we completely upset their plans," said Williams. "I singled out one of them, and fired at it. One of its engines stopped. It fired back, and put one of my engines out of action."

"The second Dornier was also firing at me, but I ignored him and gave the other a second burst which turned it over on its back and sent it sliding down into the drink. I gave the other my attention and finished that off. It went down in flames."

NIGHTHAWK MOSSIES BLAST TWO JERRIES

Two German planes, part of a bomber force raiding the Caen area, were shot down by RCAF Nighthawk squadron Mosquitos early last week. W/C W. G. Kirkwood, Edmonton, attacked a Ju88 and shot it down with the both motors in flames. The other German was a Do217, bagged by F/O A. S. MacPhail, Nelson, BC.

Churchill Visits RCAF Airfield in Normandy

Premier Tells Canadian Airmen Invasion Was Planned at Quebec Conference

Winston Churchill included a RCAF airfield in his most recent Normandy itinerary. Standing on a little platform used for helping passengers into transport planes, the Prime Minister spoke informally to a gathering of Spitfire pilots and ground crew personnel who broke ranks to crowd around and listen.

Break Ranks

The RCAF pilots and mechanics were waiting for the Prime Minister at a dispersal point near the end of the runway at the advanced airfield, not many miles from the enemy lines. He stepped from a two-seater plane in which he flew with Air Vice-Marshal Harry Broadhurst.

"It is a long way from Canada, but it's in the right direction," he told the Canadian airmen. "Over the ocean, over the sea, over the fields of France lies the victory that will send you back to your great country."

He referred to the attempt to assassinate Hitler after speaking of the three-way attack on Germany from Russia, France and Italy and of the heavy bombing of Germany.

Civil War

"And now, suddenly boiling up in their stomachs, has come a deadly quarrel at home," he said. "It is not a nice thing for a man to hear of a revolution going on in his own country when he is being attacked like that."

"I am of the opinion that they may easily undergo a severe reduction in morale which will affect every branch of the services and essential work."

"It is little less than a year since I was in Quebec," he added, "and we held a great conference and made many plans, among them this plan that you have seen carried out here. It is a plan vaster and more intricate than any ever before conceived for war purposes in the history of the world."

After referring to the "great harbor" which would soon be available in France for the use of the Allies, the Premier praised the work of the Royal Navy in the invasion and said its casualties were mercifully fewer than he had expected.

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BUERLING OUT

F/L George "Screwball" Buerling, highest scoring RCAF fighter pilot to emerge from this war, has resigned his commission in the RCAF, it was announced this week from AFHQ in Ottawa.

The Verdun ace returns to civilian life with 81 victories over the enemy over Malta and England to his credit. He is the only Canadian fighter pilot in this war to win the three decorations, DSO, DFC, DFM and Bar.

WOODEN KITE SLICES JU52

Canuck Mossie Has Bent Tail After Tilt in Mid-air

A Canadian Mosquito pilot of the City of Edmonton squadron, and his RAF navigator, emerged safely from a mid-air collision with a troop-carrying Ju52 over the shores of the Baltic last Friday night. The Nazi crashed, but the Mossie came home with only a badly damaged tail.

F/L C. J. Evans, Brantford, Ont., and F/O S. Humblestone, Hull, Yorks set out with another Anglo-Canadian crew P/O Bill Bowhay, Alberta, and P/O H. K. Naylor, Nottingham, to hunt Nazis over the North Sea.

Over the Baltic they spotted two Ju52s. Bowhay shot down one with a single burst. Meanwhile Evans opened fire on the other and saw his shells strike home. He closed so near his target that he was forced to dive beneath it and his Mosquito's tail sliced off about six feet of the German's wing.

The two kills brought the squadron's score to 141 aircraft destroyed.

SPIT SCORE BOARD HAS THREE MORE

France:—F/L Bill Kleray, Toronto, raised his score of Hunns destroyed to six last week knocking down a Do217 just east of Caen. Another Dornier was bagged in the same operation by F/O Bob Davenport, Russellville, Arkansas.

Thus the score for W/C Dal Russell's Canadian Spitfire wing was bumped to three destroyed and two damaged for the day. Earlier, S/L G. D. Robertson, Toronto, brought down a Me109 while damage against a pair of Mes was claimed by F/L W. S. Johnson, Belleville, Ont., and F/L R. H. Cull, Seba Beach, California.

RCAF POUNDS TARGETS IN 72-HOUR OFFENSIVE

Canadians Join Historic All-out Attack on German Army at Caen; all Aircraft Safe After Four Major Raids

HEAVY FORCE PLASTERS OIL TARGET

Tossing punches in every direction, RCAF Bomber Group beat up four flying-bomb platforms, a vital Ruhr factory, railway yards and the German Army itself, all well within 72 hours last week.

A two-fisted attack on a pair of emplacements last Thursday evening rounded off the Group's blitz; a few hours earlier two other forces of RCAF bombers did the same thing; early in the morning of the preceding day a large all-Canadian force struck at a synthetic oil factory at Wesseling; in daylight the day before Bluenose and Iroquois squadrons joined a RAF attack on railway yards at Vaires; but it was at dawn the same day that the Group put up its maximum effort of the three-day series with an attack on the Wehrmacht at Caen in which more than 200 RCAF heavies took part.

All Safe

In the four evening and afternoon attacks last Thursday all RCAF aircraft returned safe and sound. Squadrons taking part in the evening op included the Iroquois, Bluenose, Alouettes, Porcupines and Snowy Owls. In the afternoon the attackers numbered aircraft of the Lion, Bison, Tiger, Leaside, Moose and Ghost squadrons, among others.

Of the afternoon op, in which the big bluenose squadrons, Spitfires, F/O R. F. Maskell, a bomb-aimer of the Bisons and Kamloops, BC, said that "Very few bombs were wasted. I don't think we'll have to go back there."

It was much the same story in the evening. "A nice concentration of bombing in the target area," was what impressed F/O Al Goulet, Bluenose skipper from Dalhousie, NB. "The fires practically formed a circle," he added. It was his 38th trip.

Hit Target

In the dark morning hours of Wednesday, W/O L. R. G. Dent, of Toronto, Porcupine bomber, reported a huge pear-shaped explosion in the target area at Wesseling. "It was just like somebody had hit a couple of thousand gallon petrol tank," he hazarded. "Flames were coming up through black oily smoke to several hundred feet."

F/O Bill Gray, Leaside bomber-aimer from Vancouver, saw four large explosions, three "fairly big" one "a terrific blast."

Other squadrons included the Spitfire escort featured the daylight on rail yards at Vaires on Tuesday. P/O J. R. Baker, of Vancouver, an Iroquois WAG, described "plenty of bomb explosions right in the marshalling yards. I saw our own bombs straddle the target indicators."

Every squadron of the Group contributed to the armada that flew in support of the Second Spits.

CANUCKS TAG NAZI SWARM

RCAF Fighters Knock Down Seven Out of 40 Without Loss

pilots knocked down seven Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs without loss to themselves in a short clash on Tuesday.

F/L T. M. Linton, of Toronto, leading a flight in the Lisieux region before his return to base, spotted a group of 20 fighters at a height of 10,000 ft.

His flight immediately climbed to engage and, passing through a layer of cloud above, saw 20 more of the enemy flying still higher.

Apparently the Germans were up to their old trick of using a decoy, for the second formation took up battle order and prepared to attack but the ruse was unsuccessful.

The Canadians neither fell into the trap nor decided that discretion was the better part of valour.

They "bounced" the whole formation with disastrous results to the Luftwaffe.

Army at Caen a few hours earlier. Intensity of the Allied artillery barrage in the battle area amazed G/C D. M. Edwards, AFC, of Ottawa and Barrie, Ont. "The sky seemed to be black with smoke from the heavy curtain of flak the Jerries were sending up," he added.

A Lion squadron crew captained by S/L Neville Murray, DFC, from Trinidad, BWI, told of seeing cruisers shell enemy coastal positions. "Just as we were coming out," commented Murray, "we passed a big force of Forts, Libs and Bostons going in. The sky was black with Spits."

Eight Nazis Fall to Canucks Over France

Canadian Spitfires, sometimes outnumbered eight to one, accounted for eight out of ten Nazi fighters destroyed over Normandy by TAF last Thursday. The Canadian figured in four dogfights, two of them on a large scale against big odds, but none of the aircraft were missing.

Share Hun

In the St. Lo area, one squadron on armed reconnaissance chopped down a lone FW190 near Fiers, and when turned to resume their patrol, spotted four more FWs in the distance. They gave chase and one Nazi fell, shared by F/L R. M. Stayner, Saskatoon, and F/L A. F. Halerew, Penticton, BC.

Another squadron on high patrol west of Bayeux met 90 FWs, and in the resulting dogfight three enemy aircraft were destroyed, two of them by E/L Olmstead.

S/L Wally McLeod, DFC and

Bar. Regina, added one to his score of 19 when his squadron met more than 60 FWs. at ground level near Bernay and shot down two of them. The other aircraft fell to F/L Larry Robillard DMF, Ottawa.

The squadron later added insult to injury by diving to write off an enemy aircraft travelling on a truck in the Laigle area. They set it, and the truck, well alight.

The eighth FW of the day fell near Argentan to F/L Jamieson when he was out on offensive patrol, and his formation chased three Nazi fighters. The other two escaped into cloud.

POTINS et NOUVELLES

A l'escadrille des Hibous Blancs, le lieutenant d'aviation Lambert Britt, un pilote qui vient de Maniwaki et bien que de parents anglais parle un excellent français.

L'officier pilote Jacques Côté, de Joliette, a maintenant accompli 11 missions en territoire ennemi, toutes comme pilote d'un Halifax.

Le sergent Louis-Philippe Tremblay, de Québec, a fait une dizaine de voyages dans la tourrelle dorsale d'un Halifax comme mitrailleur.

Le mitrailleur Léo Vézina, de Bellechasse, Québec, est en train de se mettre en vedette à l'escadrille des Hibous Blancs, par sa force musculaire.

Le sergent armurier Omer Nadeau, du Cap de la Madeleine, Québec, vient d'arriver à cette même escadrille du Tactical Air Force.

Le lieutenant de section François Dargis, des Trois-Rivières, raconte un récent voyage qu'il a fait en France.

Pour la même envolée que Dargis, le sous officier breveté Fernand Berthelme, de Farnham, Québec, était de la partie.

"Voilà les noms de quelques autres aviateurs canadiens-français qui prirent part à cette expédition dans le secteur de Cien récemment: le lieutenant d'aviation Rosairo Garneau, de Montréal; le sergent Jean-Paul Crispin, de Sturgeon Falls, Ont.; le sergent Bill McLeod, de Timmins, Ont.; le sous officier breveté Pierre Gauthier, d'Ottawa; le lieutenant d'aviation Roland Langlois, de Val Brillant, Matapédia; l'officier pilote Jacques Terroux, de Montréal; le sous officier breveté Les Gaudry, de Winnipeg; et l'officier pilote Pierre Bache, de Petit Rocher, N.B.

Le sergent Pierre Lavole, pilote à l'escadrille Alouette, se remet promptement de l'accident dont il a été victime récemment au retour d'un raid. Bonne chance, Pierre!

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"You've been over a long, long time, haven't you, chum?"

BLACK BULL BOYS Garden Art Display The flower bed in front of SHQ Block is a technicolor witness of Sgt. Major Stan Whitehead's horticultural art.

New Crews Recent skippers here with crews are W/CGA. Roy, who CO'd the Alouette Squadron in the Middle East while they flew Wimpy, then returned to the UK to command an OTU, and now feels the urge to handle the "big A" fellas.

To-night we saw PO-Ken Cunt, a navigator, Sgt. Gordie Hearn, a radio wallah, and Sgt. Frank Heard, of the dental section, all from Goderich Ont., heading off camp a la bike, presumably for a quickeer or two.

Go Ahead Would anyone care to ask F/O Graham or F/O Bell how it feels to paddle up a river in a dinghy? How about the rations? Were there enough to last till land was sighted?

This heavy conversion station golf team, under the able leadership of F/L Creswick, played two tournaments against civilian clubs over the week-end. On Saturday we played Pannal Golf Club, and came out with a win.

MOOSE SQUADRON Pranksters at Play

Catching F/O Lorne Rotstein in a happy frame of mind, his crew told him a fictitious tale about his being on ops. Conscientious to the last slide rule, Lorne galloped down to squadron HQ in his pajamas at three in the morning, and picked up his bag and got everything set for the expedition.

Screened Chief right-winger of the "Gruesome Twosome" line is screened, and the tap room of The George will no longer reek of his ancient jests. Yes, F/L Biff Byford is on the retired list at half-pay, and those erratic air-bombers, F/Os Dave Taylor and Sid Beauchamp are by no means happy.

Seems they have their eye on F/O Charlie Christian as a possible recruit for their George expeditions. F/S Neil Fraser, air-gunner, now sports the DFM on his chest, and P/O Herby Salkeld, now homeward bound, also earned the same bit of silk. P/O Keith Fox is a bit lonely without Herby around, but his room looks a lot neater, and you can get in through the door now.

Track Results

Running times were slow when men and women of RCAF headquarters units brought out creaking joints to take part in a track and field meet sponsored by the K of C last Saturday.

WOMEN 100 Yards: 13 2/5 - Cpl. Earley, Eng.; Cpl. A. J. Daley, Saskatoon; Cpl. M. I. Eastwood, Saskatoon; Cpl. R. Masters, Courtenay, B.C.

TIGER HOWLS Oscar Gets a Lesson

Chief gossip of the week concerns "O for Oscar." Believe it or not, he was all set for ops, all four engines had been revved, when suddenly one of the crew discovered that Oscar had contracted the smoking habit.

Lesson And not Sweep Caps either. When it was reported to the ground crew "Red" Foster, Vancouver, in a hasty manner seized an extinguisher and muttered, "I'll teach him to show off at this state of the game; and he was going to be flown to-night by a squadron leader."

We Can Read

The activities of F/L Lindsay, MO of the Grizzly Bear Squadron, as reported in a recent issue of WINGS ABROAD, drew favorable comment from many of the lads who knew the Doc in days of old.

Challenge

It started in the mess. "Gentleman Jim" McFadden, Hamilton, finished his slice of bread and jam when he tossed over to "Shorty" Lawrence, Vancouver: "When are you 'B' Flight armorers going to play us that return ball game?"



Smiling, W/O WAG Angus Bruce, Kingston, Ont., is out of the hospital now. What put him in the bone-house was a broken back, etc. He had practically wound up a tour in Italy when he went up just for the ride.

P/O Merv Moxley, Winnipeg, was aimed right at Bomber Command—shortly after he started training. One day an MO came up to "Mox" with a ruler and decided that he was too brief to fly heavies.

P/O Pilot Lorn Sleeth, Gravenhurst, Ont., the only Canadian in the crew of a Halifax, is on his way to join a squadron. He's just finished conversion unit. Others in that same category are P/O Bill Inglis, Hamilton, a pilot; F/L Ken Dobbin, a Maratimer.

Now flying RAF Transport Dakotas are, the pilot, F/O Gerry Higgerman, Mallory Town, Ont.; the navigator, W/O Mike Mahon, a West Indies boy who enlisted in the RCAF; the WAG, W/O Paul Dechamps, Legal, Alta.

Now Coastal Commanding on Leigh Light Wimpy are F/O Ken Nichola, Vancouver, a pilot, and F/O R. B. "Cy" Gray, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., a navigator. As a matter of fact, the boys have bitten off three-fifths of their first tour.

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CHURCHILL VISIT

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Of the work of the TAF in France Mr. Churchill said: "The weather has not been on our side, but think how things will go when she does come over. Then there will be a great change, and operations will be carried out with the rhythm and speed that are required."

"The Germans are not very happy. They are being attacked from the East in enormous strength by the Russians. They are being attacked from Italy by General Alexander's very big army. Now they are being attacked here by the finest army the Empire has ever had, alongside our American friends and Allies."

"I wish you all good fortune and success in your duties—duties in a righteous cause. It is no sterile victory to be won for lust of conquest or greed of one nation against another. We have fought for honor and we seek no reward. We seek no territory we desire no oilfields, we seek nothing that is not our own."

Stick Together

"But what is our own in the Commonwealth, that we don't want any other people to express any opinion about. That we will firmly retain. I have no hesitation in saying that the British Commonwealth, with Canada in the van with our Old Country, have saved the world and given other great countries time to rearm or time to recognize where their place was in the struggle."

"Now I think the hopes of victory are sure, but whether it is coming soon or late, I cannot tell."

Mail Bag

The feud between F/Ss Meads and Compton shows little sign of abating and there is more news to offer regarding their friendly rivalry. During F/S Mead's army days he participated in a camp show giving an impersonation of a voluptuous young lady. His performance was very impressive and he was instantly dubbed with a nickname that has remained with him ever since. On his transfer to the RCAF all was forgotten until F/S Compton returned and revealed the whole story. Regarding the nickname—we're sorry, we are allergic to night work.

Interruption

LAC Jack Fletcher, Winnipeg, had visions of a few hours' extra duty when he visited the local lady barber for a haircut. With one side of his head sheared, a flying bomb interrupted the proceedings and the tonsorial artist beat a hurried retreat to the shelter. Happily for Jack, she returned in time for him to make parade.

LAC Bob Norris, Toronto, spent the week-end visiting the home of Shakespeare and returned with a very interesting story. It was certainly something to write home about. We have a very keen cyclist in LAC M. C. Ford, Naco, Alta., who spends most of his leisure hours touring the countryside. He speaks highly of a little wayside spot in a neighboring village that specialises in cherry brandy. It couldn't be this that stimulates your interest, Maurice.

Nothing has been seen or heard lately of the army cribbage club that used to occupy our canteen every noon from 12 o'clock till one. The arrival of the CWAC has improved the entertainment program.

S'Truth

AW I. L. Choiniere, Montreal, received a shock when someone inquired if she would be going to Canada after the war. She cannot believe that she has developed an English accent during her 18 months overseas service. News from the ration front says there has been a shortage of confectionery in the canteen, and this coincides with the increase of six pounds in the weight of LAW M. Heale, Teulon, Man.

After the doodle bug and F/C Kingcott's pilotless bicycle we now have the wonder bug to deal with. This is a contraption used by two of our WDs to get them on parade every day.

Sgt. E. Hornsath, Kandahar, Sask., and Cpl. E. M. Anderson, Portage la Prairie, used all their technique and charm on the only person in the neighborhood fortunate enough to acquire a gas ration. Our softball team has got into its stride again by defeating our army neighbors.

LEASIDE LETTER

A/CO Seeks Squealer

Local gossip around the drome of W/C J. K. Macdonald's Leaside blokes goes something like this. The Winco is away for a week, holidaying in Inverness and hunting haggis or something on his ancestral hills. In his absence the boss of the unit is S/L Al Lowe, of Calgary, who is simultaneously running the joint and looking for an accordion.

Zoomed Take

Our newly-ringed squadron leader, M. W. Pettit, DFC, Toronto, gave a great boost to the local Salute the Soldier Week. As chairman at the village concert, he was very successful with the extremely young stuff, and offered a program of whist, spelling bees, etc., for the entertainment of the elders.

An unusually large number of old friends have left us recently. Included among the "has beens" are F/L J. J. Cooper, Winnipeg; P/O Bob Alexander, Edmonton; P/O Pat McClintock, Hamilton; W/O Henry Burrill, Yarmouth, N.S.; F/O Charlie Andrews, Toronto; F/O Earl Helland, Vancouver; F/O Bill Touchie, Chatham, N.B., and W/O Andy Johnson, Indian Head, Sask. All the above will soon be wearing, in addition to that operational look, operational wings.

S/L Danny Boone has been seen cycling around the camp again. Originating from the discip office is the rumor that Danny is keeping in trim for his nocturnal bike trips.

Benedict

The marriage of Glen "Slim" Nolt, Edmonton, took place recently in York. Best man at the wedding was another Leasider of long standing, ACI John Meldrum Heggie, Raymond, Alta. All his squadron buddies take this opportunity to congratulate Slim and his better half and to wish them many years of happiness together. Our work wishes also go to Cpl. Herb Park, Rocanville, Sask., who has recently tied the knot with a Wren.

Now that the results of the last TTB are out, many new props are up—even Frank Dilco has caught up with his again. In the panic two GDs disappeared, but they have now returned as clerks. (Have they improved their status?) The two are ACs Dubuc and Heggie (both the pen-pushing type). Incidentally the education dept.

get them on parade every day. Sgt. E. Hornsath, Kandahar, Sask., and Cpl. E. M. Anderson, Portage la Prairie, used all their technique and charm on the only person in the neighborhood fortunate enough to acquire a gas ration.

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Women's Division

The field day went off quite successfully and the WD winners of various events you will find elsewhere in this issue. Among the outstanding participants were Cpl. Alice Daigleish, a Vancouverite; Cpl. Early; LAW Eastwood, Saskatoon; LAW Herasimuk and F. M. Allard, whose husband, Spr. Henry Allard, is one of Montreal's tennis players. Allard amazed everyone with her high and broad jumps because she claims to be only five feet even. Cpl. Ruth Masters, Courtenay, BC, came second in the softball throw. Following a terrific wind-up, the spectators were surprised she didn't follow the ball. The captains of the house league teams want to sign her up as a pitcher. Hot dogs and cokes highlighted the whole event. The winners were presented with prizes late in the afternoon and will be entered in an Overseas Meet which is coming up. On August 20 they will compete in the track meet at No. 3 PRC.

Mudball is still going strong, and Friday night at 1845 hrs sees our Wids playing the Norwegian Navy girls again, at Princess Gate, Hyde Park.

Team III (Records) of the WD Softball House League, which finishes about August 14, leads by quite a large margin. They have 78 points. The Pay-Offs are next with 33. Lines No. 2 third with 26 and Lines No. 1 last with 23. A game is being arranged between the winning team and one from our Bomber Group.

In the inter-service league the WDs were defeated by the CWACs by 13-7 last Friday night. To-morrow night they are meeting the WRENS for the second game in the double round robin. Next week they will be meeting the WAACs, we hope.

Between August 11 and September 1 the finals of this league will be played in double knock-out style—two games lost eliminate a team.

The tennis tournament is well under way now, with Cpl. Pennefather defeating LAW Marsham in the first game last Thursday noon. Cpl. D'Esterre won from A/S/O Doris Hollings and Cpl. McCosh defeated AW Corbett. Mixed doubles are in the offing for the winners of the two series now being played.

Tuesday night was quite a gala event when Cpl. Pickering was the guest of honor at a small party. On Saturday she is marrying F/O C. C. Southward, a photographer recently back from India. Almost two years have passed since she arrived in Britain and her pals from the first contingent wish her much happiness in her new life.

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32 BOMBING TRIPS BEFORE HE LOOKED

A navigator with the Goose squadron, P/O Sam Posner, Winnipeg, never saw enemy territory until his 32nd operational trip. "On my first trip," he explained, "I was too scared to look and after that I figured it was luckier not to. On the 32nd trip, a daylight mission against a French target, one of the crew pushed me to the window and made me look."

FILM LOG

"PIN-UP GIRL" (Tivoli)

Any Joe who collects pin-up girls, and Betty Grable fans in particular, will find 84 pleasant minutes offered at the Tivoli. Luscious Betty really rests the eyes in this 20th Century-Fox technicolor, in which she combines with John Harvey, Martha Raye and Eugene Pallette in a bit of romance, singing and dancing. There is no story to occupy your mind, you simply focus your peepers and relax. Charlie Spivak and his orchestra beat it out handsomely. Joe E. Brown makes a fine host in his role as night-club proprietor.

"MEDAL FOR THE GENERAL" (Tivoli)

This sentimental little yarn about a retired War Office type and a flock of refugee kids, stars Godfrey Tearle, well remembered as the romantic lead in many of Hollywood's first musicals. But that was long ago, so don't hold it against him. He's really not bad in this pic. The London "Dead-End Kids" steal the show from their elders. Among the elders from whom the picture is swiped are west-end veteran Jeanne De Casalis and author-actress Mabel Constanduros.

"IT HAPPENED TO-MORROW" (London Pavilion)

If you roam this old world long enough you'll run into the yarn about the guy who had a wish granted. The wish was that he could see to-morrow's newspaper to-day. It's here again in the form of neat little motion picture. Lot's of nice things happen to the man, including killing at the races. But that isn't all the killing that's done. He also reads that he has been shot the day before. So see the rest for yourself.

People involved are Dick Powell, Linda Darnell, Jack Oakie and a strong supporting cast.

STUDENT SWITCHES WINGS FOR WHEELS

When the RAF in Iraq called for armored car officers to help in Field Marshal Wavell's drive S/L J. J. Sexter, Winnipeg and Brantford, Ont., gave up wings for wheels. He was student pilot then, and he relates that his experience in the desert campaigns with an armored car outfit gave him as much excitement on the ground as he would have had in the air.

He came to Britain in 1936 after studying at Manitoba university. Pleasure-cruising in the Med. with Mrs. Sexter when war broke out, he was not able to return to England, so joined the RAF in Jerusalem, where his wife took up civilian work with the RAF. There followed four years of adventure in North Africa, Syria, Iraq and other near East places. Back in Britain now he has been appointed CO of an RAF base used by medium bombers of the AEAFF under command of G/C C. R. Dunlap, CBE, Vancouver.

Leicester Square THEATRE

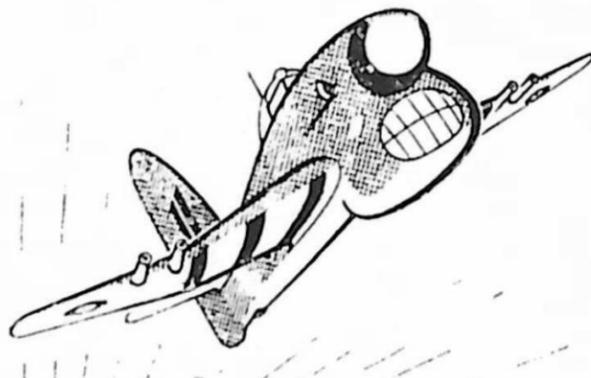
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THEATRES	
APOLLO, Ger. 2653. Evrs. 6.45; Wed., Thurs., Sat., 2.30. JACK HYLTON'S HOW ARE THEY AT HOME? A Topical Comedy by J. B. Priestley A BASIL DEAN PRODUCTION	MARBLE ARCH PAVILION, May. 5112. BETTY GRABLE, John Harvey, Martha Ray, Chas. Spivak and his Orchestra. PIN UP GIRL (U) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.
SAVOY, Tem. 5028. Evrs. 6.30, Wed., Sat. and Aug. 7, 2.30. FIFTH SHEPHERD presents THE LAST OF MRS. CHEYNEW JACK DUCHANAN, CORAL BROWNE	NEW GALLERY, Regent St. Reg. 5008. Alice Faye, John Payne, Jack Oakie, Lynn Bari HELLO, FRISCO, HELLO (U) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11.30 to 9.40. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.
STRAND, Tem. 2650. 3rd YEAR. Evrs. 6.30, Thurs., Sat. and Aug. 7, 2.30. FIFTH SHEPHERD presents ARSENIC AND OLD LACE Lilian Braithwaite, Mary Jerrold, Naughton Wayne, Edmund Willard.	NEW VICTORIA (O.B.), Opp. Vic. Stn. Robert Newton, Celia Johnson, John Mills, Kay Walsh, Stanley Holloway. NOEL COWARD'S THIS HAPPY BREED (A) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11.30 to 9.50. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.
WHITEHALL, Trafalgar Sq. WHI. 6692. CONT. DAILY 2 to 9 p.m. PHYLLIS DIXEY ENGLAND'S POPULAR PIN-UP GIRL IN "PEEK-A-BOO" Stars! Mannequinal Models!	ODEON, Leicester Square. WHI. 6111. TERENCE RATTIGAN'S and ANATOLE DE GRUNWALD'S Big Laughter Hit ENGLISH WITHOUT TEARS (A)
WINDMILL, Pic. Circus. 13th Year. REVUEVILLE, 17th Edition. (5th week) Cont. daily 12.15-9.30. Last perf. 7.50. A VIVIAN VAN DAMM PRODUCTION. "WE NEVER CLOSED."	PARAMOUNT, Em. 4175. Tottenham Ct. Rd. JOEL McCREA, BETTY FIELD IN THE GREAT MOMENT (A) Also MARGO, ROBERT RYAN IN GANGWAY FOR TO-MORROW (U)
CINEMAS	PRINCE OF WALES. Cont. from 10 a.m. RITA HAYWORTH, GENE KELLY COVER GIRL (U) Seventh Week.
DOMINION (O.B.), Tottenham Court Rd. Robert Newton, Celia Johnson, John Mills, Kay Walsh, Stanley Holloway. NOEL COWARD'S THIS HAPPY BREED (A) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11.30 to 10. Sundays: continuous 3.30 to 9.	REGAL, Marble Arch. Pad. 8011. ROBERT BEATTY, BARBARA WHITE IT HAPPENED ONE SUNDAY (A) Daily at 1.50, 5.0, 8.5. Sundays: 3.45 & 7.15.
EMPIRE, Leicester Square. Ger. 1234. Starting Friday. THE CANTERVILLE GHOST (A) CHARLES LAUGHTON, ROBERT YOUNG, MARGARET O'BRIEN.	TATLER THEATRE, Charing Cross Rd. ANGLo-SOVIET SEASON JUSTICE IS COMING (The Kharkov Trials of German War Criminals) and THE ACTRESS (U)
GAUMONT, Haymarket. WHI. 6655. BETTY GRABLE, John Harvey, Martha Ray, Chas. Spivak and his Orchestra. PIN UP GIRL (U) (In Technicolor) Weekdays: continuous 11 to 9.50. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.	TIVOLI, Strand. Temple Bar 6625. GODFREY TRAILLE, Jeanne de Casalis, Morland Graham MEDAL FOR THE GENERAL (U) Weekdays: continuous 11.10 to 9.40. Sundays: continuous from 3.30.
LEICESTER SQ. TH. WHI. 5252. THE SHOW OF SHOWS. Leading Stars of Radio, Theatre & Screen FOLLOW THE BOYS (U) Perfs. 12.5, 2.0, 4.30, 7.0.	WARNER, Leicester Sq. Ger. 3423. HUMPHREY BOGART IN PASSAGE TO MARSEILLE (A) With Claude Rains, Michele Morgan, Philip Dorn, Sydney Greenstreet, Helmut Dantine. For times of showing see Daily Press.
LONDON PAVILION. Starting Friday. DICK POWELL, LINDA DARNELL, JACK OAKIE in Rene Clair's IT HAPPENED TO-MORROW (A)	

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