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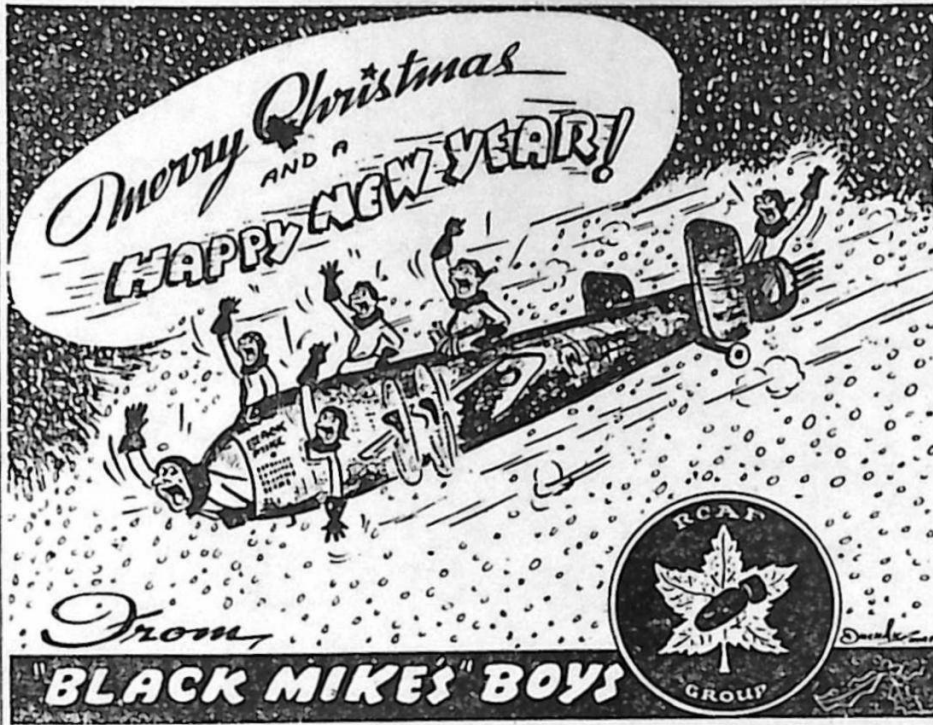
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Flight Engineer Officers.—V. R. Her- rick, Winnipeg; B. E. ...



BLUENOSE BLAST

Three-Way Celebrations

Celebrations for screened crews, gongs and repatriations have kept squadron messes resounding to many merry evenings lately.

P/O "Lucky" Brittain, Winni- peg, celebrated doubly because of his posting back to the squadron as night vision instructor on completing his tour and also because of his Christmas Eve wedding to a cute English lass.

S/L Nickerson, Kenora, Ont., who was recently screened, was appointed squadron training officer. His rear-gunner, Johnny Wullum, Pleasantdale, Sask., got his F/L the same day he was screened.

F/L Chuck Braly, Toronto, and F/L "Benny" Goodman, Picton, Ont., have both been screened after a long session of duty. Others who have joined the charmed circle of screened personnel are F/L George Falero, Ottawa, and crew, and F/O Murdoch Harvie, Montreal, and F/O Thompson, Toronto.

The repat section finds the following bidding adieu to their friends: F/O Orville Huysa, Winnipeg; Cpl. David Ite, Juper, Sask.; Ben Peterson, Victoria; P/O Ernie Hilton, Winni- peg; Gord Walters, Regina; Tom Gooden, Strathroy; A. C. Pepperall, Niagara Falls; Lanny Garding, who is taking a wife back to Westlock, Alta.

RADIO ROUNDUP

Until recently a radio officer on an RAF squadron in England, F/O J. O. Baker, Milltown, N.B., has been posted back to Canada on the completion of three years' service. He came to England as an LAC, later being attached to the RAF and promoted to the rank of corporal. Almost a year ago he was granted a commission and became senior radio officer on an RAF squadron which lists a large number of Canadians among the crew members.

R. M. Strachan, Chilliwack, B.C.; G. O. Fahrnt, Belkirk, Man. Education.—E. S. C. Paxton, St. David's, Ont. Flying Control.—R. McCormick. Messing.—N. J. Nazedkin, Gage, Alta. Special Services.—A. Bayefsky, Toronto; A. Worthyake, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

FOUR SPIT UNITS WEAR NICKNAMES

Holland.—With the City of New Westminster squadron taking the nickname of Cariboo, the Canadian Spitfire wing commanded by G/C G. R. McGregor, OBE, DFC, and W/C Dal Russel, DSO, DFC and Bar, both of Montreal, became a fully-labelled unit, all four squadrons having special monikers.

Aside from the Cariboo, commanded by S/L Bill Olmsted, DFC, of Hamilton, Ont., there are the Rams, headed by S/L Hedley Everard, DFC, Timmins, Ont.; the Grizzly Bears under S/L Gordon Lapp, Medicine Hat, Alta.; and Falcons led by S/L Dean Dover, DFC and Bar, Toronto.

PEG GUNNERS STAVE OFF FIGHTER ATTACKS

Two Winnipeg air-gunners recently fought off three enemy fighters enabling their skipper to get their heavy bomber back to base from an attack on a synthetic oil plant in the Ruhr. The gunners are F/S W. Molden, midupper, and F/S James Vine. The bomber weathered three fighter attacks by single planes in three minutes, and was hit about 20 times. No one in the bomber was injured. Molden scored a hit on an Me110 during the exchange of fire with the second plane to attack.

HALLY GOES ON MINUS A MOTOR

Despite the loss of an engine which cut out over their own base as they set course for Karlsruhe F/L D. T. Hepburn, Toronto, and his crew, get their Lion squadron Halifax to the target, bombed and returned.

F/L Hepburn paid tribute to the work of P/O T. P. Mitchell, Toronto, navigator, for his work on the trip. "He did a bang-up job," Hepburn said, "in order to reach the target I had to cut corners so as to preserve petrol. He figured out a course to get us there on time."

"The flight engineer, a Welshman, also did a grand job in equalizing the petrol in the tanks so I could maintain the necessary height to bomb." The bomber returned on its three working engines with only 50 gallons of gas left.

HEADQUARTERS

Hop Heralds Holiday

Prelude to the customary Christmas and the cue that the whistle had almost blown the "stop work" signal, came at Seymour Hall last Wednesday night when the HQ kids and kittens took their friends to the Yuletide raffle. Two bands, food and plenty of cheer made it one of the best of the year.

Battle of Music The PRC swingsters started the music while the HQ ork was busy beating it out on the CBC with the RCAF Radio Show. But motor transport whipped the latter group through the fog, so Cpl. Stu Sanders could stamp the outfit into some hot live. The PRC boys gave them a real band battle for the dance honors.

LAC Johnny Sharp and LAW Pearl Lucas, pairing around on and off the dance floor, won the first prize dance and opened the winnings for the gaze of fellow CR workers. Miss Joan Tankard, Knightsbridge civvie, and LAC W. D. McClure walked off with the second one.

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NIGHTFIGHTER CORNER Cougar Cagers Get Hot

Cougar squadron entered the local hoop loop in a burst of glory when they downed the Nighthawks 34-18 in their first encounter and served notice that they were in the field in earnest. Pacemakers for the victors were McLeod, Ferguson and Gardner. The line-up included F/O Jones, F/O Gallagher, Sgt. Bainbridge, LACs McPherson, Clubb, Morgan, Humnick and Cpl. Barley, coached by Cpl. Albert Edwards.

Get Even Nighthawks boosted their morale by defeating a local French team 59-37, with Nicholas going in for 11 points. Pierce, Crowder, Penhorwood and Stewart also made frequent trips to the basket for the Hawks.

Principal headache for the Cougar gang at the moment are the results of the trade test board which they just completed. Fingers are crossed in anticipation of the extra dix francs per jour.

F/O Johnny Watt was welcomed back as the Cougar squadron sports officer, and already the athletic types are talking up hockey, remembering a very close defeat at the hands of a Bomber Group squad which boasted Schmidt and Bauer in their line-up last year.

A repeat dance, staged by Adj. Eric Ward and F/O Hunt, highlighted the past week for the Cougars. "Snafu" Parker MCD the event.

The globe trotters of the unit are Clarence Comfort, Bill Thomson, Jack Cairgrave, George Thourkauf, Bob Blieloch and Dave Connelly, commuting between the local points of interest in the best rubberneck tradition. Ed Collyer is temporarily out of the fray, laid up with pneumonia, and we're wishing him a speedy recovery. We miss his cheery mug around the place.

Instrument section chief Cpl. Eed says, "It takes brain to be a panel gazer," and offers us proof a glimpse at home of his notable characters, such as Jim "Playboy" Brady, who claims

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ALL PLANES SENT

(Continued from page 1) again. The truck was destroyed," said Shaver. F/O Robert Lawrence, Edison, Alta., a veteran Typhoon pilot said: "There seemed to be plenty of mechanical transport all over the battle area but it was well organized with flak. Every time you go down you get shot at."

"This morning we got several horse-drawn vehicles, but it's hard to see what's on the wagons. There isn't any difficulty in finding them, but it's hard manoeuvring to get a shot at them with so much light flak posted along the roads."

"We were right over the battle area to-day where there was a terrific battle on. We could see the villages burning, and artillery fire. I was going down on a truck when an artillery shell hit right in front of it. I guess the gun and I were shooting at the same thing."

A cannon shell exploded inside the fuselage of Lawrence's aircraft, severing part of his controls, but he worked it back to the airfield to a neat landing after shaking down his landing wheels. The landing mechanism had been damaged by the same shell.

CANADIAN YANK

Canadian-born F/O H. L. Ruffall, who claims Vancouver as a home address, crossed the border from the United States to join the RCAF. Now he is finished his first tour with the Lion squadron after more than 25 trips to enemy targets.

TWO AWARDS TO RCAF MEN

Only two awards to RCAF personnel were announced this week in the London Gazette in the lull between Christmas and New Year. They consisted of the award of the DFC to F/L Thomas Perry McElhanney, Ottawa, and the DFM to P/O Marshall Elgin Gilmore, London, Ont.

McElhanney, a City of Windsor squadron pilot serving in Italy at the time he earned his gong, has finished two tours of operations. According to the citation, on one occasion he led his flight on a bombing mission against a building in which German troops were gathered. Although his aircraft was hit by flak during the first run, he went in again to rake the house with gun-fire. The enemy was dislodged.

Gilmore, navigator with the Snowy Owl squadron, took part in an attack against Wanne Eickel. When his mid-upper gunner was injured, Gilmore gave him first aid and then navigated the aircraft straight to an airfield in the Low Countries where the wounded gunner could get adequate medical attention.

OAKLAND SKIPPER IN UNUSUAL CREW

Pilot with the Lion squadron, F/O G.M. Tegerdine, Oakland, Cal., lays claim to captaining one of the most unusual crews in the history of the RCAF Bomber Group. Although all but the flight engineer are members of the RCAF, only one of them, the air bomber, F/O G. L. Willis, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., is Canadian born.

Tegerdine is an American citizen. The navigator was born in London, England, and emigrated to Canada when a child. The wireless operator and mid-upper gunner were born in Russia and the rear gunner claims Ireland as his birth place. To make it complete the flight engineer is English.

Seven Airmen to Contest Seat in Alberta Election

Thirty-two candidates have been nominated for three service seats in the Alberta Legislature it was announced recently. The Army leads with 22 nominees, seven have been named from the Air Force and three from the Navy. The Alberta Government has set up machinery in overseas theatres of war for handling the vote which will take place from January 8 to 20. Voting in Canada was completed in August.

The Army, Navy and Air Force, each will elect one member. At present there are 57 seats in the Alberta Legislature but at the next session there will be 60 which will include the three new seats created for service personnel.

Qualifications for voting require that the person be a British subject, a member of the armed forces of Canada, and resident in Alberta for one of the two years prior to enlistment. If a serviceman or servicewoman voted in the regular election last August, while in Canada, he or she will not be eligible to vote in the overseas election.

The candidates are as follows: Air Force, Sgt. Frank Pierpoint

Appleby, school teacher, Athabasca; Sgt. James Melville Bell, school teacher, Edmonton; F/L Neil Alton Bell, school teacher, Wayne; F/O Harold E. Bronson, farmer, Cherrill; W/O Joseph Roy Burton, farmer, Edmonton; F/O Claude Andrew Campbell, student-at-law, Edmonton; S/L Frederick C. Colborne, DFC, radio operator, Calgary.

Nominations closed on November 20. Conditions for nomination were that 25 members or any one of the services could nominate a candidate in its own branch.

Instruction on voting procedure will be carried in unit DROs.

Cats Zoom to Scare off Sharks From Sub Victims

Ceylon.—Diving their Catalinas almost to the sea surface to frighten off sharks, three flying-boat crews of Canada's Tusker squadron brought about the rescue of 23 American merchant seamen, victims of a Japanese midnight torpedo.

Crash Dive

While on leave with some of their rescuers, the United States seamen recounted how the Japs ordered them aboard the sub from their lifeboats then suddenly submerged when an aircraft appeared. Eighty seamen fell to capture, sharks or drowning.

The Canadian fliers participating in the rescue were F/L Stead McKinney, Woodstock, Ont.; P/O Don Wells, Calgary; P/O Jack Campbell, St. Albert, Alta.; F/L John Gowans, Grand Forks, B.C.; F/O Doug Stewart, Vancouver; F/O Ken Reid, Regina, Sask.; F/S William Winters, Winnipeg; P/O R. S. Limebeer, Guelph, Ont.; F/L Joseph Gork, Kenora, Ont.; F/O Doug Morrison, Carlyle, Sask.; F/O Jack Sprout, Souris, Man.; F/O George Munro, Grand View, Man.

On an anti-sub patrol a Catalina piloted by F/L McKinney found the American merchant ship in flames about midnight. He searched around the ship for the survivors and in quest of the sub but due to heavy swell was unable to land his big machine in the ocean.

The aircraft remained at the scene till dawn, and before it departed, all life preservers, rafts and food supplies were dropped to the survivors along with a message telling them to keep together till a rescue ship arrived.

Shortly after McKinney's aircraft headed for base, another Catalina piloted by F/L Gowans arrived and 15 minutes later, F/L Gork and his crew joined the rescue efforts. The flying boat skippered by Gowans was on an anti-sub sweep and was forced to return to base but both aircraft threw out life preservers, raft and food.

Gork's aircraft remained on the scene until the following morning when Gowans' plane returned to direct a rescuing Navy sloop.

Shortly afterwards, the rescuers visited the victims in hospital and another of this war's strange occurrences was experienced when F/O Doug Stewart found that one of the seamen, Tommy Van Ness, was one of his club mates at the Hollyburn Ski Club, Vancouver, in peacetime.

ONTARIO COPS SOFTBALL MUG

Ceylon.—Ontario won the inter-provincial league playoffs in the Tusker squadron softball league this winter, defeating the Maritimers 3-1 in a best-of-five final. The series took place in a setting of waving coconut palms and blue breakers of the Indian Ocean.

All provinces were represented in the keenly contested circuit.

During the season, the squadron's all-star Maple Leafs defended their Ceylon title for the second straight year. Coached and managed by LAC Fred Fitzhugh, Verdun, Que., the Leafs edged challengers from the American Transport Command, the U.S. Merchant Navy, U.S. Navy and the Canadian Merchant Navy.

LAC Remo Stanghetta, c. Sault Ste. Marie; LAC Jim Teague, p. Humboldt; LAC Metcalf, 1b, Elora; LAC Art Closs, 2b, Copper Cliff; LAC Rolly Goodfellow, 3b, Tichborne; LAC Jim Head, ss, Toronto; Cpl. Bill Crawford, lf, Hamilton; LAC Walter Stanski, of, Chatham; Cpl. J. L. N. Corbell, rf, Kapuskasing.

LAC Reg Flagg, c. Grand Manan Isle, N.B.; Sgt. Mick McKee, p. Hastings, Ont.; LAC Jim Atchison, p. Deloraine, Man.; Cpl. Wylie Dill, 1b, Pugwash Junction, N.B.; Cpl. Tom Kendrick, 2b, Parraboro, N.S.; LAC Stan Dinney, 3b, Moncton, N.B.; LAC Norm Shea, ss, Nash Creek, N.B.; Cpl. Jack Young, lf, West Petpeowick, N.S.; LAC Clay Sweeney, cf, Yarmouth, N.S.; Cpl. Pete Worden, rf, Preston, Ont.

LAC Frank Chaplin, c. Lockwood, Sask.; LAC C. E. Passmore, p. Moose Jaw; Sgt. Mick McKee, p. Hastings, Ont.; LAC Gas Tourangeau, 1b, St. Agathe, Que.; Cpl. Jack Bastedo, 2b, Boharm, Sask.; LAC Rolly Goodfellow, 3b, Tichborne, Ont.; LAC George Scott, ss, Delmaine, Sask.; LAC George Sergeant, lf, Pleasant Hill, Sask.; LAC Jim Head, cf, Toronto; LAC Norm Shea, rf, Nash Creek, N.B.; subs, LAC Jim Ryan, Winnipeg; LAC Chuck Grenchuk, Verdun, Que.; LAC Remo Stanghetta, Sault Ste. Marie.

FILM LOG

"KISMET" (Empire)

The painters and the carpenters who did the sets are the real stars of "Kismet," probably the most beautifully mounted picture yet produced in Technicolor. But the story is ineptly told and hopelessly miscast.

The competent Colman gives the impression that he lost interest in a weak part, half-way through shooting. James Craig acts and speaks more like a Hollywood reporter than a Caliph. Edward Arnold and Harry Davenport are more at home in the well-cut business suit, in the roles of tycoon and corporation lawyer respectively.

What was to have been a breath-taking scene, an exotic dance of the east by Dietrich, she of the gorgeous gams, draws first titters, then giggles and finally horse laughs.

"SHINE ON HARVEST MOON" (Warner)

Nice tunes, some old and some new, feature this song and dance effort. Dennis Morgan and Ann Sheridan provide the love interest with Jack Carson doing the clowning. Irene Manning, one of the home country's newest singing sensations, shares the limelight with the husky but pleasant-voiced Sheridan.

"L'HOMME QUI CHERCHE LA VERITE" (Studio One)

This was the last picture out of France before June, 1940. The theme might be parodied and anglicized to read "The Ingratitude of Man—and Women." The hero is an elderly, honest banker. He may be old, but he's full of a lot of young ideas in keeping with the most celebrated French traditions.

He feigns deafness and tracks down a lot of dirt in his own family circle. Virtue (French variety) is rewarded. If you understand the French language you will spend an enjoyable hour and a-quarter viewing this picture. Even without it, the English subtitles will make you consider booking a seat on the first plane to Paris.

Lib Struggles Home After Attack on Japanese Base

India.—With control cables for both starboard motors shot away, an India-based Liberator, piloted by a Canadian, struggled 1,200 miles from its target in Burma back to base. The bomber was damaged after it had strafed a 150-ton wooden Japanese coastal ship and set ablaze a Jap seaplane near Victoria point.

F/O Johnny Poag, Hamilton, Ont., was skipper of the Liberator which had F/S S. C. A. Painter, Uxbridge, Ont., as front gunner and F/L Gerard Brennan, Cambridge, Mass., as navigator.

When the aircraft reached the Jap seaplane base, the flyers saw three aircraft lying at anchor, one destroyed by previous attackers, one aflame and one intact. Diving to 100 feet to attack, Painter opened fire from his front machine gun turret,

starting a fire in the rear cockpit of the intact plane. The rear-gunner took up the attack and left it a mass of flame.

"Just then I noticed they were popping away at us from machine gun nests and I reported to the skipper," said F/L Brennan. "As we pulled out of the dive, we were robbed of most of our power."



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