



RCAF PILOTS DOWN 35 HUNS

SET NEW RECORD FOR KILLS IN SINGLE DAY

Fighters and Fighter-bombers Join In Air Battles to Smash Attempt by Luftwaffe to Aid Rundstedt

SPITFIRE UNIT TOPS SCORE SHEET

Canadian fighters and fighter-bombers joined Allied air forces fighting back against the mounting Luftwaffe support to Rundstedt's ground moves, and as the fury of the defence reached a climax on New Year's Day pilots set a new RCAF record by clouting 35 Krauts over Belgium and Holland in the 24-hour period.

Two days before, F/L Richard W. Audet, Lethbridge, Alta., had equalled the record individual bag of five in a single day. He shot down three FW109s and two Me109s in a matter of seconds over Osnabrucken. Monday he counted two more.

Top scoring wing in the Allied effort was a Canadian Spitfire unit which brought down 24 Germans, had three probables and seven damaged. The count was record breaking, the previous one being held by the same set of squadrons.

Success
The combined effort of the Allied air forces was successful in repelling the German aerial thrust. Although many of the Nazi attacks were directed against RCAF airfields and some damage was caused, they failed to prevent defensive operations and about 300 sorties were flown.

In the eight days leading up to the major bag, RCAF squadrons shot down 40 enemy aircraft. Destruction of enemy ground transport had also been considerable. At least 227 mechanical transport, 19 locomotives, 111 railway cars and six armored vehicles had been destroyed or damaged.

High scorers on New Year's Day were F/O G. D. Cameron, Toronto, of the Ram squadron, who destroyed three Me109s, and F/L John Mackay, Covedale, B.C., of the same squadron, who destroyed two Me109s and a FW190. Mackay's last two were sent down without a shot. Both dived into the ground when chased.

Other scorers in the same wing were S/L Dean Dover, DFC and Bar, Toronto, 11; F/O Dean Kelly, Peterborough, Ont., 3; F/L B. Banks, Toronto, 1; F/L B. Macpherson, St. Thomas, Ont., 1; F/L Basil Doak, Cowansville, Que., 1; F/O Vick Smith, Toronto, 1; F/O J. C. Lee, Ottawa, 1; F/O Church, Peterboro, 1; P/O D. M. Horsburgh, Carnduff, Sask., 1; F/L Donald Gordon, Vancouver, 2; F/O Smith, Ancaster, Ont., 1; F/L N. Keene, White Lake, B.C., 1; F/L D. Tierl, Toronto, 2.

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HEAVIES LASH NAZI CENTERS

Marshalling Yards, Supply Points Hit

With improved weather conditions providing the impetus, RCAF Bomber Group's Halifaxes and Lancasters lashed back at Rundstedt's current counter-offensive with concentrated attacks at important rail and supply centres feeding the German advance, during the past week.

The heavies pounded the Kalk-Nord marshalling yards near Cologne, marshalling yards at Troisdorf, a synthetic oil refinery at Scholden-Buer, rail workshops at Oplanden and the communications centre of St. Vith.

Topping off the week's record was a highly successful twin-pronged attack on Nuremberg and Ludwigshafen, Tuesday night.

Nuremberg presented a fireworks display on the ground rather than in the air according to P/O James Fogarty, Moncton, N.B., while his mate, F/O Jack Hendren, Saskatoon, (Continued on page 6, col. 4.)

Flier Pots Five In Dogfight

MIDNIGHT SNACK



One of the most repeated scenes in air force life is the midnight snack. Parcels from home afford a steady stream of informal parties for these RCAF radio mechs out in the bush.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

SCORES QUICK VICTORIES IN SHORT SCRAP

First Success Comes With Record Bag For Pilot

By F/L STAN HELLEUR

Holland, Dec. 31.—F/L Dick Audet, the young Canadian who made air war history in a Spitfire over Germany by destroying five German aircraft in a single dogfight, failed to claim a fifth kill at first interrogation.

It wasn't until he and his squadron mates returned from a subsequent mission and retraced the battle Hun by Hun that the 22-year-old Lethbridge, Alta., pilot claimed "two Me109s and three FW190s destroyed."

It was all the more remarkable in that it was his first success in the air. He had no luck at all on his first operational tour from English bases.

Audet's five-to-seven minute dream battle materialized 14,000 feet over Osnabrucken, Germany, leading a section of the high-scoring "Grizzly Bear" squadron, he spotted a mixed "gaggle" of 12 Me109s and FWs.

The Canucks were at 18,000 feet on sighting. Audet said he closed on the trailing Hun aircraft, an Me109, and opened fire from 200 yards with 30 degree deflection.

"I saw strikes all along the fuselage and wing roots," he said. "It broke into flame and then went down."

Both sides were milling around by the time Audet broke off that encounter and so he flew around in what he described as "defensive circles," making sure nobody got on his tail and waiting for another chance to attack. It came in the form of a FW190 on whose tail he closed from 250 to 100 yards.

His fire hit the enemy cockpit and as Audet flew over the now downward gliding Jerry kite he looked down and saw the pilot slumped over the control column, the cockpit enveloped in flames.

Victim No. 3 went down seconds later, although Audet isn't sure his solitary brief burst of fire hit home. But he and some of his mates observed the German kite's coupe-top come off and the pilot attempt unsuccessfully to bale out. The parachute had opened prematurely and caught in the cockpit. The Canadians saw the aircraft go straight into the ground.

Looking around, Audet saw F/O R. C. McCracken, Lakefield, Ont., hard on the tail of a '190 with another '190 on McCracken's tail. So he went after McCracken's pursuer, closed in to 250 yards line astern and hammered in many strikes along the fuselage.

"It went straight in and burned," he said. (Continued on page 6, col. 5)

A/V/M McEwen Receives CB in New Year's List

Recognition Given to Services of Bomber Group Leader; Awards to Personnel In Various Commands

Award of the CB to A/V/M C. M. McEwen, MC, DFC and Bar, and AOC-in-C, RCAF Bomber Group, has been announced in the New Year's Honor List. A/V/M McEwen receives highest honor among the many Canadian airmen whose services have been recognized.

The OBE has been awarded to G/C W. R. McBrien W/C M. Brown, W/C K. L. B. Hodson and W/C M. M. Smith.

S/L F. W. Stanley, F/L J. O. Camden, F/L J. W. Cantelon, F/L V. R. Perry and F/L R. C. Phillip each receive the MBE.

The BEM goes to F/S S. A. McKenzie, F/S C. W. Scott, Sgt. B. W. Nickolson, Sgt. A. J. Genereux and Sgt. N. J. Turnbull.

F/L H. S. Lewis, F/L E. G. Cork and F/L R. M. Smith each have been awarded the AFC. Recipients of the above awards all are with operational commands.

High awards also have been given for services with non-operational commands. S/L J. H. Foan receives the MBE; Sgt. D. R. Gregory the BEM, and F/L L. B. Wyman and F/L F. Hastings each receive the AFC.

The King's Commendation goes to F/O W. G. Campbell, F/O W. E. Bristow, F/O J. S. Miller, F/L H. L. d'Eon, F/L I. H. Kelsey, F/L D. H. Goodlet, P/O C. E. Luke and P/O J. C. Hurtubise.

More than 300 officers and airmen, and two officers of the RCAF Women's Division, receive Mentions in Despatches. Their names appear on page 2.

Among the officers listed in the second supplement to the London Gazette are the following:

Air Commodore E. E. Middleton, CRE; G/C J. G. Ireland OBE; G/C C. L. Trearthen OBE; W/C J. M. Enstone, MBE; F/L M. W. McClellan, MBE; and F/O M. A. Spinney, MBE.

TOUR VETERAN RECEIVES DSO

Decorations go to Ten Fliers in Short Award List

S/L John Wycliffe Perry, DFC, pilot, has been awarded an immediate DSO on completion of two tours of operations which he carried out with skill and determination, it is announced in a short list of awards to Canadian fliers in the "London Gazette."

Other immediate awards in the list are the DFC to F/O Aurele Mederic Sauve, Hull, Que., rear-gunner, for his vigilance and coolness in protecting his aircraft; the DFC to F/O Robert Edward Joseph Fitzgerald, air-gunner, and the CGM (flying) to F/S Jackson Chartis Cooke, pilot.

There are six non-immediate DFCs in the list. They have been awarded to S/L George Henry Bayly, Toronto; S/L John Roberts Cowans, Grand Forks, B.C.; F/L David Esplin Forsyth, Montreal; F/L John Douglas Hopkins, Orangeville, Ont.; F/O attack on Cologne, Cooke since David Norman McIntosh, Stanstead, Que., and F/O Sydney Platt Seld, San Francisco.

FIGHTERS WIN AIR BATTLES

Spitfires, Tempests Take Measure of Hun Pilots

Holland.—Fliers of the Canadian Spitfire, Grizzly Bear, Falcon and Caribou squadrons, and Canadian Tempest pilots, destroyed six Me109s and damaged a jet-propelled Me262 over Germany recently.

F/L Charles Fox, Guelph, Ont., Falcon squadron flight commander, shot a wing off a Me109 over the airfield at Rheime, and watched the kite crash to earth. Three other kills were effected in the same dogfight over Malmédy.

Three Grizzly Bear members each picked off one, F/L E. G. Ireland, Toronto, shooting one into the ground from a low altitude; F/L R. M. Cook, Boston, Ont., blasted one off the tails of four Lightnings; and F/O "Mac" Graham, Dutton, Ont., bounced one successfully from 30,000 feet.

The jet job was damaged by two Caribou squadron men, F/L M. A. Perkins, Melfort, Sask., and F/O Len Wilson, Toronto, in the Aachen area.

F/L John A. Mallov, Ottawa, Tempest pilot, downed a Me109 after a low level chase among the tree tops. F/L J. W. Gerland, Richmond, Ont., and F/L D. L. Price, Moncton, Sask., also flying Tempests shared destruction of another German plane.

British Magazine Presents Story of Canadian Fliers

Presenting a composite picture of the work being done on the war fronts by Canadian airmen and airwomen, the current issue of the British aviation magazine "The Aeroplane" will be of special interest to all RCAF personnel.

The issue tells in story and picture the part played by Canadians in the air war. Special emphasis has been given to the BCATP which made Canada the source of a steady flow of skilled air crew which has been moving to every war theatre.

Another outstanding article outlines the work of the RCAF Bomber Group and the part it has played in the air offensive against the Hun. The splendid achievements of the Dominion's fighter units also is given. Another story tells of the

formation on January 20, 1943, of the first heavy transport squadron of the RCAF, which by April 19 had transported one million pounds of vital supplies.

The reader travels with Canada's airmen from the Aleutians to Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Far East. Feature stories give some idea of the difficulties which have been met and overcome, such as the winter cold of Canada's north country, which had to be conquered by men and their machines.

While the story of the Dominion's air effort is being told, considerable space has been devoted to personalities. There are listed the names of Canadians who have earned the reputation which the RCAF enjoys throughout the free world. Foremost among them is the late F/L D. E. Hornell, VC.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. F/O A. W. Campbell, Sarnia, Ont.; Sgt. L. F. Fletcher, Pennington, B.C.; P/O E. A. Freeman, Pennington, Sask.; P/O J. E. A. Glenn, Ferris, Ont.; F/O L. W. Gray, Sprinkhill, N.S.; P/O H. H. Hamilton, North Battleford, Sask.; P/O L. G. H. Havel, F/O C. W. McCartney, Clairville, N.B.; P/O J. S. Colville, Bowmanville, Ont.; P/O F. L. Maw, Winnipeg.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. Sgt. J. M. Adamsen, Hamilton, Ont.; P/O J. W. Wiley, Arden, Ont.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. P/O G. E. Aitken, Verdun, Que.; P/O J. J. Andrews, Toronto; F/O J. H. Barkwell, Saskatoon; F/L L. A. Bourgeois, Toronto; F/O J. R. Carwell, Turfville, Ont.; P/O F. A. V. Carr, F/O C. Toronto; W/O W. P. Coleman, Midland, Ont.; F/L J. L. Colquhoun, Edmonton; F/O T. H. Donnelly, DFM, Hamilton, Ont.; P/O A. J. Ellis, Hamilton, Ont.; P/O C. A. Graham, Halifax; P/O J. D. Lynch, Ayton, Ont.; P/O J. Macdonald, Fort. Robinson, Ont.; P/O S. D. M. McIntyre, New Norway, Alta.; P/O H. W. Nison, Toronto, Ont.; P/O S. Noble, Gary, Ind.; P/O J. L. Sakamoto, F/O W. J. Weston, Teulon, Man.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. P/O R. J. Currie, Parrsboro, N.S.; F/O C. E. Fairhead, Pembroke, Ont.; P/O H. K. Forst, Knoville, Que.; F/L W. K. Schard, Victoria, B.C.

MISSING. F/S H. Barker, Montreal; F/S B. C. H. R. Bean, Magaz, Que.; F/O S. L. Braden, Washington, D.C.; Verdun, Que.; P/O J. W. Easton, Montreal; P/O R. E. Good, Yukon; F/L D. H. Green, Vancouver; P/O C. F. Humphrey, Hamilton, Ont.; W/O J. H. Inch, Regina; F/S N. J. James, Noranda, Que.; F/S L. Johnson, Delton, Ont.; F/O J. A. Kelly, Saskatoon; P/O D. A. Rysse, Simcoe, Ont.; Sgt. H. P. Veregin, Saskatoon; F/O D. G. C. Wilson; P/O J. H. Wilson, Hamilton; Sgt. H. Vaska, Catharines, Ont.; P/O E. J. Allen; F/O J. H. Brimbleton, Toronto; P/O W. S. Bryans, Winnipeg; P/O A. T. Clark, South River, Ont.; P/O M. J. Cole, DFC, Milton Mills, P.E.I.; F/O C. E. Darby, DFM, Harrow, Ont.; P/O A. H. Elliot, South River, Ont.; P/O R. L. Murray, Constition, Ont.; P/O B. A. Gauthier, Bagotville, Que.; P/O R. B. Gray, Winnipeg; S/L J. A. Hanaway, B.C.; P/O J. H. Lachine, South River, Ont.; P/O D. L. Heath, Portland, Ont.; P/O D. L. S. Henderson, Vancouver; P/O J. E. K. Hodgson, Bird Hill, Man.; F/S E. J. Johnson, Manson, Man.; F/O E. J. Kemper, Toronto; F/O S. H. Quinter, Toronto; P/O R. W. Lucas, Sarnia, Ont.; P/O R. H. McHabb, Toronto; F/O J. M. Richardson, Vancouver; P/O Y. C. Robb, New Westminster, B.C.; P/O I. C. Robb; P/O Y. D. Robb, Toronto; P/O J. S. Tabin, Montreal; P/O A. J. Venn, Toronto; P/O M. Stern, Winnipeg; P/O D. S. Whitton, Toronto; Sgt. H. S. Yates, St. Catharines, Sur-le-Lac, Que.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. F/S W. C. Brown, Newcastle, N.B.; Sgt. A. D. Daniels, Salmon Arm, B.C.; Sgt. R. C. Green, Elbow, Sask.; P/O D. J. McAllister, Edmonton; P/O J. L. Murray, Trenton, N.B.; Sgt. W. S. Paton, Toronto; P/O J. M. Rishanah, Montreal; F/O R. L. Chambers, B.C.; Col. W. R. Dickson, Long Bay, B.C.; P/O M. R. Easterton, Regina; Sgt. H. W. Fox, Sudbury, Ont.; F/L C. W. Gaines, Aroostook, N.B.; P/O D. A. Gordon, Keewatin, Ont.; F/O R. G. Morrison, Sloon Park, B.C.; Sgt. E. Henley, Grimby Beach, Ont.; F/O J. H. Hudson, Perth, Ont.; P/O M. Kram, Winnipeg; P/O P. J. Lozsbah, Filmore, Sask.; F/O J. C. McElin, Camrose, Alta.; W/O J. C. McNeill, DFC, Calgary; Sgt. J. W. Mitchell, Twin Butte, D.C.; P/O R. C. Pezz, Clear Creek, Edmonton; Sgt. R. C. Pezz, Clear Creek, Ont.; P/O W. S. Ross, Montreal; F/L G. E. Etel-Davies, Sask.; W/O D. M. Smith, DFM, Toronto; S/L B. E. Wilmet, DFC, Winnipeg; P/O T. E. Witte, Saskatoon.

WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. F/O A. Kinmond, Toronto; P/O J. K. Davis, St. Vital, Man.

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. F/O A. W. Ross, Hamilton; P/O W. M. Young, Calgary; F/O J. D. D. Mars, Lakeside, Ont.; Sgt. P. E. Norman, St. Boniface, Man.; P/O E. A. Taylor, DFM, Vancouver, B.C.

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Two Busy Years

Airmen Take Three R's to War

Through elaborate educational facilities organised by the RCAF Overseas in little more than two years, and with the help of the Canadian Legion educational services and other organisations in Great Britain, nearly 10,700 Canadian airmen and airwomen have been enrolled for part-time study during 1943 and 1944.

The subjects range from bee keeping or poultry raising to higher mathematics and classical languages.

War Effort

The RCAF regards education of its personnel as a highly important part of its task of helping fight the war. Now, with the "back to civvy street" days looming ever nearer, its men and women are studying subjects calculated to help them when uniforms are discarded for business suits and dresses.

At AFHQ in Ottawa, in 1942, it was decided to establish an education branch in London from which facilities for study could be made available to all overseas personnel. In June, 1942, S/L W. D. Flat, Winnipeg, was sent to start the ball rolling.

He chose as assistants men who had previously been teachers. They were re-mustered to the education branch from whatever trade they were following in the air force. Many were radar mechanics.

By July, 1943, some 16 officers and 15 sergeants comprised the overseas education staff. In late August of that year F/L Ross M. Winter, Kingston, Ont., director of the Extension Department of Queen's University, was sent to London to succeed S/L Flat.

Now W/C Winter has greatly expanded the overseas establishment. In January, 1944, trained education officers began arriving from Canada.

Branch Aim

The objective—a Canadian education officer on each RCAF station with each Canadian squadron attached to a RAF unit, as well as with the larger OTUs in the U.K. where there are large concentrations of Canadian air crew—was achieved.

For Canadians in isolated regions or on stations where there are in such small numbers as to not warrant appointing a permanent, Overseas HQ sends officers on periodical visits to their areas.

The first officer went to India in October, 1943. Soon another went to Italy, then one to Cairo. Within a short time after D-Day, education officers were with

each RCAF unit sent to operate from the continent—and with each RAF unit in Europe where there were Canadian personnel. Every airfield in liberated Europe is now so covered.

One of the first jobs of the education branch was to help ground crew attain the highest status necessary for remustering to air crew. This work ended early in 1944. Classes were organised at which RCAF personnel could obtain higher trade groupings. Under the education office, NCO specialists in each trade were used as instructors.

Many Courses

Canadians all over the world can take correspondence courses to-day which, if passed, earn them junior and senior matriculations and university degrees. In this connection, British educational organisations have helped considerably.

Through arrangement with the Canadian Legion educational services, the Battersea Polytechnic, London, deals with the matriculation courses. The University of London handles the university courses. They make all arrangements for tutors. Students passing their courses are given full credit by the education authorities in all nine Canadian provinces. This is how the system works.

Airmen desirous to take a shorthand course. He applies to London HQ, which contacts Battersea Polytechnic. The Legion and the RCAF provide the student with the necessary study books. The Polytechnic appoints a correspondence tutor from its faculty to examine and mark each exercise as the student mails it in. Finally, under supervision of the station education officer, the student takes his exam set by the tutor and marked by him. The same procedure is followed for university courses, with the Canadian Legion making all arrangements.

Classes are also organised in the arts. On one Bomber group station LAC Welter Thomson, Simcoe, Ont., teaches piano to nine men in his spare time. On another bomber station five WAAF's married to French-Canadian fliers are learning French.

At Overseas HQ an excellent library is maintained and service personnel may borrow reading matter free of charge. The library section of the education branch distributed over 26,000 volumes from HQ alone to various stations overseas in 1944, as well as 403,000 newspapers and periodicals and 150,000 pamphlets outlining their RCAF rehabilitation scheme.

Classes at the London County Council Evening Institutes are available free to RCAF personnel, while the British Institute of Technology provides about 100 correspondence courses available at greatly reduced cost to the RCAF. A large portion of the cost is refunded to successful students. The University of London and the Institute of Bankers of London have placed their extensive libraries at the disposal of the RCAF.

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BISONS THANKING LETHBRIDGE FOLK

The RCAF Bison squadron have forwarded two plaques, with the squadron crest emblazoned on them, to A. W. Shackleford, mayor of Lethbridge, and the municipal chapter of the I.O.E., as tokens of appreciation for the generosity of the Lethbridge citizens.

While many other organizations have provided comforts for the boys, the members of the squadron had the thought in mind that these plaques could be hung in the City council chamber and the lodge room of the I.O.E. as a reminder that the efforts put forth by the citizens of Lethbridge were appreciated.



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Revue de l'An Dernier à l'Aviation Canadienne

par le sergent MAURICE LACOURCIERE

L'Aviation Canadienne en général, et les Canadiens de langue française dans celle-ci, ont toutes les raisons au monde d'être fiers de leurs accomplissements, de leurs réalisations pendant l'année qui vient de se terminer. A nos escadrilles parsemées par tous nos commandements, et affectées soit au bombardement, ou à la chasse ou à la reconnaissance, même à la défense côtière, il convient ici de rendre hommage pour le merveilleux travail accompli au sein de l'aviation interalliée.

Nous Canadiens sommes fiers du record établi par notre aviation: et puisque l'aurore d'un nouvel an est bien l'époque où l'on se penche sur le passé, rappelons-nous le premier appel aux armes du CARC au début de la guerre. Un petit corps alors à peine quelques milliers d'hommes, ce service n'eut qu'à ouvrir ses portes au recrutement pour se dépecer, en quelques années. Si bien que l'année révolue a vu des Canadiens, portant l'uniforme bleu, et fièrement à l'épaule le "Canada" sous l'aigle brodé, à travers le monde, dans le ciel d'Allemagne menaçant, au-dessus des mers porteurs de grenades redoutables, patrouillant les côtes et reconnaissant les objectifs derrière les lignes ennemies, ils ont partout soutenu l'idéal du Canada aéronautique. Et parmi les aviations alliées, notre pays a fait une contribution de titan: il ne s'est pas contenté du plan d'entraînement du Commonwealth britannique, il a fourni l'élite de sa jeunesse à la glorieuse et difficile tâche de la "victoire par puissance aérienne" dont parle le major de Seversky.

Résumer le rôle de l'aviation dans le concert des "opérations combinées" n'est pas une tâche facile: surtout lorsque l'on est porté, de par une légitime fierté de son service, à la partialité. Mais d'une chose cependant il faut convenir: que sans la préparation aérienne, l'INVASION — somme toute de façon générale — eût été cent fois plus périlleuse sinon impossible. C'est donc dire que, pendant la moitié de l'année, de concert avec la RAF, l'USAAF et les forces aériennes nationales (française, belge, polonaise et incorporées dans l'aviation alliée), le CARC a préparé le succès du débarquement, puis de la poussée terrestre. Dans la seconde moitié de l'année, bombardiers lourds, chasseurs lance-fusée et bombardiers de chasse aussi bien qu'hydravions et aéronefs de reconnaissance canadiens, ont assuré la poursuite de ce premier pas.

Il ne m'appartient pas ici d'expliquer leurs rôles déjà connus, mais de les souligner. Mais puisque je m'adresse ici aux Canadiens de langue française en particulier, j'aimerais à rappeler notre contribution générale à cet effort total. S'il est vrai de dire que, sauf dans une escadrille de bombardement, nous sommes en minorité, il faut ajouter que partout ailleurs nous avons apporté notre contribution.

Les statistiques sur l'effort aérien du Canada français ne sont pas complètes, mais je suis sûr qu'elles nous feraient honneur. Il suffit de parcourir la liste des décorations octroyées

pendant l'année 1944 pour voir que les Canadiens-français ont mérité de concrètes reconnaissances. Dans la liste officielle de la Gazette de Londres, on ne compte pas moins de 150 aviateurs canadiens-français qui furent décorés: officiers et autres grades. On pourrait parler de deux québécois particulièrement honorés: le chef d'escadrille Albert Houle, DFC, avec agrafe, ci-devant commandant de l'escadrille de Spitfire dite "City of Windsor"; le lieutenant de section Yvon Côté, DFC, avec agrafe, jadis commandant de section à la fameuse escadrille "des Alouettes"; le chef d'escadrille Guy Plamondon, un pionnier Canadien du lancement des fusées aériennes, commandant sympathique d'une escadrille de la RAF, à qui l'on décernait également l'agrafe à une DFC bien méritée.

Je m'arrête, de peur que cette énumération ne dépasse les cadres de cet article: en effet les DFM, les DFC, BEM et mentions de dépêches accordées aux aviateurs de langue française du CARC ne se comptent plus: et si c'est là un critère de vaillance et de témérité, nous pouvons dire que les nôtres ont "bien mérité de leur patrie".

Châteaufort des aviateurs canadiens-français, l'escadrille "des Alouettes" a continué, cette année, sa glorieuse tradition. Revenu d'Afrique avec une réputation déjà enviable, elle n'a pas cessé d'ajouter à ses titres de gloire depuis sa "conversion" au vol des quadrimoteurs. Successivement commandée par les commandants d'escadre Baxter Richer, DFC, Roy McLernon, DFC, Jos Lecomte, DFC mentionné dans les dépêches (ces deux derniers maintenant capitaines de groupe) et Hugh Charles Ledoux, notre escadrille n'a pas volé sa réputation. Les records du groupe de bombardement sont là pour prouver sa suprématie quant il s'est agi de gagner le trophée mensuel d'efficacité.

Cet hommage serait certes incomplet si l'on oublait nos pilotes et membres du service navigant, nos spécialistes en radio qui sont procédés à la Royal Air Force et dont il est difficile d'estimer le nombre ou la répartition. Au cours de mes tournées cependant, que de fois j'ai rencontré des pilotes comme les lieutenants de section Cléo Gauthier, qui revenait des Indes après deux tours d'opérations et après avoir abattu cinq avions japonais, dont trois homologués. Louis Geoffroy, pilote de chasse revenant d'Egypte avec le récit d'une fantastique carrière.

Je me permets de rappeler ici que notre contribution ne s'est pas faite sans pertes, quoiqu'elles furent très minimes si l'on considère notre immense effort. Mais ces équipages disparus pendant l'année, nous les saluons: qu'ils soient prisonniers, manquants ou tués, ils ont fait un sacrifice dont nous devons nous inspirer. Je suis sûr que c'est là une autre de leurs contributions et non la moindre. Deux noms ici me viennent à la mémoire, parce que célèbres: le commandant d'escadre Jean-Paul Desloges, héros de la Bataille de Grande-Bretagne, tué en Afrique; le commandant d'escadre Georges Roy, DFC, disparu en conduisant au feu son escadrille "des Tigres". Que leurs

DISCIPLS ARE HUMAN



Here is photographic evidence that disciples have hearts. At the RCAF Overseas H.Q. Christmas party for English kiddies, W/O R. R. Campbell, Vancouver, S.W.O., and F/O R. Talbot, Nelson, B.C., station disciplinarian, are having themselves a time. The youngsters seem a bit doubtful about the proceedings, but candy and the arrival of Santa Claus brightened the scene. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

ARMY TYPES TAKE WINGS

The AOC of a RAF group presented wings to 14 Canadian Army officers at a ceremony recently held in southern England. The Army men are members of the RCAF Air Observation Post and represent one of the strangest examples of inter-service co-operation in this war. But there is nothing strange about their efficient training, which fits them to serve as the flying eyes of the artillery. Their observation patrols are carried out in Austers. Their squadron adjutant is a flight lieutenant in the RCAF and their commanding officer is a major in the Canadian Army. The RAF is providing the actual training.

DISNEY'S DOPEY LOGS MILEAGE IN HALIFAX

Doll replica of Walt Disney's renowned Dopey, P/O L. J. Case's mascot of the same name, has more than 1,000 flying hours to his credit and nine trips over enemy territory. Constant companion of the Kitchener pilot throughout his training, Dopey now occupies a commanding position above the radio in Case's RCAF Halifax. Recently the parachute section of Beaver Base made Dopey a parachute, complete with harness. "If ever he has to bail out the Jerries will have a long time figuring it out," say his crew mates.

nom, et des centaines d'autres, habitent dans nos cœurs. Tout succès guerrier se paye par le sacrifice et par le sang! Mais dans l'aviation canadienne, l'élite de la jeunesse canadienne des deux langues n'hésite pas quant il s'agit de l'assurer. Nous n'avons pas hésité durant l'année qui s'achève: et durant la nouvelle, que nous espérons être la dernière de guerre, nous continuerons résolument.

Bomber Group Marches to Mark Second Anniversary

Nearly 1,000 RCAF airmen and airwomen marched Sunday through the streets of ancient York to mark the second anniversary of the existence of RCAF Bomber Group as a Canadian unit of Bomber Command.

As the marchers passed through the city the Canadian ensign and the RCAF ensign flew over the Mansion House, seat of the Lord Mayor. The service marking the anniversary was held in historic York Minster. For the first time the service was conducted entirely by clergymen not attached to the Minster. G/C G. O. Lightbourne, Aurora, Ont., senior Protestant chaplain RCAF overseas, and S/L S. W. MacLean officiated.

The Lord Mayor of York attended the service and in keeping with tradition he was met at the great West doors of the Minster by G/C Lightbourne. The doors only are opened for the King, the Archbishop, and state occasions.

The parade was led by G/C H. H. C. Rutledge, Ottawa and Winnipeg, and was organized by F/L C. E. Hollingsworth, Waterloo, Ont.

Following the service the parade, led by the band from RCAF Bomber Group HQ under W/O C. O. Hunt, Toronto, marched past the steps of the Mansion House, where Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, C.B., DSC, AOC-in-C, RCAF overseas, took the salute while Group bombers flew overhead.

With Air Marshal Breadner were Harold C. DeBurgh, Lord Mayor of York; J. H. Kaye, Sheriff; A/V/M C. M. McEwen, CB, MC, DFC and Bar, AOC-in-

C RCAF Bomber Group; A/V/M A. P. M. Sanders, CB, CBE, representing Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur T. Harris, KCB, OBE, AFC, Air Commodore C. R. Slemon, CBE, Belleville, Ont., R. E. McBurney, Ottawa, senior air staff officer of the Canadian Group J. G. Bryan, Saskatoon and Victoria, and J. L. Hurley, Ottawa; G/C E. C. Noble, Toronto, director of medical services, RCAF overseas, and S/L Barry Knight, Winnipeg, ADC to A/V/M McEwen.

Two flights of WD's and one flight of WAAF's and Canadian airmen from two RAF groups also participated in the anniversary parade and service. At the service Flt/O Ishbel Mutch, Regina, former Metropolitan Opera Singer, sang "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's Messiah.

One squadron of the parade attended service at St. Wilfred's Roman Catholic parish church. G/C W. V. McCarthy, Halifax, N.S., senior RC chaplain, RCAF overseas, and S/L George Fitzgerald, Antigonish, N.S., officiated.

WESTERNERS SCREENED

The western members of the Bison squadron, F/L D. C. Hendrickson, Winnipeg, and F/O L. R. Watson, Calgary, pilot and bomb-aimer respectively, have completed a tour on Halifaxes.

MOSSIES FIRE HUN SHIPPING

Mosquitos of RAF Coastal Command, attacking enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast recently, left two merchantmen on fire, one sinking by the stern, and smashed up two formations of Me109 and FW190 fighters. At least one enemy fighter was destroyed. The Mosquitos were outnumbered.

Hits both above and below the waterline on one ship were scored by F/O N. Smith, Winnipeg, who said, "As we came away both ships were on fire, with one blazing well. Then we saw the 109s coming from the south and we went for them. My navigator saw one enemy machine crash in flames."

Another Canadian, P/O G. Symons, Lachine, Que., said, "I went in after the 109s and the chap I singled out broke away and I found I was amongst the 109s attacking. I let go with my cannon at one of the Jerries. My navigator was sure he could see the aircraft on fire."

GROUP DRAMA CLUB STAGES FIRST NIGHT

The drama group of the RCAF Bomber Group station commanded by G/C R. S. Turnbull, DFC and Bar, AFC, DFM, Govan, Sask., presented their first play recently, entitled "Normandy Story." The performance met with considerable success for an amateur first night, and will be repeated at other stations in the Group.

Sgt. George Mills, Ottawa, stole the show with a splendid interpretation of a crotchety general. He was also producer of the play. LAC Hilton Hill, Montreal, played the part of a gendarme.

Canadian Squadron Makes Debut Over Burma Field

Takes Vital Supplies to Fighting Men on Pinlebu Section of Far East Front

Burma.—The first RCAF squadron to fly over Burma carried out its first operations recently, flying morning and afternoon sorties. The Canadians crossed the Chindwin to deliver 75 tons of food, petrol, ammunition and other supplies to fighting troops in the vicinity of Pinlebu.

Canadians in RAF squadrons have been flying in Burma and India since the beginning of the war. But this was the first operation in this theatre by an all-Canadian squadron with Canadian ground crews. The squadron is one of the two Dakota Transport units which arrived at its airfield here after a 13-hour flight from a station in India where air crews had received their final training.

Early Start

Ground crews, most of whom had not slept for two nights, started to work at first light and had their aircraft ready for the morning takeoff.

S/L R. J. Clement, Winnipeg, led the squadron on the first mission. Among his crew were F/O Don Clarke, Powell River, B.C., and F/O Dave Ronalds, Vancouver. Clement and Ronalds, like many members of the squadron, formerly flew Bolingbrokes on the Canadian West Coast. Other air crews and almost half the ground

crew came from RCAF Transport Command squadrons in Canada.

Competition was keen for the distinction of taking part in the first operation, though all the men were weary after the move from India. Most had eaten nothing but emergency rations for two days, and all had spent the first night either in their aircraft or in the open inside a circle of bonfires.

Among those who flew on the operation were F/O Duncan MacKinnon, Copper Cliff, Ont., F/O Ken Ramsay, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., W/O Ed Williams, Garden Head, Sask., F/O A. E. Lonsdale, Ottawa, F/O D. C. Hill, Charlton, Ont., F/O B. West, Regina, F/L J. C. Duncan, Toronto, F/O Walter Kennedy, Trout Creek, Ont., F/O Bill Rodgers, Norwood, Man., F/O G. W. Lineham, Oktoke, Alta., F/O Fred Bryant, Seattle, Wash., F/L J. W. Myers, Kingston and Vancouver, and F/S Bill Rogers, Halifax.

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Men of The Year With the RCAF



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Never in his hockey career, says F/O Doug Rose, Winnipeg, were there moments as exciting as those he experienced in a recent bombing raid. Rose, a former star defenceman on the famed Winnipeg Monarch junior hockey club, was piloting his RAF Lancaster at 5,000 feet one trip when all four motors died out owing to ice forming. At 800 feet his quick use of the "hot air" SOS treatment revived his stricken craft in time to return to base.

Once again the end loomed for him on a trip over Bergen when another Lanc approached head-on, but he dived underneath it. Rose graduated from the Monarchs to Harringay Racers in the English league and joined the RAF at the outbreak of the war. He trained in Canada and finished a tour on Hurricanes, then transferred to bombers.

The McMorran brothers, of Kamloops, B.C., are a pair of Lancaster pilots who are a shining example of brotherly love, or doing things in pairs. They enlisted in Vancouver together and a case of mumps separated their Canadian training, but on arrival in England they teamed up again. They now serve in the same squadron, fly to the same targets, share the same quarters and go on leave together.

G. M., the elder one, is 28 and has two other Canucks in his crew, F/O H. E. Hansen, Yorkton, Sask., and F/O T. T. Turner, Vancouver. His brother, A. E., also has a Canadian navigator in his crew, F/L B. A. Williamson, of Toronto.

P/O L. Champion, a rear-gunner in a Lancaster squadron, sports a DFM, awarded him for evading a Hun fighter's forty-minute effort to demolish his crippled bomber. Champion spotted four fighters approaching during a daylight sortie against a flying bomb site over France. At 600 yards they were found to be Jerrys.

Champion's turret was shattered after the first attack, but he coolly told his skipper the location of the fighters over the intercom. They managed to run the gauntlet until the fighter wound up without fuel and ammo. That was the highlight of his tour, which is complete.

F/O T. O. P. Brown, Toronto, had to turn in some fancy navigating when his instruments froze up on a long trip to Munich. He used dead reckoning to turn the trick. In 15 trips his Lanc has been chased by a nightfighter and holed once by flak over Hamburg.

Another clever navigating effort was made by F/O E. G. Semark, Windsor, Ont., who brought a crippled Lanc home nicely after it was shot up over Dusseldorf. The fighters' shells knocked out two engines and spoiled the electrical nav aids, but Semark solved the problem by bringing the limping craft home to an emergency field.

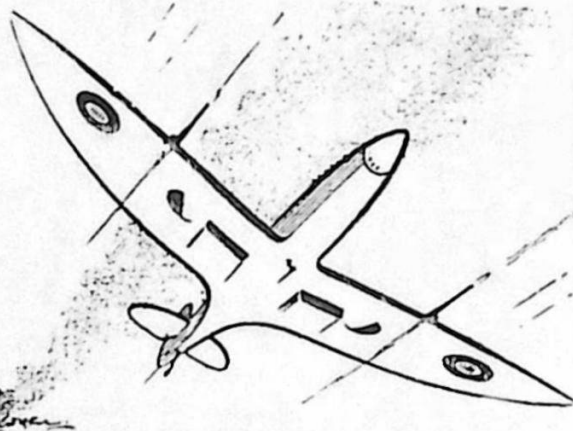
F/O Stewart Hoard's head seemed to have been a personal target of the ack ack gunners at Munich when a large chunk just missed his head by inches. The Campbellford, Ont., man was so busy during the do that it wasn't until he returned to base that he found out how lucky he was.

F/O L. G. Hahn, Montreal, a mid-upper gunner on a famous bomber squadron formed in the last war, is flying with a determined air-bomber. In one do against a flying bomb site smoke obscured the target so badly that a second run on the target was made. The solitary target his craft presented found the German batteries throwing the book at them. Flak did hit them, but not dangerously. Sneaking up from behind, a fighter closed to 700 yards, but by a screaming dive they evaded the Nazi. Hahn flies with two other Montrealers, F/O Al Foreman, former Canadian and Empire lightweight boxing champion, and F/O J. J. Laroux.

Three years ago F/O E. G. J. Wilson, Toronto, was turned down for air crew on account of his age, but after a spell as admin officer at 2 ITS, Regina, he finally got a crack at air crew and to-day reflects on quite a substantial contribution to the war effort. Now 37 years old, he has 20 op trips against many hot Jerry targets as an air-bomber with a crack Lanc squadron.

Over Munich a nightfighter caught his craft on its bombing run, but evasive action worked. Wilson got his load away as they levelled out. At 200 yards range an Me110 bit the dust over Darmstadt and Wilson again was able to get his coocks away. One of their hottest moments was when they got caught in the cross-fire of a Nazi fighter and a Lancaster. His rear-gunner got wounded and the fire control in the tail turret was ruined.

Oddentification



Go slow you hasty ones; 'tis not a Hun.
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[Aeroplane]

HOME, SWEET HOME



Dear me! Home was never like this. Engaged in unusual tasks are LACs G. M. Donaldson, Quebec; J. P. Robert, Silver Plains, Man.; L. J. Macdonald, Green Valley, Que. They should make someone a good wife. (Official RCAF Photograph)

RCAF ARTIST EARNS HONOR

F/L A. George Broomfield Becomes Member Of RCA

Holland.—Works, completed during his spare time while serving overseas with the RCAF have earned election to membership in the Royal Canadian Academy for F/L A. George Broomfield. The 37-year-old Toronto artist is equipment officer with a mobile Typhoon airfield here.

Several oils, completed while Broomfield was serving in Newfoundland, were exhibited by the Academy during the past year. One of his better-known canvases, "Rear - Gunner," made a year's tour of the Dominion under the sponsorship of the Academy.

"It was an utter surprise to me," he said of his election. "You feel forgotten out here, you know."

F/L Broomfield is also a member of the Canadian Painters' and Etchers' Society, the Graphic Arts Society, and the Ontario Society of Artists.

Demon Squadron

Some fellows have had it rough over here, but our photographer, Bob McBride, of Toronto, really called for the crying towel when he got as far as the wharf at the Repatriation Centre before he found out his posting was a big mistake.

As with many of the other squadrons, the Demons are in the process of changing personnel. K. C. Wilson, of Perth, Ont., is the popular new winco taking over from W/C R. A. Ashman, of Halifax, who is going on a well-earned spot of leave.

Another new addition is G. T. Sutherland, of Toronto, who has come from Bomber Group to replace Roy Long, Edmonton, our former adjutant now at RCAF Overseas HQ awaiting posting.

The anti-climax to a brilliant summer softball campaign against good Yankee competition came when our boys were smothered 88-37 in a basketball contest against an American hospital quintet.

Roller skating will be one other winter pastime as soon as one of the hangar floors is whipped into shape. Echelon and squadron are both forming hockey teams, but squadron lost the services of Fred Holcroft, former netminder of Edmonton Athletic Club. He's posted home.

RCAF DISCIP WAS U.S. MARINE TYPE

When it comes to distinction for being the typical sergeant-major type, W/O Ted Huestis, of Toronto, rates mention. Now, at the ripe service age of 38, the pudgy disciplinarian sports a row of ribbons and a military record which commands the respect of air crew and eriks alike at the operational base of the Moose and Ghost squadrons.

Ted first felt the urge for action back in 1925 when he joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a private and served in the steaming jungles of Central America. Punishing voodooistic cannibal types and repressing revolutionary South American rebels were only a few of the varied chores which came to the adventure-seeking W/O during his marine career.

He added the Military Medal to three campaign ribbons. He returned to the States and, after a spell as a lieutenant in U.S. Navy Yards, returned to civil life.

December, 1939, found him serving with the RCAF.

RCAF Men of the Year

1. S/L Wally McLeod, DSO, DFC and Bar, Regina, now reported missing, was top scoring Canadian Spitfire ace with 21 confirmed enemy aircraft destroyed.

2. W/C Johnny Johnston, DSO and two Bars, DFC and Bar, DFC (USA), RAF, still leads a top-flight Canadian fighter wing. Highest scoring Allied fighter pilot, he sparked the summer sweeps of an RCAF fighter wing personally.

3. W/C Dal Russel, DSO, DFC and Bar, Westmount, Que., leader of another Canadian Spitfire wing in the air, sparked his wing to record breaking achievements during scoring spurges in the summer months after D-Day.

4. Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, CB, DSC, took over as AOC-in-C RCAF Overseas at the beginning of the year and led it to its greatest year since its formation.

5. W/C William Sweetman, DSO, DFC, Kapuskasing, Ont., youthful leader of the Thunderbird squadron, was one of the outstanding operational figures in RCAF Bomber Group during the year.

6. W/C Lloyd V. Chadburn, DSO and Bar, DFC, killed in a flying accident over the Normandy beachhead, was a leading figure in RCAF fighter circles and had 14 destroyed to his credit at the time of his death.

7. W/C George Keefer, DSO, DFC and Bar, Charlottetown, P.E.I., sparked a RCAF fighter wing during the early months of the invasion.

8. Air Commodore Ross, GC, OBE, Toronto and Winnipeg, former CO of the largest RCAF bomber base in Britain, was awarded the George Cross for his daring rescue of crew members of a burning Alouette squadron aircraft in June.

9. W/C Hugh Godefroy, DSO, DFC and Bar, Toronto, earned the DSO as leader of an RCAF Spitfire wing.

10. W/C R. W. McNair, DSO, DFC and two Bars, North Battleford, Sask., one of Canada's highest scoring fighter pilots with 17 destroyed, relinquished command of a high scoring RCAF Spitfire wing.

11. S/L Ross Gray, Edmonton, outstanding pilot of the City of Edmonton Squadron, who damaged 13 and destroyed 11 German aircraft on the ground during a five-day period; W/C Anthony Barker, DFC, English-born member of the RCAF, who led the City of Edmonton squadron brilliantly before turning it over to W/C Bannock; W/C Russell Bannock, DFC and Bar, Toronto, nightfighter ace, who shot down the highest total of flying bombs of all RCAF pilots.

12. F/O John Todd Calne, DFC and Bar, Edmonton, top man with the City of Edmonton squadron during their scoring spurges in the first few months of the year.

13. G/C Alan Frederick Avant, DSO, DFC, Hughton, Sask., youngest group captain in the RCAF at the age of 22, took over command of a heavy conversion unit in RCAF Bomber Group.

14. Air Commodore Johnny Fauquier, DSO and Bar, DFC, Montreal, became chief air staff officer at RCAF Bomber Group after completing brilliant tour. Popularly known as "King of the Pathfinders," he was one of the first Masters of Ceremonies in Bomber Command.

15. S/L Albert Houle, DFC and Bar, Massey, Ont., led the fine work of the City of Windsor squadron in the fighting over the Anzio beachhead earlier in the year.

16. F/O K. O. Moore, DSO, North Battleford, Sask., skipper of a Coastal Command Liberator, destroyed two U-boats within 22 minutes on D-Day.

17. S/L Charles Scherf, DSO, DFC and Bar, RAAF, led the City of Edmonton squadron scoring with 14½ destroyed, many counted on holiday trips after he had completed his tour with the squadron.

18. F/L David Ernest Hornell, VC, Mimico, Ont., awarded the highest British Empire decoration posthumously for his work as captain of a crew which destroyed a U-boat in the Atlantic.

19. F/S Pete Enzbrecht, CGM, Whitewater, Man., mid-upper gunner in a Tiger squadron aircraft, on three separate occasions destroyed two Nazi aircraft, the final pair 36 hours after receiving the CGM from King George VI.



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PILOTS DOWN

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Tiffle Team

Two Typhoon pilots destroyed two each in combat near an RCAF airfield while the Germans were strafing the runway. The Tiffle fliers were F/O Hugh Fraser, Westmount, Que., and F/O Robert Lawrence, Edson, Alta. Their flight was on armed reconnaissance and was called back when the Luftwaffe made its sudden swoop.

A Tempest pilot, F/L J. W. Garland, Richmond, Ont., later in the day destroyed two FW190s while on a sortie to Germany. He sighted them flying at almost ground level and dived from 9,000 feet to get them.

Three Wolf squadron Spitfires shot down five and got two probables in one of the hottest fighter actions. The Canadians found themselves in the midst of deck-level strafing of their own airfield in the Brussels area by some 60 German aircraft.

P/O Steve Butte, Michel, B.C., joined the sporting ranks for the first time when he shot down two of the enemy machines and saw a third dive 500 feet towards the ground, smoking, before losing sight of him in the ensuing melee.

P/O "Mac" Reeves, Madoc, Ont., destroyed two more and F/S Keith Lindsay, Edmonton, got one and a probable. These were Lindsay's first scores.

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Section Officers I. M. Mutch and J. Watkins.

CITY OF EDMONTON

Gifts Bulge Billets

Ye Olde Yuletide Season has come and gone and in between straightening the piles of presents that jam the shelves of their Nissen huts, members of the squadron are pinning themselves down to plenty of work.

The Edmontonians—native and adopted—paid many a salutation to old Saint Nick during the holidays, and what with trips down the road to the Dog and Partridge, carol singing, dances, parties and special feasts, they were a pretty well-worn-out crowd by the time it was over.

The officers and aircrew threw their usual party for the airman and it was a fine show for all. After the dinner a concert was staged by The Air Screws, led by Sgt. Don Angel, Winnipeg, and their show clicked in every respect. When the air cleared, dancing and refreshments were thrown in for good measure.

F/Ls Bill Sewell and Bud MacDonald were the mainstays of the committee, well-assisted by such types as F/Os George Drew, Tommy Thomas, Al Smith and M. E. Zimmer, and F/Ls Hank Loriaux and Guy Hackett. Among the braid that turned out for the dinner, and assisted as waiters, were G/C Horgan and W/Cs Wickett, Secretan, Bolt and Thomas.

After the gang had a chance to settle down they sang Christmas Carols at a special service on Christmas Eve, conducted by squadron padre, S/L A. C. French. The service was honored by the presence of G/C G. O. Lightbourne, chief Protestant chaplain, RCAF overseas.

Christmas Day the erks were given another chance to let out some of the buttons, when they moved in with the rest of the airman for the big station feed, with all officers sharing in the host assignment. What with the other odds and ends such as the sergeants' mess party, musical concerts, movies and a general run on all supplies, the Edmontonians didn't go short.

BEARS, CARIBOU BLAST SIX HUNS

Pilots of the Bear and Caribou squadrons continued their rampage against the Luftwaffe Sunday by destroying six aircraft. First combat of the day was fought by the Bears in the vicinity of Rheine, where F/L J. J. Boyle, Toronto, and F/O Malcolm Graham, Dutton, Ont., shot down a Ju88 and a FW190.

Four Messerschmitts were knocked down by members of the Caribou unit, one each going to F/L R. C. Smith,

HEAVIES LASH

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claimed the fires were visible from 140 miles on the return trip.

The Ludwighafen do was highlighted by many tremendous explosions of fire at the chemical works where there was a galaxy of searchlights but only moderate flak.

The first day of the New Year saw Canadians in RAF Halifaxes smashing the Minister Stein Benzoe plant near Dortmund. "The fires lit up the snow in the streets," remarked F/S L. E. Geatrix, of Weston, Ont. Others in the attack were F/S W. R. Dobson, Nings, Man.; F/S S. Slack, Winnipeg; W/O W. F. Raymond, Woodstock, N.B.

Squadrons from Bomber Group were a strong portion of Bomber Command's heavy attack on the Kalk-Nord marshalling yards at Cologne Saturday. They flew in a full moon above cloud and dropped their bomb-load by instrument. The Canadians had no losses.

The Troisdorf marshalling yards near Bonn and the oil refinery at Scholden Buer were a pair of Ruhr valley targets which attracted a large number of Canadian Bomber Group aircraft Friday night. There was little interference from enemy fighters but flak was "light to moderate" at Scholden and "slight" at Troisdorf.

Munchen-Gladbach was hit by the RAF Thursday evening with many Canadian crews who reported big fires and explosions. Another big force of RCAF Bomber Group Lancasters and Halifaxes blasted at Oplader near Cologne on Thursday morning. Low thick cloud obscuring the target did not mar the effect of the attack.

Several crews of Bomber Group's force which pounded St. Vith said the bombing was very concentrated. Perfect clear weather and no fighter opposition permitted the attackers to leave the town burning from end to end.

Ancaster, Ont., F/O Gordon Watkin, London, Ont., and F/O G. J. Doyle, Iroquois Falls, Ont. The fourth was shared by F/L Don Teri, Toronto, and F/O Max Perkins, Melfort, Sask.

SCORES QUICK

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McCracken also knocked down his prey.

After all that joy, as the fliers call it, Audet said he was ready to call it a day. He was rounding up his section again when he spotted a FW at 2,000 feet and went down after it. The Hun, after various manoeuvres, half-turned towards the Canadian as if planning a more or less head-on attack.

"I slowed down to let him pass before firing," Audet related, "and when he was about 200 yards off and at 20 degrees deflection I fired a short burst. He flicked violently to the right and continued to do so until he crashed into the ground."

Normally shooting down its 200th Hun aircraft since D-Day would have been the major topic of conversation within a Canadian Spitfire wing. But this still impressive fact was submerged yesterday by the feat of Audet.

The Canadians went one better than the 200 mark in their 11-for-the-day effort and became the first British Empire wing to do so.

Credit for the 200th is difficult to attribute, for Audet and McCracken were on the tails of FW109s simultaneously and whose victim hit the dirt first is hard to determine.

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F/L Andrew Magee, Wallaceburg, Ont., was among the airman of a RAF Typhoon squadron which attacked a V2 site recently. "The site was pretty big, spread out and the buildings were dispersed. We saw a few launching platforms but no rockets, so we shot up the buildings with cannon fire," he said.

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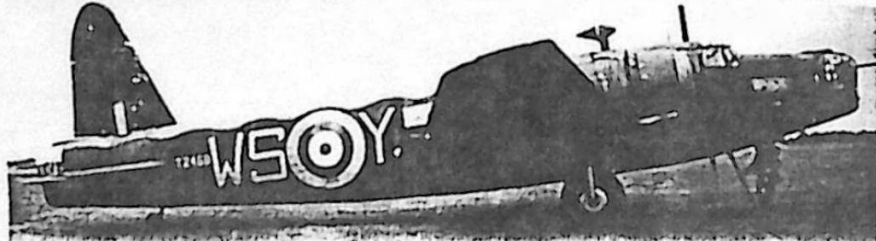
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