



AIR FORCES FLAY PANZERS FLEEING FALAISE POCKET

RCAF UNITS PROMINENT IN DAWN TO DARK DO'S

Bostons, Mitchells, Typhoons and Spitfires Help to Pulverize Germans In Giant Trap

SPIT WING SHOOTS UP 90 VEHICLES

France.—From dawn to dark, RCAF and RAF fighters and fighter-bombers have rammed home hammer blows against fleeing German tanks and transport on the British-Canadian sector of the western front.

Last escape routes for the German panzers in danger of encirclement by advancing American and British forces in the Falaise sector were blasted by an RCAF Typhoon fighter-bomber wing based on Normandy.

Cut Routes

Three of the vital bridges across the tributary of the Orne, south-west of Thury Harcourt, were badly damaged and the pilots attacked ceaselessly in the face of the most concentrated anti-aircraft fire the enemy could muster. Many of the four-lane attacks were led by F/L Kenneth Scharff, Victoria, BC, F/L Donald Burton, Brantford Ont., and F/O Alonzo Monson, Cody, Wyoming.

As the strategy of the Falaise battle took shape last Friday night, Boston medium bombers of ABAF, in which many Canadian airmen fly, joined in an attack on a German heavy gun concentration opposite the Canadian line in the Falaise sector.

The objective was obliterated. Canadians in the attack included F/L R. N. Henderson, Ottawa; Sgt. G. T. St. Pierre, Windsor, Ont.; Sgt. J. Saurer, Pinewood, Ont.; and Sgt. T. K. Clarke, Toronto.

Mediums Strike

It was curtains for another important target, an ammunition dump near Grandvilliers, when Mitchells and Bostons got to it Saturday morning. F/O S. H. Irvine, Toronto, and Sgt. Joe Hunter, Belleville, reported perfect visibility for this operation.

Just before midnight Saturday the mediums switched to the enemy troop concentrations in the Falaise pocket. F/O J. L. Eagleson, Ottawa; F/O R. H. Fowler, Toronto; F/S L. E. Bunce, Toronto; F/S Gordon Hollingshead, Meath Park, Sask., all took part in the attack.

On Sunday RCAF Wolf squadron Spits found a German motorised convoy moving back in the area between the pincers. The Wolves set five vehicles on fire, left 12 smoking and damaged 13 others.

"We could hardly believe our eyes when we saw this German convoy moving in daylight," said F/L A. H. Saker, Vancouver. "A staff car and a motor-cycle got away, but the rest came to a standstill."

Hit Lock

Led by F/L G. H. Farquharson, Corbyville, Ont., the City of Oshawa squadron scored hits on a lock installation in the Seine near Vernon, in a dive-bombing attack.

W/C Dal Russel's Canadian Spitfire wing accomplished one of the Allies' outstanding western front beat-up jobs on enemy transport. When the last aircraft in the wing had put down for the day, the wing had immobilised 90 German vehicles within close proximity to the front, claiming 28 flammings, 11 smokers and 55 damaged.

On an armed reconnaissance in the Conde-Argentan area, an RCAF Spitfire squadron commanded by S/L Tommy Brannagan, DFC, Windsor, Ont., cut loose on enemy transport close to the battle zone. When Brannagan's squadron had completed its attack, nine vehicles were left burning, three were smokers and 13 damaged.

RUSSEL SPITS SCORE SEVEN

Canadian Fighters Post Healthy Score in Two Sweeps

France.—Men of a Canadian Spitfire wing led by W/C Dal B. Russel, DFC and Bar, Westmount, Que., destroyed seven enemy machines and damaged four others in two actions last week.

Thursday afternoon the unit, after a silent week, resumed its battles with the Hun, blasting down three Me109s and damaging two others in an action over Alencon.

Saturday the Russel men were in action again in a fighter sweep in the Dreux-Falaise area, destroying four and damaging two.

An Edmonton flier, F/O Don Laubman, struck the Thursday scrap's hardest blow in destroying one Jerry and sharing destruction of another with F/O Terry Sanderson, Dorval, Que. The third kill went to F/O C. R. Symons, St. Lambert, Que., for whom it was first blood against the enemy. Russel, who led the sweep, and S/L Dean Dover, Toronto, each recorded a damaged.

First Sight

It was Dover, who recently took command of a squadron of the wing, who first sighted an even dozen Huns south-east of Alencon and led the squadron to the attack from 15,000 feet down to the enemy's 5,000 where the Canadians split up systematically and gave chase.

In Saturday's sweep the kills were made by F/O E. G. Lapp, Medicine Hat, Alta.; F/O George Mercer, St. Mary's, Ont.; F/O J. J. Boyle, London, Ont.; and F/O H. A. Crawford, Edmonton, Alta. F/L Art Tooley, Winnipeg, damaged a FW190 and F/O Sanderson on a simultaneous but different operation, damaged an Me109.

Lapp said he picked out one Me and followed it down to deck. "The Hun did some excellent low flying and I had trouble gaining on him," he said. "I took a burst from long range, saw strikes and then he pulled up. I continued firing and pieces of the enemy aircraft came off, and soon the pilot bailed out."

TIFFIES HIT MORTAR AND TROOP OUTFITS

France.—German troops and mortars massed against the Allied advance in the Forêt de Grimberg, south of Caen and east of the Orne, were blasted with bombs and cannon in a recent close army support attack by RCAF Typhoon fighter-bombers. Pilots from the Beaver squadron, last in the attack, reported large fires in several places in the forest as they turned homeward.

ROYAL VISIT



Marshal of the Royal Air Force, His Majesty the King, with the Queen and Princess Elizabeth, visited several RCAF bomber stations last week. Shown with the Royal family are G/C Clare Annis, OBE, Vancouver, beside Princess Elizabeth and Air Vice-Marshal C. M. McEwen, MC, DFC and Bar, Montreal, Air Officer Commanding RCAF Bomber Group, shown standing in the rear between the Queen and the Princess.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

ROYAL FAMILY VISITS RCAF BOMBER STATIONS

Air Vice-Marshal McEwen Host to King on Full-day Visit to Canadian Group; Inspect Four Stations

KING DECORATES 150 RCAF AIRMEN

The King and Queen with Princess Elizabeth made history last Friday with a tour of air stations in the Canadian Bomber Group, one of the largest groups in Bomber Command.

Their Majesties, starting early in the morning, went from station to station where great black heavy bombers are based, visiting four altogether. At each the King held investitures, decorating more than 150 Canadian airmen.

Never before have their Majesties spent a full day among RCAF personnel and this, too, was the first official visit by Princess Elizabeth to Canadian personnel.

Double Honor

CGM WINNER TAGS ANOTHER

Tiger Squadron Gunners Score Two Germans On Night Raid

In Bomber Group, the visit is considered not only as a tribute to the Group, but also as a tribute to the men of the First Canadian Army fighting in France, inasmuch as this group is all Canadian, and has been working in the Normandy campaign as tactical support for Canadian ground forces.

Canada's most lethal pair of gunners chalked up another pair of Nazi victims during Sunday morning's attack on Brunswick, Germany.

Manning the turrets of a Tiger squadron heavy bomber, Sgt. Peter Engbrecht, CGM, White-water, Man., and Sgt. G. C. Gillanders, Vancouver, blasted two enemy fighters from the skies to raise their joint score to six destroyed. In a third engagement another enemy aircraft was driven off with undisclosed results.

On previous trips the pair had teamed up to destroy four enemy aircraft, a piece of marksmanship for which Engbrecht earned the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, presented to him by the King only 36 hours before the Brunswick attack.

Leaving Brunswick in flames, the crew of "Galloping Gert" saw an Me210 shoot down a four-engine bomber. The fighter closed in on their own aircraft and opened fire at 450 yards. Engbrecht gave the pilot (F/O J. E. Keys, Allentown, Pa.) instructions for evasive action and opened fire along with Gillanders. They saw their tracers pour home and the fighter burst into flames, going into a steep dive and exploding on the ground. The flight engineer also saw it crash.

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Their Majesties accompanied Air Marshal L. S. Bredner, CB, DSC, AOC-in-C RCAF overseas, and were conducted from station to station by Air Vice-Marshal C. M. McEwen, MC, DFC and Bar.

In the late afternoon the Royal party reached the last station visited, home of the famous Moose squadron. There the King presented to W/C Bill Pleasance, Calgary, leader of the Moose bomber men, an official autographed badge of the squadron. It shows a charging moose and under it, in the language of Canada's Cree Indians, is the motto, "Beware the Moose."

All along the route through picturesque winding English countryside lanes, villagers and farmers came out to watch the passing of the Royal party.

Children waved flags as Royal cars passed. How they knew, with all the hush-hush security regulations there were about the trip, that their Majesties were due to pass along these roads, nobody knows.

At some places between air stations not being visited, RCAF personnel cycled from their home bases and lined roads to salute the Royal visitors.

Men from the Leaside squadron, based in a far corner of the Canadian group, formed up in the early morning on bicycles and rode in formation to take up positions along one road. Many of these men had been flying on operations only a few hours before.

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Group Flies 18 Hours Without Bombing Lull

Heavy Assaults Sent Against Ammunition Dumps in France; Brunswick is Sunday German Target

Five consecutive attacks to culminate 18 hours of continuous operations, was the record chalked up last week by RCAF Bomber Group. Considerably more than 200 aircraft took part in these operations. The 18-hour period of continuous ops started Saturday afternoon (August 12) when seven squadrons went after enemy ammunition dumps at Forêt Du Mont Richard in the Loire sector on the route to Paris.

Out Again

Without a single loss the Canadians returned to their bases where the kites were bombed up and off they went again Saturday night.

On the night attack, which stretched over into the early hours of Sunday, the Halifaxes and Lancasters joined with RAF aircraft to hit at the important German industrial city of Brunswick. At the same time another large force went after retreating German troops in the Falaise sector of the front in Normandy. Two smaller forces dropped their bombs on other military objectives in France. Five aircraft were lost.

At Brunswick four German fighters were destroyed and one more claimed as a probable by Canadian gunners.

F/S Howard Smith and F/S Roy Pettigrew, Lion squadron gunners, got a nightfighter just after they left Brunswick, and the kill was confirmed by F/O Louis Murphy, pilot of another Lion Halifax.

An Me410 fell to the guns of F/S G. J. Ritchie, DFM, and F/S P. D. Bluethner, who flew in a Bison squadron Halifax. Another pair of Lion gunners, Sgts. Bert Trainor and Alex (Continued on page 6, col. 2)

BEAUFIGHTERS STING CONVOY

Merchant Ships and Flak Vessels Hit off Frisians

Shortly after dawn Sunday, Beaufighters of RAF Coastal Command struck at another German convoy off the Frisian Islands, and without loss to themselves two merchant vessels and five escorting flak-ships were left on fire after an attack with rockets, torpedoes and cannon.

A few hours earlier a Wellington of Coastal Command attacked a convoy of eight merchant vessels off the Frisian Islands. After straddling the target one of the pilots saw one direct hit with a bomb.

"Visibility was just right," said S/L K. H. Keilor, Mitchell, Ont. "I saw three bombs straddle three vessels and a fourth score a direct hit on the boat. There was a large flash as we broke off the attack."

RCAF Fighter-Bombers Support Polish Armor

France—Just 200 yards ahead of a Polish armored unit, Typhoon fighter bombers from an RCAF airfield in Normandy dropped 27 tons of bombs recently on one of the most concentrated targets that have ever been attacked.

The target was a patch of woods about 300 by 400 yards in which enemy troops were observed by forward troops.

Within half an hour of the wing's return to its field, the intelligence section received the following signal from the Polish troops:

"Deepest appreciation for magnificent show."

The wing was led by S/L William Pentland, Calgary. As the aircraft took line astern positions preparatory to dive-bombing, they stretched across two miles of sky. The pilots window left there."

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HAWKS STRIKE THREE BOCHE

Nightfighter Shoots Up Nightfighter Using Bomber Decoy

Two German aircraft were destroyed and a third probably destroyed by Nighthawk squadron Mosquitos over Normandy last week.

Crews returning from their dusk-to-dawn patrol over the front reported one of the most active nights since D-Day, with German aircraft appearing to attempt a number of bombing missions under cover of darkness.

S/L John Hatch, Toronto, turned the tables on an enemy anti-nightfighter patrol when he shot down a FW 190 which was apparently flying cover for a Ju88 decoy.

The second kill was scored by F/O J. Collins, of Inwood, Man., who shot down a Do217 bomber, which crashed and burned near St. Hilaire in Normandy.

F/O Robert Fullerton, Toronto, probably destroyed a Ju88. It was last seen going down in a vertical dive with one motor blazing. It disappeared through a low cloud, which prevented Fullerton seeing it crash.

The crew of another nightfighter reported seeing a burning plane crash near the Seine estuary at the time of Fullerton's combat, and this report may confirm the Ju88 as destroyed.

S/L Hatch's FW190 was the first of these dayfighters to fall to a Canadian nightfighter since D-Day. During the combat the Toronto pilot's starboard engine throttle jammed wide open, and he had to put down his landing wheels and wing flaps to cut down his speed.

REID LEAVES HAWKS, BEVERIDGE NEW CO

W/C J. W. "Wendy" Reid, Sydney, NS, has relinquished command of the Nighthawk squadron, which has destroyed many Nazi planes since D-Day, the winco getting two himself, a Ju88 and He177 and damaging another 88.

Reid has commanded the Nighthawks since January, 1944, and now will take charge of the RCAF Mosquito operational training unit in Canada with the rank of group captain.

Reid logged more than 1,000 hours with RAF Transport Command before taking over the nightfighter squadron. In August, 1942, he flew General Wavell to the Moscow conference.

J. D. "Doug" Orr, Vancouver, has recently been promoted to the rank of flight lieutenant to command a flight in the Wolf squadron in France.

SHOP TALK



Taking time off from his recent visit to RCAF units serving in France, Air Marshal Lloyd S. Bredner, AOC-in-C RCAF overseas, inspects a Normandy wheat field with G/C McGregor, Montreal.

Flatbush is Foolish But Canucks Compete

Cricket reared its elegant head, but ducked it again, on a sunny Sunday afternoon, when the RCAF Nighthawk squadron scraped together 11 volunteers to challenge a RAF maintenance section.

With a predominance of solid Britons present, the game was kept fairly well in hand, but the etiquette and polite conventions of the sport seemed to elude the baseball-minded Canadians, although they were led by Capt. Eric Blennerhassat, British searchlight officer on the squadron.

For most of the RCAF men it was their first crack at the wicket game, but F/O Marty Kent, Toronto, proved to be a solid sender bowling and a straight bat, slapping out nine runs with the willow against tough bowling.

Polite but firm repression was supplied against hecklers in the field. From his pasture spot, F/O Joe Clarke, Banff, Alta., insisted on calling balls and strikes and was equally determined that the "pitcher" ought to "take to the showers"—a term that apparently baffled the Englishmen, who believed it was a compliment.

F/L Jack Young, Edmonton, squadron MO, and onetime softball catcher, showed top form behind the wicket, but at bat hit a pop fly to the short stop on the first pitch. F/O Hal Whipp, Toronto, squadron intelligence officer, played a strong outfield but protested at the system of calling "over" every six balls, which involved a long hike to the other corner of the pitch.

F/O Bill McPhail, Cromarty, Ont., learned one of the great disappointments of cricket. Last man to bat, he took his place at the wicket only to see his partner bowled out before a ball was pitched his way.

Even with Clarke scoring—utterly puzzled by absence of space for hits, runs, errors and assists on the score sheet—the Canadians bowed down to the RAF side for an 84-69 count, with the RAF declaring at five out—if you can figure that out. English members supplied the bulk of the Nighthawk runs. The game was witnessed by awe-struck groups of local passers-by, who stayed only long enough to satisfy themselves that "it's not cricket."

Doubles Trouble Mess Waller Twins Celebrate Birthday

France.—The sergeants' mess was in an uproar. In that sanctuary there was confusion on every side and the news spread rapidly around the RCAF fighter wing commanded by G/C W. R. MacBrien, Ottawa.

Cause of the upset was the mess steward. He appeared and reappeared with such speed that even the sergeants noticed it. Then, to cap it all, he appeared in two places at once in full view of all. The sergeants rubbed their eyes. They were upset. Eventually the story came out. The mess steward, Earl Waller, Kitchener, Ont., was celebrating a reunion with his brother, Ernie Waller, from the same town and a private in the Canadian Army.

Ernie was making his way over a dusty Normandy road when he heard his brother's station was close by. So he dropped in to see him. The fact is the Waller boys are identical twins. They had not seen each other for three years. It was their 25th birthday. And they were playing tricks on all around them—just like they used to do back home. The sergeants relaxed and then laughed. A good laugh is worth money in Normandy.

WESTON OFFICER LEADS RAF PARTIES IN JUGOSLAV HILLS

Bomb Falls Four Feet From Slit Trench; Canadian Occupants Unharmd

Italy.—An RCAF officer huddled in a shallow slit trench in a Yugoslav cornfield. German Stukas and Storchs roared over at 50 feet, bombing and strafing. One bomb struck near enough to slam the officer against the side of the trench, throwing dirt in his face and temporarily deafening him.

The attackers passed on. The officer got up, stepped out of the trench and stumbled into a crater. The bomb had landed only four feet away. Only the fact that it had dug deep into the ploughed ground before exploding saved the pair.

That sort of experience is losing its novelty for S/L L. F. Wells, Weston, Ont. In command of a RAF party which operates airstrips in Yugoslavia, he has been in the midst of the fantastic warfare being waged between the Germans and the Tito forces.

"The Germans really hate us," says S/L Wells. "They consider that Yugoslavia is theirs, and it maddens them that we can operate a transport service into the country."

The airstrips in the contested country serve a double purpose; military supplies are flown in to the Partisan forces and wounded Partisans are evacuated to Allied hospitals. The service is sometimes interrupted, but never stopped, by German punitive expeditions.

It is a see-saw struggle. Driven from one strip, the RAF parties establish another somewhere else and wait for the Partisans to recapture the original field from the constantly harried Nazis.

"When the Germans come, they usually follow the same pattern," Wells said. "First they send aircraft to bomb and strafe. Then come the parachutists, then tanks and armored cars and finally the infantry. All the time the Partisans keep sniping at them, cutting off small parties, slashing at their supplies and communications, and making their life miserable. Tito, with Allied help, is tying up some sizeable German forces."

Audacity is the guiding principle of RAF parties. On one occasion Wells and his detachment retreated from their field under bombardment, with the Germans pressing in to encircle the position. The only way of escape was a little-known track through the mountains. Instead of taking it, they hid by the trail until nightfall; returned and put the strip in operation and then retreated again at daybreak.

No quarter is given and few prisoners are taken in the fighting which goes on in the wild Yugoslav mountains. Captured Partisans are lined up and shot with no questions asked. To give himself and his men an extra chance in case of capture, Wells had small Union Jacks stitched by a Yugoslav woman, to be worn on the shoulders of their battle dress.

"The Partisans wear the same khaki battle dress as we do, and I thought the Union Jacks might be handy in a pinch," he explained. "If they see that you're British, the Germans will take you prisoner but they don't waste much time about it and I wanted our identity to be noticeable."

The Partisans take superlative care of British detachments, often endangering their own lives to keep them safe. They try to keep the British away from the fighting. "We keep our saddle bags packed with rations, ready to move on a moment's notice," said Wells. "When we get word that it's time to move out, they always provide a good-sized escort to guide us and run interference. And we always get the best of everything in the country."

Distinction of being the youngest gunnery leader in RCAF Bomber Group rests with F/L Ken Pulham, Vancouver, who leads his section of the Thunderbird squadron. He has to wait until March, 1945, before he can vote.

TIFFIES PLASTER NAZIS IN SQUARE

France.—German troops in the enemy stronghold of Le Plessis Grimoirt, four miles north of Villiers, were so panic-stricken when Typhoons of a RCAF fighter-bomber wing dived, that they dashed about in the central square until they were blotted out in the bomb bursts.

This attack, one of three in close Army support by the wing, was made by the City of Ottawa squadron, led by S/L William Pentland, Calgary. "All of the bombs hit the target area, where troops were concentrated," reported Pentland. "It was strange. Going down in the dive I could see those men running around in the streets below and I aimed for them. When I looked back after the pull-up, I could see houses blowing up."

TORONTO GUNNER IS EVEN WITH JERRIES

P/O Bill McKay, Toronto, sent a German nightfighter down in flames recently and got sweet revenge for a slug of flak which, on his previous trip, knocked the button off his helmet mouth-piece and scratched his cheek. McKay, a newly-commissioned officer in the Porcupine squadron, and the rear gunner, P/O A. L. Butler, Vancouver, opened fire on the Jerry and it was later seen to explode on the ground.

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DEMON COASTAL AIRCRAFT SCORES OVER NAZI U-BOAT

Depth Charges Straddle Sub Conning Tower As Wellington Roars to Attack.

Another attack against a German sub has been scored by the RCAF Demon squadron of Coastal Command. The squadron's latest victory came during a recent patrol over the Bay of Biscay, when a U-boat was hunted down by a Wimpy crew led by F/O Fred Foster, Vancouver.

Boat Halted

Depth charges straddled the conning-tower and brought the sub to a dead stop. But it remained surfaced for 10 minutes following the attack and before submerging the Nazi gunners opened fire in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot the kite out of the sky.

The RCAF skipper, by taking evasive action, kept his aircraft from being hit and the light inaccurate flak passed above and behind the bomber. Although the Canadians circled the area for long after the U-boat submerged, no further trace of the enemy was seen.

Foster's crew consisted of F/O E. R. B. Gray, Amherst, N.S., 2nd pilot; Sgt. E. L. Road, Moncton, N.B., navigator; W/O J. K. Andrews, Blenheim, Ont.; W/O H. D. Godin, Pembroke, Ont., and W/O J. E. France, Markham, Ont., all WOP/AGs.

When the Coastal bomber reached their patrol area the crew spotted a sub.

"The minute I saw it, I knew it was a Jerry," Foster reported on return to base. "So we got ready for an immediate attack."

W/O France, operating the rear turret guns, fired 400 rounds and scored repeated hits as the Wellington passed over the U-boat's conning tower. He also saw the depth charges enter the water and straddle.

Some hours later, when the aircraft's prudent limit of endurance had been reached, markers were dropped and the Demon crew set course for the return flight.

LION CREW BAILS OUT OVER FRANCE

Six Lion squadron airmen returning from Stuttgart, bailed out inside Allied lines in Normandy, were subjected to close scrutiny by suspicious and well-armed British and American troops, and later received from these same men the best in front line hospitality.

"It was just dawn when we got down," said F/O Kurt Sunstrom, Cochrane, Ont., navigator. "Five of us landed in the vicinity of Bayeux. I dropped on a tree and fell right through it, finally freeing myself a few feet from the ground. The other four landed on solid ground."

"The army men were taking no chances," said the rear gunner. "They had us surrounded in no time and they took every precaution to be sure we were not enemy parachutes."

After flak had put the aircraft's hydraulic system out of order, P/O Howard Egli, Toronto, told the rest of the crew to bail out in Normandy while he headed the bomber back and sent it crashing into the German lines as a parting shot. He bailed out himself and was slightly injured in getting down back of his own lines.

MITCHELL CREWS EYE GROUND DUEL

A thrilling aerial view of a battle in which they were playing a part, was presented to crews of Mitchells over the fighting zone just South of Thury-Harcourt recently.

They attacked a probable concentration of enemy armor and saw their bombs drop squarely into the wood in which the Panzer tanks were believed to be hidden.

"We could see a great artillery barrage being put up from the ground," said P/O David Durling, Halifax, N.S., gunner in a Canadian crew. "There were many mortars at work and the enemy 88mm. guns were replying."

This crew had made a sortie in the veteran kite of the squadron on its 25th op and for the first time in its battle career, it came back with a flak-hole.

"It was only a small one on the Port side," said Durling. He added that it was also the first occasion that his crew had returned with damage to their aircraft. They had completed 21 trips in 21 days of flying weather.

SOFTBALL STARS PLAY IN FRANCE

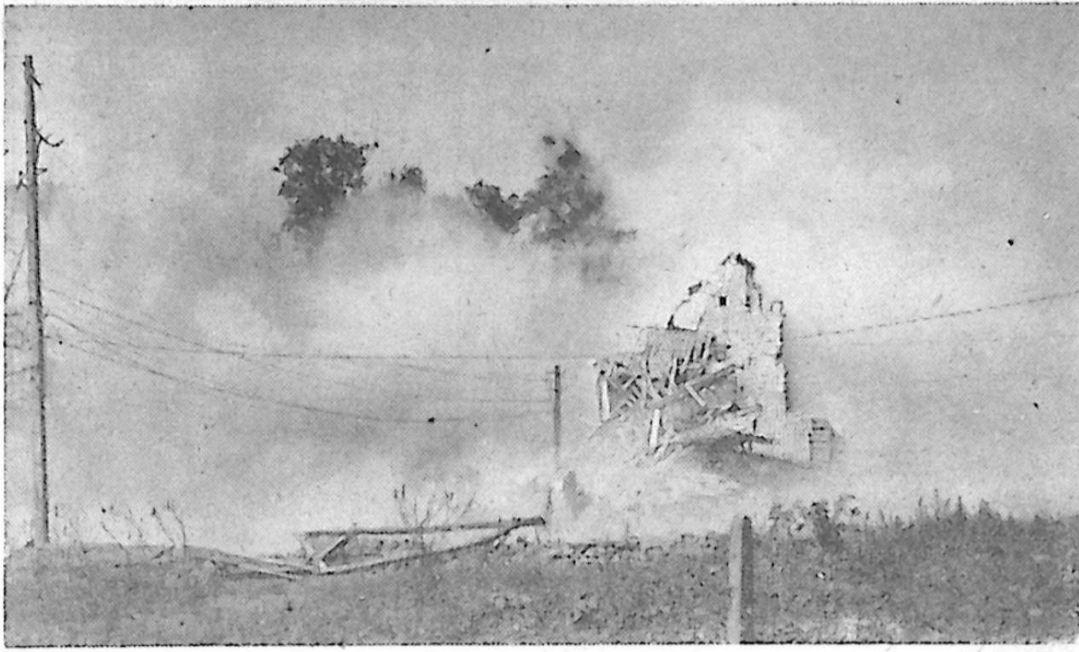
France.—A sixth inning homer with three men on bases, hammered by Bill Polosky, Toronto, was the pay-off blow recently in an 11-8 softball victory for G/C G. R. McGregor's airfield team over a visiting nine from the Normandy air base commanded by G/C Paul Davoud.

It was an exhibition contest in which virtually every Canadian province was represented—the majority, all of them groundcrew—hailing from Ontario.

McGregor: Pte. Bill Polosky, Toronto, c.; Cpl. Bill Dashpar, Hamilton, p.; LAC Jim Lee, Toronto, 1b.; LAC Dave Park, Ottawa, 2b.; LAC Len Jones, Mimico, Ont., s.s.; Cpl. Glen Brothot, Toronto, 3b.; LAC Mike Ostafghuk, Ottawa, 1.f.; LAC Tom Gutteridge, Sarnia, Ont., c.f.; LAC Norman Cook, Montreal, r.f.; Russ McLeod, Preston, Ont., coach.

Davoud: LAC John Russo, Windsor, Ont., c.; Sgt. Roy Cooper, Hamilton, p.; Tom Lannigan, Sackville, NB, 1b.; LAC Frank Hammond, Montreal, 2b.; Cpl. Fred Heller, Wingham, Ont., s.s.; LAC Buff Richardson, Winnipeg, 3b.; LAC F. Roy, Montreal, 1.f.; LAC John Miller, St. Paul, Minn., c.f.; LAC Leo Brault, Edmonton, r.f.; Allen Fitch, Vancouver, coach.

BOOM



Already damaged by the wars, a French farmhouse is finished off by a demolition squad. The stones from this building were used to construct an RCAF airfield nearby. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

Decorated by King

More than 150 Canadian airmen were decorated by King George last Friday in four open-air investitures in the RCAF Bomber Group when the Royal Family visited four stations and spent the entire day with the Canadians. Following is a list of those who were invested and the decorations which they received:

W/C R. M. Trites, Moncton, MBE; A/C J. Fauquier, Ottawa, DSO and Bar; F/O J. L. Webb, Hamilton, DSO; W/C J. G. McNeill, Calgary, DFC; W/C J. B. Milward, Sherbrooke, DFC; S/L D. T. French, Hamilton, DFC; W/C R. A. McLernon, Montreal, DFC; S/L B. F. Rawson, Hamilton, DFC; S/L F. W. Hales, Edmonton, DFC; S/L B. D. C. Patterson, Calgary, DFC; F/L W. J. Hilton, Brantford, DFC; F/L C. Massey, Pointe Claire, Que., DFC; F/L A. G. Plummer, St. John, DFC; F/L B. E. Willmot, Winnipeg, DFC; F/L R. A. Westell, Hamilton, DFC; F/L B. E. Betcher, Crookston, Minn., DFC; F/L J. M. Hollingworth, Montreal, DFC; F/L J. H. O'Neill, Montreal, DFC; F/O H. J. Powell, Frankfurt, Ont., DFC; F/O S. W. Dempsey, King, Ont., DFC; P/O L. A. Mann, Portage La Prairie, DFC; P/O P. L. Buck, Montreal, AFC; F/O R. McNamara, Bourne-mouth, DFM; P/O A. W. Timmouth, Fairview, N.S., DFM; F/S W. J. Ziomko, DFM; F/S D. H. Wright, Ottawa, DFM; F/S J. M. A. Croteau, Bonnyville, Alta., DFM; G/C D. D. Millar, Ottawa, OBE; F/L R. J. A. Axcell, Ottawa, MBE; W/C W. Weser, Brooklyn, N.Y., DFC and Bar; W/C H. T. Miles, Toronto, Bar to DFC; S/L J. C. McCarthy, Bar to DFC; S/L H. A. Gowan, Jarvis, DFC and Bar; S/L C. B. Hess, Iroquois, Ont., DFC; S/L R. F. Epps, Winnipeg, DFC; S/L H. R. F. Dyer, Minnedosa, Man., DFC; S/L W. A. Russell, Mount Denis, Ont., DFC; F/L H. Q. Mitchell, Fredericton, DFC; F/L E. H. Mulligan, Sudbury, DFC; F/L W. H. Spafford, Winnipeg, DFC; F/L H. T. Brown, Biggar, Sask., DFC; F/L J. A. Morton, Delisle, Sask., DFC; F/L B. C. Crew, Wawota, Sask., DFC; F/L C. E. MacIntosh, Winnipeg, DFC; F/L A. T. Biech, Bruderheim, Alta., DFC; F/L H. C. Card, Newburgh, Ont., DFC; F/L J. F. Lewis, DFC; F/L P. C. Campbell, Estevan, Sask., DFC; F/O D. T. Cook, Kelowna, B.C., DFC; F/O C. MacMillan, Coleville, Sask., DFC; F/O R. J. Haworth, Toronto, DFC; F/O G. B. Whyte, Michigan, DFC; F/O J. A. Buchanan, Edmonton, DFC; F/O H. W. Sandgren, Vernon, B.C., DFC; F/O D. H. Protheroe, Elora, Alta., DFC; F/O S. Boczar, Saskatoon, DFC; F/O T. H. Kemmit, DFC; F/O E. J. Hurd, Sawyer-ville, Que., DFC; F/O J. A. G. Tremblay, Limolou, Que., DFC; F/O G. M. Thornton, Winnipeg, DFC; F/O W. H. Schmitt, Arborfield, Sask., DFC; F/O E. A. Johnson, Indian Head, DFC; F/O E. F. Weaver, DFC; F/O M. W. Warren, Geraldson, Ont., DFC; F/O G. G. Basarich, DFC; F/O E. L. Brown, Pembroke, Ont., DFC; F/O O. W. Fonger, Leaside, DFC; F/O K. J. Benner, Cobalt, DFC; F/O G. C. Stephen, Toronto, DFC; F/O A. Sondergard, Ponoka, Alta., DFC; F/O D. J. McMillan, Landis, Sask., DFC; F/O K. Hewson, Long Island City, N.Y., DFC; F/O D. Graham, Vancouver, DFC; F/O J. E. Powers, Toronto, DFC; P/O T. J. Howard, Lucknow, Ont., DFC; P/O H. R. Hurst, Grimsby, Ont., DFC; P/O R. K. Metherall, Fort William, DFC; P/O R. A. McQuade, Quebec City, DFC; F/O J. P. Duval, Gracefield, Que., DFM; F/O R. L. Skillen, Ville Lambert, Que., DFM; F/O M. F. Gray, Vancouver, DFM; F/O T. H. Skebo, Winnipeg, DFM; P/O A. C. Yule, Toronto, DFM; P/O A. R. Woolsey, Vancouver, DFM; P/O A. B. Cable, Big Valley, Alta., DFM; F/L M. S. Strange, Duncan, B.C., DSO; F/L W. M. Stephen, Ottawa, DSO; G/C W. F. Newson, Victoria, DFC; S/L H. E. D. Ratcliffe, Kingston, DFC; S/L F. W. Murray, Port of Trinidad, DFC; S/L J. A. Westland, Windsor, DFC; S/L H. T. Patterson, Fredericton, DFC; F/L D. R. Wiley, London, Ont., DFC; F/L I. F. McIntosh, Lindsay, Ont., DFC; F/L W. Dobson, Duncan, B.C., DFC; F/L F. F. Hamilton, Mazenod, Sask., DFC; F/L J. C. Turnbull, Govan, Sask., DFC; F/O R. C. Priddy, Port Carling, Ont., DFC; F/O M. C. Sherwood, Calgary, DFC; F/O G. L. Spackman, Raymond, Alta., DFC; P/O G. Y. Lebel, Cacouna, Que., DFC; P/O H. G. McVeigh, Port Arthur, DFC; W/O A. Clibbery, Regina, DFM; F/S R. E. Qualle, Beverley, Sask., DFM; F/S C. J. M. Ritchie, Montreal, DFM; F/S J. Mangione, Ottawa, DFM; F/S J. P. A. Florence, Montreal, DFM; S/L R. C. Scott, Toronto, OBE; W/C W. P. Pleasance, Calgary, DFC and Bar; W/C W. A. G. McLeish, Hamilton, DFC; S/L J. G. Stewart, Montreal, DFC; S/L F. G. Lord, Sherbrooke, DFC; S/L C. E. J. Murphy, Belleville, DFC; F/L G. R. H. Peck, Westmount, DFC; F/L H. W. Barnhart, Ottawa, DFC; F/L M. Flewelling, Calgary, DFC; F/O W. W. Robson, Transcona, DFC; F/O R. H. James, Vancouver, DFC; P/O M. D. McGill, Carman, Man., DFC; W/O P. E. Bourassa, Abitibi, DFC; P/O N. C. Fraser, Ottawa, DFM; F/O R. E. Curtis, Erie, Pa., DFM.

HAWK SHOOTS WING OFF JU

A highly effective method of knocking out an enemy plane was demonstrated by W/O Fred Henke, Trail, BC, RCAF Nighthawk squadron pilot, when he shot off the wing of a Ju88 over France one night recently.

Flying a Mossie nightfighter, Henke made two attacks on the German kite, which he spotted in the bright moonlight. In the first attack his cannon shells set the port motor on fire and his enemy went into a steep dive. Henke caught up and poured a second burst into him, scoring hits at the base of the port wing, which caught fire before it folded up and flew off into space.

"After diving and putting out the flames in his port motor he seemed to get organised," Henke said of his victim. "He started to peel off to port, so I gave him a second burst. It must have hit the wing fuel tanks, as there was a great sheet of flame and the wing folded up. It started to come apart and then broke off."

Henke's navigator is F/S Len Emmerson Bushey, Eng. They have flown with the Nighthawk squadron for six months. This was their first victory over a German aircraft.

CANADIANS IN NEW BALKAN AIR FORCE

RCAF pilots and technicians are scattered among the squadrons comprising the Balkan Air force, formation of which was officially announced.

These units are included in the new set-up designed "for the centralisation of the conduct of air operations in the Balkans." The announcement said the new organization presaged more intensified air operations "in the Adriatic."

ENEMY KILLS EARN AWARDS FOR CANUCKS

Intruder Observer Gets Bar for Help in 5 Victories

Immediate awards for destruction or assisting in the destruction of enemy aircraft highlight the decorations for Canadian fliers announced this week in the London Gazette.

F/O Colin Gowans Finlayson, DFC, receives an immediate Bar to this decoration for his work as an observer on many sorties into enemy territory in which he assisted in the destruction of five enemy aircraft.

Immediate DFCs go to F/L Clarence Muri Jasper, who has destroyed three Nazi machines in the air and others on the ground, and to F/L Oscar Archibald Joseph Martin, observer, who has assisted in the destruction of four Hun planes.

Bars to the DFC go to S/L Walter A. G. Conrad, DFC, who has destroyed at least seven enemy machines, and S/L Robert Andrew Buckham, DFC.

Receiving non-immediate DFCs are F/L Johan Christian Van Nes, F/L Edwin Wesley Fockler, F/L Terence Bawif Winslow, F/L Frederick John Sherlock, F/L Alan Theophilus Charlon, F/L Oscar Mahaffy Linton, F/L Dean Hugh Dover, F/O Harry Benson Date, F/O Francis Stewart Sorge, and F/O Norman Charles Russel Howe.

NAVIGATOR FINALLY MAKES INVASION DO

Home on leave when the invasion started, F/L John Glass, Penticton, B.C., veteran desert nightfighter navigator, thought he was going to miss the big show. He is now with the RCAF Nighthawk squadron navigating Mosquitos over the Normandy front.

Glass spent nearly two years operating from Malta, the Nile Delta, Tobruk, Benghazi and Tripoli flying in Beaufighters. He took part in destroying two Ju88s at night. At Tobruk, Benghazi and Tripoli, Glass's squadron flew protective patrols over the harbors which were attacked regularly by German raiders. Another BC veteran navigator with the Nighthawks is F/O Stan Lee, Vancouver, now starting his second tour with the squadron.

FLIGHT COMMANDER

From sergeant to squadron leader in little more than a year is the achievement of S/L Lionel Dupuis, Ottawa. His promotion and appointment as flight commander with the Alouette squadron was announced by Group HQ recently.

LEASIDE LEADER

W/C A. D. R. Lowe, Calgary, Alta., formerly a flight commander with the Leaside squadron, now becomes CO of the squadron.

BOMBER PILOT HAS TUNE SUNG ON BBC

RCAF Bomber Group's first song-writing pilot, F/O A. L. "Jock" Spence, of the Bluenose squadron, has had a song, "Only Yours," played by a dance band over the BBC and broadcast by shortwave on the North American beam, sung by Helen Raymond, well-known BBC artist.

The Windsor airman pumped the piano with Windsor and Detroit bands before joining the RCAF.

SCREENED

France—F/L D. E. "Danny" Noonan, Kingston, Ont., has been posted to non-operational duties. He has been with the RCAF City of Oshawa Spitfire squadron for 14 months, during which time he completed his tour, became a flight commander and destroyed five enemy aircraft. Prior to his operational flying he had instructed for 16 months at Brandon, Man. Noonan's place is being taken by F/L G. R. "Pat" Patterson, Kelowna, B.C., who has three enemy aircraft to his credit.

Do your teeth complete your charm?

POTINS et NOUVELLES

Le sergent J.-M. Paul Lebel, a certainement vu de "l'action" tout récemment à l'escadrille des Lions. Lebel, qui est un ancien mitrailleur de cette escadrille, a subi l'agréable choc d'une double promotion: de sergent qu'il était, il a passé à celui de sous-officier breveté et peu après à celui d'officier-pilote. Il laisse à l'escadrille adoptée par l'industrie du film de nombreux camarades; ce sont: le sergent Herbert Larivée, de Timmins, Ont.; le sous-officier breveté Marce Gravel, de Donnelly, Alta., et le radiotélégraphiste Joseph C. D. Dufour, de Jonquières, Que.

Motocycliste de son métier, l'aviateur-chef Roger Beaulne, d'Ottawa, vient d'arriver au quartier-général du Groupe de bombardement. Beaulne était jadis attaché à l'escadrille des Alouettes. C'est à la suite d'un accident où il s'est fracturé un genou, qu'il a été affecté temporairement au quartier-général — "Avant de retourner au Canada," dit-il. Il y est arrivé en compagnie de l'aviateur-chef Roland Ouellet, d'Edmundston, N.B., qui vient de permuer lui-même de l'aviation tactique.

Le sous-officier breveté Edouard Jean, de l'Islet, Que., s'est enfin décidé, après un mois, à porter ses insignes, i.e. ses galons d'officier-pilote et ses ailes de pilote. Depuis un mois, en effet, ce capitaine d'équipage, ne portait aucun insigne sur sa tunique. Seuls ses amis savaient qu'il est un vétéran de 29 opérations en territoire ennemi, dont cinq au-dessus de Berlin.

Capitaine d'un nouvel équipage canadien-français, le sergent-pilote Charles Dionne est arrivé dernièrement à l'escadrille des Alouettes. Le sergent Dionne est de Montréal, et il est à parfaire en ce moment son dernier entraînement au vol de guerre. Il a même déjà survolé des bases d'avions-robots, à Alme-sur-Seules, en France.

Le sous-lieutenant d'aviation André Péloquin, de Montréal, vient d'arriver aux Alouettes pour entreprendre sa deuxième tournée d'opérations. Il était de retour d'un séjour de cinq semaines au Canada. Péloquin est un vrai vétéran. Il a enregistré dans son carnet de vol dix-huit voyages sur des bimoteurs Hampden, avant d'aller en mission à bord des premiers Wellington de l'escadrille canadienne française.

Le lieutenant de section K. Fiset, de Montréal, est second en commande d'une escadrille de Typhoons, en Normandie. C'est aux escadrilles de Typhoons que reviennent les nombreux succès remportés dernièrement dans la destruction des convois, positions et concentrations de chars d'assaut ennemis. Fiset est un pilote d'expérience qui fait l'admiration de ses confrères.

L'escadrille des Castors a fait l'acquisition d'un nouveau pilote. Il s'agit de l'officier-pilote Arthur Simard, de Lachine, Que. Simard est arrivé en France il y a quelques semaines seulement et n'a pas tardé à se mettre au travail. Il compte déjà 15 opérations.

NEW PORKIE

S/L C. C. W. Marshall, Kingston, Ont., has been named flight commander with the Porcupine squadron, RCAF Bomber Group. He was with the Bison Squadron.

BIG TIME TABLECLOTH



The Bayeux tapestry, the most famous piece of cloth in the world, remains undamaged in Bayeux Cathedral, where it is inspected by a couple of Canadian erks, N. N. A. J. Shawes and Jean Clermont, Montreal.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

LYNX SQUADRON

Three Joes Get Hep

Cpl. "Ash" Bradley, Lennoxville, Que., and LACs Stew Kahle, Pine Falls, Man., and "Jiggs" Shaman, Winnipeg, are the three Canadian members of our new seven-piece station orchestra. Ash is on the tenor sax. Stew is trumpeter and Jiggs beats out with the drums. A long-needed addition to the station entertainment, we welcome the orchestra to the quiet of our 500-year-old village.

Quiet Week-End

Incidentally, we saw in the village on Saturday night a few of the boys relaxing on time off. F/Os Tommy Gordon, Edmonton, Norm Hamer, Montreal, and Bob McKay, Calgary, all seemed to be enjoying life in their own quiet inimitable way.

Cpl. Jim Stuckey, Moose Jaw, Sask., recently back from detachment, and LACs Gord Baldwin, Windsor, Ont., Howie Fletcher, Edmonton, Art Gorman, Toronto, and "Scottie" McAdam, Winnipeg, were also about, giving us the hottest tips on what's doing.

Three LACs, posted recently from the "A" Flight No. 2 shift, are reported to be still trench in Normandy. They are Ed Roden, Winnipeg, Harold Stackhouse, Vancouver, and Stan Staples, Moose Jaw. Cpls. Hugh Galvin, Vancouver, Pete Lamprell, Winnipeg, and George Roe, Milverton, Ont., are all sporting recently-acquired hooks.

All Pals Together

LAC "General" Bill Lee, Toronto, tells us that he and his two pals, LACs Jim Hamilton, Dauphin, Man., and Don Johnston, Revelstoke, BC, were stationed together at Pat Bay in Canada. By some neat wangling they hung together on the overseas trip and were all posted to Lynx Squadron over a year ago. It also seems that "Hammy" is the only Dauphin man on the squadron.

Cpl. "Pop" Murie, Langley Prairie BC, is now out of hospital, and LAC Jim Fawcett, Ottawa, has since gone in. Over a cup of NAAFI tea, LAC Frank Dows was asked what he has been doing these days. The only reply forthcoming was a bland, "I'm lying low nowadays."

We welcome back from detached duty a few of the lads we've not had around for these past months. Sgt. Chris Orchard, Vancouver, led the

Beaver Unit

The second of August, 1944, will be a memorable day for the City of Ottawa squadron. During the visit of Air Marshal L. S. Bredner, the squadron participated in four wing sorties in a period of six hours.

The sorties were in, direct support of the Canadians. Pilots reported all targets well clobbered. F/O Ron Doidge, Windsor, Ont., a veteran of over 40 trips said of the first trip "One of the best shows I have ever been on."

The last trip of the day led by S/L Bill Pentland, Calgary, met light flak over target. F/O Jimmy Stewart, Terrebonne, Que., reported that the flak wasn't up to the Hun standards of accuracy, no doubt due to the terrific pounding the air force had given it earlier in the day.

Much of the credit for the number of successful sorties goes to F/S Parkinson's (Mitchell, Ont.) riggers and fitters, and the armorers who outdid themselves in keeping the aircraft serviceable and bombed off the ceremony.

Weddings

MAWSON-COCHLAN

F/L Jack Mawson, Kingston, Ont., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mawson, was recently married in a North England village church to S/O Moira Coghlan, WAAF, daughter of Mr. V. and the late Mrs. Coghlan, Bradford, England. F/L Bill Stephen, DSO, Ottawa, was best man, and S/O Doreen Blackburn, WAAF, was bridesmaid. Hon. F/L Father T. P. Butler, Charlottetown, P.E.I., performed the ceremony.

BLACK BULL BOYS

Two More Will Buy

Congratulations for the week go to S/L Duggan, Edmonton, who now rates wing commander due to that 3rd equi-sized ring to make the design symmetrical, and F/L "Bob" Hope, RAF, elevated to S/L on assuming the capacity of CGI from flight engineers leader. In passing, gentlemen, I really prefer rum, but will settle for gin.

BS Galore

Not many fellas going to the local village these nights, due to a landscaping job, on a scale unprecedented, to pretty up this camp, the home of England's top conversion unit. The hanger wallahs, the flight mechs, the MT staff, in fact every section, seem to be in a competitive mood to sport the neatest grounds.

Even F/S Keay of the SPs was out taking lessons from F/S Bonner on how to push a

lawn mower, likely with future defaulters in mind. Sgt. George Church, Moose Jaw, our engine gen man, is gaining a reputation for wit, particularly in the mess snooker room. The other night George was watching as crude a display with the cue as one could watch. Finally, after a near miss of a bare four inches from the pink, he drawled: "Now you're getting the finer points, Sarge, you're at least on the same table."

Cpl. "Brownie" Brown, Winnipeg, our postal NCO, is becoming known as Injun Giver. It seems he takes a jar of jam, or reasonable facsimile, to the mess at meal times and generously offers it around, especially to the WAAF.

Just as they are about to help themselves, Brownie craftily picks the jar up and casually strolls away, leaving the girls gaping and uttering unladylike oaths. Do you realize, Brownie, that this is bringing on distrust for us men? Thassal!

—By J. H. Wilson.



Aptly described as an Empire Arsenal and an Empire Larder, Canada has also played the role of fairy godmother to many children evacuated from their homes in Gt. Britain. We may be quite sure that in

acquiring new habits they will be encouraged to develop those instilled by their parents: washing behind their ears, for example, and cleaning their teeth night and morning—with KOLYNOS.

IMPORTANT—USED TUBES WANTED FOR MUNITIONS. RETURN TO CHEMIST



S/L G. R. Pushman, Ottawa, is relinquishing his post as flight commander with a Boston medium bomber squadron of AEF to take up flying training work with the medium bomber group of TAF. He has completed 40 sorties with the squadron, and lately his targets included rail yards, dumps and troop concentrations behind the lines in Normandy. He also took part in attacks against flying bomb installations before the Hun put them into use, and before D-Day, his squadron helped pave the way for the invasion. His place as flight commander with the Boston squadron will be filled by another Canadian, S/L G. P. Vickers, Vancouver, who has 65 sorties behind him.

F/O William Craven, a ginger-haired flying parson from Big River, Sask., has been appointed bombing leader of a squadron of RAF Halifaxes in Italy. Before joining the RCAF, "the Bish," as he is known to his squadron mates, was pastor of a missionary parish in far northern Saskatchewan, consisting largely of Indians and a minority of white settlers. An Irishman who says he is "a neutral against Hitler," Craven was in the Western Desert before coming to Italy. Flying in Halifaxes and Liberators he has bombed targets from the Aegean to France, but claims he has never had an exciting moment in the air. "Dullest job in the world," he says.

W/O air gunners Johnny Hunt, Edmonton, and Sid Land, Carmen, Man., are two of a raft of Joes just finished their first tour flying RAF daylight Mitchells. When Sid came to the squadron there were about four Canucks—now the unit is about 60 per cent Canadian. Chief opposition on these daylight sorties was from flak. Only once during Sid's tour were they attacked by a fighter. Sid was flying number two position when a FW190 popped out of the clouds, levelled out and headed for number five Mitchell.

P/O A/G K. T. Brown, Vancouver, got about 35 shots at him before a couple of Spits arrived on the scene. W/O Gordie Miles, Regina and W/O Fitzsimmons, Toronto, were in the ship which was attacked and were wounded by shell fragments. After a few weeks in dock they went back to finish their tour. One souvenir Sid Land carries with him is a piece of flak that fell out of his underwear after an op over Abbeville.

They flew over eight batteries which weren't firing cream puffs. Sid felt a slap in his side but was only scratched. The first aid kit probably saved his life. The shell fragment was heading straight for his back but was deflected by the kit. Some of the other boys just finished their first tour on Mitchells are W/O WAG Stack, Toronto; P/O George Karoziz, Edmonton; W/O WAG "Lofty" Simpston, Montreal; W/O AG Frank Davies, an Ontario boy.

THUNDER FLASHES

Back in the News

After a somewhat lengthy absence, this narrator of the Thunderbird's activities has returned to these columns to bring you the latest doings of the braves of the Thunderbird tribe. W/C Eric Hamber, DFC, recently departed from our midst after completing a tour of ops, and W/C Chuck Burgess has taken over the reins as chieftain of the tribe.

New Scenery

In preparation for the mysterious M-Day, all sections and hangars took on a new appearance. Paint flowed liberally and all offices underwent a complete rejuvenation. In fact, any ex-Thunderbirds who should happen to drop in for a visit might think they are on the wrong squadron.

Everyone has pitched in on this clean-up-paint-up campaign. Even F/L Freddie Cowling was observed, nattily attired as usual, with a paintbrush in hand. No one has yet ascertained if he ever applied any paint with it.

In the absence of F/L H. W. "Huck" Walker, F/L J. M. "Holly" Hollingworth has assumed the duties of piloting the adjutant's desk and is busily engaged in dealing with all the moans and groans that reach an adj's ears.

New Interest?

Our W/O's extraordinary Eddie Lackman and Len Rouse, have taken a new lease on life. Hitherto never observed in anything but battle-dress, these two

bearers of the galloping horses can be observed any day now resplendent in their natty zoot-suits. Many reasons have been advanced for this sudden change of attire, but it has not yet been determined which members of the sergeants' mess have been the cause.

—By T. Plunkett.

THREE ITALY CHUMS EARN P/O'S TOGETHER

Italy.—Three Canadians who have made a good start toward seeing the world together, recently received their commissions simultaneously on a Halifax squadron here.

They are P/O Herb Stevens, WAG, Toronto; P/O Vic Keeling, AG, Norwood Man.; and P/O Joe Hooey, WOP, Winnipeg. All three originally were in Coastal Command in Britain, and transferred to heavy bombers in North Africa before their squadron moved to Italy.



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WOODEN POLE SAVES PILOT

A long wooden pole saved a Canadian airman and his British companion from drowning in the Mediterranean as the Germans invaded the Island of Cos.

The Canadian, F/L "Roly" Nadeau, Smith Falls, Ont., was sent to Cos as flying control officer when the British took possession of the island.

Although Jerry delighted in dropping bombs on Nadeau's favorite runway, things were not so bad until he was awakened one morning to learn the Germans had landed in force. In a jeep "Roly" raced to the airfield to warn his assistant, an Englishman named Purcell.

The commander of the British defenders decided that unattached officers and men, with no direct combat training or duties, would form a second line of defence to the main troops.

Pistol Only

Armed with only his service revolver, Nadeau parked behind a tree and took pot shots at the Jerries, who naturally wanted to play, too, and took pot shots back. "Roly" sports a little scar on the bridge of his nose, where a Nazi sniper's bullet caressed him in passing.

Superior German forces gradually pushed the defenders back, so Nadeau and Purcell sneaked down to the harbor. They spied a small native skiff offshore, swam out to it, found it without oars but containing a long pole and a flat board. With these they inched their way to the narrow harbor mouth, only to find Jerry was lobbing shells right in their path every 30 seconds.

A shell hit their craft and it finally sank. Up to their necks in the Mediterranean, they remembered the long pole, grabbed it and hung on. It proved their salvation and they were eventually rescued.

Pay Table Crumbs

Breezing in one morning last week, with an aroma of cigar smoke encircling him, W/O M. J. Webster announced that his wife, the former LAW Faye Brownlee, had presented him with a healthy eight-pound baby boy. Both wife and baby are doing well, and "Daddy" seems to be taking the ordeal wonderfully.

"Muscles" Cox has picked another winner, and this time it was a hamper of goodies raffled off by the Bell-McBride household who have kicked over the traces for new dwellings. Main reason is Cpl. Bell's posting to Linton.

A cheery welcome to a new AO in the person of F/L Pete Baenziger, recently returned from the Middle East, and to the undermentioned WDs posted recently to this unit: LAWs Lockhart, Wallace and Baldwin, AWs Villard and Harrisoff.

—Tee-Vee.

Back to the sport world again, the top notch P & A softball team trounced Officers' Pay 2-1. It was mainly a pitching battle between LACs Lang and McLeod, but honorable mention must be made of LAC Radigan, who plays third base for P & A, and dishonorable mention to Sgt. "Asleep at the switch" Greer. This week's memorable game between Air-men's Pay and P & A Registry went to the latter team 4-3, mainly due to a four-sacker hit by Cpl. Driedger bringing in Bud Parson and Davis.

—Gee-Gee.

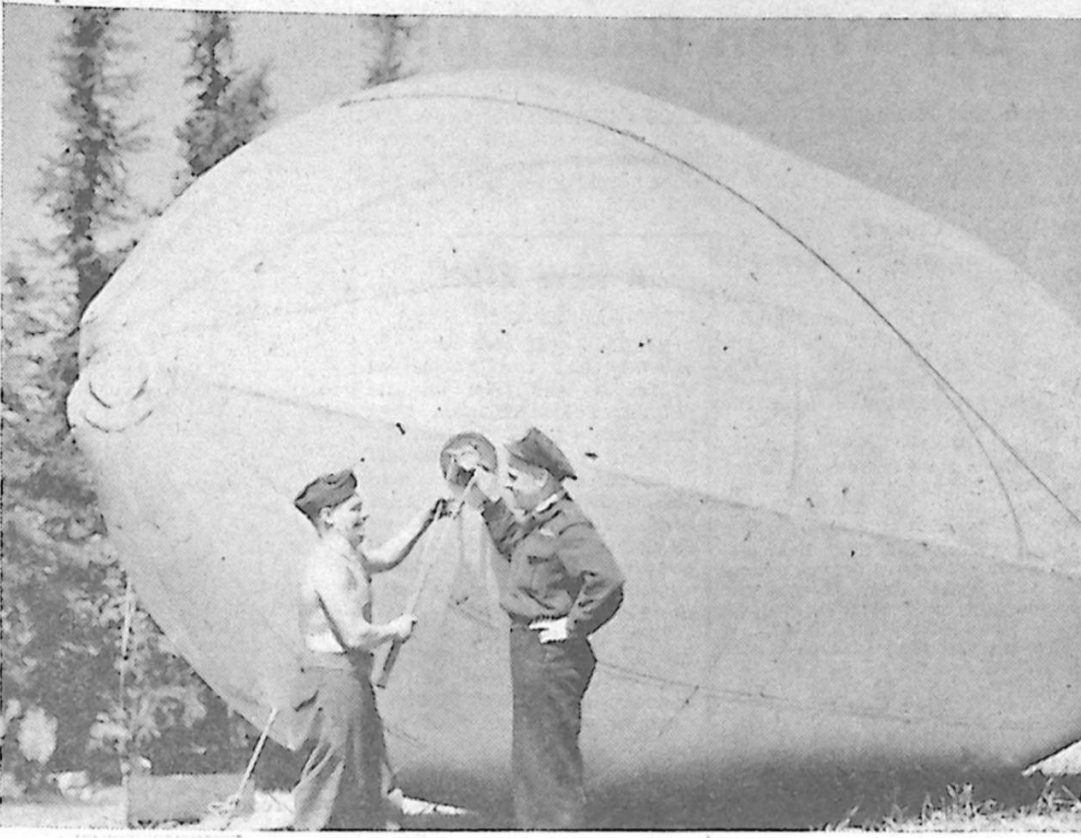
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F/L Wally Townley, RCAF engineer officer, inspects the valve on a balloon in Normandy. RAF type, LAC Walter Carlton, assists.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

WINDSOR SPITS VERSATILE FORCE

Italy.—Fully launched in their new role as fighter-bombers, RCAF Spitfires of the City of Windsor squadron are currently harassing the enemy forces on the ground as successfully as they formerly battled his aircraft in the air.

A summary of the past two weeks' ops indicates that this unit flew in excess of 250 sorties, during which time they disrupted communications, blasted hostile gun emplacements—which were holding up ground defenses—and aided Italian partisans by dive-bombing special objectives behind enemy lines. They also escorted Allied bombers on three different missions.

On one occasion they set out to bomb enemy artillery emplacements, whose long-range guns were proving exceptionally troublesome for advancing units of the Eighth Army. With nothing more than pin-pointed positions on a map, they bombed these cunningly camouflaged positions with such effect that the guns were not heard from again.

BOSS TIGER

W/C G. A. Roy, DFC, Westmount, Que., who ended his first operational tour as a flight commander with the Alouette squadron, takes command of the Tiger squadron.

BEAVER BASE

Base Faces Change

You wouldn't know the old place now, following a number of key personnel changes. The welcome-mat is out for W/C F. Gaffney, Dartmouth, N.S., who has come to us from group HQ, replacing another bluenose, W/C A. C. Tufts, Halifax. F/L Strathdee, Winnipeg and Toronto, has assumed the duties of base adj. We bid adieu to F/Ls R. L. Orpen and Andy Simard, both of Montreal.

Spit and Polish

"Service with a smile" is the rule at base orderly room, as LAC Joe Grenier can testify. The other day he was detected at his desk, getting a manicure from LAW Eileen Simmons. The finished job was a work of art, and S/O Babs Rooke heads the current appointment list.

Smartest looking W/Os in the sergeants' mess these days are Eddie Lackman and George Rouse. They are very drill conscious and can often be seen discussing CAP 90 over a crafty pint.

Back from leave for a further rest period here are P/O Johnny Weibe and Sgt. Sid Webster. Johnny had his afternoon siesta rather rudely interrupted one day while on leave when the ceiling fell in on him due to a flying bomb. Sid found the social atmosphere at London's Mapleton Hotel quite interesting.

Talent Scout

Among visiting firemen is F/O Carl Reinke, Toronto and Ottawa, who came here to get some local color.

Cpl. Don Wilson, Toronto, reports that Sgt. Jack Dale, Winnipeg, and George Cunningham are seriously considering remuster to the WDs in order to stay in London.

Red face of the week belongs to embarrassed LAW Helen Dahl. She was stepping briskly

THE MAIL BAG

Post Office Legree

F/S Compton has been made happy by the arrival of a package from Algiers containing a deadly-looking snake whip. Whilst he was out East this was his most treasured possession and he has never been the same since he left it behind on his return to these shores. F/O Kingscott and F/S Meads have been giving him (or the whip) a great deal of attention, having heard many stories regarding the use of the ominous weapon in the Middle East.

NIGHTHAWKS TAG TWO OVER SEINE

W/O Norman Joss, Vancouver, flying an RCAF Nighthawk squadron Mosquito, shot down a Ju88 in flames over the Seine Estuary recently. His navigator was W/O Peter Lalley, Toronto.

A second Nighthawk Mossier with P/O F. Haley, Medicine Hat, Alta., as pilot and P/O S. J. Fairweather, Edinburgh, navigator, attacked a Ju88 over Avanches and scored hits on the tail. They last saw the enemy plane, which was carrying a bomb load, going down in a steep dive, but clouds prevented their seeing it hit. A few minutes later they saw a fire burning outside the Allied lines where they believe the plane crashed. They were unable to identify it positively as their victim.

Bookworm

Sgt. "Wolf" Ferguson, New Westminster, BC, has been showing great fervor for the library of recent days, and after much difficulty has managed to locate the book he had been looking for: "The Care of Dumb Animals." Having secured his wife's permission, he spent his weekly allowance on the purchase of a cocker spaniel. There is now an additional howl in the neighborhood these evenings.

Since W/O Crozier returned from his PT course we have become very familiar with the sight of him leaping over mail bags and various other obstacles, bringing forth sighs (is it admiration?) from the WDs who have found their he-man at last. Although compulsory PT has not been enforced, our energetic disciplinarian has been spending most of his time around the washroom looking for prospective members for a session. Better watch out, fellows.

What's Next?

LAW M. Dubourt, Pontieux, Sask., has been arousing great interest by her consistent change of hair style. How about a Veronica Lake effort, Margo?

Three of our English Wids, married to Canadians, have experienced a flying bomb blitz. They are LAW Joan Scott, LAW Peggy Markham, and LAW Joan Tompkins. Happily they were in their Anderson at the time and were unhurt.

Several of our Wids recently celebrated their 12 months' overseas service at a dinner and dance. The event was strictly "Ladies only," and although it is rumored that F/S Meads tried to gate crash his way in, all efforts proved futile and he came away without the chicken.

Cpl. J. Kiteley finally paid off the last instalment on a diamond ring, proudly placing it on the finger of Lt. Madoline Sloan, Toronto, overseas with the Canadian Red Cross Corps.

Our ball team was in the news again, gaining a great win over CMHQ by 7-4. Three runs behind in the first innings, the team showed fighting spirit, and two Winnipeg boys were stand-outs. LAC J. McLeod once again proved his batting ability and LAC J. Fletcher made a one-handed catch which people around Hyde Park district will talk about for months to come.

—LAC Harold Small.

FOUR CANUCKS VISIT FAMOUS TAJ MAHAL

India.—The beauty of the Taj Mahal recently was seen by four Canadians from District HQ in India, who made the journey to Agra by road.

Making the trip were P/O Bob Plant, Niagara Falls, Ont., adjutant; Sid Horwood Cranbrook, BC, Canadian Legion Auxiliary services; Cpl. Jimmy Horsburgh, Toronto, and LAC Ernie Maddeux, Toronto.



RADIO ROUND UP

From somewhere in the south comes cherubic LAC Sid Reinblatt with tidings of a band of radio maniacs on RAF ground stuff. The Montreal flash was in the boom town for something like 36 hours. With him, from the north, was Cpl. Fred Riseborough, a Blenheim, Ont., product. Fred and Sid were in the same Can together.

Perhaps the most ambitious project on Reinblatt's station is that of LAC Hugh Geldart, Ottawa. The great experimenter is about ready to loose his work on the world. The machine not only makes like a radio set, but will fry steaks by the use of electrons. "The only trouble," says the Ottawa boy, "I can't find a steak anywhere."

LAC Fred Snyder, Kitchener, showed great speed when a doodle bug dawdled in the sleepy hours of dawn. Fred hit the shelter with everything on but his pants. He sheepily came back into the hut, when the bomb gave a few desultory coughs and continued on its way.

LAC George Clarke, Toronto, is a many-leave guy these days. With a bad knee he bade the boys goodbye when he departed for sick leave. He came back, still with the bad knee, went into the bone house for awhile and will shortly depart for another flock of holidays.

The rest of the Charlies at Reinblatt's station, exclusive of characters, are: Sgt. Moose Pickerton, Ottawa; LAC Stan Meffen, Toronto; LAC Bud Wells, Toronto; LAC Ron Crawford, Hamilton, and the only Westerner in the outfit is a boy from the foothills, LAC Jimmy Johnston, Calgary.

Recently posted from there are LAC Al Myher, Toronto; LAC Bob Simpson, Toronto; LAC Gordie Green, Winnipeg; and LAC Fred Noble, Toronto.

NORTH ENGLAND

By Jack Searcliff

This week saw our section party celebrate winning the CO's cup on Sports Day. We set off in two parties, one led by Sgt. Sam Arenow and the other by W/O Glen McDowell, brother of Cpl. Jeff McDowell, who happened to be around these parts on leave. It was fitting that Glen was present to help wet Jeff's tapes.

The most delightful sight was Sgt. Jack Rose (holder of the kitty) with one hand clutching a wad of quids and the other supporting a tankard of Lord Woolton's worst. The most musical moment was presented by our Scottish buddy, Ian Dick, who tickled the ivories and led in "Alouette," "Salome" and other classical items. The noisiest moment came from Cowboy "Hank" Tuero, who thought he'd lost all his fingers retrieving a sandwich from down inside the piano before Ian's crescendo had ceased.

Aside from the fact two of our flock got lost on the way home—Bob Austin and "Bud" which is concentrating these Backhouse—we had a great time, and S/L Beal, F/L

Richards (Toronto's dark horse) and "Chieffe" Ball can expect 100 per cent. co-operation on the next tea party! We still think S/L Beal should have brought his amplifier along for his speech-making. There seemed to be too much grid distortion amongst the audience.

Charlie "Mac" McKinnon gave the lads a bit of an entertainment this week when he locked himself in the bath and had to stand on his head to yell through the window and summon aid. These Lux baths aren't good for one!

Reg Jackson and Paul Quinn were seen shaking hands this week after a terrific battle for a jar of Brylcreem—or was it on general principles?

Tiger Howls

News that W/O Hatfield has left the squadron will prove of interest to all former Tigers. W/O Hatfield was a legitimate Tiger for more than a year, and ruled the discip office throughout the many moves the squadron has made. His new duties will be with a RAF unit. His duties here are now being tended by F/S Hawk. Present indications are that he is one of the boys and a Tiger in name only.

Recently several cubs gathered at the local to chat over a cool pint. Returning to the mess Cpl. "Rocky" McMennamin took a short cut across the volley-ball court, failed to see the net, and pranged. A rescue party rushed to the scene and noticed that he held a bouquet of roses in his left hand, a bunch of onions in the right.

As he rose, he stretched forth his left hand and said, "Roses are red, violets are blue," then the right, "I like onions, don't you?" Pressed for an explanation, he said: "Simple boys, this little WAAF in the mess, why she likes roses and I like onions, so I had to satisfy the two of us."

Former chefs of the squadron, LACs Dunne, Hagarty and Dawson, have recently been posted to a Coastal Command station.

—LAC L. A. Roberts.

IROQUOIS CHIEF

W/C Eric M. Mitchell, Wolfville, N.S., has recently been appointed to command the Iroquois Squadron of RCAF Bomber Group. Previously he flew with the Lion Squadron which is concentrating these days on flying bomb and invasion targets.

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By Sgt. R. J. Gunn.

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ROYAL FAMILY

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Inspection
After investitures in each station the King, Queen and Princess Elizabeth walked down ranks of airmen and airwomen, stopping occasionally to chat briefly with them. For the most part, Their Majesties were interested in how long Canadians had been in England.

His Majesty, looking tanned and fit, appeared to enjoy meeting those who received medals.

There was only one disappointing thing. Princess Margaret Rose was to have made the visit, but she was not well enough that morning, the Queen told S/O Ishbel Mutch, Regina, Group's entertainment officer.

"I told her how disappointed we were," said S/O Mutch, "and the Queen said the Princess was just as disappointed at not being able to come."

Two "Kings"

Here at their home base Their Majesties met such fliers as Air Commodore Johnny Fauquier, Ottawa, known as "King of the Pathfinders," and holder of the DSO and Bar, and DFC. But the King met "little men" too, like P/O J. L. Webb, Hamilton, Ont., only man of his rank to win the DSO in bomber command. He won it on his first sortie.

LEADS SQUADRON

France.—One of the most popular of recent promotions and appointments within Canadian Spitfire squadrons serving in Normandy was the rise of 26-year-old Dean H. Dover, Toronto, to the rank of squadron leader. He is named to command a squadron in the wing led by W/C Dal Russell, DFC and Bar, Westmount, Que.

COUGAR CO TAGS JU OVER FRANCE

Carrying either a mine or a large bomb slung externally, a Ju88 was blown up in the air by the commanding officer of the RCAF Cougar squadron, W/C George Abner Hiltz, over Normandy's beaches last week. Enemy activity over the beach head area was on a moderate scale, but AEAFF Mosquitos succeeded in destroying five, three accounted for by RCAF squadrons.

W/C Hiltz caused a violent explosion in the Ju88 as soon as he had opened fire. It crashed into the sea, lighting up the clouds with a vivid orange flame as it fell. It was his first kill.

GROUP FLIES

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Zerebeski, claimed an Me210 as a probable. Sgt. Russel Peel, Goose squadron air bomber, reported the Germans apparently lighted fires, which sent up large clouds of smoke just before the attack commenced, in the hope of obscuring the target at Foret du Mont Richard. The deception failed.

Oil storage depots at La Pallice, one of the last shelters left open in the Bay of Biscay to the trapped U-boat fleet, were hit last Thursday night. Ten squadrons made the long trip to Southern France and all the attacking aircraft returned safely.

TYPHOONS ELIMINATE NAZI HEADQUARTERS

What was believed a German headquarters near Bretteville-sur-Laze was eradicated, fires left blazing in woods at Naizieres where Nazi troops and gun reinforcements were massing, and anti-aircraft guns were dive-bombed near Tournebu and at Fierville la Campagne in recent operations by RCAF Typhoon fighter bombers in Normandy. "Eradicated" was the description of the operation given by one pilot when the entire wing attacked the Bretteville-sur-Laze target in three waves and the building disappeared. "By the time we got there in the second wave, the first squadron had left a lot of smoke coming up," he said. "Half the building was gone then, the rest must be by now."

Busman's Holiday for DR When Battle Dies

France.—Having just clocked 5,000 miles of motorcycleing on rough, winding roads and around lorry convoys since he arrived in France, LAC Floyd L. Johnson, Montreal, a despatch rider with the RCAF directorate of public relations, plans a nice busman's holiday in Canada after the war.

Crazy?
"Yes," he said, "if the wife is agreeable I'd like to buy a motorcycle after the war—this business gets into your blood, you know."

As well as seeing the country, he is enabled by his job to keep in pretty close touch with the news.

"Most of the correspondents and PROs read their copy to me as they check it for the mail planes back to Britain," he pointed out.

The 19-year-old DR has discovered "most military policemen on point duty throughout Normandy have soft hearts and they just look tough, standing there in the rain and dust and heat."

Nice Cop

"One of them ticked me off for speeding and he was a real gentleman about it," Johnson added. "He said he would feel better if he put me in jail before somebody else put me in a funeral home."

As well as travelling roads "which could be used as an obstacle race course," Johnson has ridden most popular makes of motorcycles, but finds the heavier Canadian models far easier to handle in France. "The others stand up well, but they're so light they hop around like a frog," he contends.

Johnson suggests one way to speed up delivery of newspaper copy. It is that "each fellow who keeps me waiting while he finishes a story should have to ride on the pillion when we have to rush to deliver it in time."

PICK-A-BACK PILOT BAGS MORE NAZIS

F/L Walter Dinsdale, Brandon, Man., first pilot to shoot down a German "pick-a-back" bomber, has scored again, picking off two enemy planes in two successive nights.

His first was a Me410 fighter, which was assessed as probably destroyed because Dinsdale was unable to see the final crash after he had shot it down.

The second victim the following night was a Henschel observation plane, which was definitely destroyed.

A NEW ETON!

France.—"If we are to believe that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, then this war is being won on the training fields of Canada," declared Sir Archibald Sinclair, British Secretary of State for Air, when on Saturday he addressed hundreds of airmen of many nationalities serving with the RAF in France.

This glowing tribute from the Secretary of State for Air was delivered at the opening of the first Malcolm Club in this theatre of war for the other ranks of the RAF and Dominion air forces.

RADIO

GFP (General Forces Programme) 342 m.; 877 kc.
AEPF (Allied. Exped. Force Programme) 286 m.; 1050 kc.
AFN (American Forces Network) 207-218 m.; 1375-1447 kc.

Sat., Aug. 19. Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115; "Johnny Canuck's Revue," AEPF and GFP, 2200-2230.

Sun., Aug. 20. "Calling All Canadians," GFP, 1130-1200; RCAF Variety Show, AEPF, 1815-1900; Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115.

Mon., Aug. 21. RCAF Bomber Group Band, AEPF, 1430-1500; Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115.

Tues., Aug. 22. Canadian Sports Roundup, AEPF, 1905-1915; Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115.

Wed., Aug. 23. Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115.

Thur., Aug. 24. RCAF Variety Show, AFN, 1400-1445; Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115.

Fr., Aug. 25. RCAF Dance Band, AEPF and AFN, 1935-2000; Home News from Canada, AEPF and GFP, 2110-2115.

HQ Tennis

The men's singles are out to the last four. S/L J. R. Jackson, former star of Lethbridge, Alta., beat Sgt. "Red" Groves, of Stratford, Ont., to gain the semi-finals bracket, Sgt. Bruce Harrison beat F/L "Nick" Carrie; Harrison and Carrie are former club rivals from Toronto, Harrison from the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club and Carrie from the Toronto Cricket Club.

Sgt. George Alexander, Vancouver, beat W/C Hammond by default. The winco had a torn ligament. Cpl. Wayland beat Cpl. Jack Darby in a very close match, 6-1, 6-4. S/L Jackson and Sgt. Harrison, both of DAF, play off for the last bracket, and Sgt. Alexander and Cpl. Wayland play off for the other spot.

In the ladies' singles, AV Mann beat Sgt. Morris after a gruelling three-set match. LAW Hogue beat Cpl. McCosh in another three-set duel. The lovely lovelies to beat in the ladies' singles look like Sgt. Jamieson, of DAS, and Sgt. Inglis, of the orderly room. Also likely contenders for the title who will be tough to beat are Cpl. D'Esther, of DP Branch, and Cpl. Elliott, of the war room.

FILM LOG

"HER PRIMITIVE MAN"
(New Gallery)

Robert Benchley is back in town as a not too scrupulous book publisher, interested—commercially only—in a lovely authoress, Louise Albritton. Miss Albritton, who plays opposite Robert Paige, supported by Edward Everett Horton, Helen Broderick, Walter Catlett and Ernest Truex, is a very nice subject for tired operational eyes.

"THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER"
(Empire)

A stirring, emotional M-G-M film, based on the poem, "The White Cliffs," by Alice Duer Miller. A picture for those whose beliefs are not lukewarm. The cast is excellent. Irene Dunne plays the lead superbly, opposite a fine performance by Alan Marshall. The picture fades out with Miss Dunne as a volunteer nurse, standing at a London hospital window overlooking the blitzed city, repeating the words of a Dieppe casualty, "God will never forgive us, if we again break faith with our dead."

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
(Leicester Square)

Somerset Maugham's short novel, translated into motion picture terms by prize-winning scenarist Herman J. Mankiewicz, emerges as a better-than-average film under Robert Siodmak's direction. But not much better.

Despite refreshingly original dialogue, a carefully paced unfolding of the story, and a fine, sensitive characterisation of a proud family's black sheep by Gene Kelly, there is the presence of Deanna Durbin placed in the unfortunate position of having to be a dramatic actress with powers far beyond her own talents. With only a couple of songs to redeem herself, Deanna moves through nearly two hours of running time in heavy make-up, carrying a dozen red neuroses and a pall of tears. But she doesn't quite redeem, as they say.

Present, however, to save the day are Richard Whorf as your favorite drunken newspaperman, a new face named Dean Harens, who does well, and Gale Sondergaard.

CGM WINNER

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Shortly afterwards an Me109 came screaming in from below on the port quarter, guns pouring tracer at the Halifax. "I opened fire with two long bursts," Gillanders said. "On the first he appeared to catch fire and on the second he exploded. We were just crossing the German coast, and I could see pieces of the aircraft fall into the water." The pilot, flight engineer, and Sgt. Engbrecht all saw the enemy as it went into the sea.

A twin-engined fighter essayed an attack over the North Sea, opening fire at 600 yards. Sgt. Engbrecht, using his four guns, saw the Nazi break off the engagement and disappear.

SMOKE PLUME RISES AS MEDIUMS STRIKE

Explosions and a great plume of smoke 7,000 to 8,000 feet high followed an attack recently made by RAF Mitchells of the AEAFF on an enemy ammunition dump north-east of Rouen.

Sgt. W. G. H. Clark, Toronto, navigating an all-Canadian crew, said: "Visibility was pretty good and there was no cloud. It was the best prang I have yet seen. I saw a great explosion and the smoke came up to between 7,000 and 8,000 feet. There were many flames among the smoke."

Sgt. W. J. McWhirter, Toronto, said: "There was plenty of flak. There were guns all the way in and all the way out, but we didn't receive a hole."

SPITS SINK SPEEDER NEAR SEINE MOUTH

France.—After dive bombing barges in the Seine, the RCAF City of Oshawa Spitfire squadron recently sank a 40-foot German speed boat near the mouth of the river.

The squadron, led by F/L G. R. "Pat" Patterson, Kelowna, B.C., saw the boat while flying to hit the barges. The fliers kept it in mind and got it on their way back to base in Normandy. F/L A. J. "Bud" Fraser, Assiniboia, Sask., and F/L D. J. "Dyke" England, Saskatoon, sank two of the barges with direct bomb hits.

PROMOTED

Gerry Latimer, Vancouver, B.C., has been promoted to squadron leader and given command of a flight in the Goose squadron, reward for 10 operational flights over major German targets and 10 more over French territory.

Differing on details, as is the prerogative of a free press, the newspapers join the public in acclaiming this . . .

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Ernest Betts, Sunday Express.

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Maurice Cowan, Daily Herald.

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