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## SCENERY



Visit lovely Holland, land of windmills and pretty girls in wooden shoes, of picturesque canals and air heavy with the scent of a million tulips. Here you see one of the scenic airfields used by R.C.A.F. airmen. Beautiful, ain't it?

## .... MORE SCENERY



# CANUCKS H LANCS HIT BATTLESHIP WITH 12,000-POUNDERS

Pride of German Fleet in Tromsoe Fjord As Two RAF Squadrons Make Daylight Strike

## CLEAR WEATHER HELPS ATTACKERS

Sunday morning two squadrons of RAF Lancasters plastered the 45,000-ton battleship Tirpitz with 12,000-pound earthquakers, sending the pride of the German fleet to the bottom of Tromsoe Fjord. Canadians had a share in the dramatic action.

This third attack on the Tirpitz with 12,000-pound bombs was favored by clear weather. Crews had excellent views of the target and photographic reconnaissance personnel worked under ideal conditions.

# SPITS FLY IN BAD WEATHER BAD WEATHER Cinadian Fighters Put In 94 Sorties in 24-Hour Period In a recent 24-hour period Canadian Spitfires flew on 94 sorties, despite bad weather. They were mainly concerned with ral cuttings. One squadron made nine direct Working with the crew of a Lancaster, F/L Jack Loftus, Toronto, was responsible for some of the motion pictures showing the stricken battleship in its final struggle. Loftus had been over the Tirpitz on a prevous daylight raid. Loftus' skipper, an Australian flight lieutenant, described the weather as ideal. Said he "Now at last' we knew that we had our chance. The first bombs fell just beyond the sorties, despite bad weather. They were mainly concerned with ral cuttings. One squadron made nine direct



"Blackle" Williams.

# ON FURLOUGH

Mosquito Veteran Wins DSO for Holiday Shooting

As two Do217s started their bombing run over a convoy of five Allied destroyers south-west

on a Typhoon nghter-bomber wing opened again with an early morning reconnaissance flight in northern Holland which cost the enemy three trains.

Two pilots, F/L Delbert English, New Westminster, B.C., and F/O J. A. D. Gordon, Lachite, Que., cannoned three destroyed tant as reit remarkable and save savered and the locomotive to provide immobilised targets for the set of mobilised targets for the provide immobilised targets for the locomotive and the locomotive and

## WINGS ABROAD

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## CASUALTIES

# 1890—POLICE GAZETTE—1944

Grandpa's Spice Sheet Reborn As RCAF's Smart "SP Bulletin"

Thumbing through the Service Police Bulle in is a little hard on the layman's conscience. The more you read the guiltier you feel until you reach the point of retribution and decide the time has come for turning over



"Some of our big dayl'ght raids," said G/C Sisley, were made by groups of electric BE2Cs, six FE2Bs and four FE8 fighters-18 a'rcraft in all. We would rendezvous at 10,000 feet, an enormous height then and practically the ceiling when our kites carried two enormous 120 lb. bombs. At other times we carried four 20 lb. bombs. At night we flew by the use of four instruments."

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"Ici et La"

Le chef d'escadrille Lionel Depuis, DFC, a terminé il y a quesque temps son premier tour s'operations, dont il a raison d'être fier: il se dit chanceux de l'avoir terminé sans encombre, et attribue une grande part de son succès à la vonne entente Je l'équipage, et particuliètement de son navigateur, le neutenant de section C. D. Stevens, DFC. Tous deux sont d'Ottawa.

Un des premiers gestes posés par le capitaline de groupe Jos Lecome, DIV, en devenant commandant d'une unite au groupe de bombardement canadien, fut d'auresser la purole à une réaution d'armuriers: les valilants technicieus sans qui le record de l'escadrille "Alouette" n'eût pas été possible appiaudrant les paroles du commandant, qui fut loin, cependant, de leur promettre le repos pour les journées à venir, mais bien un surcroit de travail.

# AT 55/10 A PAIR

DEAL allk stockings were on sale in a London store yesterday at 55/10 a pair.

They are machine-knitted, fully fashloned, ribbed, and look like eyeling stockings except that they are of finer texture. The colours are grey, mauve, and blue. They are made from a reserve of spun silk and cost three coupons the same as other alockings, but are said to last four times as local.

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# CONTEMPORARY CHARACTERS ... 4 MAFF"



# FIGHTERS BOG DOWN IN MUD

## Spitfires Fly Missions In Spite of Poor Weather

Itely.—After a four-day lull due to a mud-covered airfield, City of Windsor pilots took advantage of a good day's weather to fly four missions against enemy troop and gun positions in the Forli-Ravenna area recently.

Flights of six aircraft each carried out the attacks and the score sheet showed four enemy strongpoints pummelled and four direct hits on each target. The day opened with an attack on 12 to 15 buildings in a town about six miles south-east of Ravenna. With no anti-aircraft opposition pilots made direct hits among the houses from 1,500 feet.

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hits among the houses from 1,500 feet.
Leader of the formation was F/O C. J. Malone, London, Ont., and as the buildings held German troops the filers emptied ammunition drums into what remained of the structures in three strafing runs.

Next target was a row of houses with enemy troops and guns in a town nine miles southwest of Forli. The attackers were led by F/L Dave Goldberg, Hamilton, Ont., and direct hits were scored. A building at one end of the row was seen to blow up.

The Windsors continued their winning ways in the afternoon. "We just couldn't miss," commented Malone. Moderately light flak damaged a stabiliser on the alteraft flown by F/O James Waslyk. It was the eighth time in two months his plane has been hit and he has been nicknamed "flak magnet."

In the last mission F/L Goldberg's crew dumped the day's regulation four hits on positions in a front line village outside Forli.

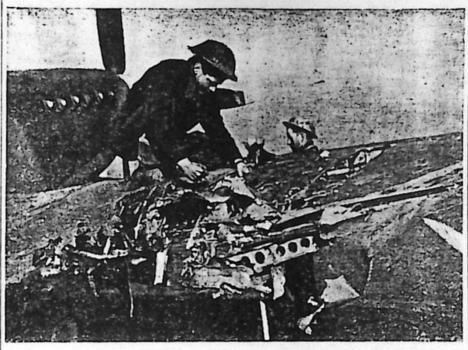
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## CHEWED UP



FIVE FREE FORMS FOR CHRISTMAS

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FOUR NEWCOMERS JOIN NIGHTHAWK SQUADRON

NIGHTHAWK SQUADRON

France—Four new membershave recently joined the Night-hawk squadron, two navigators coming direct from OTU and two pilots with overseas experience. They are PiO Bob Tellord, Toronto: Pi Raffain, Yar-Toronto: Pi

William McBride Hays, John Stuart Henry, Antonio Vanutell Joly, Norman Alexander Keene DFC, Donald Bennett McPher-son, Warren Senior Peterson William Alfred Richards

Five special air letter forms will be provided for each RCAF personnel overseas for free posting to Canada, United States and Newfoundiand for Christmas, it is announced by W/C D. C. Kerr, Chief of RCAF postal operations overseas.

The forms, known to the postal staff as "Christmas Issue 1944" must be posted by December 5 in order to reach destination by Christmas.



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# ENGTHY LIST OF AWARDS WON BY CANADIAN AIRMEN

Group Captain Wins Bar to DFC for Many Trips to Tough German Targets

A non-immediate Bar to the DFC to G'C R. J. Lane, DSO, DFC, and similar awards to seven other Canadian fliers top the most recent list of awards for RCAF personnel announced in the London Gazette. The list includes two immediate DFCs. 86 non-immediate DFCs and four non-immediate DFMs.

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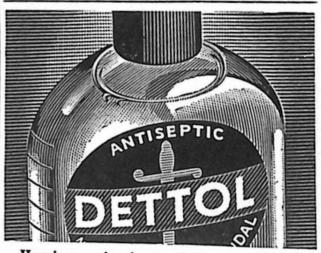
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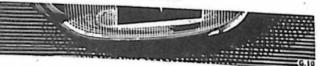
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LAMBERT FLIER
LEADS SNOWY OWLS

Veteran of 34 trips to enemy gets, W/C Jerry Edwards, Lambert, Que., has been pointed commanding officer the Snowy Owl squadron of AE Bender Com



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Black Bull Boys



Rejected by the USAAF as being over age, Lt. E. S. Hall, Apopka, Fla., went north to Montreal to enlist in the RCAF. That was four days before Pearl Harbour. To-day he has been screened from further operations, having completed a tour. "I talked to the USAAF recruiting sergeant," said Hall, "and he told me I was too old to enlist, though he asked if I wanted to blow a hagle."

While undergoing training in Canada Hall married a Saskatchewan girl. In September, 1943, he came overseas and was teamed up with six Canadians at OTU. He flew with this Halliax bomber crew as navigator until his recent screening. In December of list year he transferred to the American forces, but continued to fly with his original Canuck crew. Lt. Hall completed many operations, nine of them to major German targets.

With numerous operations to their credit, three more Cana-With numerous operations to their credit, three more Canadians have been screened front further operations. They are F/O L. Butt, Niagara Falls, Ont., bomb aimer, F/S L. W. Mcintyre, Hamilton, Ont., AG, and F/S Fred Lemon, Toronto, AG. "We had a very quiet tour," said Butt, "though once the port outer engine packed up on us before we reached Denmark on our way home. However, we got across the North Sea and landed safely. Enemy fighters attacked us on two occasions, but we managed to evade them without trouble."

While on a bombing attack on Dusseldorf Sgt. Earl Carney, Montreat, puot, and F/O Leo Kendaii, Rosemount, Que., AG, had a vivid experience with Nazi scarecrows, the curious rocket-like device which bursts into flames ahead of Aliied bombers and plummets to earth like a burning aircraft. Intended to frighten air crews into believing that bombers are being shot down all around them, its purpose is mainly propaganda.

"The first few fooled us," said Kendall. "We thought some of our aircraft were getting it. Then we noticed that all these flamers were at the same height and we spotted them as scarecrows." They spread flame all over the place when they hit the ground, like real aircraft, so they must have been loaded with petrol. That was the opinion advanced by Carney.

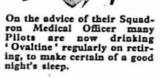
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## NOT IN THE ARMY?



you're in the Air Force, get behind that plow, bub! LAC Clare Ronald, Meadow Lake, Sask., shown with one foot in the furrow, finds oxen a new experience. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

Beaver Base Plays Santa

# Presentation of Crest

Big event of the week was the presentation to the base of our crest, officially approved and signed by His Majesty the King. The presentation was appropriately made by Air Vice Marshal C. M. McEwen, MC, DFC, who, as original commander of the Bomber Group's gen operational base, instituted the application to the Chester Herald for the grant of a crest.

# Claus to Yorkshire Kids

It won't be long now before the good old Yuletide season is with us again and with it a little touch of Canada in the Port of Hull Society's Sallors' Orphan Home, located for the duration

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## HEADQUARTERS

# Sport Holds Spotlight

The sports scene around Smoke still provides the highlights of the week. Basketball held the spotlight with five games, four male and one female, entered on the list. Bingo and bridge organizers converted more supporters to their banner last week, and dart enthusiasts jammed the Harrodian club to fire the feathered weapons

Cage Games

PADRE MEETS

MEN IN EAST

Ceylon.—First Roman Catholic padre with the Canadian forces in the Far East, S/L M. S. Lynch, of St. Mchael's College, Toronto, is now touring Inda, Cylon and Burna, recovered from an attack of Dengue fever and an unfortunate experience with his first bearer.

When Father Lynch's aircraft landed in New Delhi and he was quartered in a meas, he followed the usual procedure of officer in the Far East and acquired the services of a personal barer. The bearer showed up at six in the morning, buslly engaging himself with laying out the padre's clean clothes. An hour later he disappeared and will him went the padre's wrist watch, c'garette lighter and wallet, which contained 270 rupces (\$90).

Undismayed, the priest, former president of the Ontario Rupby Football Union, started off to find Canadian members of his fa'th in the RAF and RCAF squadrons. He selected Ceylor for his first calls, but shortly after he set foot on the island he was ordered to hospital with an attack of Dengue fever. Well-tanned after s'ck leave stand hill-station rest camp among Ceylon's waving nalms, the padre's work is finally under way.

ONTARIO EXTENDS

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ONTARIO EXTENDS
DOMINION SCHEME

Appointment of an Ontario director of rehabilitation has been announced by Premier George Drew, as Ontario Minister of Education. The director's responsibility will be that of organising throughout the province a pravinciar rehabilitation program to supplement that already planned by the federal and services authorities.

"So that the advantages of advanced education may been on every member of the services, it has been decided to set up a searchal instructional centre," Mr. Drew announced. Matriculation tutorial clases have been organised. Full instruction will be given and tests will be carried out periodically so those who attain the required standard will not have to wait for ordinary examinations.

For men and women requiring completion of elementary education to quality for vocational training, similar arrangements have been made.

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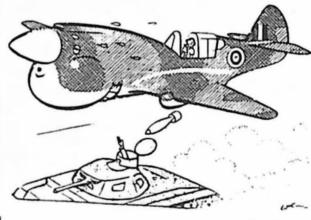
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## IROQUOIS SQUADRON

# Tribe Gets New Kites

The Iroquois squadron has followed the lead of her Moose and Ghost sister units in converting to Canadian-built Lan-casters Several crews have already been on operations in the new bomber, going to Oberhausen, Dusseldorf and Gelsen-



[Aeroplane

Heat and sand, a thirsty land. Sweat in the Kittyhawk's eye. Foodstuffs canned, the bare legs tanned. Strafing the Hun from on high. Six guns for the road and a bomb for the park. And a thousand-horse roar to chill the heart's spark

Quiet Corner - - - - - By Patience Strong

# A Letter from You

The skies may be arey, but to me they look blue—When there's a letter from you. My heart may be heary, but joy springs anen—when there's a letter from you.

One little line is enough to convey—all that you're fire's, any and hoping today. Out comes the sanshine, and cares tode array—When there's a letter from you.

When I am worried with doubts and with tears—How sweet is a letter from you! It's nearth all the waiting, the toil and the tears—we little letter from you. The cost of hope and be glad. Life seems much brighter because I have had—a letter ... A letter from YOU!



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## TIRPITZ SUNK

(Continued from page 1)

"There were several direct h'ts, and within a few minutes the ship capsized and sank. One of our aircraft is missing." Air Ch ef Marshal Sir Arthur Harris received congratulatory messages from Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the Admiralty.

From the Prime Minister: "Heartiest congratulations to all."

all."
From the Admiralty: "Request you will convey our warmest congratulations and thruks to those concerned in this very successful attack. It was a good job well done."



SAN DIEGO, I LOVE YOU (Leicester Square Theatre)

(Leicester Square Theatre)

As American as cheese and apple pie, this pie can carry you back to the land of "It can only happen here." For 83 minutes you can forget the war and settle down to a lot of laughs about a lot of unimportant things. When a bus can stray from its 10-year route to amble about the moonlit beaches of San Diego and gals wander into private houses by mistake for bed and breakfast, anything might happen.

Eliward Everett Horton, Eric Blore and Buster Keaton do everything that is expected off them. Joe Hell and Louise All-britton, in the star snots, are there only because they are there only because they are there shot down at might because they are there and breakest the story.

YANKEE NIGHTFIGHTER KNOCKS DOWN FOURTH

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France—Lieut. A. A. Harring ton, Ottawa, member of the Cougar squadron before transphing tour with the RCA.

Cougar squadron before transphing might happen.

Eliward Everett Horton, Eric Horton, Eric

# ASR Flier on Receiving End of Help Jobs Twice GFF (General Forces Program) 342 m., 877 kc. AEFP (Allied Exped Force Program) 514 m.; 1050 kc.

With flames and smoke belching from his aircraft F/L Jack Murray, Halifax, N.S., and Moncton, N.B., force landed his plane only to have it go out of control, race over the sides of a cliff and crash to the sea below.

Quick thinking by members of the crew enabled them to escape injury, and the event became just another experience in the life of an ASR crew.

Murray, himself a Goldfish, skippers a crew which spends its time saving Goldfish. Lest June he helped save five crew members from the aircraft of the late F/L D. E. Hornell, VC. and has shared in many other rescues.

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As proof of the dangers of the work, Jack has on two occasions been the "rescuer rescued." Such time he escaped injury ind returned to the task of taving life.

The trip which ended in the running leap from a cliff comnenced with a search for survivors from a distressed airmaft. Out over the sea, his lane caught fire and he piloted to the nearest land. He managed a ferced landing, but it he aircraft was so damaged that it could not be handled and the jump off the cliff, plane and till, followed.

H's first ditching occurred when he was searching the Atlantic for the crew of a RCAF Catalina which had been shot down while attacking a U-boat Roth engines of his Warwick cut out and there was no alternative to landing on the sea. Murray released his alreborne lifeboat and brought his machine down so skilfully no one was injured.

Holland.—More than 200 airmen on this Typhoon fighter bomber airfield stamped and whistled their approval of the concert presented by the RCAF road-show "Airscrews," recently, while a near-gale shook the airmen's mess hall. The audience encored the unes so steadily that the program went beyond its scheduled four. Particularly humorous were the musical pantomimes of Sgt. Don Angel, Winnipeg, who were the musical pantomimes of Sgt. Don Angel, Winnipeg, who shared the MC job with ventri loquist LAC Cy Leonard Leas de, Ont.

LAC Dave Davies, Winnipeg former CBC vocalist, accompanied by LAC Art Sorge Winnipeg, on the guitar, pleased all with sentimental songs.

Cpl. Joseph Stuthard, Mont real, demonstrated experiments on the piano.

## RADIO

Home News from Canada, AG

Canadians also contribute regularly to the following daily programs of the AEFP:

Rise and Shine, 0601-0700 and Combat Diary, 0901-0915.

Mark Up the Map. 1745-1755. Sunday, Nov. 19.-1030-1100, G

Adj. Ice Hockey from Canadi 5-1800, A, The Western Five. 1715-1755 A, The AEF Special.

Min., Nov. 20.—0730-0800, A. Return Engagement. 1630-1700 A. Fiesta. 2030-2100, A. Th. A. Flesta. 2 Canada Show.

Tues., Nov. 21.—1001-1030. A. Morning After the Canadi Show, repeat. 1430-1500. A Headquarters Band of the RCAF. 1715-1755. A. The Canadi uset Show. 2235-2259, A. Music from the Pacific.

from the Pacific.

Wed., Nov. 22.—0925-1000, A.

Music from Canada. 1115-1145

G, Music from the Pacific. 11451200, A. Piano Parade. 1145-1200

G, The Western Five. 1430-1500

A. Serenade for Strings. 17040

1855, A. Rhythm Musicale. 1901
1945, A., The RCAF Show. 2206
2255, A. Stardust.

There. Nov. 22.—1715-1740

Thurs., Nov. 23.—1715-1740, A The Canada Swing Show. 2235 2258, A. Reminiscing.

Friday, Nov. 24.—0925-1000, A
The AEF Ranch House. 1410
1430, A, The Old Songs. 1630
1700, A, Services Concert Hall.
2105-2115, A, The Canada "Sing"

Sat., Nov. 25.—0825-0900, A The Canada Show Dance Orchestra. 2201-2230. G, Johnn; Canuck's Revue. 2235-2258, A. Latin American Serenade.

## TOURS OVER

Members of TAF squadrons. the two Tempest pilots were voterans of the City of Montreal voking for targets for a test and found German rolling stock tationary in the marshalling stock tationar

## YANKEE NIGHTFIGHTER PAIR DAMAGE TRAIP'S **DURING CANNON TEST**

Holland.—Out on a cannon test, F/L W. B. Peglar, Toronto and F/L J. A. Malloy, Ottawa

lamaged a locomotive and more han 30 coaches in a marshalling yard in the Wesel area.

# RCAF Radio Show Ready For Allied Forces' Dials

RCAF Show—first of a new humor by Lt. Eric Barker, RN, series of radio programs and Pearl Hackney.

Special guests this week are of Allied troops in this theatre of war served by AEFP—made a gala debut last week.

The first audience show out of the more than 20 entertainment programs initiated each month by the RCAF from London, it provided 45 minutes of smooth melody, song and fun.

The shows are produced by the radio division of RCAF Public Relations with the co-operation of entertainment units of auxil.ary services and musical units of RCAF bands. They are under the direction of Sgt. Ted Hockridge.

Guest stars are drawn not only from the services but from British and American variety ind concert artists in Britain.

The CBC's Gerry Wilmott acted as MC for the first night in disconcert artists in Britain.

The CBC's Gerry Wilmott acted as MC for the first night indicence at the Criterion Theatre studio last week. Mus c was provided by the RCAF inches band under the direction of CPS Stu Saunders.

The 45 minutes included Gora Brith, leeding BBC songstress: Sqt. Te4 Hockridges accordion artist; snappy British completed 259 sorties.





## THE NUN MONKTON FERRY

The Limer pased airmen use this means of fransport to cross the river Ouse from the Beningborough Hall Estate to Nun Monleton . Their goal is the ALICE HAWTHORNE pub and an evening of darts, beer and eggs & chips.

