

BOMBERS SMASH ISLAND FORT

HARD HITTING FIGHTERS AID ITALY TROOPS

Windsor Squadron Seals Heavy Nazi Gun In Tunnel

Italy.—Fighter-bombers of the City of Windsor Squadron hit out with 500-pounders on enemy gun positions and communication lines in direct support of ground forces, which included Canadian troops, as the Allies pressed ahead with their new offensive on the Adriatic front.

The Canadian airmen, until recently concerned mostly with high level combat flying, have acquired marked dexterity in dive-bombing since they were fitted for 500 pounders.

At one point on the Adriatic front a big German railroad gun was impeding the advance of ground forces, flying from the shelter of a railroad tunnel.

Lead by S/L O. C. "Sandy" Kallio, DFC, Ironwood, Mich., the squadron took off in early evening and just twenty minutes later the gun was sealed in its shelter by cutting out the tracks at both ends of the tunnel.

The following day the squadron attacked an artillery position, and silenced its guns, while Allied ground troops waited only 1,000 yards away. Within half an hour the army had taken over the position without opposition.

During the last month this Spitfire squadron has flown more than 650 sorties, striking at railway marshalling yards, radio installations, bridges and road communications.

Dive-bombing opens a new phase in the distinguished history of the squadron. In the western desert, Malta, Sicily and the earlier stages of the Italian campaign, the City of Windsor boys were specialists in high level combat flying. In addition, they flew many hundreds of sorties escorting daylight bombers, and on a number of occasions pursued and caught high-flying Hun reconnaissance aircraft.

F/L R. E. Evans, Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed a flight commander, replacing F/L D. L. G. Turvey, Toronto, who has completed a tour. The other flight commander is F/L T. P. McElhanney, Ottawa.



This is what happens to German motorised transport in France and the low countries. Typhoon moving in to the attack can be seen outlined in the lower column of smoke. Its shadow is well to the left. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

PICNIC PILOTS

A letter of thanks and sincere appreciation was recently received by the City of Saskatoon squadron, who a short time ago played hosts at a picnic in Devon to 25 evacuee children.

Coastal Aircraft Keep Watch Over Sea Lanes

Five Attacks on Subs Reported in Latest Chapter of U-Boat Campaign

Latest developments in the war against the U-boats include five attacks by Coastal Command. Canadian airmen were with the aircraft making the attacks.

"L for London," with 22-year-old P/O James H. Benson, Antofagasta, Chile, as second pilot and W/O L. H. Faulkner, Hamilton, Ont., as WOP/AG, sighted a slow-moving sub in the English Channel and dropped depth charges from a low level. Air bubbles and large patches of oil rose to the surface, into which a 30-foot-long white object emerged later, substantiating their claim of a perfect straddle. They circled for nearly five hours, when naval vessels took over.

Another Liberator, "V for Victor," with F/O Harold K. Damant, Melbourne, Que., as second pilot, attacked U-boat No. 2 twice without opposition and reported success.

Submarine No. 3 was attacked by another Lib, with Sgt. K. S. Thue, Langham, Sask., as second pilot. The sub was in the act of submerging when the Coastal aircraft roared over it. Three members of the crew reported their depth charges straddled the target.

The fourth U-boat, determined to avoid a fight, tried to crash-dive before "C for Charlie" could attack, but the Liberator, with W/O Emil J. Hrenchuk, Winnipeg, in the WOP/AG niche, dropped its depth charges just after the water closed over it.

Flying hundreds of miles off land, "E for Edward," one of the famous RAF Dawn Patrol, in which W/O J. W. Mitchell, Toronto, was flying as third WOP/AG, came out of a rain cloud in places down to sea level and saw U-boat No. 5 about 1,500 yards away. Enemy flak burst around the Lib.

The bomber attacked, but overshot its target. The U-boat crash-dived as "E for Edward" came back for a second try. Depth charges dropped just after the sub went below surface, and a patch of light oil, 50 feet in diameter, rose and spread out on the water. No other evidence of damage was seen before the aircraft returned to base.

COUGAR KILLS TWO RAIDERS

F/O J. Watt Fullerton, Vancouver, B.C., and his navigator, F/O Bertram Edward Gallagher, Powell River, B.C., of the RCAF Cougar Squadron, recently destroyed two German night raiders over France.

On this night, the occasion of his first kill, Fullerton did a full night's work. At the beginning of the patrol a Do217 just managed to evade his guns, but soon afterwards he met a Ju88 which was not so lucky. After a burst from Fullerton's guns the enemy kite went down in flames, exploding on the ground.

Later on the same patrol he attacked another Ju88. Although blinded by his own gun flashes, Fullerton managed to follow him down in a fast dive until he saw the raider hit the ground.

ESCAPE CAPTURE AND REACH BASE

After successfully hiding out from capture for 11 weeks when forced to bale out of their crippled bomber over formerly German-occupied French territory, F/O J. R. Calderbank, Hamilton, Ont., and F/O W. C. Shields, Timmins, Ont., are back at their base in Britain.

Calderbank, a mid-upper gunner, and Shields, a navigator, are members of the Bison squadron. Their Halifax bomber was on its return journey when it was attacked and shot down by two enemy night-fighters, identified as Ju88s.

During the encounter, however, one of the nightfighters was probably destroyed. It was seen to break out in flames and head for the deck.

RCAF Group Establishes Bomber Command Record

During August RCAF Bomber Group established a new Bomber Command record for number of sorties flown by any group during a calendar month, when they rolled up a total of more than 3,700.

In establishing this record the Canadian heavies carried more than 13,000 tons of bombs to the enemy in one month, topping the total of 12,600 dropped by Group during the 12 months of 1943.

Previous high month was June when the Canadians dumped approximately 10,000 tons on the Nazis.

CANADIANS CONTRIBUTE TO FALL OF CEZEMBRE

All Canadian Action Against Nazi Airfield And Joint Attack With RAF on Stettin Rounds Out Group's Week

ONE PLANE MISSING AT CEZEMBRE

Bomber Group's concentrated, low-level attack last Thursday was the RCAF contribution to the fall of Cezembre, heavily fortified island near St. Malo. After a grim siege Junior Lieut. Souss, commander of the garrison, surrendered over the week-end.

Before dawn the previous morning RCAF bombers joined RAF units to paste the Baltic port of Stettin. Flak and fighter attacks pestered the Canadians from the time they crossed the enemy coast.

On Sunday Group shifted their attack to Holland, pummeling the Nazi airfield at Volkel.

FAITH

France.—F/O E. J. G. Wilkes, Lacombe, Alta., a navigator with the Nighthawks, will start his second tour of nightflying with his 100th pilot.

"That's a lot of guys to trust your life to," he said, grinning across the tent at F/O George West, Edmonton, Wilkes' pilot No. 100.

THURSDAY

Only one aircraft was missing from the large force that attacked the island of Cezembre, near St. Malo.

Returning crews reported a great deal of smoke over the target area. F/L D. E. Henrickson, Winnipeg, reported two large explosions as he started his bombing run and several more on the way out. "There must have been oil there," he said. "Black smoke was funnelling up to the sky."

Said W/C Eric Mitchell, who led the Iroquois squadron, "The place was raked from stem to stern."

WEDNESDAY

Flak and fighter attacks pestered the Canadians from the time they crossed the enemy coast on their Stettin action.

A Moose squadron Lancaster may have destroyed a Ju88, Sgt. Bob Quinn, New Westminster, B.C., reported.

"As we passed over Denmark on the return flight two Junkers 88 appeared. One attacked from the stern and we corkscrewed out of that. As we came out of the manoeuvre the other was sitting off our wing tip waiting for us. I think one of them hit us, but the kite sustained no vital damage.

"We saw our tracers going into the first one and it fell away out of control and out of sight."

A Ghost squadron rear-gunner also fought off a Ju88. The fires of Stettin could be seen for 30 miles according to a Ghost squadron wireless air-gunner, P/O Sammy Rudyk, Fort William, Ont.

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MOSSIE PILOT FIRES CONVOY

France.—A Nazi ammunition convoy became a giant jumping cracker when attacked by a Mosquito of ADGB near Metz recently.

"I saw the convoy approaching Metz from the east and attacked the leading vehicle," said the pilot, F/L G. N. Miller, DFC, Edmonton, Alta. "The lorry caught fire and began to throw out exploding objects and then the explosions started to spread down the line of vehicles. Soon, one after another, six or ten lorries were burning furiously with orange flame, shooting out smoke and explosions. It was a pretty sight from the air and must have cost the Germans a lot of badly needed ammunition."

Nighthawks Operating From Field in France

No Interruption in Dusk to Dawn Flying When Squadron Moves

France.—Taking over this airfield in Normandy, the Nighthawk squadron became the first Canadian nightfighter unit to operate from French soil. The squadron, led by W/C Massey Beveridge, DFC, Montreal, has destroyed 32 enemy planes since D-Day and now looks forward to accelerated activity from the new base.

In the eight-day period just before they moved from their British base, and while the ground crew were getting established in France, the squadron destroyed five German aircraft and damaged three.

The move across the Channel makes possible longer patrols for the Mosquito pilots and brings them to within a few minutes' flying time of areas where German nightfighters, bombers and minelaying aircraft are using the darkened skyways.

Fast Work

The mobility of the squadron was well demonstrated in the latest move. Ten days after the long convoy of trucks left the base in Britain, carrying ground crews and airfield equipment, the new establishment was complete on the French airfield.

Meantime the air crews remained on operations from Britain, serviced by a RAF echelon, and shot down five German aircraft. When the French drome was ready, the squadron simply flew across the Channel one morning and went into operations from France that night.

Allied forces found the place heavily mined, hangars shelled and bombed into twisted heaps of metal framework, barracks and administration buildings partly or wholly destroyed. But Canadian Army engineers restored a semblance of order, F/L V. L. Fiksdal, Calgary, Alta., squadron engineering officer, directed organisation of a maintenance section for servicing the planes, and the field was soon in readiness.

CANUCK FIGHTER PILOTS RECEIVE MAJOR AWARDS

McLeod and Kennedy Top Latest Honors List Which Includes Twenty Other Airmen

Top RCAF fighter pilot still on operations, S/L H. W. "Wally" McLeod, DFC and Bar, Regina, has been awarded the DSO, to head the week's honors list. McLeod, still in the thick of the fight in France, has 21 victories to his credit.

Another leading Canadian fighter pilot, Irving F. "Hap" Kennedy, Cumberland, Ont., gets a Bar to his DFC. He has knocked down an even dozen Nazis.

Wireless operators often receive non-immediate gongs at the termination of a tour of operations, but Sgt. Walter Roy Williams is one of the few to earn an immediate award for a single action.

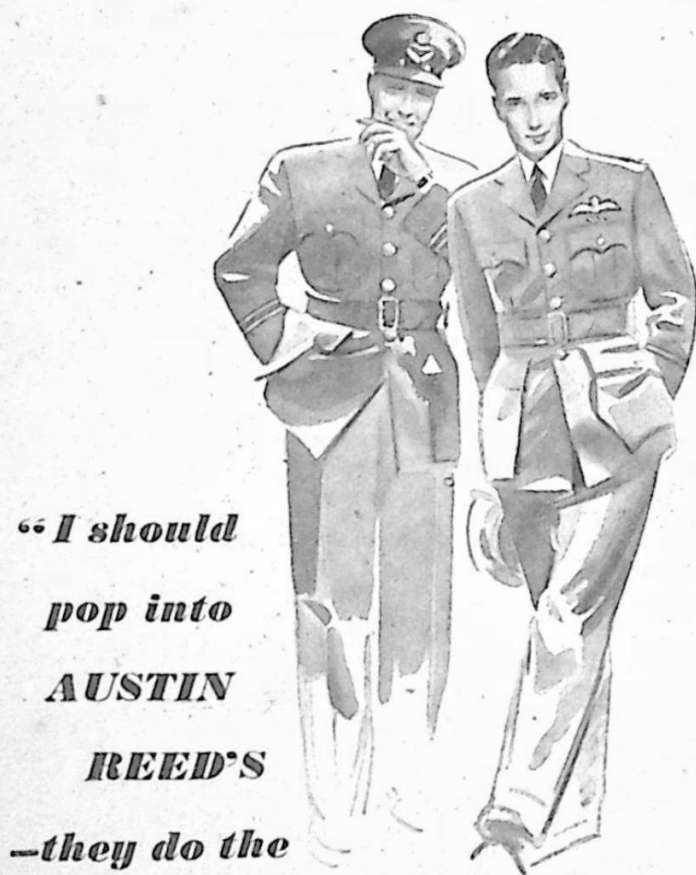
On a recent operation his Alouette squadron aircraft was riddled with machine-gun fire as it neared the target. The pilot was fatally wounded. After he was placed in a resting position Sgt. Williams tried to revive him. When the reserve supply of oxygen was exhausted Williams used his own oxygen on the pilot. He continued his efforts to save the life of his crew-mate although suffering from lack of oxygen himself.

DFCs went to F/L J. M. G. Plamondon, who has attacked shipping and later ground targets with an RAF outfit; F/L Leopold Rossario Brochu; F/L R. K. Hayward, who, flying with the Roaring squadron, has shot down four enemy aircraft; F/L Russell William Orr, a flight commander with the same squadron, who has often led the unit on operations; F/O W. T. Klersy, with three enemy aircraft to his credit; F/O H. J. Powell, an Alouette air-gunner; P/O Leonard Pappas, who on the night of June 30, by skilful manoeuvring, placed his gunners in a position to set an attacking nightfighter afire; F/L Stanley H. R. Cotterill, who shot down four enemy aircraft over Northern France on the night of D-Day. He is a pilot with the City of Edmonton squadron.

Tigers Goned
F/Ss J. W. Cumbers and E. A. Snider, both gunners with the Tiger squadron, got the other two DFCs.
Recipients of the Air Force Cross were: S/L R. F. Miller, F/L L. H. Warriner, F/L G. G. Wright, F/L C. K. Burlingham, F/L R. E. Laird and F/O P. A. Mick.
F/L G. M. Gillespie, F/O J. O. Maitland and F/O L. B. Wyman were commended for valuable service in the air.

"BUNDA"

RCAF types in the Middle East have added a new and musical word to their already polyglot vocabularies. Instead of saying "the sticks" or "the hinterland," referring to a largely uninhabited area, they say "the bunda." Origin unknown.



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ACE GETS DSO



S/L Henry Wallace McLeod, DSO, DFC and Bar. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

U-BOAT DIVES FROM ATTACK

Gunners Tell of Atlantic Battle With Sub

Unwitnessed by anyone except the men who took part in the action, in Atlantic waters hundreds of miles from the nearest land, another dramatic fight has taken place between a U-boat and two Coastal Command aircraft.

The story is told by Sgt. Leonard William Barker, London, Ont., and Sgt. James Clarence Hall, Trail, BC, two RCAF WOP/AGs serving with a RAF Halifax bomber crew, eyewitnesses and active participants in the fight, who returned safely to base.

They had flown for several hours over the Atlantic without seeing any sign of the enemy. Their patrol finished, with petrol supplies nearly exhausted, the Coastal Command bomber was heading back to its base when the crew suddenly saw the target for which they had been searching.

A few miles away an enemy submarine was fighting it out with a RAF Sunderland flying boat. An intense anti-aircraft barrage was being thrown up by the U-boat. Depth charges dropped from the flying boat had overshoot the target, so the Halifax crew immediately attacked with anti-sub bombs.

Heavy flak continued to come from the U-boat as the Halifax closed range, but the RAF skipper took evasive action and the aircraft escaped undamaged. Sgt. Barker, operating the rear turret guns, scored repeated hits by firing 1,500 rounds as the bomber roared over the sub. He later fired another 1,500 rounds, and from the beam gun Sgt. Hall fired 150 rounds as the aircraft circled the area to observe the results of its bombing.

Rocked from side to side by the explosion of the bombs, the U-boat finally levelled up to an even keel and reduced speed, then started to submerge. Unable to remain because of insufficient petrol, the Halifax left the area and headed back to base, 22 minutes after its attack.

BOTTLE PARTY GIVES FLIERS ODDS IN MESS TENT BATTLE

Marmalade Front Presents New Problems For Back Room Boys

France.—While the keenest Allied military minds in France devise plans to beat the Germans, a proportion of those with scientific leanings have begun spending a little buckshee time on formulae to beat another menace, namely, wasps.

So far the wasps, familiar with formulae in a country productive of such great scientists as Pasteur and Madame Curie, have had the upper hand.

The problem is no laughing matter. Because of these hungry, sharp-sniping gnats, tempers are often sharp in Normandy, as any fool who has attempted to eat bread and marmalade will testify. The fully aerobic insects are impartial to plain bread and butter, but oh boy, the marmalade!

It has been discovered if one forgoes the pleasure of sandwich structure when combining bread, butter and marmalade, one has a reasonable chance of consuming without casualty, for with marmalade smeared in plain view atop a single slice, one can see what he is eating and systematically hoist any intruders with dextrous flips of a knife. But slap another piece of bread on the set-up and invariably, brother, you've had it.

For example, one member of G/C G. R. McGregor's Canadian airfield is reported to have amply constructed a sandwich, oblivious to the wasp which nipped smartly out of a cloud, so to speak, and between the slices of bread.

The airman bit, swallowed, and immediately gave a perfect imitation of a character in convulsions. The wasp, fighting an uphill battle for his life, stung the guy all the way down his gutlet.

"I was sure something new had been added," the victim is reported to have commented, hoarsely, "but I didn't anticipate quite as much bite to it."

Sandwich Technique

After considerable experimentation, the form among McGregor men, when about to apply marmalade to bread, is to reach flamboyantly for something with the knife-hand to attract the orbiting wasps' attention. Meanwhile, the other hand slyly lifts the lid of the marmalade container. Then the knife-hand is whipped smartly across the body, into the marmalade, onto the bread in one sweeping motion, and the lid is clamped on before any more than eleven or twelve wasps have cottoned to the ruse. The edible is held aloft with one hand while the other swishes a knife up and down and across, like Errol Flynn with his sword. It's the only way!

Various schemes have been dreamed up for the extermination or even "diversion" of these born "buzz-bombers," but so far none has had more than mediocre success. Firstly, partially filled tins of marmalade were suspended variously throughout the mess tents, but after a brief go at these mickey flims the wasps ignored them completely. Obviously, the spirit of the chase wasn't there.

Next, plates bearing a sticky, red substance were placed on tables, but they, too, proved im-

UK Stations Will See Newly Arrived Show

Fast-moving RCAF musical revue, "All Clear," recently arrived overseas, is off on a tour of bomber stations following an initial performance at RCAF personnel reception centre.

Under the supervision of F/L A. A. Marshall, Toronto, and S/O Alice Fahrenholtz, Elmira, Ont., the group consists of 26 airmen and 10 WD's, including the orchestra. Before coming to Britain the company toured Canada for nine months.

Stage manager of the show is Cpl. A. N. Gray, Montreal. Sgt. A. A. Burgess, Toronto, is the leading comedian. An outstanding dancer himself, Cpl. J. W. Bickle, Windsor, Ont., directs all dance routines. LAC Rex Slocombe, Toronto, perplexes the audience with his magic.

Sgt. H. Goodman, a violinist with the Toronto Symphony, is leader of the 14-piece orchestra. Pianist, composer and arranger is Cpl. L. F. Edwards, also of Toronto.

Other troupers of the show are: LAC D. L. Haskett, Brockville, Ont.; LAC J. W. Kay, Hamilton, Ont.; LAC M. N. Kernerman, Toronto; LAC R. McBeth, Toronto; LAC L. A. McGeary, Hamilton, Ont.; LAC W. A. Oliver, Windsor, Ont.; LAC H. Ross, Toronto; LAC J. Silverstein, Toronto; LAC G. R. Stephenson, Toronto; LAC A. Weisbord, Ottawa; LAC V. Zuechter, Toronto; LAW M. R. Harrington, Edmonton, Alta; Cpl. M. H. M. LeBlond, Prince Albert, Sask.; LAW E. M. Walker, Winnipeg; LAW D. G. M. Williams, Kitchener, Ont.; LAW M. E. Perks, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Cpl. E. M. Stone, Toronto; LAW A. E. V. S. Thomas, Toronto; LAW M. V. Paquin, Ottawa; LAW D. I. Brunette, Ottawa; LAW A. H. Good, Verdun, Que.; LAC J. W. E. Boisvert, Three Rivers, Que.; LAC B. M. Bray, Calgary; LAC D. J. Hodges, Vancouver; LAC I. L. Trudell, Fenelon Falls,

WD's MARK TWO YEARS OVERSEAS

Celebrating their second anniversary overseas, 24 members of the original contingent of WD's, first Canadian service women in Britain, had a party. It was complete with chocolate layer cake, made from personal rations donated by the girls, and decorated with two candles.

Since they crossed the Atlantic, these Canadian airwomen have been followed by many of their sisters-in-blue to swell the present overseas strength to well over 1,000. Much of the clerical work at RCAF Overseas HQ is handled by these efficient women, as well as a variety of jobs in the Canadian Bomber Group.

Not more than six out of the band of thirty have married, and, with the exception of one whose husband is an officer in the Royal Netherlands Navy, all have chosen Canadian partners.

Senior member of the RCAF Women's Division overseas is Wing Officer K. Walker, Ottawa, who holds the distinction of being the first woman in military uniform in North America. Wing Officer Walker was commissioned on July 2, 1941, prior to a tour across Canada to select those women to be the nucleus of this service organization. Later, she opened both Manning depots, one in Toronto and the other at Rockcliffe, before proceeding overseas in April, 1943.

FLIER AND RULER SWAP FROGSKINS

Burma.—F/O Don "Red" Fossos, Fort Francis, Ontario, made a neat exchange of souvenirs with His Highness the Maharajah of Tripura, while at a dinner-party in the palace of the Maharajah. He received a ten rupee note, autographed in both Hindu and English by the Indian potentate, in return for a Canadian dollar bill signed by himself.

The ruler of Tripura is also commander-in-chief of the Tripura State Army, which has given an excellent account of itself in operations with the 14th Army on the Arakan front. It has probably, at one time or another, received supplies dropped from the Dakota in which Fossos flies as navigator. Fossos belongs to one of the famous transport squadrons of this war made up almost equally of Australians, New Zealanders, Britishers and Canadians. He has flown more than 100 sorties since March, including supply dropping in the Arakan, in north, central and eastern Burma, and many landings with supplies at "Broadway" and other inside-Burma strips, and at Imphal and other advanced sectors of this theatre. Before coming to India the Fort Francis navigator flew in Hudsons of coastal command in Britain and Ceylon.

RESCUE

Sgt. Jack Stump, Toronto, and Nursing Sister Doreen Deakin, Beckenham, Kent, were married recently in Cairo. While honeymooning in Alexandria the best man, Cpl. Al Short, Toronto, joined them for an ocean swim. Cpl. Short got into difficulties with an undertow, but was rescued by the bride, a former English swimming champion.

POTINS et NOUVELLES

Le lieutenant d'aviation Fernand Rancourt de St-Victor de Tring, pilote à la fameuse escadrille de Beau-fighters dite "Buffalo," était en permission ces jours derniers. De passage à Londres, il signifiâ son intention d'aller passer quelque temps avec les aviateurs de l'escadrille des Alouettes, où il compte de nombreux camarades. La moustache du lieutenant d'aviation est dans la plus pure tradition de la R.A.F. . . .

Le lieutenant d'aviation Jean Fontaine de Québec, un radiomitrailleur qui a complété un tour d'opérations avec les escadrilles des Lions et des Alouettes, est heureux d'avoir terminé sa période d'instruction. Maintenant—il vient d'apprendre—Fontaine doit être affecté à une escadrille d'avions-éclairateurs. C'est ce qu'il voulait depuis la fin de son premier tour, tant et si bien qu'il a refusé une vacance au Canada pour hâter la réalisation de son désir.

De notre correspondant en Normandie nous parviennent les nouvelles de nos aviateurs canadiens. L'aviateur-chef Edouard Chabot, de St-Anselme, commis à l'une des sections de télégraphie sur une escadrille de chasseurs-bombardiers Typhoon, est souvent l'invité des familles françaises de cette région; l'aviateur chef Florent Roy, un athlète bien connu du vieux Québec est l'animateur d'une équipe de balle à son escadrille. A Québec il était receveur pour une équipe de la ligue "Québec Senior."

A son retour d'un raid sur les nids de bombes-volantes à Marquis-Mimoques, en France, le lieutenant d'aviation Jean-Paul Lacaille, D.F.M., l'a échappé belle. . . Un morceau de shrapnel aurait pu lui jouer un mauvais tour, si ce n'eût été du panneau d'acier qui le sépara de son ingénieur et qui empêcha le fragment de la frapper à la nuque. Lacaille, qui achève sa première tournée d'opérations, trouva le "flak" bien nourri.

L'officier-pilote Edouard Jean, de L'Islet, Québec, a dû momentanément espérer le, refermer ses ailes, plier bagage et partir en vacances, parce qu'il a fini son premier tour d'opérations. Il a fait ses envolées avec les escadrilles "Thunderbird" et "Alouette." Ont été tamisés avec lui, le sergent de section Jos Favreau, mitrailleur-arrière de Montréal, le sergent Dacre de Ironside, Lancaster, et le sous-officier breveté C. Elsey de Toronto.

Les camarades du sous-officier breveté Louis Potvin, d'Ottawa, seront heureux d'apprendre sa double victoire, homologuée par les partisans Yougoslaves. Le pilote de Spitfire Canadien à une escadrille de la R.A.F. a en effet abattu deux Messerschmidt-109.



Thank goodness

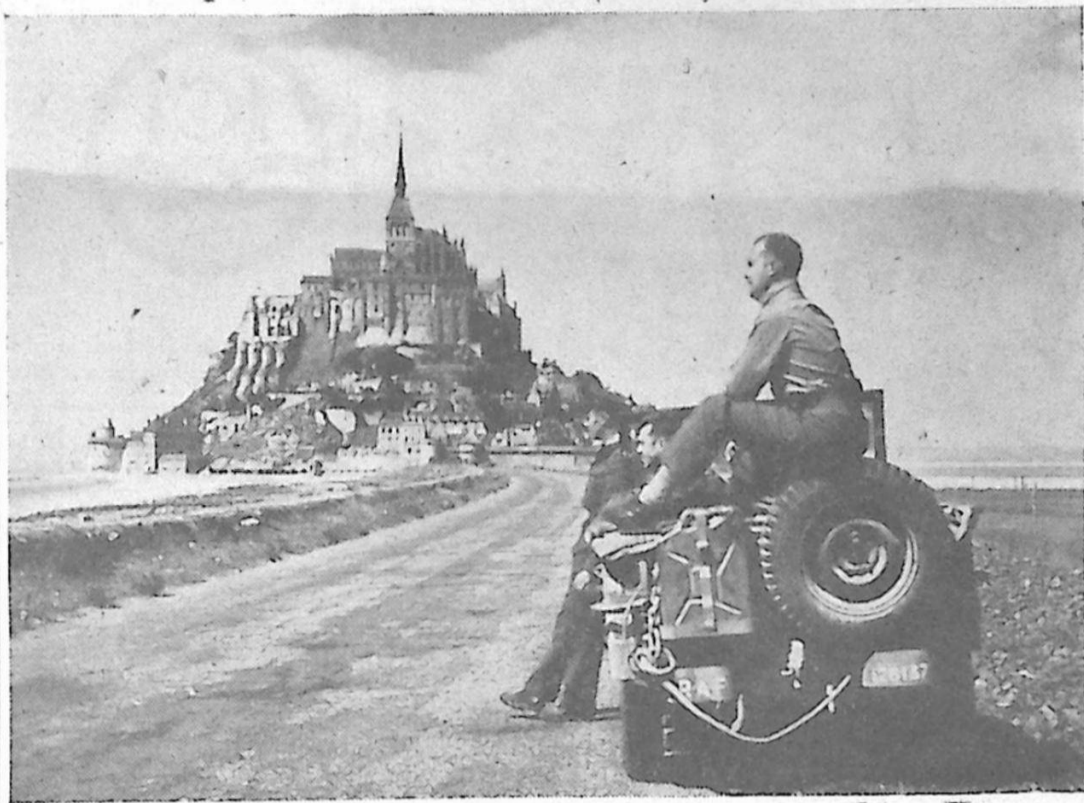
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SOME VIEW



Three Canadians and jeep stop to view the island fortress, abbey and town of Mont St. Michel. F/O Art Booth, Winnipeg; F/L Howard Turner, Montreal; and Capt. Bob Forbes, Toronto, did the stopping.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

BEAVER BASE

CO Tries a Hurry

The base commander, Air Commodore J. E. Fauquier, DSO and Bar, DFC, this week added another record to his impressive string of flying laurels. He was having his first flip in a Hurricane and is the first person ever to land twice in one flight. It is reported that between the first and second times he hit the deck he considered bailing out.

Record Day

Orchids go to all personnel on strength of the base station. Coaxed by the tannoy personality of G/C Clare Annis, OBE, they established an all UK record for a single day's blood donations. A total of 713 personnel gave blood urgently required on French battlefields and late in the day the group captain requested that volunteers cease reporting to sick quarters as the storage facilities of the blood bank team were exhausted. F/S Joe Smart was forestalled in his endeavour to go through twice while a nameless WD when asked her group, naively replied, "LAW. A group."

No Tomatoes

The new base revuesical, "Jankers Away," played on its home ground recently and from the lack of ripe fruit and vegetables donated, established itself as a success. Compered by the inimitable Joe Graves, the fast moving show starred Cpl. Doris Spriggs, torch singer de luxe, and Dannie Bushell, Alice Galloway, Kitty Hobby, Betty Gibbons and Scotty Robertson-Bryans in a number of snappy dance routines, including a can-can sequence that brought down the house. Other performers included: Denis Brewer, impressionist; Duncan Campbell, baritone; George Blaber, straight man; David Wolfsthal and his violin; George Bolus, gypsy violinist; Ted Rubach, pianist; and "Fatsy" Sammy Herman whose antics stopped the show. Painfully aware of the current beer shortage is the base station adj., F/L Bert Bond, who cycled seven miles the other night only to find that his favourite refreshment centre was sold out.

New arrival in the glamour department is A/S/O M. M. Ross, Vancouver, whose civilised demeanour may be attributed to the fact that she spent a considerable part of her service career in Ontario. Together with S/Os Joan Watkins and K. Smith, she is a good advertisement for the Pacific coast climate.

Social Highlights

Enjoying the social life of Ripon these days is Sgt. Tommy Plunkett. The temporary presence there of an ENSA "soubrette" isn't just a coincidence. Away on leave, giving the killed lads a break, are Sgts. Tommy Wakefield and Pat Secombe. In the same area, trying out the royal and ancient game, are F/Ss Dave Godefroy and Dick Misener. Very interested in the met department is Zella Stude, Chilliwack, BC. Her interest, however, is not in the weather, but is a strictly personal one. Away on a spot of leave is F/L "Orp" Orpen, adjutant of one of our base stations. In his absence Cpl. Johnnie Stokes has assumed command of the orderly room. Sgt. George Waters asked that screens be placed in the sergeants' mess to keep out the wasps. "We don't have such things here," he was told. "However don't worry about it. The wasps will all be dead in a month anyway." This happy breed.

—Sgt. R. J. Gunn.

Headquarters

DMS walloped APA to win the HQ softball finals last week, taking their second straight win 14-8. H. E. "Ace" McDonald chucked both efforts, and some of his old fireballs sneaked past Streich to rap the ump, S/L Cy Hanlon, a few beauts. Even the snaky twirling of Marty Bell couldn't stop the hard-hitting medics.

DMS.—Cpl. D. Streich, c; Cpl. H. E. McDonald, p; W/O G. Artichuk, 1b; Cpl. J. Marks, 2b; LAC T. Scott, ss; Sgt. R. Campbell, 3b; LAC D. Cheney, 1f; Pte. A. Kilrea, cf; Cpl. Murray Boyce, rf; LAC G. H. Orton, of.

APA.—F/S L. Ladouceur, c; Cpl. M. Bell, p; LAC J. Poirier, 1b; Cpl. J. Inglis, 2b; Cpl. G. Naschen, ss; LAC A. Lehman, 3b; Cpl. R. DeGrasse, 1f; Cpl. J. Wright, cf; LAC J. S. Anderson, rf.

Umpires: S/L C. Hanlon and W/C A. D. Thompson.

Thursday morning last week some of the younger generation from this HQ formed the background for a mobile kitchen presentation, the gift of the Bonar Law Chapter, IODE, Moncton, NB. Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, CB, DSC, AOC-in-C, RCAF Overseas, accepted the modern refreshment unit on behalf of the airmen it will serve. The Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, made the presentation for the Canadian folks who sent it to you lads. God bless 'em.

Cpl. Ruth Elliot won the ladies' singles in the HQ tennis tournament, defeating Cpl. Helen Lee by a score of 6-4, 6-2. The previous day Elliot knocked out LAW Deed Baker in the semi-finals 6-4, 6-1, Lee getting in the other bracket by a default from LAW Hogue.

Elliot has a well-rounded game, particularly her ground strokes: She lays into a forehand just like a man. In the first set finals Lee was very steady and shoved everything back across the net. At four-all Elliott broke Lee's service and went on to win the match.

In an exhibition men's double match on Friday, S/L J. R. Jackson and F/L E. S. Timbrell lost to Sgts. George Alexander and Bruce Harrison.

GROUP LEADER KEEPS BOMB-AIMERS SHARP

S/L George Sweany, DSO, DFC, a Manitoban, is Canadian Bomber Group's bombing leader. Sweany has flown 63 sorties and has piled up more than 400 hours over enemy territory. His operational flying completed, he now directs the training and operation routine of hundreds of bomb-aimers.

Their training never ceases. Men who have logged 20 and 30 trips are still training to keep their efficiency at its peak. To them is imparted a steady flow of gen from the reservoir of experience which five years of war has built.



RADIO ROUND UP

Giant mountain passes, creaky trains, miles of snow and all the rest of the mysteries of Tibet are conversational meat for two Canadian radio mechs in their barracks after their hiking leave this summer. The gents who've been to Shangri-la and back are Cpls. Dick Horsnell, Westmount, Que., and Bill Dunning, Toronto.

They started out from their station in India, and despite red tape, which held them up in several places, managed to cover a fairly extensive area before catching a train back for Calcutta. The red tape included necessity for obtaining a frontier pass into Tibet and medical certificates which asked such questions as "state the measurements of the abdomen at the umbilicus."

They were entertained by Raja Dorgi, Kalimpong nobleman, before leaving to hike through the Jelep La pass. The road was closed by new-fallen snow, but they made the trip with two coolies carrying iron rations.

After almost a week of trekking, during which two of the coolies went snow-blind and the lads' faces were burned from the glare of the sun on the snow, the two radio bashers wound up at Gangtok, tired and eager to ride back.

At the railhead they wanted a cup of tea, but were afraid the train would leave them stranded. The guard, however, held the train for them. Later, between the two stations, the boys wanted a picture of the engine coming round a bend, and the guard waited at the lower station for them to catch up after taking the picture.

On the way home, the train struck a water buffalo, killed it, but the engine and first coach were derailed. The trip was exciting right up to the last minute.

Up to his ears in work at Group HQ preparing secret maps and analyses of operations and the like is Jack Kressler, Toronto. The stocky 28-year-old corporal came overseas as a radio basher, but the air force considered his knowledge of draughtsmanship so valuable that they took him away from his tubes and coils and put him behind a drawing table.

Now, experts study his drawings, use them to help decide how and where to blast the Nazis. Jack likes the job, says it keeps him sharp for the post-war career he wants as a draughtsman. He was a draughtsman with the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission when he enlisted.

NORTH ENGLAND

For a change the latest gen is being brought to you without bias by a "British buddy."

Fearing that reports may have reached Canada about the hardships suffered by her sons billeted in the Motherland—we are judging by the numerous bulky parcels which regularly arrive—I feel it my duty to step in and put on record the luxurious holiday being spent by our Canadian colleagues in the sub-tropical suburbs of a large north-eastern city.

Coming from the Motherland myself, I have a natural interest in our Colonial . . . sorry, Dominion cousins. Let us survey their activities in more detail.

There is one incident I remember this week. We were all quietly trying to get to sleep

—by quietly I mean that the wireless wasn't on very loud and the political discussion hadn't reached the shouting, soap-box stage—when Jack "Stores" Searcliff stormed into the billet in a particularly happy frame of mind, bearing a pink carnation of obviously great sentimental value, and insisted that we all smell it.

We welcome back from leave this week Jim "Ironside" Steele, Reg. "Tubby" Jackson and Hugh "Floater" McVitty, who all seem overjoyed at being back at their only true resting place. "Shorty" G. Burniston, Mac "Lumber" McKinnon, Bob "Promotion" Austin and George M. O. Maybee have left us for nine days to enjoy themselves in fairer climes, if such exist on our island.

East and West

We welcome here P/O Smith, who arrived last week as radio officer and commissioned Canadian company for F/L Richards. They have been overheard already working on the East-West controversy.

As I write there are many vacant expressions prevalent about the section, and more than a few have been seen purchasing aspirins at the NAAF. It isn't hard to tell that a section binge, or minor orgy, was all the rage last night. Strange to tell, our Canadian friends were very well behaved, and we homelander were badly shown up. The antics of Jack "Take the A Train" Rose and Norman "Sawn off" Farmer were highly amusing, the latter insisting that he was one minute a dive bomber and the next a motor car that wouldn't go into top gear. The sound effects of these two impersonations were indistinguishable. Bud "Squire" Backhouse, apparently tiring of walking, leapt lightly onto the back of a cart horse in a field through which the way home led, and it was feared that the fire brigade would have to be called to rescue him from his lofty perch.

Vic Swirzon has taken a brief respite from his onerous duties on C Flight, and it is hoped that he will return refreshed to bear the full weight of his heavy responsibilities.

There are two last-minute flashes. Ed Matthew, beginning to catch a little of the vivacity of Wilf "Off my bed space" Challenger, has been seen lying on his bed with only one eye closed. Also Dave "Back Home" Holloway has at last been coerced into telling of his experiences "Up the Coast."

—Don Smith, RAF.



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With one operational tour to their credit on general reconnaissance along the Burma coast, there are 22 Canadians still flying with the same RAF squadron now attached to Transport Command.

One of the squadron's flight commanders is a Canadian, F/L J. H. Burford, Toronto, and another Canuck, F/L Bob Adams, Regina, is his deputy.

Others with the squadron are F/O J. W. G. Mullin, Claresholm, Alta., pilot; F/O A. T. Paton, Kenora, Ont., pilot; F/L B. M. Read, Vancouver, pilot; P/O A. L. Richardson, Toronto, wireless air gunner; F/L K. Rushton, Montreal, wireless air gunner; F/O Sam Shernofsky, Outremont, Que., navigator; F/L F. C. Stokoe, Ottawa, W/AG, F/O J. L. Wates, Edmonton, W/AG, W/O G. F. Lacy, Timmins, Ont., navigator; Sgt. E. R. Anderson, Selkirk, Man., W/AG; W/O M. Houghton, Vancouver, W/AG, and W/O F. G. Mitchell, Hamiota, Man., W/AG.

During their tour they photographed the entire Burma coast. Convoy patrols, anti-submarine sweeps, low-level reconnaissance and strikes against Japanese shipping were all in a day's work for these boys who won their RCAF wings in Canada.

F/L Frank E. Emeny, Enderby, BC, pilot, and W/O Paul Robert Valentine, Ottawa, Ont., turret gunner, were members of a RAF night bombing and strafing Baltimore of Desert Air Force which shot down an unidentified single-engine German fighter over the Eighth Army front in Italy.

P/O J. D. Johnston, Iroquois, Ont., has finished his second tour as a rear gunner with a RAF Lib squadron in Italy, and is hoping for some leave in Canada.

His shakiest trip was one over Catania. It was pretty hot and low cloud made it necessary for them to make four runs over the target. Their aircraft was hit and then Johnny remembered he had forgotten his parachute.

LEDOUX TAKES OVER ALOUETTE SQUADRON

Bomber Group HQ announced recently the appointment of W/C Hugh Ledoux, Montreal, to succeed W/C L. H. Lecomte, Acton Vale, Que., as commander of the famed Alouette squadron.

The changes resulted from the death in a flying accident of W/C J. A. McNeill, DFC, Calgary, former commanding officer of the Swordfish squadron.

RED SOX TRIUMPH IN HOLIDAY GAME

The Canadian Red Sox revenged their recent defeat by trouncing the Maple Leafs recently 29-18 in their second softball game at Doncaster, Yorks. The battle opened with the Mayor of Doncaster pitching the first ball.

P/O R. White gave a running commentary of the game, which was sponsored by the Holidays-at-Home Committee. Assisting in the promotion were F/O Randall, Lindhome sports officer, and Canadian YMCA supervisor, R. Hupfield.

Red Sox: F/S William Hatton, Toronto, 2b; Sgt. Harry Booth, Winnipeg, 1b; P/S Les Bower, Winnipeg, 2b; Sgt. "Mac" MacDonald, Toronto, 1t; Sgt. Blacky Nowlan, Toronto, p; F/S Art Sheehan, St. John, NB, cf; Sgt. Bill Baleman, Toronto, ss; Sgt. Bill Clouston, Moncton, NB, rf; Sgt. Laurie Dunlop, Montreal, c; Sgt. Hugh Greene, Montreal, lf; sub.

Maple Leafs: F/O Rod Clements, Russel, Man., c; F/O Ken Strohl, Wetaskiwin, Alta., lf; F/O Hal Gattrell, Vancouver, lf; F/O Gar Bell, Toronto, 3b; P/O Ray Martin, Windsor, Ont., cf; P/O Spud Adams, Windsor, Ont., ss; F/O Happy Holman, Vancouver, 1b; F/O Don Hill, Oshawa, Ont., p; F/O Charles Cochrane, Calgary, Alta., 2b; F/S John Murray, Calgary, Alta., sub.

Umpires: F/O Bob Scott, Brockville, Ont., and Sgt. Dave Russell, Welland, Ont.

NO BOMBS

In Italy, where he has just completed a tour as a bomb-aimer, W/O Jack Marsh, Calgary, recalls his most embarrassing moment.

"Our crew was loaned to another squadron one night. We went over, climbed into a 'for Apple', and were all set for the take-off when someone came dashing over to point out that we were in the wrong aircraft. Now I'm famous throughout Italy as the bomb-aimer who wanted to attack without any bombs."

INVASION BEACH



Could be Sunnyside but it's just a little old beach on the Normandy coast. The gals, Lynda Tuero, Toronto; Virginia Stansell, Windsor, Ont.; Muriel Stuart, Toronto, are all members of a Canadian Army show unit.

FLIERS DITCH IN MINEFIELD

After 13 hours in a North Sea minefield where they ditched on the return leg of an attack over Europe, members of a Canadian Bluenose squadron Halifax are back at base, thanks to fine work by their wireless operator, an ASR launch, and a smart dinghy job.

The crew, finally rescued by the launch, had been listed as missing at their base and when the "seven live ghosts," as they call themselves, returned they found their belongings packed up ready for disposal.

Their adventures began when fuel shortage forced them down. Their target had been hit successfully, but German flak had scored a number of hits through the Hally's fuel-tanks.

F/O John Wagman, Regina, skipper, said that they didn't realize their kite had been hit over the target, but as they set out for home a check revealed only enough petrol for one and a half hour's flying.

Operator Busy

F/S "Hank" Kaufman, Cottam, Ont., got busy with emergency signals, and a British base responded and began keeping track of their position. Fifteen minutes before Wagman put the aircraft down on the sea, Kaufman sent out an SOS.

"The signals people say he was splendid," Wagman said of Kaufman. "He didn't stop transmitting until about five minutes before we ditched and I had to order him to get ready to get out."

When the aircraft hit the sea the flight engineer and two gunners were thrown clear and floated around in their Mae Wests. The others of the crew got out through their escape hatches, and after some difficulty got the dinghy serviceable. There was a brief hunt in the darkness until all men were aboard the dinghy.

Early the next day one of their squadron's Halifaxes, piloted by F/O Laurie Browning, Edmonton, sighted them. While he circled overhead an Iroquois Halifax, skippered by F/L Norman MacLeod, Nelson, BC, dropped them a new dinghy to which Wagman and his men transferred. They smoked, drank milk, and settled down to await rescue.

At one time there were four Halifaxes sent out by their own station wheeling overhead and dropping smoke floats for position markers. Finally the ASR launch picked its way carefully through the minefield in the late afternoon and took them on board.

As they learned later, they were fortunate they did not try to paddle toward the British coast, for they were dead center of the minefield.

THE MAIL BAG

WD Subs for Clippie

Sgt. Hornseth, Kandahar, Sask., displayed great prowess as a conductress in helping the clippie on a local bus route by ringing the bell at the various stops. Her success was short-lived, however, for she missed her footing and fell heavily into the roadway, causing a traffic jam.

Sgt. J. S. McLean, Pieton, NS, has returned from Gibraltar with many stirring tales of life in those parts. He witnessed several bull fights in Spain and revealed to us that the majority of servicemen present cheered the bull instead of the matador. Apparently this caused the latter to become fiercer than his boyine opponent.

Sgt. Gamey, who was aptly given the title of "The Watch Dog," has been posted. Consequently his trading business has ceased to exist. Having regularly been besieged by youngsters inquiring, "Any gum, chum?" he hit upon the idea of trading packets of gum for tins of spam. The exchanges were carried out in a nearby air-raid shelter.

Once again Cupid has been throwing his arrows about and LAC Austin Abelson, Metiskows, Alta., has walked the bridal path. LAC Bert Olfrey, Cartwright, Man., also has a forthcoming date for the same purpose.

—LAC Harold Small.

BUFFALO BEAUS SINK TRAWLERS

Beaufighters of the RCAF Buffalo squadron formed half the force which sank two 900-ton enemy trawlers with cannon fire off the Brittany coast and went on to blast a 2000-ton armed merchantman anchored in Rotan harbor recently.

F/O E. R. Davey, London, Ont., said he made eight hits on the hull and the superstructure of the merchantman. The kites streaked down to the attack over the town of Rotan in the Gironde estuary.

As they learned later, they were fortunate they did not try to paddle toward the British coast, for they were dead center of the minefield.

FIGHTER GETS UNUSUAL PICS

France. — When the RAF Mustang squadron in which he flies encountered 20 Me109s east of Rouen one afternoon recently, F/O A. B. Wheeler, New York, destroyed one. The Hun pilot hit the silk and Wheeler took cine shots at him as he bailed out and started earthward.

F/L R. H. M. McLeod, Marcellin, Sask., shared in the destruction of another, which turned on its back and went down vertically. The pilot jettisoned his hood and bailed out.

Another Canadian, F/L D. B. MacNeil, Mount Royal, Que., damaged one enemy machine, which he chased for five minutes. He kept firing until his ammunition ran out.

The squadron claimed three destroyed, one probably destroyed and one damaged.

GOES AWOL FOR CHANCE TO FLY

Italy. — W/O Jack Marsh, Calgary, who transferred from the Army because he wanted to be a pilot, has just finished a tour as a bomb-aimer with a RAF Wellington squadron.

"I went AWOL" to take my Air Force medical," Marsh recalls, "and the Army said if I was that anxious they were glad to speed me on my way."

Marsh was too young for overseas service when the war started, so he did 10 months' guard duty at a Canadian internment camp before joining the active Army. In 1942, his unit still showed no signs of going overseas, so he made the shift to the RCAF.

He has completed 36 operations from Italy against targets in the Balkans, Austria, Germany and Northern Italy.

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Book Review

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Of considerable use to the air navigator, this book packs a tremendous amount of useful information into 120 pages. Four figure logs have long been a crying need of the air navigator. The great increase in speed and ease of operation more than compensates for any loss in accuracy which may occur.

There are complete sets of notes for each of the many tables.

CUTS CORNERS IN TRIP TO V-I SITE

Allied air superiority does not derive entirely from sheer weight. The main reason is men; keen indomitable youngsters like Moose Squadron pilot W/O Ira Johnson, Plato, Sask.

An unavoidable eight-minute delay held up the Western lad on take-off the other night to a flying-bomb target in France. Instead of pursuing the stream of bombers along the planned course, Johnson made his Canadian-built Lancaster cut corners all the way to the target. On time to the minute, he arrived over the V-1 site and bombed.

In the moment of discharging his load, flak fragments tore into the aircraft. The whole hydraulic system was knocked out, a vital gas tank shot up, and what Johnson termed "a few dozen other holes" punctured the big plane. However, the sturdiness that Canadian workers built into the Lancaster stood him in good stead, and he got his four-engined charge back under control.

Then he tried the damaged bomb doors and flaps to see if they were working. Both swung down but would not close. At reduced air speed, because of the resulting wind drag, the aircraft crawled home. W/O Johnson landed it safely, a feat which other Moosemen considered a touchy business because of the huge bomb doors hanging open.



Week-enders to Use Nazi Rolling Stock

German motorbikes rolling along Canadian highways, small amphibious ducks for a summer cottage plaything, and camouflaged Jerry scout cars for your week-end trips back home. These strange sights may be seen in Canada under Hon. J. L. Isley's newest budget, which allows "trophies of war" to enter the Dominion duty-free.

Hundreds of Canadian airmen have picked up captured enemy equipment which they want to bring home with them as souvenirs, and the Finance Minister has now given the okay. Overseas veterans will sport Swastika belt buckles bearing the German for "God is with us." Lugar pistols, Mauser rifles, jewelled "death head" shoulder badges of the S.S. and tin helmets are a few of the many items that will be carried home to rest on the mantelpiece or be buried at the back of the cellar.

One pilot figures his "duck" will eliminate portages on camping trips in Canada. After testing its seagoing capacities on a French pond, he announced that on a fair day Betsy should have no trouble crossing the Channel. He demurred when someone suggested he might drive it home across the North Atlantic, following the great circle route.

RADIO

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Sat., Sept. 9.—Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115; "Johnny Canuck's Revue," AEFP and GFP, 2200-2230.

Sun., Sept. 10.—"Calling All Canadians," GFP, 1130-1200; Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115.

Mon., Sept. 11.—RCAF Headquarters Band, AEFP, 1430-1500; Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115.

Tues., Sept. 12.—Canadian Sports Roundup, AEFP, 1905-1915; Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115.

Wed., Sept. 13.—Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115.

Thur., Sept. 14.—Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115.

Fri., Sept. 15.—RCAF "Streamliners" Dance Band, with guest artist Gloria Brent, AEFP and AFN, 1935-2000; Home News from Canada, AEFP and GFP, 2110-2115.

WANDERING WINCO SETTLES FOR LIONS

It took Mike Bryson, Barrie, Ont., quite a while to settle down after he arrived in Great Britain. When he was promoted to wing commander recently and appointed commanding officer of the famed Lion squadron he had logged 34 trips to enemy targets with four different squadrons. Now, with a Halifax squadron of his own, it appears that the grey-haired 27-year-old has settled down.

He joined the Lions after holding the post of flight commander with the Bisons, Leasides and Alouettes. Starting his operational tour with the well-known French-Canadian unit, he racked up 20 trips before transferring to the squadron adopted by the town of Leaside, and did five with them before going to the Bisons. In his present capacity he succeeds W/C George Cribb, DFC, RAF, who has been screened on completion of his operational tour.

NO ENEMY TROUBLE DURING 61 ATTACKS

Just screened from further operational flying after completing two tours, S/L Bill Vanexan, DFC, Ottawa and Smith Falls, Ont., has entered the impressive total of 61 trips over Axis Europe in his logbook.

More impressive still is the fact that the superb skill of this Iroquois flight commander kept his crew out of battles with night-fighters entirely. Even flakbursts never got close enough to his huge aircraft to inflict real harm.

The worst that ever befell crew mates when Bill Vanexan handed the controls was that flak slightly injured one flier.

Weddings

MOSES—MACLACHLAN

At St. Saviour's Church, London, England, recently, Sgt. Robert M. Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moses, Black's Harbor, N.B., married AW Elizabeth MacLachlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacLachlan, Edinburgh, Scotland. The bride, a member of RCAF WD, was given away by W/C A. D. Thompson, Hamilton and Toronto. Her sister, Charlotte, was maid of honour and AW Jean Smith, Montreal, and AW Bertha Imhoff attended the bride. Best man was Cpl. Donald Bridgeman, Toronto, and Sgt. K. A. Drage, Toronto, and Sgt. E. R. Bennett, Vancouver, were ushers.

DAVIS—DUSHENKO

At St. John's Presbyterian Church, London, Cpl. Effie Dushenko, RCAF WD, recently became the bride of LAC Bud Davis, Crystal City, Man. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dushenko, also of Crystal City.

The bride was given in marriage by W/C J. M. Eston, Ottawa, and attended by AW Elizabeth Bannan, Toronto, and LAW Alberta Watson, Nanaimo, BC. LAC J. H. Corbett, Fort William, Ont., was best man. Rev. Spencer performed the ceremony.

REGINA AIRMAN FINDS BALKANS JOBS TRICKY

Italy.—Aiding Partisans fighting the Germans in Greece, Crete, Yugoslavia and Italy, F/L Lloyd E. Barrett, Regina, Sask., and his crew served with one of the first squadrons in the business. He is a navigation leader with a Halifax squadron in the newly constituted Balkan Air Force.

Based in Africa, Barrett and his crew have dropped supplies to patriot units in the southern part of the German fortress. Weapons, ammunition, clothing and medical supplies, as well as Allied officers and Partisan leaders were dropped by parachute.

In more than 70 such trips Barrett found the conditions hazardous. The weather over the mountainous country is capricious, and it is necessary to fly low over the rendezvous to drop the cargo accurately.

FILM LOG

"MR. EMMANUEL" (Gau-mont)

If you are interested in how atrocious the Nazis can be, the adventures of Mr. Emmanuel (Felix Aylmer), a kindly old Jew, will show you just that. This ingenious Hebrew invades Germany in 1938 to seek a person who has disappeared in the New Order. Moving, but devoid of wit or cheer, the story pursues a course of pathos and abuse, with the usual hard and shouting Gestapo cracking down on this harmless hero. The only bright spot is Elsie Silver (Greta Gynt), singing a mournful torch song.

"COBRA WOMAN" (Tivoli)

The tired airman fresh from the bush may enjoy this orgy of technicolor, Maria Montez and bags of legs. Jon Hall and Sabu are there, but who cares? The story isn't there, but again who cares? The dialogue is mere prattle, the plot is infantile but, as stated before, the gals all have legs.

HALLY SCRAPPED AFTER ROUGH DO

Italy.—Hit by ack-ack fire as they crossed the Danube, a RCAF pilot and his wounded Canadian bomb aimer flew their shattered Halifax bomber back to base with the nose completely shot away, the hydraulic system damaged so that the bomb doors would not close and gaping holes in the forward half of the fuselage.

The rest of the crew had balled out, mistaking the skipper's orders after the inter-com system was knocked out.

The kite was so badly damaged that it was written-off as a complete loss after being brought home by F/O Bruce Prang, Kitchener, Ont.

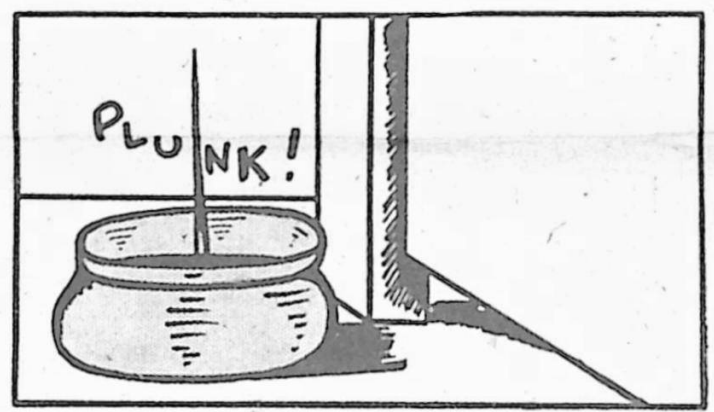
"It was a miraculous piece of flying," said the bomb aimer, W/O Allen Fox, Cupar, Sask. Fox, though painfully wounded, extinguished a fire in the bomb bay and acted as flight engineer for the 2½-hour flight to base.

The crew, of which a third Canadian member was F/S Dave Jamieson, Calgary, were returning from an attack on the Ploesti oilfields.

It was Fox's 13th op. "I can go through anything now," he grinned.

ENGINEERS DISCOVER OLD SWIMMING HOLE

France.—As Canadian engineers cleared debris of battle in one corner of the captured airfield now home for the Night-hawk squadron they found a deluxe swimming pool with concrete diving tower. The engineers cleaned out the pool, laid down a length of pipe from a nearby well and pumped in water through a purifier. It's still a bit battered and the diving board is an old plank, but to the nightfighters on their day off it's the old swimmin' hole in a new setting.



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