

BOMBER GROUP BREAKS OWN RECORD IN ATTACK ON RUHR VALLEY CITY

FOUR FACE 45 IN AIR SCRAP

Dive-Bombers Returning To Base Meet Me109s

Belgium.—"Like 50 tomcats all in one cage" was the description given of a dog-fight over the Westwall which developed around four Typhoons returning from dive-bombing a railway near Groin recently. F/O Harry Upham, Minneapolis, destroyed a Me109 during the four-minute battle.

The Canadian Typhoons were returning to base when they were advised that enemy aircraft were about. This information came as they flew over Nijmegen, and the Tiffle men turned about in hopes of meeting the Hun.

F/L Robert Coffey, Greenview, Ill., reported that they had just turned when three waves of Me109s dived out of clouds at about 4,000 feet.

"We broke into the first wave, then broke back to face the second," he said. "There were about 15 in each wave."

"Two squadrons of Spits which we had passed on the way out dived into the scrap from 100 feet above us. Within ten seconds I saw three aircraft blow up on the ground."

Coffey described the fierce air scramble and told how he took two squirts at 109s in front of him and lined up on a third when a Spit climbed in ahead of him.

RCAF QUINTET POTS JET JOB

Holland.—The first German jet-propelled aircraft, a Me262, to be shot down by the RCAF or RAF was recently destroyed by five Canadian Spitfire pilots, members of the wing commanded by W/C Dal Russell, DSO, DFC and Bar, Westmount, Que. The Hun kite went down in flames near Nijmegen.

The kill was divided between S/L R. Smith, DFC, Regina, Sask.; F/L H. J. Everard, DFC, Timmins, Ont.; F/L Tex Davenport, Russellville, Ark.; F/L Lloyd Sinclair, Paris, Ont., and F/O J. MacKay, Cloverdale B.C.

"He went into a port, climbing turn," S/L Smith said, "and I turned starboard after him with several other Spits. He then dived towards the bridge, twisting and turning, half rolling at very high speed. I managed to get behind him and fired two three-second bursts. A small fire had started in the starboard nacelle and a bigger one in the port while I was firing. I thought at the time he was trying to attack me, even though in flames, but he passed behind and crashed into a field."

Buffalo Squadron Planes Fight in Convoy Battle

The Buffalo squadron participated with Mosquitos and Beaufighters of RAF Coastal Command in attacking a convoy off the Norwegian coast recently. Two merchant vessels were believed sunk and an escort ship left blazing. Our aircraft returned to base without loss.

"Quite heavy flak was coming up at us as we went in," said S/L D. A. Duncanson, Dutton, Ont., leader of a torpedo section, "but the convoy was in an ideal position for dropping the torps. Both merchantmen were quite big ones." At least two of the torpedoes released found targets in the merchant vessels.

"Very heavy flak was put up

Moose Squadron Chalks up 3,000th Sortie of War and 1,000th in Canadian-built Kites In Latest Dortmund Action

AOC CONGRATULATES ALL CONCERNED

Unleashing its mightiest effort of the war, RCAF Bomber Group sent nearly 300 bombers, representing every squadron in the Group, to pound targets at Dortmund in company with other Bomber Command units, last Friday night.

The Moose squadron flew its 3,000th sortie of the war in this action, and marked its 1,000th sortie with Canadian-built aircraft.

Clear Sky

The great force set out at dusk and bombed in clear weather. Industrial installations in the Ruhr city took a beating as the heavies fought through heavy ack-ack fire and some fighter opposition.

Commenting on the record established by this action, Air Vice-Marshal C. M. McEwen, MC, DFC, AC, RCAF Bomber Group, attributed it to "the magnificent collaboration" of all personnel concerned.

"The tremendous effort required not only the determination of the men who flew the bombers," he said, "but also the maximum serviceability of aircraft and the closest coordination of much detail. It would not have been possible without every person's best, and that was forthcoming."

"They have done a fine job," the Air Vice-Marshal added.

Two Marks

The honor of piloting the Canadian-built Lancaster that chalked up the 1,000th sortie in home-built kites for the Moosemen fell to F/L C. M. Black, Yarmouth, N.S. The aircraft that flew the squadron's 3,000th sortie of the war was under the control of F/O P. D. Griffith, Capreol, Ont.

Typical of the reports that came in on the Dortmund effort was that of Sgt. F. G. Gear, Field, B.C., a Bison squadron bomb-aimer. He reported an excellent concentration of target-indicators with bombs from preceding aircraft falling "in the middle of them."

"On the run up to the target I saw several explosions caused by the bombs from aircraft ahead of us," he said, "and when approximately ten miles away on leaving I could see fires beginning to spring up."

WINCO DESTROYS HUN IN BATTLE OVER SEA

Middle East.—An He111 was shot down recently by W/C J. R. C. Young, Beaconfield, Que., while on patrol.

Closing to 100 yards Young opened up and with his second burst set the enemy aircraft's starboard engine on fire. Jerry put a shell into the nightfighter's tail, but Young pressed home his attack, and after another burst the Heinkel fell away and blew up when it hit the sea.

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"at us," said W/C Tony Cadd, DFC, Bexhill-on-Sea, "but we got in at them with rockets and cannon. One of the Canadian pilots, after letting his rockets go at the leading escort ship, saw a terrific explosion and it appeared to blow up. Other crews following him in said the whole ship was ablaze, with flames all around the bridge."

"It was about the best show I have been on," said W/C E. W. Pierceson, London, Eng., leader of the Canadian Beaufighters. "After the attack we could see the leading escort well ablaze, while the merchantmen were still covered by smoke and spray when we set our course for home. They were well and truly hit."

3d HONOR

F/S A. C. Asbury, Dwight, Ont., has one unique distinction in this war. He's the only guy to buy the Queen of England a bottle of pop.

At a recent investiture in Edinburgh, Asbury was standing at a soft drink bar flipping a threepenny-bit when the Queen paid a surprise visit. She spoke to him and he offered to buy her a drink. The Queen promptly accepted.

The King came along as she was drinking it. She offered him a drink, saying "Will you have a sip, Bertie?", but the King wasn't thirsty.

TIFFIES BOMB JERRY TRAINS

Holland.—Further attacks against the German railway communications in western Europe have been made by three squadrons of an RCAF Typhoon wing, successfully hitting at lines near Gelden and east of Arnhem, and ranging 100 miles inside Nazi territory. The City of Montreal, City of Westmount and City of Ottawa were the participating squadrons.

Led by S/L Jack Beirnes, DFC, Tofield, Alta., the Montrealers cut rails and destroyed three locomotives near Muenster in Germany. The Westmount men, led by F/O Alonzo Monson, Cody, Wyo., left Gelden a mass of craters, with many lines cut.

While the Luftwaffe was attacking the bridge at Nijmegen from 16,000 feet, the City of Ottawa squadron was pounding the railway east of Arnhem, half a mile away, from 4000 feet.

YANK PILOT GETS JU OVER HOLLAND

France.—Flown by an American pilot and British navigator an RCAF Mosquito figured in the first kill for the Cougar nightfighter squadron since it moved to west Europe.

Victim was a Ju87, or Stuka dive-bomber, bagged by Lt. A. A. Harrington, Ottawa, USAAF pilot completing his tour with the Cougars before transferring to the American service. P/O D. G. Tongue, Birmingham, England, RAF, was navigator.

The Stuka, third victim for the pair, was caught just after an attempt to bomb a Rhine bridge in Holland by moonlight. "We finally got him after I'd fired more than 200 rounds and getting strikes all over him. He was tough to kill, but his rear-gunner never fired once," said Harrington.

TANK FIRED

Holland.—A huge tank beside the railway yards at Winterswijk, near the Dutch-German border, was left blazing after it was strafed by F/O Dean Washburn, Fernie, B.C. The attack was made when the City of Montreal squadron recently cut the railway lines at Winterswijk.

PUZZLE



Find the house with a roof in this German town. Usually well-informed sources claim the Harris crowd have been snooping around on dark nights.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

Wolf Squadron Bags Five Nazis in Melee

Toronto Leader Accounts for 2½ Aircraft As Mates Attack 15 Germans

Holland.—A complete aerial victory was recently recorded by the RCAF when Canadian Spitfires attacked 15 Nazi aircraft over the Allied corridor pointing through Holland to Germany, shooting down five and damaging another. It was over so quickly that the enemy made only two shots, both of them going wild.

The squadron dived in for the kill with S/L E. P. Wood, Toronto, leading the attack. Wood was credited with 2½ down. As he fired at his first Me109, he saw smoke come from it; then the pilot bailed out. He selected another Messerschmitt, the pilot of which tried a spin as evasive action. The spin proved ineffective, and he went down for the count.

The third Me109 was shared with P/O R. C. Shannon, Westmount, Que. The Hun went into a steep dive and Wood hit him on the way down. He ran out of ammunition and yelled for Shannon to finish him off. Shannon did so and Jerry bailed out at 600 feet.

Meanwhile F/O F. W. Thompson, Windsor, Ont., destroyed another Me109 with one burst of cannon and machine guns. Diving from 1,700 feet to almost ground level, F/O M. Reeves, Madoc, Ont., plastered still another Hun and saw it blow up.

RCAF HEAVIES RAP SUB PENS

Harbor installations and submarine pens at Bergen, Norway, were attacked for the first time by RCAF heavy bombers last week. A number of Bomber Group's squadrons were represented in the attack. One aircraft failed to return.

Three large ships in the harbor were attacked according to F/O Frederick Ogilvie, Snowy Owl bomb-aimer from Vancouver, B.C.

Porcupine pilot, P/O R. A. Russell, said he saw one large ship dash out of the submarine pens when the Canadian bombers started to drop their loads.

Three submarines anchored at the dock looked like three big cigars to F/O Len Greenhaigh, Saskatoon.

The weather over the target was clear and objectives were identified visually. The enemy were caught by surprise, but some predicted flak was reported.

Mosquitos and Mustangs provided an escort for the all-RCAF bombing force.

ANOTHER SCORE

In two successive days, S/L E. P. Wood, Toronto CO of the Wolf Spitfire squadron, scored against the Luftwaffe. Last Friday he destroyed a Me109. The day before he had 2½ kills.

COASTAL SWARMS HIT HUN SHIPPING

In face of heavy flak which necessitated violent evasive action Wellingtons, Beaufighters, and Royal Navy Avengers operating under Coastal Command recently attacked concentrations of enemy shipping off the Dutch coast.

Bombs and rocket projectiles were used and a minesweeper and two E or R boats were among the targets.

There appeared to be two convoys, one of about 20 ships, hugging the Frisian Islands and another of about seven travelling south.

P/O J. W. Schofield, Vancouver, newly commissioned, piloted a Wellington in the attack. The vessel which was his target was left with a heavy pall of smoke covering its entire length.

WINGS ABROAD

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SQUADRON USES NEW TYPE LEAFLET BOMB

France.—A new kind of bomb was used in a recent mission flown by F/L G. L. Starkey, Montreal—a barometrically-fused container full of tightly packed leaflets.

Starkey and his fighter-bomber squadron took off from a base in northern France and dropped 180,000 leaflets over a German garrison, each pilot releasing 15,000 of the total.

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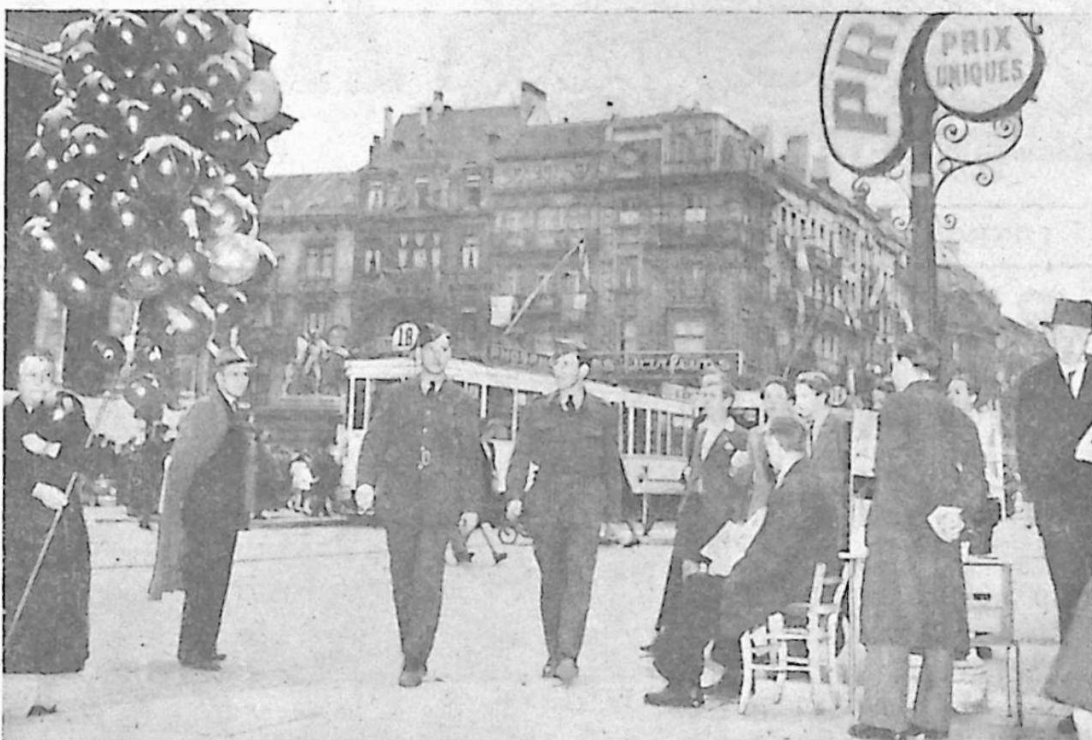
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GAY TOWN



Brussels folk are still pretty happy over the events of the past few months. The city is still flag bedecked. Walking across the main street are Sgt. Joe Stone, St. John, N.B., and Jack Dale, Ottawa. Bet you couldn't get a stick-full of balloons like that in England. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

BURMA STATION FLATTENED IN VENGEANCE BOMBING RUN

Canuck Leads Flight of Hyderabad Squadron Demolishing 80 Railway Cars

India.—F/L Don Hedley, Moose Jaw, Sask., flight commander with a Vengeance dive-bomber squadron, the unit that dropped the first Allied bomb of the war on the "Admiral Scheer," September 4, 1939, led an attack on the Burmese railway station at Wuntho, flattening the station and demolishing 80 pieces of rolling stock.

Veteran Squadron

Sponsored by the Nizam of Hyderabad since the Great War, the unit has been used chiefly in army co-operation work in both the Arakan and Assam, major battle-grounds of the Burma front. They have also been credited with having played an important role in driving the Japanese from India in recent struggles in the Imphal area.

When working on jungle targets, the squadron used delayed action bombs and incendiaries. After the incendiaries had been dropped, Hurricanes, which had formed fighter cover, would drop overload gas tanks causing great fires in the jungle.

Busy Days

The squadron, along with others, made three attacks daily for five successive days on Kohima during the Imphal struggle, finally flattening the town and permitting the British army to move in.

F/O John Robertson, Toronto, was shot up five times by ground defences, but he rates flying during the monsoon "worse than the toughest flak the Japs can throw at you."

Other Canadians flying with the Hyderabad Squadron are F/O Grant Puttock, Toronto; P/O John Harris, Montreal; W/O Robert Yeates, Toronto; F/O Reg Duncan, Halifax.

ERK WORK

During the last five operations of September more than 1,000 Canadian heavy bombers were detailed to attack enemy targets. Every bomber took off on time; there were no non-starters.

The achievement is regarded as outstanding in a year of tremendous accomplishment by the Canadian group. "The lads in ground crew who have made this possible can't be given too much credit," said Air Commodore J. E. Fauquier, DSO and Bar, DFC. "They've been out there on dispersal, slugging away at all hours of the day and night, in all kinds of weather—wind, rain and sun—getting the aircraft ready to go. The part these fellows are playing in helping to smash the Nazis can't be over-estimated."

SIX SPITFIRES HOP 200 HUNS

Spotting about 200 Nazi aircraft over the Zuider Zee, six RCAF fighters of the Red Indian squadron followed them to the vicinity of Nijmegen and attacked despite the terrific odds. They shot down two of the enemy kites, scored a probable, and damaged five, with no losses.

"At first I was pretty excited when I saw so many black crosses passing in front of me," said F/L B. T. Gilmour, St. Thomas, Ont., who scored a double kill. "I've never seen so many Huns together before."

F/O Jack Calvert, Biggar, Sask., was credited with a probable and a damaged. "We were so high and so busy that I didn't have a chance to see what eventually happened to him," he said.

LAC ROUNDS UP HUN STRAGGLERS FOR FFI

France.—Desperate German stragglers, left behind by their units, were seen by LAC W. A. Herod, Toronto, recently.

The Nighthawk storebasher, unarmed, was guiding a blind Frenchman home when two men dressed in high-peaked caps, high boots and breeches, hurried past them. The FFI had been combing the woods all day for the two officers, and in desperation they took to the main road after dark. Herod, following the blind man's instructions, went to the nearest FFI group and reported what he had seen, and the FFI picked them up.

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NEW LEADER

An RCAF Spitfire squadron is now commanded by S/L A. H. Sager, Vancouver.

Sager is on his second tour of ops. He has a score of three destroyed and several damaged enemy aircraft. Before his appointment he was a flight commander with the City of Oshawa squadron.

F/L D. W. Harling, Montreal, has taken over the duties of flight commander from Sager.

W/C DAL RUSSEL EARNS DSO LEADING HOT SPITFIRE WING

Thirty-Seven Others Win Gongs for Work in Every Phase of Western Air War

W/C Blair Dalzell Russel, DFC, Westmount, Que., CO of one of the hottest Spitfire wings in the west, has been awarded an immediate DSO it is announced in a recent list of awards, in which 37 other Canadian fliers are named.

W/C James Roger Whelan, DFC, RAF, who was born in Saskatoon, also receives the DSO, S/L Hugh Charles Trainor, DFC, Charlottetown, P.E.I., who was reported missing last month, receives a Bar to the DFC, 18 receive immediate and 14 non-immediate DFCs, and there are three immediate DFMs.

Wing Hot

The London Gazette says of W/C Russel that by his masterly leadership, sound judgment and fine fighting qualities he has played a good part in the success achieved by his wing.

In recent intensive air operations, the Gazette continues, the squadrons under command of W/C Russel have completed many sorties. In one three-day period 127 vehicles were set on fire and a bigger number damaged. In addition, four hostile aircraft were destroyed (this refers to the period previous to the outstanding air victory of the week September 24-30, when his wing led in enemy planes destroyed), 17 tanks and 19 other armored vehicles damaged.

W/C Whelan has commanded his unit since June, 1942, and has been on many photo-reconnaissance sorties in which, the citation says, he has displayed skill, courage and leadership, and that his initiative and excellent organising ability have contributed much to the success of the unit.

The Gazette relates that S/L Trainor led his squadron on many occasions on a variety of sorties. On one occasion a very superior number of enemy fighters were engaged. Eight were shot down, including one by Trainor. He has destroyed at least nine enemy planes.

Top VI Scorer

Among those receiving immediate DFCs is S/L Russel Bannock, Toronto. His citation refers to many sorties against enemy airfields and his ability as an efficient flight commander. He also is mentioned for his work in destruction of flying bombs, knocking down three in one patrol.

Winning immediate DFCs are F/L Norman Fenton Brown; F/L Harold Eugene Bridges; F/L John Wilbur Keller; S/L George Frederick Arbuick; F/O John Mills Calder; F/O Arthur J. E. Carter; F/O Robert Leslie Beattie; F/O Paul Jean Roy; F/O Jack Cecil Hall; F/O Louis Eric J. Murphy; F/O Malcolm Neil McLean; P/O William Robertson Stewart; P/O William Harold Wardell; P/O Wilbur Ralph Goodhue; P/O John Cecil Hoy; P/O Joseph J. C. U. Massey; W/O Francis Arthur Harrison.

Non-immediate DFCs have been awarded to S/L Wellington Burt May; S/L Thomas H. Curlee; F/L Daniel Edward Noonan; F/L William Norval Harris; F/L Alfred Hillman Jackson; F/L Eric Walter Wiskin; F/L Duncan Sinclair, now a POW; F/O Azra Berry Gillette; F/O Stewart MacM; F/O Ian Glen; F/O Gordon Patrick McNulty; F/O

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MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. H. A. Evans, F/O, Makinak, Man.; D. R. McEvey, F/S, Lindsay, Ont.; C. E. Scott, Sgt., Vancouver; E. E. Tribble, F/L, Brantford.

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED IN ACTION. D. L. Small, Sgt., Conn, Ont.

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. N. L. Craig, P/O, Victoria, B.C.; E. D. Kelly, F/O, Peterboro, Ont.

MISSING. P. Anaka, F/O, Stenen, Sask.; O. R. Collins, P/O, Elphinstone, Man.; D. G. Davis, Sgt., Gifford, Ont.; R. C. Y. Furneaux, P/O, St. Catharines; A. G. Gamsby, F/O, Winnipeg; P. S. Greig, W/O, Vancouver; F. D. Hazen, F/O, London, Ont.; R. E. Horton, Sgt., Brockville; T. E. G. Howe, Sgt., Ottawa; W. D. Huff, F/S, Toronto; O. P. Hughes, Sgt., Perth, Ontario; D. R. Kirk, Sgt., Halifax County, N.S.; E. E. Fort Francis; R. C. Leckie, F/O, Prince George, Sask.; R. C. Martin, W/O, Vineland, Ont.; C. L. Merrill, F/O, St. Thomas; A. G. Morden, F/O, Man.; W. L. Morrill, F/S, Schreiber; C. F. L. Roberts, Sgt., Winnipeg; S. C. E. Kellerman, F/O, Fargo, N.D.; J. C. Stewart, W/O, Montreal; J. A. Anderson, Sgt., Langruth, Alta.; J. K. Vivian, W/O, Alta.; W. L. Arkus, Sgt., Cochrane, Man.; W. J. Barr, Sgt., Sarnia; F. Beales, Sgt., Hamilton; C. P. V. Biddlecombe, Sgt., New York; W. Boyd, Cpl., Weston, Ont.; M. W. Card, Sgt., Bothwell, Ont.; W. D. Carson, F/O, Toronto; W. D. Clasper, W/O, Montreal; A. J. Dennis, Sgt., Parkman, Sask.; H. Dossett, Sgt., Galt, J. C. Francis, W/O, Toronto; J. A. Hamilton, Ont.; R. B. Hodkins, F/S, Parkhill; Ont.; W. D. Idema, F/L, Grand Rapids, Mich.; B. P. McQueen, Sgt., South Orange, N.J.; F. E. S. Toronto; R. E. Niles, Sgt., Medick, Creek; E. L. O'Neill, Sgt., Kingston; B. J. Prent, Sgt., Hamilton; Bay, B.C.; A. Rodd, F/S, Edmonton; G. L. Dawson, Shannon, F/O, London, Ont.; J. F. E. Taber, F/O, Ottawa; R. D. Taylor, F/O, Kamloops; W. T. Ulen, Sgt., London, Ont.; H. W. Brown, DFC, S/L, Antler, Sask.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. D. W. McRae, P/O, Toronto; W. W. Astles, Sgt., London, Ont.; W. J. Banner, W/O, Oshawa; F. D. Calline, F/O, Toronto; A. T. Gill, P/O, Calgary; E. B. Hawkins, P/O, Lewman, Sask.; W. J. Kuntz, P/O, Waterloo; A. E. Lindfield, F/O, Zurich, Ont.; R. R. Norman, Sgt., Bowden, Alta.; R. O. Warne, F/O, Prince Rupert; I. R. C. White, F/O, Los Angeles; T. H. Wilson, F/O, Parkman, Sask.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLS ON ACTIVE SERVICE. J. L. A. Madden, P/O, Winnipeg.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED PRISONER OF WAR. G. J. Munro, F/S, Kelowna, B.C.

Harold Edwin Tompkins; F/O Irial Rubin Sterling; W/O Paul Robert Valentine.

Immediate DFMs have been awarded to F/S Paul Burton, F/S William Jerry Mann, and P/O Thomas Jerry, previously sergeant.

TAI KAI, SAHIB... -but you can USE VICTORY BONDS. Illustration of a man in a turban and a soldier in uniform.

WINDSOR UNIT HITS NAZI HQ

Italy.—A German head-quarters near Cesene and an enemy battalion command post near San Giovanni were outstanding jobs in recent schedules for City of Windsor pilots.

P/O G. J. Rayden, Toronto, led six Spits which attacked the headquarters. They bombed from 2,000 feet and two bombs burst in a back yard, another two 20 yards from a house, and shrapnel was seen to shower buildings.

"They were a bit late opening fire," said W/O R. L. Shannon, Hamilton, Ont., commenting on the ack-ack barrage over the target. "But when they started they sent up lots."

Others on this mission were F/O G. C. Langford, London, Ont.; W/O D. H. A. MacKay, Beverley, Sask.; W/O L. W. L. Richards, Montreal; and F/O R. R. Wilson, Toronto.

Heavy Day

The same day the squadron flew 29 sorties. The dive-bomber pilots played the role of wing "Iron Man" after a quiet week due to unfavorable weather.

The wing was advised that an attack on the enemy battalion command post at an earlier date had killed a colonel and caused four ambulance loads of casualties. It was confirmed that the hit was made by the Windsor squadron, and a message of congratulations was received from Eighth Army HQ.

On this operation were F/Os McNally, Niagara Falls; G. C. Langford; K. R. Curtis, Toronto; and W/O Shannon.

BASED IN FRANCE, MOSSIE BAGS HE.

France.—The first Canadian nightfighter pilot operating from a French base to score a kill was W/O L. E. Fitchett, Victoria, B.C. He blew a Heinkel 111 out of the sky over Eindhoven, Holland, last week.

The Heinkel exploded so violently that large pieces of wreckage were hurled into Fitchett's Mosquito, one of them ripping a piece of the starboard wing. The Mosquito vibrated so violently that Fitchett had to land at an emergency field in Northern France.

It was the second time in four days that he and his navigator, F/S A. Hardy, Newcastle, England, had had a close call while patrolling from their Nighthawk base. On the previous occasion they had to bale out of their stricken Mosquito 100 miles from their station. They were picked up by the Maquis and returned to their squadron.

The Heinkel 111 was Fitchett's first kill, and brought his squadron's total to 33 since D-Day.

NEW FLIGHT BOSS

Command of a flight with the Moose squadron and promotion from flight lieutenant to squadron leader have come to Bill McKinnon, Winnipeg.

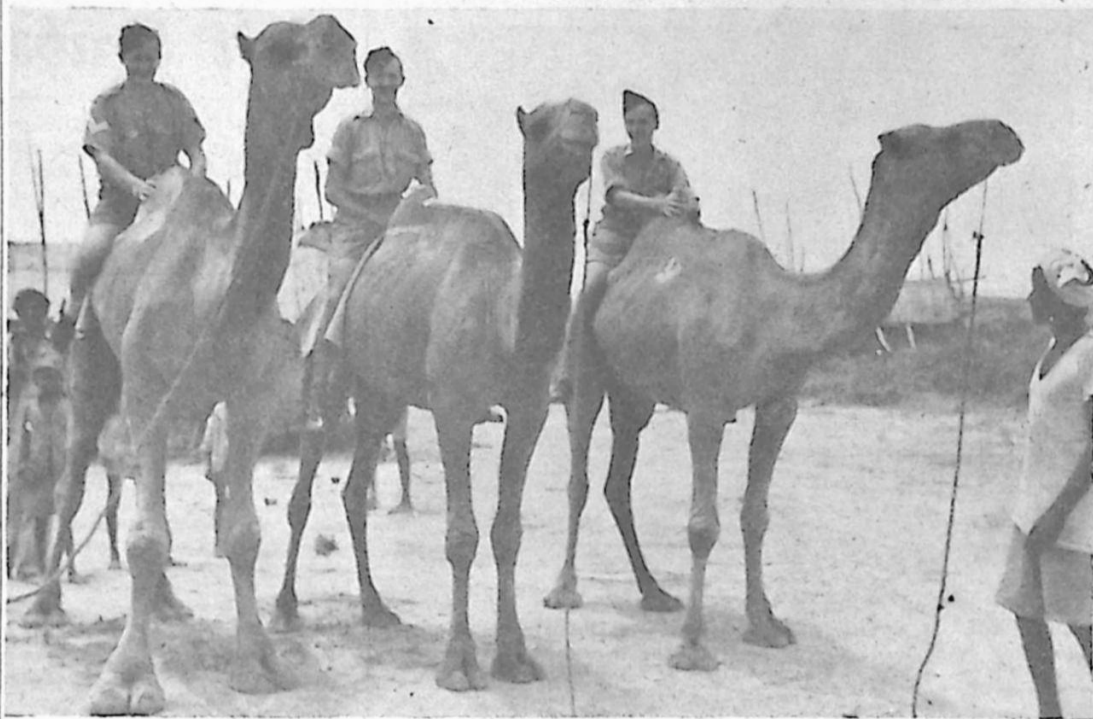


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RADIO MECHS UP



Three radio mechs are up in what looks like a ding-dong camel race. Cpl. Murray Burger, Tillsonburg, Ont.; LAC Bob Stewart, Belleville, Ont., and LAC Charlie Painter, Riverside, Ont., are the jockeys.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

MOOSE MEN RECEIVE DFM

The DFM has been awarded to F/Ss Bill Mann, Brantford, Ont., and Paul Burton, Arborg, Man., for a recently destroyed Ju88 on the return journey from a raid on the railway yards at Achere.

Jerry manoeuvred until he had the moon behind him, then went in for the kill. But both Mann and Burton, Moose squadron gunners, were on the bit and the Nazi didn't get a chance to fire a burst. They gave him one combined blast followed by a second.

"He started to spark and smoke," reported Mann, "then burst into flames, fell away and exploded on the ground."

McGREGOR NETTERS EDGE BELGIAN FIVE

Belgium.—Basketballers of G/C G. R. McGregor's Canadian airfield had their first action of the season recently, scoring a 45-29 victory over Pare Royale, intermediate cagers from Brussels.

High-scoring Canadian was Cpl. Alex Breathett, Toronto, well-known in senior basketball company as a member of Toronto's Broadview "Y" teams, while Cpl. Dave Marshall, Winnipeg, and LAC Gignac, Windsor, Ont., also hit the strings with regularity. Half-time score stood at 22-22.

The Belgians, ranging in age from 20 to 23, played a good brand of ball, but, as Pte. Bill Polosky, Toronto, explained it, "They lacked that North American swish, close to the basket. They played it straight from the book, passed well, but they rifled all their shots from long range."

The Canadian line-up included, guards, F/O Paul Bozak, Swift Current; Cpl. Alex Breathett, Toronto; Pte. Bill Polosky, Toronto; center: LAC Tom Gutteridge, Sarnia; forwards: Cpl. Dave Marshall, Winnipeg; LAC Gignac, Windsor, Ont.; LAC Hal Partington, Toronto; Cpl. Jeff Morrison, Pictou; referee: LAC Frank Mahoney, Lachine.

LEAVES FLIGHT

Completing his second tour of ops, F/L J. S. L. Robillard, DFM, Ottawa, has turned over his flight to F/L Bruce Stovel, South Porcupine, Ont. Stovel flew in Malta during his initial tour.

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Greek Gindles Major Problem for Canucks

By F/L R. M. WILLIAMS, RCAF Public Relations Officer

Greece.—As RCAF pilots and aircrew in the Balkan Air Force provided sky support for Allied troops invading Greece, I accompanied military forces crossing the Ionian sea in invasion craft, and to-night all my dreams are realised.

Rainbow's End

I am a millionaire, a multi-millionaire, with 15,000,000 drachmas burning a hole in my pocket. If I needed a smoke I could go down to a neighbouring village and blow the whole works on 12 cigarettes. But maybe I'll just spend 5,000,000 for four cigarettes and save the other 10,000,000 for a haircut.

If Sir Montagu Norman will look after my mess bills I will gladly take care of monetary stabilization and price control. We proved it in Greece to-night when several of us sat around a stable loft with a lantern and fixed prices locally for all food that's fit to eat. It was just a matter of finding a starting point and translating 2,500,000 drachmas into a penny.

Euf First

An incidental advantage is that we settled for all time the question of which came first, the chicken or the egg. It's the egg definitely. We started with an egg costing 3d., and from there it was easy to figure that a chicken should obviously cost 6s. 6d.

A shave is now only 15,000,000 drachmas, which means 6d. But there's a problem raising its ugly head because the smallest note available at the moment is 1s. So you either have to tip the barber 100 per cent., which is expensive, or else have two shaves at once, which is absurd. Those are mere details. The prices are fixed, the notices are up around the countryside, and the darned system works.

RCAF NATATORS

Somewhere in the desert, men of a RAF station built a swimming pool and held a meet. The cup-winning team was made up of an Australian, a New Zealander and two Canadians. The home boys were F/L Alan Mackie, DFC (American), Regina, and F/O Ron Churchill, Prince Albert, Sask.

ON DER LOUSE

Belgium.—The men at G/O G. R. McGregor's Canadian airfield were saying a big "thank you" to Adolph recently. And why not? They were eating on Der Fuehrer. In the past the Canucks had picked up quite a supply of Hitler's vehicles, rifles, revolvers, belts, steel and cloth hats. This time they hit the jackpot—a sizeable supply of Hun food rations— from steaks and pork chops to margarine and hard tack.

PILOT HAS UNWANTED FLIP ON ONE ENGINE

Beaufighters are so difficult to fly on one engine that pilots of Coastal Command practise switching off alternate engines, and fighting the aircraft's tendency to spin.

W/O Clifford N. Moe, Morrin, Alta., flying with the Buffalo squadron, did not like flying with his port engine only, because it was unpredictable in performance. He would not rehearse this one-engine flying, and his flight commander worried.

Came the day when the squadron attacked four enemy minesweepers in a French harbor and a flak burst caught W/O Moe's starboard engine. He broke away and flew back to his base in Britain.

"It was a grim trip," he said. "I got in all my one-engine practise at once. When I landed I remembered that the engine put out of commission by flak had been my good one, and I had come back on the dud engine."

W/O Moe now practises one-engine flying.

Communications Struck By Dive-Bombing Wing

Three squadrons of the Canadian Typhoon dive-bombing wing, the City of Westmount, Montreal and Ottawa, made attacks on bridges, railways and railway yards in recent assaults on western Europe.

Blast Bridge

The vital railway bridge at Rhenen, across the Neder Rhine, needed by the Germans to supply troops in northern Holland, was wiped out by the City of Westmount squadron. Led by S/L Kenneth Fiset, DFC, Outremont, Que., the squadron made two attacks before they were satisfied.

"Our first attack was disappointing," said F/O Vaughan Smith, Worcester, Mass. "When the dust settled we saw a bomb crater squarely under the bridge, but it seemed intact, so we had another go at it."

After the second attack, F/O John Stelter, Rosevear, Alta., said that one span was com-

pletely lifted out of the bridge.

Hit Railways

At the same time S/L Jack Belrnes, DFC, Tofield, Alta., was leading the Montreal men in another direction, smashing at German border railways. Not only did they cut the rails north-east of Wessel, but blew up a long ammunition train east of the junction.

As well as cleanly cutting the rails in the railway yard at Winterswijk, the City of Ottawa squadron blasted two round-houses.

"Our primary job was to get the railway track," said F/L Sydney Aistrop, Sudbury, Ont. "The first flight got three direct hits, so the second flight bombed the marshalling buildings."

POPULATION ASSISTS FORCES LANDING IN PELOPONNESUS

Greeks Greet Landing Craft to Help Unload; Canadians in Advance Air Party

Greece.—Canadians who served with the RAF in the first Allied invasion of Greece feel that never has an Allied landing force been showered with so many bouquets and so few bullets. If Lewis Carroll had been writing the story he might have called it "Allies in Wonderland."

Plenty of Help

The entire population around the tiny port of Katakolon in the Peloponnese greeted the invaders as their boats reached shore on Sept. 26. The Greeks helped with the unloading; assisted in repairing a captured airfield; made the invasion route across the country a triumphant progress.

The fairy tale quality of the invasion was indicated when our advance H.Q. was established in a villa less than four miles from Patras, leading metropolis of the Peloponnese. H.Q. used electric power from the city system, and the Germans were afraid to cut it off because the power was generated in the Greek hills, patriot territory.

Everything had been organized for the invasion by British officers who had parachuted into the country several days previously. Spitfires had landed on an improvised landing strip two days before to hold the sky. Among them were planes piloted by F/L H. H. Miller, London, Ont., and W/C P. H. Woodruff, DFC, Edmonton.

Efficiency

When the first landing forces reached shore they found signs in English pointing the way to strips which already had been cleared for the reception of stores. The volunteer work party was at hand to help unload.

School children hung wreaths of flowers around the blushing neck of S/L John V. L. Wynne, Edinburgh, who commanded the RAF regiment task forces. Cheer followed cheer as each successive landing craft arrived beside the ruined jetty, demolished by the evacuating Germans.

The RAF regiment took possession of an airfield, and reconstruction began immediately under the supervision of a Canadian flying control officer, F/L E. J. Stockall, Kelliber, Sask.

A call for civilian help brought 'hundreds of volunteers.' The bombed landing strip soon was swarming with men, women and even tiny children, who set to work with shovels, hoes, and even their bare hands. F/L Stockall, CO of the staging post, had only one small bulldozer as his mechanical equipment, but a thousand yards of demolished runway soon became serviceable, despite the worst rains since 1939.

Mines were cleared; the field was ready for operation again; and the first supply planes landed without a hitch on the morning of Oct. 2nd, bringing food, ammunition and reinforcements. One of the first five DC supply ships to land was brought in by P/O D. F. Deeprope, of Victoria, B.C.

Greetings

Meanwhile a most remarkable northward sweep had been conducted through 60 miles of ecstatic villages. Roads were strewn with flowers; wine and food were brought to the roadside as offerings of gratitude; everywhere the pillaged, poverty-stricken Greeks exulted in their day of liberation.

First enemy opposition was met from the Germans and the Greek collaborationist troops in Patras, a city of 120,000 population on the Corinth Canal. The

CHEATS

Belgium.—Zealous for the reputation of their diminishing Luftwaffe, the Germans used this stunt repeatedly in Holland: whenever Nazi aircraft were shot down in air battles with RAF, RCAF or American planes, they would send out a brush-and-bucket squad.

Next morning Dutchmen would find the charred hulks of Me109s or Ju88s wearing the red-white-blue rondel of the RAF.

PLOUGH JOCKEYS FIX HALIFAX VET

Veteran Halifax of the Blue-nose squadron, with 43 trips over enemy territory to its credit, has no fewer than seven western Canadian farmers on its maintenance crew. They are Cpl. Bob Stenhouse, Port Reeve, Sask.; LACs Walt Griffin, Taulon, Man.; Ray Ritchie, Flaxcombe, Sask.; Ross McLennan, Brackler, Sask.; Lawrence Johnston, Alameda, Sask.; John Reimers, Mankota, Sask.; Charlie Crawford, Medicine Hat, Alta.

All these men were engaged in farming in one capacity or another before enlisting. According to the station educational officer, F/L Shaw Q. McEwen, Trenton and Ailsa Craig, Ont., men preparing most seriously for post-war life are the ex-farmers. As a result he has arranged talks on aspects of farming by an officer who was both an expert in scientific agriculture and a farmer himself.

"The boys' interest certainly bodes well for the progress of Canadian farming," says F/L McEwen.

TWELVE ATTACKS

F/L Harold McVicar, Otterburn, Sask., Inroquois squadron pilot, was recently screened after completion of his first tour. McVicar has the distinction of having fought off 12 nightfighter attacks on a single flight.

total enemy forces were estimated at 2,500 men.

Like all the other paradoxes in this upside-down country, even the opposition was not entirely unfriendly. A letter from the collaborationist Greek garrison commander, addressed to the "officer commanding British forces of liberation, landed somewhere," assured Colonel the Earl of Jellicoe of his desire to co-operate but said the presence of his German colleagues made co-operation somewhat difficult.

Finally the Greek garrison surrendered in a body, and 1,200 prisoners were herded into the custody of but nine British guards. With them was one German naval deserter, and two days later 700 Germans, the remainder of those unable to escape, capitulated. The fall of Patras and the occupation of the western Peloponnese was complete.

Oxford for Fellows.

Bath for Chaps—

Weston for Biscuits



The Arabian Nights came to life when two members of a Wellington crew were entertained in the palace of Sheik Hassa after their kite crash-landed in the desert of Saudi Arabia, on the Persian Gulf. "It was just like you see in the movies," said F/L Bliss Lewin, Toronto, and Royal Oak, Mich. "Bodyguards met us 500 yards from the palace and escorted us over heavy red plush carpets to be presented to the boss man." Though the Sheik could not speak English he was friendly and motioned them to fluffy pillows on the floor of what the boys figured was his harem.

But Lewin and the pilot had to think of getting back to the crew. By hand waving, they indicated to the Sheik that they would require assistance in raising the Wimpy off the deck, where it was bogged down to the hubs in desert sand. They returned to the aircraft to spend the night. At dawn, a breakfast of porridge, pancakes, fruit and sweet coffee was brought to the entire crew. Then the Sheik and a labor gang appeared and after seven hours' work the Wellington was ready to fly again.

Station navigation officer with a RAF Bomber Command unit, S/L D. R. Walker, DFC and Bar, Blairmore, Alta., isn't altogether sure he likes his job, because he can't get the flying time he'd like due to the amount of deskwork necessary in planning bombing missions. In over forty missions, Walker has been teamed up with S/L D. J. Shannon, RAAF, and with him took part in the dam-busting mission of last year which was led by W/C Guy Gibson, VC. It was after this mission that he was awarded the Bar to his DFC.

The first operational trip of F/O Edwin N. D. Wagner, bomb-aimer, MacNutt, Sask., took him to Berlin. On the return journey they were attacked by a Me110 and one engine was set on fire, but the Hun was kayoed by the rear and mid-upper gunners. Wagner is now at a heavy conversion unit preparing for his second tour. On completion of the first, he instructed at an advance flying unit, then returned to Canada for leave.

Many Canadians serving with the RAF have completed tours and are now screened from further operations. Among them are three Winnipeggers, F/O R. E. Johnson, captain of a Halifax, and Sgt. L. E. Cuthbert, bomb-aimer, and F/S W. N. Wright, WOP/AG. These men recall one night trip over Germany when a Hun made a lightning attack, raking the bomber with machine-gun and cannon fire and killing the rear gunner. However, they carried on to the target to drop their load.

Also finishing a tour is F/O L. E. Williams, Moose Jaw, Sask., bomb-aimer, who has served with 12 different crews. He has had some close escapes in many missions over Dusseldorf, Essen, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and the Ruhr Valley. F/O A. Horne, Winnipeg, pilot, and F/O Jim Coley, Kenora, Ont., bomb-aimer, recall trips to Germany that carried them through heavy flak belts, but their tour was completed without any serious trouble.

Interviewed by the BBC for his impressions of the first daylight attack on Happy Valley, in which he participated, F/O C. J. LaRouche, Ottawa, bomb-aimer said it was a real do. LaRouche joined the RCAF as an equipment man, but later remustered to aircrew. Now screened from further operations, LaRouche took part in attacks on the flying bomb sites in the Pas de Calais area.

Taking such violent evasive action that two members of the crew suffered from air sickness, F/O M. W. Benton, Broderick, Sask., kept his Halifax from damage when attacked by an enemy nightfighter. No hits were scored. Both Benton and his mid-upper gunner, F/S R. M. Gilchrist, Foam Lake, Sask., have also completed their tours. F/O G. W. Hinman, Cardstone, Alta., and F/O P. A. Wood, Vancouver, are two other Canucks who have been screened.

Former member of the RAF Dam Buster squadron, F/O Don Bell, Toronto, Ont., has been screened from further action, with more than 60 operational trips to his credit. He is posted to instructional duties pending his return to Canada for leave. He has taken part in missions over the Frisian Islands and the Sicilian and Italian landings.

SWEET MUSIC



This liberating business is OK by LAC A. I. Raymond, Montreal. It all depends on whom you liberate. The girl lives in Brussels. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

BEAVER BASE

Visitors Throng Base

Special congratulations this week are extended to the Base Commander, who has exchanged his four narrow rings for a single wide one and now has mail addressed to Air Commodore J. L. Hurley. At the same time, commiserations are respectfully extended to the Base Station Commander, G/C C. L. Annis, OBE, who backed his prediction—that V-Day would come before October 1st—with folding dough.

The Winner

Rumor has it that among those collecting a substantial sum was W/C "Junior" Bootle. Buying gold braids these days is G/C W. Pleasance, who recently assumed command of the station from which the Alouette and Snowy Owl squadrons operate.

Heading an impressive roster of distinguished visitors recently is Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Sully, AFC, from AFHQ, Ottawa. He conveyed the gen on rehabilitation and demobilisation (date as yet unknown). His arrival occasioned a run that exhausted the local stocks of button and shoe polish.

Other notable itinerants included Messrs. L. W. Brockington and J. W. G. Clark, of AFHQ. Mr. P. Beauvieu, well-known French-Canadian publicist, and the Rev. Norman Rawson, noted Hamilton orator.

A very active visitor in these parts was little old Dan Cupid. The little fellow has been very busy and accurate with his fatal arrows. S/O Babs Rooke reports that no less than 12 WDAs have applied for permission to enter double harness during the past month.

LAW Irma Miller, Red Deer, and Sgt. Don McLean are taking the plunge at an early date. Irma will be attended by LAW Marjorie Davies, Prince Albert, who is still awaiting another mysterious call from the sergeants' mess. Don will be supported at the altar by Elliott Branch, now counting the hours until Peggy Hamilton, late of the Liftlock City, returns from leave.

Pipe the Rock

Sporting a sparkling diamond on the tell-tale finger these days is LAW Aggie Miller, Shawinigan Falls, who engineered the fatal declaration from P/O Sammy Sambrook. Back from a honeymoon spent in the south of England really plugging married life is LAW Bea Kotte, nee Archer, of Regina. Bea's glowing encomium of connubial bliss appears to have aroused the serious interest of Jennie Jensen and Sally Duxbury; so watch your step, fellas... It's still 1944. Thrice blessed one day recently was Arne Bjarnson. He returned from leave to learn he had been promoted to W/OI, commissioned as a pilot officer and repatriated to Canada. Also homeward bound is P/O Dave Godefroy, whose departure will leave a definite void in the social

SPEED BONDS

National War Finance Committee H.Q. has issued the following statement: "Instructions for deliveries on Seventh Loan bonds will be carried out as promptly as possible. Deliveries of Fifth Victory Loan bonds were completed more expeditiously than previously, and we expect still further improvement in delivery on Sixth and succeeding loans. Certain delays are inevitable, due to the large volume of applications and the careful checking required. Your co-operation in providing accurate and complete delivery instructions on application forms will speed delivery."

and emotional life of Sgt. Patti Seccombe, Toronto, which Sgt. Tommy Plunkett, Montreal, is doing his best to fill.

Promotion

A very successful social event held recently was the base accounts section party. Winco Bootle officiated as bartender so efficiently that F/S Jim Reilly offered him a position in the sergeants' mess. S/L J. T. Cresswell definitely proved that life begins at 40. Doing some fancy rug-cutting a la française was W/O Louis Frechette, who was paid the great compliment of being mistaken for an Irishman while on leave in The Ould Sod recently.

Another highlight of the local social season was the dance held in the base station officers' mess, where an abundance of good food, etc., etc., produced a memorable night. Terpsichorean wolves in full operation included Winco "Chuck" Burgess, Port Credit; F/L "Huck" Walker, Port Hope; F/L Strathdee, Winnipeg and Toronto; F/L Bert Bond, F/L T. B. Barry and F/Os Dave Dougal and F. H. D. Minchin.

Ladies present included Flt/O Kay Smith, Victoria, and S/Os Joan Watkins, Victoria, and Neil Ross, Vancouver; S/L G. D. Galdwick was in good voice as usual and was prevailed upon to render a short solo.



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

ALOUETTES

Unit Grabs Cup Again

For the third successive month the Base efficiency award goes to the Alouette squadron. By leading the group in operational and training hours they hold top place with a record that will be hard to beat.

Mystery

Black Bull Boys

In the absence of G/C J. G. Kerr, AFC, W/C H. R. F. Dyer, DFC, Minnedosa, Man., stepped up from CI to CO temporarily and S/L Danny Allan, DFC, Lennoxville, Que., OC of B flight, moved up to CI.

There is considerable motion in other quarters too. F/L George Pierce, Boston, Man., base educational officer, is doing a good job organising the Forum, weekly discussion group which invites outside speakers with international backgrounds and views.

S/L Cameron, Toronto, padre deserves some orchids for his efforts in working up a fine musical appreciation hour each Thursday. Cpl. Bill Mills, Trail B.C., a Canadian in the RAF, is literally a hound for operas. How about giving the Appreciation Hour a helping hand, Willie?

F/L Al Brontford and F/L Don Walkey, Lethbridge, Alta., are among the new arrivals here.

Jerky Jim

It is evident that our muscles aren't going to go flabby after all, for this week F/L Jim Carnie, a physical jerk promoter, arrived to supervise the contortions. Jim is an ex-YMCA man from the Broadview branch in Toronto.

One of his henchmen, Cpl. Gusola, Vancouver, affectionately known as Shadowless Gus, because he isn't a sergeant on the shadow roster, claims to be the oldest PTI corporal overseas. Is this judged by seniority or age, Gus? You don't look a day over 40!

While on the grunt and groan subject, friends of Cpl. Ike Carson, Winnipeg, will be pleased to know he's progressing favorably in SSQ. Ike at one time was a welter weight-lifting champ of North America, but now unfortunately is horizontal for a spell in sick bay.

PILOT TURNS UP AT UNIT FROM GERMANY

Crews of the Alouette squadron were resigned to the loss of their flight commander, S/L Jerry Philbin, DFC, Valleyfield, Que., when his Halifax exploded in mid-air after being hit by flak over enemy territory. They underestimated his luck and stamina. He is now back with his squadron and preparing for repatriation, having completed a tour.

Injured in the legs when he parachuted into enemy-held France, Philbin was taken prisoner and sent to a German hospital. He is now fully recovered and though 18 pounds lighter in weight has been passed physically fit by the air force.

AG SURVIVES THOUGH KITE'S TAIL CHEWED

A rear-gunner with the Snowy Owl squadron, Sgt. Art Read, Hamilton, Ont., figured in a mid-air collision. "We were over Le Mans when another aircraft ripped right over us. The props did most of the damage, smashing the starboard rudder and fin and knocking out the port engine." F/O Jack Ward, Winnipeg, piloted the kite safely to base. Read has now completed a tour.

F/S "Pat" Patterson is wondering what happened to his new motor bike. It is rumored the bike was towed back from some distance.

W/C Hugh Ledoux, Montreal, new squadron boss, is settling into his new job. This may mean a bit of leave for his crew. Also finding his chair more comfortable is F/O Steve Bascom, Toronto, who took over bombing leader's duties when F/O Bert Sunley, Sask., went to another squadron.

After screened leave F/O Dave Ungerman, Toronto, returned to the station long enough to put in for a four days' pass. The mess was quiet when he went to Leeds for the Jewish holidays.

Tour Finished

Having completed a tour, P/O Ryan, DFC, Toronto, is the latest skipper to entertain his ground crew at the local. The great do was carried on after pub hours at the billet. P/O Dave Morin, Cornwall, Ont., entertained at the hot plate while slightly groggy, trying to fry eggs.

New commissions went to P/Os Bill Bricley, Hamilton; Ed Fleming, Winnipeg; and Johnny A. Holtby, Hawkesbury, Ont. Holtby was seen sporting a definitely operational hat just over two days after the new rank came through.

washings of green paint brighten up the navigation section these days and keep the boys busy. A real gesture as long as Henri "Wabbots" Jacobs, Oshawa, can refrain from painting rulers, pencils, etc., into the tables.

GUNNER BAGS HUN ON RETURN FROM BREMEN

Making a return trip from Bremen, two Ontario gunners, Sgts. Jimmy Main, Toronto, and Roy Cunningham Lindsay, took on three German fighter attacks at one minute intervals, sending one down in flames and scaring off the other two.

Breaking out of the clouds, a Me109 came down on them, guns firing. Main and Cunningham hit back and the Hun twisted down to earth, wreathed in clouds of smoke. With hardly a pause to breathe, an unidentified fighter came in for a quick exchange of fire. He left in a hurry.

A minute later a second Me109 stooped in and after a brief flurry of fire, coupled with sharp evasive action, the Canadian crew continued on their way unmolested.

FLAK FLIES FAST ON HAPPY VALLEY TRIPS

Belgium.—Happy Valley continues to be a hot spot according to Wildcat Typhoon pilots who recently attacked and cut a rail line near Wesel in the Ruhr. "Jerry obviously stations his best flak people in the Ruhr," commented F/O Harry Upham, Minneapolis. "I don't care to spend much of my time in that neighbourhood. There were all kinds of smoke screens on the ground and we nearly ran into a balloon barrage. Looks to me like he means to hold on to that place," he added.

The sortie was led by F/L Ross Reid, Toronto, while the CO, S/L Jack Beirnes, Tofield, Alta., flew in the number three position.



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WINDSOR UNIT BLASTS PATHWAY FOR TROOPS

Two flights of the City of Windsor Squadron, led by the CO, S/L O. C. Kallio, DFC, Ironwood, Mich., made recent attacks on Verucchie and the area about Ant Arcangelo, bombing and ground strafing in support of our advancing armies. The bombs were loosed from a height of 2,000 feet. Four direct hits were scored.

Light Flak

Gun pits about Ant Arcangelo were hit by a flight commanded by F/L Evans, Kirkland Lake, Ont., but they continued to throw up intensive light flak. A large truck fell to F/L Dave Goldberg, Hamilton, Ont., and the CO during subsequent strafing. This followed Goldberg's success of three hits on the town.

The final round of the day was six miles north-west of Rimini. Bombs were dropped from 1,500 feet with two very near misses, just eight yards from the gun pits. Jerrie's guns attempted to stave off the bombers' determined attack with intense light ack-ack fire.

Other Canadian men on this mission included F/O R. E. Kent, Vancouver, F/O J. R. L. E. Jeune, Bathurst, N.B., F/O T. R. Wilson, Toronto, F/O A. F. McWilliams, Loreburn, Sask., F/O C. J. Malone, London, Ont., and F/O K. R. Curtis, Toronto.

CALGARY BOMBER ACE BOOSTED TO AIR RANK

W/C Bill Pleasance, DFC and Bar, Calgary, who recently completed a tour as CO of the Moose squadron, has been promoted to the rank of Group Captain and given command of the station from which the Alouette and Snowy Owl squadrons operate.

Before coming to Great Britain, G/C Pleasance instructed at Mount Hope and Pendleton, Ont. He commenced operational flying with the Iroquois squadron as a flight commander.

Pay Table Crumbs

Once again BAU has risen from the land of the dead to bring you another gossip column. It's been a hectic time recently with all the guys 'n' gals collecting on that long awaited leave to go to all corners of the Isles.

The love bug has bitten the unit forcibly of late. First we would like to congratulate two of the back-room kids on their recent weddings. LAW Gerry Woodcraft walked up the aisle to become the wife of Captain Hans Burkhardt, U.S. Army, while Cpl. Bert Williams took a train to Wales, where he became the proud husband of Lorna Lewis.

Next we encounter DA&PA, where Cpl. "Little Nell" Townley is blinding our eyes with a rock on the left hand. The lucky fiancée is LAC Emmett Fraser, stationed in Northern Ireland. Rumor has it that Cpl. "Mugsy" McCowan will be engaged shortly, with wedding bells before Christmas.

Last Friday the ball team attended a very fine banquet. All agreed it was a super do; anyone doubting this please contact F/S Leo Ladouceur.

F/L Grant's paternal instincts have led him to adopt a puppy and a kitten... and two packets of blotting paper.

A super Christmas concert, an all-star hockey team and a moustache are three of the big ventures scheduled around these parts for the winter season. The moustache will belong to F/L Bill Harding.

Congratulations to G/C McTaggart and S/L Pete Baenziger on their recent promotions. And of course a big hand to all the promotions around the unit lately.

GANDERSON BOSSES LION BOMBING UNIT

Command of the Lion squadron has been given to W/C Vaughan "Cowboy" Ganderon, DFC, Edmonton and Wainwright, Alta., succeeding W/C Mike Bryson, Barrie, Ont., who has completed a tour. A member of the Lion squadron during his first tour, W/C Ganderon held a staff post at Group Headquarters during his first period.

The nickname of "Cowboy" was tacked to the winco when he was forced to bail out of his aircraft, landing squarely on the back of a dozing cow in an English pasture.

HOT PILOT

Sweating out a tour of ops in the western desert is F/O Bob Church, Montreal. In October, 1939, he enlisted with the Victoria Rifles, was sent to England as a small arms instructor in July, 1940, and was later transferred to the RCAF and went back to Canada for pilot training.

CHEERS BUB



It's bottoms up for Beulah who's shown tossing off an old fashioned (milk). F/L J. W. Langmuir, Toronto, and F/O G. C. Rafter, Winnipeg, lend the helping hands. They got the three-month-old donkey from an Irishman at a fair. Back home you get a cigar. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

HEADQUARTERS

Mushballers Feted

W/C W. G. Attewell made the presentation of prizes to the winners of the house softball league during a banquet and dance last Friday night at the Paviour's Arms. In addition, the No. 1 DHQ Cup, which HQ copped, was presented to captain F/S George Alexander. The Streamliners were on the platform for the dance interval.

Teams

W/O George Artichuk accepted the cup for the winning alrmen's team (DMS). Members of the team were Cpl. Streich, Cpl. McDonald, Cpl. Marks, LAC Scott, Sgt. Campbell, Pte. Kilrea, Cpl. Boyce, Cpl. Shaus, LAC Horton and W/O Artichuk (captain). The runners-up team (APA) included Cpl. Windover, Sgt. Steele, Cpl. DeGrasse, Cpl. Wright, Cpl. Inglis, Cpl. Lehman, LAC Leigh-Spencer, Sgt. Tarver, Cpl. Anderson, Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Naschen, F/S Ladouceur (captain).

Records won the WD's house league pennant, besting the Pay-Offs aggregation. LAW Edna Harrison (captain) accepted the individual crests for her teammates, who included Cpl. Dalgleish, Cpl. Moore, LAW Humphreys, LAW Waldron, LAW Ganes, LAW Stewart, LAW Reid. The Pay-Offs team was represented by the following players: Cpl. Murray, Cpl. Smith, Cpl. Masters, LAW Donald, LAW Sim, Cpl. Vannier, Cpl. Grant, LAW Davidson and Cpl. McBride (captain).

The Camp Commandant pulled a surprise out of his sleeve when he presented Cpl. Alice Dalgleish with a set of souvenir medals for the alrwomen's HQ team who were runners-up at the RCAF softball tournament held at Edinburgh recently. S/L "Cy" Hanlon, F/O "Di" Cameron and Supervisors Fred Tadmam and Frank Meloshe were also present.

Gone Wrong

Engaged to be married: LAW Pearl Lucas, Windsor, Ont., to LAC Johnny Sharp, Minnedosa, Man. Both these young people slave among the files in PCR. The wedding date is still tentative.

Dandelion of the year goes to LAC Bentley, long-time stalwart of the discip office, who is going

all out for the Seventh Victory Loan drive. Bentley's accomplishments are many and varied, but our wildest dreams never included this genial gent as a bond salesman.

A cable reached WINGS ABROAD office last week date-lined Ottawa and reading "Le Canadian est la" (signed) Jimmy Duval. Jimmy, a former editor of this sheet, is perhaps best remembered as a one-time perpetrator of this hyar column.

Last Saturday the RAAF tennis team defeated the RCAF HQ team 3 to 1 in match play at the Lincoln's Inn Fields courts. The Canadian team sorely missed the help of Winco Walter Martin, who was away on leave.

Players

The RAAF team was represented by F/S Jack Perryman, Sgt. Noel Milliken, F/O Ted Clark and LAC Bruce Roberts. The RCAF team included S/L J. R. Jackson, Cpl. Jerry Wayland, F/O Beck and Sgt. Bruce Harrison.

Here is the official gen on those rumors that have been circulating these past few days about the big HQ dance for other ranks. The date: Wednesday, October 18. The place: Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, W.I. (nearest Underground station: Baker Street). The dancing commences at 8 o'clock and continues until 11.30, with music supplied by the Streamliners. The admission charge is only 2s., and two bars will be operating—and we do mean operating—during the evening.

This event is being staged under the banner of the Seventh Victory Bond campaign and \$50.00 bonds are to be given as door-prizes. A floor show is being planned and the organizers hope to present some top-line entertainers. Better make an early b'd for your ducats!

IROQUOIS SQUADRON

Braves Buying Bonds

Canada's Seventh Victory Loan campaign is one of the important doings around the Iroquois Squadron this week. The whole squadron has been divided into sections and the boys are getting down to the problem of paying for the war with a little of their spare cash.

To date no total of sales has been announced, but according to F/L R. M. "Bob" Mickles, the squadron adjutant who is looking after the campaign, the prospect of a record sale looks pretty good.

On some of the recent daylight sorties the squadron has been practising formation flying under the direction of the Head Brave, W/C Eric M. Mitchell, Wolfville, N.S., and Ottawa, who has just returned from a short leave. Not only does it look smart, it has a definite military value.

F/L Harold McVicar, Otterburn, Sask., and his crew were screened from further immediate operational flying this week as they finished their first tour. Included in his crew is P/O Art Carlisle, Hamilton,

WAG. On a recent trip to Sterkrade in the Ruhr they were attacked 12 times by Nazi fighters, but bombed successfully and on the way back got an Me109.

P/O Pierre Baudet, Montreal, a bomb alrmer from the Iroquois squadron who went missing last November, turned up the other day to get a warm welcome on his surprising reappearance.

Five of the Iroquois air crew types who have finished their tour of operational flying are on their way back to Canada. The departures this week include F/O A. Ferstman, Toronto, navigator, and the following gunners: P/Os E. H. Carefoot, Vancouver, J. B. A. Lamoureux, Edmonton, F. G. Lewis, Hamilton, and D. M. Hendrie, Kipp, Alta.



MIDDLE EAST

No. 1 joe in the world-wide band of radio mechs is F/L Bill Martin, Galt, Ont., who was the first in his trade to enlist in the RCAF back in October, 1940. Four years of martyrdom hasn't cooled his interest in radio for at the end of the war he plans to return to the peace-time game of ham operator.

He went through London's blitzes before going to the Middle East. He was once forced to lie down on the floor of a train while Jerry gave the coaches a neat and thorough working-over. Martin now gets a big kick out of a salute from his father, a corporal in the RCAF and an RSM in the last war.

"Ici et La"

Le sous-officier breveté de première classe J. F. Berthiaume, de Farnham, Que., doit retourner au Canada pour raisons de santé. Mitrailleur sansilliste, il vole avec l'escadrille des Alouettes depuis le mois de février. Il fit ses missions avec différents équipages, volant comme simple mitrailleur, pour accomplir son tour plus vite.

Le lieutenant de section Joseph Cléo Gauthier, un pilote qui a complété deux tours d'opérations avec des escadrilles de la RAF, était de passage cette semaine à Londres. Il revenait des Indes et se dirigeait vers le Canada, où il est rapatrié. Gauthier a six avions à son crédit, et au-delà de deux mille heures de vol.

Le sous-officier breveté de deuxième classe Pierre Carrière de Montréal a complété un tour d'opérations avec une escadrille de bombardiers légers. Il était mitrailleur à bord des Mitchell, et fit des envolées de coopération avec l'armée.

Le commandant d'escadre Charles Ledoux était à Londres cette semaine, avec tout son équipage. Il profita de sa permission pour visiter ses amis au quartier-général de l'aviation.

Le sous-officier breveté de première classe Ernest Chabot, de Winnipeg, est maintenant moniteur dans une école de tir de la RAF. Il avait complété son tour d'opérations il y a quelques mois, comme mitrailleur-arrière à bord d'un Lancaster.

Le lieutenant de section Yvon Côté, DFC, a profité de son séjour à Londres pour faire une émission radiophonique au Canada. L'ancien commandant de section de l'escadrille Alouette a été affecté dernièrement comme instructeur dans une école préparatoire au vol de guerre.

Le correspondant de guerre français de la Presse Canadienne, M. Maurice Desjardins, rentré à Londres samedi après avoir été sur le continent depuis le début de l'invasion. Bien qu'attaché à l'armée canadienne, il a eu l'occasion de rencontrer là-bas un grand nombre de pilotes de chasse canadiens. A Londres il a eu l'occasion de rencontrer son beau-frère, l'aviateur-chef Robert Boissel,

RADIO ROUNDUP

Technical laboratory assistant in the plant pathology section of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture to radio officer is a pretty far cry, but that's just what F/L Leo Jacques, St. Boniface, Man., has done. After a struggle with the recruiting office, he was accepted as a radio man, and came overseas in 1941 as a LAC. He is now with RAF Bomber Command.

In line with the example set by scores of Canadian radio mechs, he married an English girl, LACW Joan Bardsley, WAAF, Cheshire, who works in Bomber Command.

The Hollywood formula, boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy wins girl, is not unknown to Canadians serving with RAF Bomber Command. As late as last February, F/O Allan Adams, radio officer, Montreal, was declaring that he would never stand for a woman being posted to his section.

After that it was inevitable that a woman radio mech should be sent to him, that he should fall for her, be posted away, and wind up marrying her. The girl was LACW Awanwy Griffith, WAAF, Llandrindod, Wales.

NEW TIGER PILOT IS VETERAN GOLDFISHER

Newcomer to the Tiger squadron for a second tour of ops is F/O E. W. Smith, Metic Beach, Que., who earned membership in the Goldfish Club and was shot down over his own base in his first tour.

In August, 1941, pilot of a Whitley, Smith set out for Frankfurt when his aircraft was attacked by a Nazi fighter. His tanks were pierced, and he lost his petrol, so they came down in the North Sea. An ASR launch picked up the crew from their dinghy after only six hours in the water.

un mécanicien de l'escadrille "Goose."

L'officier-pilote Roger Vincent était en permission, lorsqu'il reçut avis de son rapatriement. Mitrailleur, il a complété son premier tour d'opérations. Il a célébré cette nouvelle avec deux camarades, les officiers-pilotes Albert Boyer et Louis-Philippe Roch. Ce dernier, de passage à Edinbourg, a dit avoir rencontré le commandant d'escadre Jos Lecomte, qui était en congé là-bas.

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Sun., Oct. 15. 1030-1100, G. Calling all Canadians. 1545-1600, A. The Western Five. 1715-1755, A. AEF Special-The RCAF Streamliners.

Mon., Oct. 16. 1815-1845, A. Music from the Pacific. 2030-2100, A. The Canada Show.

Tues., Oct. 17. 1001-1030, A. Morning After, The Canada Show (Repeat). 1430-1500, A. RCAF Headquarters Band. 1715-1755, A. Canadian Army Military Band. 1905-1915, A. Canadian Sports Roundup.

Wed., Oct. 18. 0930-1000, A. Music from Canada. 1115-1145, G. Music from the Pacific. 1145-1200, A. Piano Parade. 1145-1200, G. The Western Five. 1430-1500, A. Serenade for Strings. 1915-1945, A. The RCAF Streamliners. 2201-2230, A. Stardust.

Thurs., Oct. 19. 1715-1740, A. The Canada Swing Show. 2230-2259, A. Reminiscing.

Fri., Oct. 20. 0930-1000, A. The AEF Ranch House. 1410-1430, A. The Old Songs. 2105-2115, A. The Canada "Sing" Show.

Sat., Oct. 21. 0825-0900, A. The Canada Show Dance Orchestra. 2201-2230, AG, Johnny Canuck's Revue.

INTRUDER DUO PLASTER NAZI

Brooklyn Pilot Covers Crippled Craft To England

Together since early training days in Canada, F/L Stan Cottrill, DFC, Bramsville, Ont., and Toronto, and F/L Dave Forsyth, Brooklyn, N.Y., teamed recently on a day intruder mission on which they scattered three Huns, downing one of them.

With the City of Edmonton squadron the two pilots with their navigators had crossed the enemy-held coast when they spotted two FW190s and one Me109 flying together. Instead of attacking, the Jerries streaked off.

When they wheeled around in a turn Forsyth said he would take the first, but the Jerries went down to land.

"We shot over them," related Cottrill, "and as the last one was going in to land Dave let fly with one of the most beautiful shots I have ever seen. He hit the fellow square and he just burst into flame and dived in."

As they swept over the field streams of flak came up and Cottrill saw his port engine burst aflame. His machine also was hit on the tail-plane, fuselage and main-spar, completely wrecking his wiring system. He could not communicate with Forsyth and he could not feather the damaged motor.

But Forsyth stayed on his tail while Cottrill nursed his plane back to England for a crash landing.

R-DEPOT BAND WILL PLAY BOND CONCERT

The band of the RCAF Repatriation Depot will play in Warrington October 18 and 19 in connection with Canada's 7th Victory Loan campaign being held in the Dominion and overseas from October 12 to 26.

The two concerts in Warrington, under the baton of F/L M. E. Boudry, RCAF Director of Music Overseas, will be part of the program being conducted abroad to add impetus to bond buying by RCAF personnel overseas.

MARK 4876?

An emergency modification to the propeller of the Typhoon flown by F/O William Harle, Peterborough, Ont., was necessary when the tips were bent while taking off. There were no spares, so the mechanics cut seven inches off the end of each blade.

"It flies just as well as it ever did," said Harle on his return from an operational flight.

CHIEF TALKS TO AEF FIGHTERS

Holland.—Before an assembly of pilots of an RCAF dive-bombing Typhoon wing and an RAF rocket-firing wing, Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, KCG, DSO, C-in-C AEF, spoke here recently on the magnificent work done by fighters and fighter-bombers in the campaigns through France, Belgium and Holland.

"I want you to realize that there is no doubt in my mind that the airmen in particular have, I should say, done more than anything else to win these colossal battles which we have won," said Sir Trafford. "Within two days of the launching of the terrific adventure, the German army had to abandon road movement by day, resulting in great delays and permitting the Allied armies to move and mass at will."

LEGION OPENS LEAVE HOTEL AT BELFAST

A new Canadian Legion club, Kensington Hotel, was opened in Belfast last week by the Governor of Northern Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn, accompanied by the Duchess of Abercorn. The Governor emphasized the pleasure Ulster had in welcoming Canadian personnel to Northern Ireland. The hotel, located in Fisherwick Place, is now ready to accommodate Belfast-bound Canadians.

G/C G. E. M. Scott represented the AOC-in-C, RCAF Overseas, at the opening ceremonies.

Col. W. Rae, DSO, overseas director of the Canadian Legion War Services, presided. The Prime Minister, Sir Basil Brooke, recalled his long association with Canadians in the last war.

PLANES ERASE SEVEN KRAUTS

In the face of heavy flak, a Coastal Sunderland attacked a German submarine hundreds of miles from land. Depth charges dropped overshoot the sub, but their machine guns eliminated seven of the sailors responsible for the barrage.

A Halifax bomber of Coastal Command, returning from an uneventful patrol, sighted the airsea battle and joined the attack. Through the ack-ack still being thrown up, anti-sub bombs were dropped and the U-boat rocked with the violence of the explosions.

Sgt. L. W. Barker, London, Ont., turret gunner, fired 1,500 rounds into the sub as they roared over the target, and as they circled the area let go with another 1,500 rounds, while Sgt. J. C. Hall, Trail, B.C., beam gunner, fired 150 rounds.

As the U-boat submerged, the seven sailors were swept into the sea, and lack of petrol forced the Halifax to return to base. No more was seen of the sub.

CIGARETTES FROM B.C. FUND CEASE

The British Columbia Government has agreed to a curtailment of the B.C. Overseas Tobacco Fund insofar as accepting orders for delivery to British Columbia personnel in the Canadian Forces overseas. This came into effect when the new Federal scheme was inaugurated and cigarettes and tobacco were shipped over in bulk, with the labels following by air mail as orders were placed.

However, the B.C. Tobacco Fund will continue to accept orders for British Columbia prisoners of war and they will continue to distribute cigarettes and tobacco, through the Agent-General, to men in British hospitals and those who have received decorations for valor.

Since the inception of the Fund, 4 1/2 years ago they have shipped 138,000,000 cigarettes and 25,000 pounds of tobacco to British Columbia House in London.

FIGHTERS BOOSTED

Two new Spitfire pilots to be promoted are F/L A. G. "Sandy" Borland, Guelph, Ont., City of Oshawa squadron, and F/L Gordon Smith, Nelson, B.C., who is with the Red Indians.

VICTORY FRUIT

F/L R. M. Williams, Vancouver, believes that Virgil had the right idea when he said, "I fear the Greeks even when they are bringing gifts."

One of the first casualties of the Peloponnesian campaign, he was temporarily blinded by a pomegranate, hurled as a grateful tribute by a delirious damsel. She didn't realize that a jeep going 25 miles an hour can turn a graceful gift into a deadly missile.

KITES SHOOT UP DUTCH RAILWAYS

An RCAF Typhoon wing has made movement a nightmare for German railwaymen and travellers in northern Holland since the evacuation of Arnhem. Dive bombing and cannon attacks have resulted in 66 rail lines cut with bombs, 77 locomotives destroyed by bombs or cannon fire, 400 goods trucks damaged by cannon fire, two vital rail bridges destroyed despite fierce anti-aircraft fire, six railway stations, marshalling yards and other installations wrecked by bombs.

These attacks were made by a wing operating from the airfield commanded by G/C Paul Y. Davoud, DSO, DFC, Kingston, Ont. On several days they flew in bad weather.

AIR SECRETARY PAYS VISIT TO RCAF GROUP

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Britain's Secretary of State for Air, paid his compliments to Canadian fliers during a recent luncheon engagement at the largest operational base in RCAF Bomber Group.

"You have done a magnificent job here. One of which all Canada might be proud," he said.

Sir Archibald flew directly to the airfield with G/C Sir Louis Grieg, RAF, senior Air staff officer at the group; Air Commodore J. L. Hurlley, Ottawa, CO of the base; G/C Clare Annis, OBE, Toronto; G/C H. H. C. Rutledge, Ottawa, and G/C W. P. Pleasance, DFC and Bar, Calgary. The latter three are commanding officers of the stations in the base.

W/C Charles Burgess, Port Credit, CO of the Thunderbird squadron, W/C Roy McLernon, DFC, Montreal, CO of the Goose squadron, and W/C Gerald McKenna, Kingston and Ottawa, CO of the Snow Owl squadron, were present.



"LOVE STORY" (Gaumont, Haymarket)

Margaret Lockwood given but a few months to live, Stewart Granger going blind from a flying accident in the RAF, the triangle completed by a "good pal" girl, Patricia Roc, and Yorkshireman Tom Walls acting the perfect match-maker; these are the ingredients of a good love story with a Cornish setting, familiar scenery to many Canadians. It is a woman's picture, and an excellent one.

"JAM SESSION" (Tivoli)

Six name bands in one 74-minute film make this Columbia picture a natural for hep folk. Louis Armstrong, Charlie Barnett, Alvino Rey, Jan Garber, Glen Gray and Teddy Powell lead their outfits in a variety of hot trumpetings. There are new twists to old favourites like "I Can't Give You Anything but Love" and new numbers.

Ann Miller and Jess Barker share the lead and Charles D. Brown and Eddie Kane head the supporting cast. For good measure the Pier Pipers and Nan Wynn add further to the music.

"DRAGON SEED" (Empire)

Blue-voiced Katharine Hepburn, long typed as the idle glamor girl, faces almost insurmountable difficulties in the role of Jade, liberal-minded Chinese girl, heroine of this typical Pearl Buck yarn. But Miss Hepburn, talented actress, experienced both on the stage and before the camera, does the almost impossible and makes this strange character seem plausible.

The supporting cast is studded with fine actors, Walter Huston, Akim Tamiroff, J. Carrol Naish, Agnes Moorehead, and a particularly fine piece of work done by Aline MacMahon. But for intelligent acting, this two and a-half hours of fine entertainment could have become mighty grim.

"ADDRESS UNKNOWN" (Tivoli)

Columbia's excellent adaptation of the book by the same name. Paul Lukas plays the lead supported by a well-cast aggregation including Carl Esmond, Peter Van Eyck, Mady Christians and Morris Carnovsky. This vehicle serves as introduction for Miss K. T. Stevens, who turns in a nice performance for a film debut. Although the theme is old, the treatment is new and this pic is well worth seeing.

CANADIAN IN ROCKET ATTACK OFF NORWAY

A formation of six cannon-firing Mosquitos recently attacked and seriously damaged two enemy minesweepers in Sogne Fjord, north of Bergen, in Norway. Only Canadian with the flight was F/O Kenneth Wing, North Battleford, Sask., who scored six hits on the German vessels. The attacks were made in spite of intense ack-ack fire.

OSHAWA PAIR CHASE HUN FOR RHINE KILL

An Me 109 was shot down last week by F/L D. W. Harling, Montreal, with the Oshawa squadron, and his CO, S/L J. F. McElroy, DFC and Bar, Kamloops, B.C. It was the only enemy aircraft the wing had seen all day. The two fliers chased it up the Rhine from Nijmegen and made their kill.

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Advertisement for 'DRAGON SEED' film, featuring Katharine Hepburn and Aline MacMahon. Text includes 'SEE IT FOR YOURSELF...', 'the film which a million New Yorkers saw in the first 50 days of its run...', and '2nd Week'.

Advertisement for 'CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS?' featuring Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly in 'CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY' (A) at Leicester Sq. THEATRE. Text includes 'Last week' and 'A NEW UNIVERSAL PICTURE'.

Advertisement for 'GREENWICH VILLAGE' at ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE. Features Phyllis Dixey in 'PEEK-A-BOO' and other acts like 'CARMEN MIRANDA A PLEASURE TO WATCH'.