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# CANADIAN SPIT WIN TAGS FIVE JET KITES **BOMBERS HIT**

# LETHBRIDGE ACE GETS TWO GERMAN ME262s

Top-scoring Canadian Wing Boosts Total With Splurge Against Luftwaffe; Transport Plastered

## **KILLS BELIEVED DAY'S JET RECORD**

Five twin-jet Me262s were destroyed and six more damaged in two separate engagements last week by the Ram and Grizzly Bear squadrons of a top-scoring





RAF to Stuttgart A substantial number of heavies from Canadian Bomber Group joined with other units of RAF Bomber Command in two attacks on a rallway yard and an industrial area in the Stuttgart area Sunday night. Both attacks were carried out under difficult weather condi-tions. Canadian-built Lan-casters shared in the first attack, against the Kornwest-heim marshalling yard on the outskirts of Stuttgart. Returning pilots reported ten-tenths cloud, with poor visi-bility preventing an accurate estimate of bombing results. There was a very slight, but predicted, flak barrage. No fighter combats were reported by the Canadians in the first operation.

Group Flies With

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CANADA IN THE FIELDS





After an operational career of 50 sorties over a period of more than a year, the "Ruhr Express," first Canadian-built Lancaster to go on operations, was destroyed by fire at an RCAF station early this year. The aircraft caught fire after returning from a successful attack on Nuremberg. Top picture shows the ceremony upon the arrival of the "Ruhr Express" from Canada in September, 1943. The kite flew the Atlantic in nine hours and 30 minutes. The lower photo shows the end of the "Express" as F/Ss G. E. Berteau, Penhold, Alta., and L. Nozzalillo, Toronto, both gumers, inspect the armament of the stricken machine. machine. (Official ROAP Photograph.)



## WINGS ABROAD

## Editorial

## PERSONAL TOUCH

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## KILLED IN ACTION.

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P/O D. A. WEBB, Fairmount, Sask. WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

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Medics Preach Play as Path to Health

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H<sub>2</sub>O FOR 8TH

## Airman Recalls Locust Battle

Water boy for Monty's men at

El Alamein and across the desert, F/O S. D. Faider, Van-couver, now is heading for home. "They made me odd-job man for the RAF in the Middle East,"

TWO RAM SQUADRON PILOTS WIN DFCs IN AIR BATTLES Three Members of Moose Bomber Crew Gonged Together in New Awards List Two Ram squadron Spitfire pilots have been awarded DFCs to head the list of awards announced by the London Gazette this week. The pair are F/Ls Douglas Franklin Husband, Toronto, and Andrew Lloyd Sinclair, and both have a number of enemy aircraft to their credit. One DFM and 11 more DFCs

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# PHOTOGRAPHY. P W. CROUCH. Victoria: P. HOPKINSON, Dunville, Ont.; W. LAIDLAW, St. Marya, Ont.; D. POLLOCK, Lindsay, Ont.



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# **RCAF MEDICS FIRST TO USE** PENICILLIN FOR VD ON OPS

## Healers Hold Approval of Drug as Sure Cure for Five Year Period

Not until the second half of this century will the world know whether syphilis, most feared of all venereal diseases, can be cured by penicillin. The medical branch of the RCAF, first among the world's fighting forces to use penicillin for the treatment of VD on operational stations, warns that for at least another five years surphilis must be considered a scourge. least another five years, syphilis must be considered a scourge, able to strike with insanity, sterility, death.

## TOUGH FIGHT

Canadian and Former Empire boxing champion, O Al Foreman, 40-year-old tail-gunner from Montreal, has been released from an RAF hospital where he received treatment for wounds suffered over an enemy target at Royan.

Foreman received injuries to his nose and left eye. Fortunately the wound didn't impair his vision. "The Herrenvolk have

given up trying to kill me; now they are trying to spoil my good looks," said Fore-man from behind the dark glasses.

# WINDSOR SPITS powers that penicillin may pos-sess to effect a permanent cure for syphilis.

Cologna and Monselice, whose trackage had been transporting supplies and reinforcements to the German garrison making a determined bid to hold the key city of Bologna.

F/O K. R. Curtis, Toronto, led



More cautious than the gen-eral public, who have hailed penicillin as the wonder cure of the ages, papacea, cure-all, the medical profession does not levy claims for the drug that have not been proven in the labora-tory and the clinic, and double-checked with records of com-plete cures. plete cures.

plete cures. The present standing between penicillin and VD stands at one win, one loss. Against Gonorr-hoea penicillin is an expensive but proven cure in 90 per cent. of all cases. Against non-specific urethritis, most common of venereal diseases after gon-orrhoea, penicillin is no more effective than a teaspoonful of baking powder. A gainst syphilis ...? syphilis .

The tendency for syphilitic in-fection to remain insidiously dormant in the victim, often for many years, is the chief cause of medical authorities withholding their verdict on the

COT RAIL LINE Italy.—Ranging north to the Verona area recently, a forma-tion of RCAF City of Windsor Spitbombers bombed and cut a supply line serving Kesselring's sense of security has developed The disrupted line was a rail-way running between the manu-facturing and industrial towns of Calogram and industrial towns of

# DANGER IN PAREE

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"But the Germans hadn't got much use out of it," he said. TOUR OVER Lancasters had bombed it and "Lancasters had bombed it and I've never seen such a concen-tration of bomb craters. It took more than two days of steady hole-filling before we could clear enough runway to get our fighters off." With three attacks to Duis-Halifax gained altitude and bombed the entire formation from about 9,000 feet. "Every one of those ships opened fire at us simultaneously," Whittall reported, "It was the

## COULD BE CANADA



In Canada, MT types expected to do this sort of duty, but in Merrie England it comes as a surprise. Cpls. Edward Innes, London, Ont., and P. T. Smith, Navan, Ont., clear the road-for LAW M. J. Beveridge, Montreal. (Ometal RCAF Photograph.)

being hunted and attacked on sight.

**Coastal Crews Establish** 

Blockade Along Norway

## PRODIGAL

Don't panic if you lose an item of clothing. It'll turn up somewhere some day. Ask LAC "Red" Wilson, a Leaside squadron rigger, for more information.

Back in 1942 he was stationed in Lethbridge, and lost his cap one day, and after an unsuccessful search drew a new one out of stores.

new one out of stores. Then he came overseas to an operational station in Britain. On a clothing parade recently he was issued a second-hand cap. That's right, you guessed it! It was the same one he lost two years are with his pame

ports.

## **BRITISH KITES BACK IN AKYAB**

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One of the six Broadway pilots of the Wingate expedition last spring, S/L R. W. Day, Van-couver, led the first formation of

couver, led the first formation of RAF fighters from an Arakan airfield to the newly-occupied base at Akyab. The airport, which fell to British and Indian troops, was dotted with crudely dug and camouflaged pits, which were quickly filled in by army en-gineers in readiness for the Spit-fire squadron.

gineers in readiness for the Spit-fire squadron. In an engagement over Broadway, the Japs sent more than 30 Zeros into the fray. The ensuing battle resulted in four Zeros being destroyed and six damaged. Day's contribution to this total was one destroyed and this total was one destroyed and one damaged. He also has one Zero destroyed on the Arakan front and one and a half to his credit' on the Imphal front.

Also in the first formation to advance to the Akyab airfield was F/L H. A. Pattinson, Hamilton, Ont.

## **CROW'S NESTS ON NAZI SUBS**

\* Giant German long-range sub-marines in the Plesian Gulf carry their own pole-aitters, reports F/L Charles B. Carter,

reports F/L Charles B. Carter, Calgary, wireless operator with a RAF squadron. These subs, says Carter, have a telescopic periscope device which extends about 60 feet above sea level. Equipped with binoculars, the sub's observer sits at the top of this look-out post in a crow's nest, according '9-Carter, and thus convoys can be spotted a long distance off and

Aircraft of RAF Coastal Command, with many Canadians spotted a long distance off and without the sub being seen itselfamong its air crew, now are enforcing an aerial blockade along the coast of Norway. All enemy shipping in these waters is These ships also carry a small reconnaissance seaplane in the hull, says Carter, which is raised

to the deck for take-off. He says these subs are well armed and often fight back when attacked by alrcraft.

ports. Coastal crews have come across a variety of convoys and shipping in their constant vigil. Seven enemy merchant vessels and a Nazi motor torpedo boat, for example, recently were inter-cepted in the Skagerrak and bombed by a Halifax crew in which F/O W. E. Whittall, Van-couver, flew as second plot. F/S James Kennedy, Toronto, wop-ag, was in the same crew. Chant vessel were F/S H. F. Chant vessel were F/S H. F. Terry, Ottawa, and F/S C. J. Whebby, Dartmouth, N.S., both WOP/AGS. This ship also was found in the Skagerrak, and was identified and attacked jin the light of flares. The seven targets attacked by F/O Whittall's Halifax were

The-blockade already has hin-dered seriously a determined Nazi attempt to get troops and supplies out through Norwegian

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were seen travelling across the Skagerrak in two lines. The

Whittall reported. "It was the most intense flak I've seen in my life. But our skipper took evasive action and they did not score a single hit against us."

## As Jap Bounces Dakota FLIER LONELY FOR CHUTE OVER BOCHUM

When he saw a Japanese fighter closing in on the tail of another RCAF Dakota as it prepared to drop supplies to the 4th Army troops east of Shwebo on the Mandalay front, F/L Herbert L. Coons, DFC, Collins Bay, Ont., cut in and diverted the attack to his own aircraft. Like the other Dakota, he When he saw a Japanese fighter closing in on the tail of

Mate Flies Interference

was loaded with a highly com-bustible and explosive cargo of petrol and mortar shells. His instinctive action saved the other Dakota from attack and probable destruction. He brought his own aircraft back of the Dakota's port wing to base, damaged by cannon and machine-gun fire and by collision with a tree-top, but with only one casualty. "It was one of those fool things you do when you're het up," was his only comment after-wards. When the Japanese pilot saw

When the Japanese pilot saw on.

When the Japanese pilot saw on. the second Dakota cutting towards his tall he did a stall ville, N.B., was the only member turn and came in to attack the daring intruder, who imme-diately went right down to the holed the elevator and fuselage, packs. He is recovering in hos-then the Jap broke off. A pital from bullet wounds. CHIEF COOKS CHIEF COOKS Three messing officers of the Women's Division, Fit/O Forence Stacey, Edmonton, S/O Celia Fergusson, Montreal, have recently arrived overseas.

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## AROUND THE BEND

# Split Yuletide Feast

The sun-tanned boys from the "Land of Mystery" had a variety Christmas and New Year. Due to local restrictions, our Christmas party was split as only a certain number can be catered for at one function. One party had their feast amid the grandeur and splendor of the true East in the beautiful banquet hall of the Masonic Temple.

After an enjoyable meal, we sojourned to two different Alter an enjoyable meal, we sojourned to two different orphanages to give the Indian children a real Christmas in true Canadian style. "Pem" Fowler and Jack Young acted Santa Claus and distributed the toys. It would be stating it mildly to say the party was thoroughly enjoyed by both the orphans and ourselves. All this was made possible

hall of the Masonic Temple. It wouldn't be cricket to describe our menu to you folks in the land of Spam and Sausage Rolls, but the tables were adorned with all the trimmings and the color of the fruit dis-play would keep the tech. men of "Lady in the Dark" wonder-ing how they could ever picture it in technicolor. Turkey and ice cold beer were the main items, and there was plenty for all. The other party dined atop the beautiful palm-decked Victoria station overlooking downtcwin Bombay. The shoreline being visible, one could see the white foamy waters sparkling in the hot sun and hear the churning of the surf beating against the white sand of the beaches sur-rounding this little city of ours. After an enjoyable meal, we solourned to two different

newcomer among our ranks, F/L Bill Ronson, who hails from

All this was made possible through our going concers, Supervisor Jack Nelson of the Salvation Army, who meritori-ously received from the boys at this unit the Cocganut cluster to his NAAFI rilloon. Since our fast newsletter, we have gaid farewell to Eddie Hope, Ligyd McDonald, Stan Ouellette, we hope to see you back in the land of tea and talcum baths soon.

We extend a welcome to a seeing you soon.

## PLANE FACTS Gen Sheet on Station

A new squadron column filled with news from "Plane Facts," four-page news sheet printed by an RCAF station in Bomber Group, makes its appearance here this week. The

awarded DFCs. • The hockey team has won one and lost one to date under the coaching of F/L Ken Ringland, who has a wealth of experience in that line. He was president and business manager of the Lethbridge Maple Leafs who the City of Edmonton squadron.

## WINGS ABROAD

## IT WON'T HURT .... MUCH



Capt. Charles Beaudet, Shawinigan Falls, Que., dental officer with the RCAF Alouette squadron, goes into action with a patient who shall remain nameless here. The captain saw service in the North African campaign. (Ometal ROAF Photograph.)

# New Base Station CO

The station laid out its special welcome mat this week in honor of G/C Bill Pleasance, DFC, Calgary, who has arrived to assume command of Base station. Checking in at the same time was S/L Barry Knight, Winnipegger, replacing Bruce Kehoe, Ottawa, who donned three wide rings prior to departing for another base in these parts.

S/L G. D. "Sherriff" Cald-bick, chief pill dispenser here, thought he had a belated sick parade one evening. But in-vestigation revealed that it was the local wolves congregating. Bed face of the

who has transferred and is now the latest Canadian wrinkles to messing arrangements. Strictly admin types arriving or messing arrangements. Strictly admin types arriving out most of here to most and systems of the roam. Cellural event of the week was the so man. Departed to investing an early return to inform the four corners of the room. Alta, has just returned from the four corners of the room. Cultural event of the week was the solution of the name, address and phone into messing art agelery to a select is understood that and the frau in Toronto. Solut social life in Brussels is on application. —Sgt. R. J. Gunn.



## BADIO BOUND-UP

F/L C. K. Burlingham, Saskatoon, wears no wings but he has the Air Force Cross awarded for flying service. He has logged more hours in the air than most veteran air crews, including 13 operations with Coastal Command during his three years in Britain as a radar officer.

"Ici et Là"

Le sergent Je section J. R. St-Onge, d'Outremont, un mitrailleur arrière de l'esca-

mitrailleur arrière de l'esca-drille des Alouettes, a rap-porté une vive opposition ennemie d'une attaque sur l'Allemagne: "Nous avons essuyé un flak de barrage intense," a-t-il déclaré. " Les obus éclataient tout autour de notre bombardier."

D'après notre correspon-

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dant, les avlateurs canadiens ne se plaignent pas des récentes tempêtes de neige dans le nord de l'Angle-terre . . ça rappelle défini-tivement l'atmosphère du Canada, Plusleurs ont même improviéé des béconce avoc

improvisé des bécanes, avec conduite-avant sur skl.

canadien.

He has flown 950 hours with Coastal Command aircraft in research and trials of new radar devices. He has flown to Gibral-tar, North Africa and the Azores on trial flights.

The radar unit which enables Le lieutenant de section Joffre Gravel, qui complétait dernière-iment un cours de chirurgie spécial dans le nord de l'Angle-cen fin de semaine. Le docteur Gravel, un vétéran des esca-drilles de chasse, est maintenant au Groupe de Bombardement canadien.

overseas, F/L W. L. Hatton, Princeton, B.C., a radar officer, is passing through an RCAF re-pat depot homeward bound. Hatton was attached to mobile radio units in North Africa during the battles between Montgomery and Rommel.

Rommel. A grandstand view of the famous battle of El Alemein was one of the service career high-lights of F/L Joseph Billyeald, vancouver, technical officer and later CO of the most forward mobile radar unit operating in the Western Desert. Billyeald, now passing through an RCAF remat denot scent 10 months

Au cours de cette même attaque, le lieutenant de section R. F. Archambault, pilote à l'escadrille Alouette, se rendit en retard au-dessus de l'objectif et devint une cible parfaite pour les réflecteurs de la DCA et le flak. Il passa quelques moments assez difficiles.  $\operatorname{Mow}$  passing through an RCAF repat depot, spent 10 months service in an Italian lighthouse. Approximately 50 per cent. of the RAF radar stations overseas now are commanded by RCAF technical officers according to F/L Robert H. Childs, Hamilton, Ont., homeward bound after three and a-half-years overseas. He has served in Britain, the He has served in Britain, the Middle East, Italy, Syria, Pales-tine and Transfordan.

tine and Transjordan. Occupying an advanced sight-ing position on high ground, F/L Harold G. Montgomery, Winni-peg, saw the great battle for the plains west of Florence, Italy. He was radar officer with a tech-nical unit which kept abreast of the Allied - offensive from Salerno. Montgomery is on his way home after three and a-half years overseas.

A new squadron column filled with news from "Piant Fracts," four-page news sheet printed by an RCAF station revealed that it was been posted for working and the source of the week belongs to base. The actual the aircraft, destroyed two engines and won the Alberta Sentor hocker, were sportered by deveload ad since and rehating the cripple domber beck, while K-O Frank Baster, Winnip, as been posted home and SA, S/L R. H. Persy, has been posted home and SA, S/L R. H. Persy, has been posted home and structures the store work is able or the stores and rehating a few days in the inter-station league. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker what she was typing POR. The poster sporter dby deveload ad marker wh

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## NIGHTFIGHTER CORNER

Native Rhythm at Ball

Highlights of the Nighthawk squadron's recent activities might of the Nighthawk squadron's recent activities was the dance featuring the RCAF overseas band, the Stream-liners. It was their first ball for which a Canadian band has played and the Hawkmen went wild as the Streamliners gave forth with a tempo that topped them all. A pat on the back goes to education officer F/L Smith for a grand job in organiz-ing the squadron dances ing the squadron dances,

The great snow battle lested for more than an hour and neu-tral observers reported many hits by both sides, although no casualties were inflicted. Some airmen appeared a triffe dazed recently completed his first tour.

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que nous avons heureusement of five hard-working types dépisté." attached to RAF airfields where their job is Joading and unload-ing of mail planes to and from the continent. They are doing a grand job, and here they are: Cpl. Ron McLeod, Winnipeg, LAC George Maskefi, Colborne, Ont, LAC Chuck Noseworthy, Sydney, N.S., LAC Jim Cameron, Winnipeg, and LAC Syd Walters, who recently swore marriage vows.

Le capitaine Guy Blouin du Régiment de Hull, est un des nombreux officiers de l'armée qui est allé passer une se-maine à l'escadrille des Alouettes: "C'est une ex-périence magnifique qui m'a donné une idée très juste de la vie de nos frères d'armes dans l'aviation, a-t-il déclaré. Il est à souhaiter qu'ils vien-Il est à souhaiter qu'ils vien-nent un jour étudier nos tactiques au sol."

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Ing the squadron dances.
Latest repats from R and I were Cpl. Trusty, LACs Dave Wilkin, Johnnie Wheeler, Freddie Watter Moore, gen man on Wild life, was seen dragging two huge rabbits the size of great danse into the hangars the other danse into the hangars the other morning. Wally claims he snared his game with a tow rope. H and I have changed their bodgers " to " Hanfield's Handle from "Dunham's fait son premier tour avec less Dodgers " to " Hanfield's Handle from "Dunham's fait son premier tour avec less Dodgers " to " Hanfield's Handle from "Dunham's fait son premier tour avec less Alouettes, doit retourner incessamer au Canada. Newly-promoted F/S Jim Irwin took over "A " flight from F/S George Sullivan who joined the happy gang headed home ward. Newly-promoted F/S Jim Irwin took over "A " flight from the happy gang headed home ward. **EX-INSTRUCTOR EX-INSTRUCTOR For two years an instructor in the great snow battle lested for more than or how and make dore index ind** Le service français de la BBC, dans sa "Chronique des Dominions" irradiée à la France le 26 janvier, a rendu hommage à l'aviation canadienne. Le sketch a retracé l'historique de l'in-térêt canadien aux-choses de l'air: Il a souligné la contri-bution de nos effectifs aux équipages navigants, et mon-tré l'importance de nos grands aérodromes.

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Myitkana airfield was No-Man's Land, with Japs at one end Myltkana arneid was No-Man's Land, with Japs at one end of the runway and General Stilwell's men at the other, when a Winnipeg airman landed in an RAF Dakota carrying supplies. The 'Pegger was F/O R. C. McDonald, wireless operator and jumpmaster with two years' service in India and Burma, who related the incident at an RCAF repat depot recently. He said that no sooner had the Dakota landed than the crew dived into all trenches when three Zeros shot up the place and destroyed slit trenches when three Zeros shot up the place and destroyed their aircraft. They spent the night in the trench, but the next day another aircraft got in and relieved them.

A motor-boat crewman of Air Sea Rescue Service, Cpl Richard G. Cole, 34, Vancouver, has the distinction of being one of four Canadian airmen who served on Malta at the beginning of its blitz. Besides himself, he says, there were two ground WOPs and F/L George Beurling, all serving with the RAF. Cole has served overseas nine-years, and has recently passed through a RCAF repat depot, homeward bound.

Wearing the DFC won while serving as navigator with an RAF Lancaster squadron in Britain, F/O D. G. Ray, Port Credit, Ont., passed through an RCAF repat depot recently. He has been overseas two years and took part in the mass air assault prior to D-Day landings during his tour.

Lack of petrol for 15 minutes extra flying robbed F/L Robert W. Campbell, Port Elgin, Ont., navigator of a RAF Marauder, and his crew of the opportunity of defending the Italian battleship Roma from enemy air attack. Out on a shipping reconnaissance they accidentally bumped into the Italian fleet, which was proceeding to Malta to surrender. After convoying the fleet for some hours they had just enough petrol to return to base. Intelligence reports show that 15 minutes later a Ju88 sank the largest battleship, the Roma, with a radio-controlled glider-bomb.

After flying his Lancaster nearly 1,000 miles on three engines to complete his 27th sortie F/O W. A. Skinner, Bracebridge, Ont., regarded the long flight to Munich and back as the longest in his career. The trip was smooth until 250 miles from target, where his instruments warned him of trouble. He had to feather one engine because of flames issuing from the exhaust manifold.

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There were alternative and nearer targets to bomb, but Skinner pressed on to the main target, where fighters, searchlights and a heavy barrage failed to deter him from his bombing, which was carried out coolly and methodically. He turned for home, and despite winds and one engine out of action completed the operation on time.

"Vera," the veteran Halifax of an RAF bomber squadron, set a new squadron record for longevity when it returned safely from a raid on Magdeburg recently. F/O D. A. Thompson, Port Hope, skippered the all-Canadian crew which chalked up the record. It was Thompson's 13th sortie over enemy territory compared with the Halifax, which has a total of 75 bombing missions during its service.

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From all the jagged flak fragments that whistled through the sky during an attack by Halifaxes on Magdeburg recently, one tiny piece smashed a hole through the bomber skippered by F/O H. H. LeCren, Nanaimo, B.C. That little piece, however, supplied him with sufficient trouble. It severed an oil line in the hydraulic system and the undercarriage dropped down. He brought the aircraft back safely to base, but was forced to land minutes after his squadron mates due to his reduced speed on the homeward journey.

Four new promotions to Canadians in RAF Halifax bomber squadrons indicate the high standard of work they are doing. Promoted to F/Ls were F. F. Armstrong, Owen Sound, Ont., J. E. Peterson, Meeting Creek, Alta., and L. K. Southward, Beamsville, Ont., pilots who have completed a large number of cortise over energy territory. Appointed to rank of P/O was sorties over enemy territory. Appointed to rank of P/O was D. E. Heaps, Toronto, a mid-upper gunner, who has also completed many successful attacks on prime German targets.

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After more than 28 months with Canadians in Bomber Verdun. L Paul E. Giroux. Jue.

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# Homeward Bound

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**Officers Lead Souvenir** 

have an upper hand when it comes to a place to sleep.

Hunt But Erks Get Huts

Burma .- Odds are even between the officers and the airmen in

the first Canadian squadron to arrive on the Burma front. The officers are away ahead in the hunt for souvenirs but the erks

# MOSSIE TEAM

## **GUNNER TRIES OUT SKIPPERS**

## Dozen Pilots Fly Him On Quiet Tour

Flying with 12 different skippers in attacks on such cities as Bochum, Frankfurt, Ludvigshafen, Dusseldorf and Hanover during his first tour, P/O D. R. Runciman, Brock-ville, Ont., feels he can lay claim to a record of some kind. "Altogether it was a pretty quiet tour," said the mid-upper gunner. "One night during an attack near Paris we were caught in heavy flak and a piece flew up between the wireless operator's legs." He says the best trip of his tour was to Ludvigshafen re-cently. "It was the best display-of fireworks over the target that I have ever seen." Acting as a spare member of air crew, Runciman did the first part of his tour with the Por-cupine squadron before, joining the Lions.

# Headquarters

Cupid again emerged vic-torious with two recent wed-dings among members of head-quarters staff, P/O J. Kenneth Meyer, Boston, Mass., of the Meyer, Boston, Mass., of the radio section, took the vows with Elizabeth Frances Morgan. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Morgan, Dorridge, Warwick-

homeward bound. After serving as RC padre at an RCAF bomber station and then a conversion unit, he was appointed padre for a district to look after the welfare of Canadians in the RAF. He travelled by motor-cycle to cover the more than 100 stations scattered over thousands of square miles. He skidded and fractured his arm once, but after four months in a cast resumed his rounds.

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## **NEWFIE GREMLINS** HOLD UK REUNION

HOLD UK REUNION
Eight Fliers Gather At Leaside Station
Eight former members of the self-styled Gremlin squadron of Newfoundland held a reunion re-cently on the Leaside squadron station marking the visit of the former squadron commander, S/L Fred Green, DFC, St. Thomas, Ont, now on duty in the UK.
Except for Green, seven of the group are members of the Leaside unit, and all served in New-foundland from November, 1942, till November the following year.
At the reunion F/L L. M. Ken-nedy, Hamilton, Ont, Leaside adjutant and former adjutant of the Gremlin outfit, called the roli and the following answered: F/O K. Lunny, Westmount, Que, W/C T. P. H. Arnett, Moncton,

adjutant and former adjutant of the Gremlin outfit, called the roll and the following answered: F/O K. Lunny, Westmount, Que., New Sound, Ont., WAG; F/L Frank Horam, Kenora, Ont., pilot; F/O J. G. Maguire, Winni-peg, pilot; F/O Moir, Cttawa, WAG, and S/L Green. HOT MINING "Other ranks will sleep in what shelter is available," ordered W/C T. P. H. Arnett, Moncton, N.B. "Officers will bed down Where they can." Many of the air crews spent the night in their aircraft. Others blankets. Two days later, accom-modation for the officers was still blankets will sleep in what shelter is available," ordered One of three brothers in the services, F/L S. V. McKellar, Elrose, Sask., pilot of a Halifax in the Porcupine squadron, has completed a tour which was expedition, which saw a shore ack-ack barrage making things hot.



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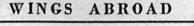
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S/L John G. Edison, Toronto, has probably directed more air-

craft takeoffs and landings than

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## FLYING CONTROL Polish President Honors ATHENS LIGHTS Canadian Air Marshals

In expression of Poland's gratitude to two leaders of the RCAF for outstanding services rendered to his country, the President of Poland, M. Wlaryslaw Rackiewicz invested Air Marshal Robert Leckl, CB, Chief of the Air Staff, and Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, CB, DSC, ACC-in-C RCAF Overseas, with the Insigna of the Grand Officer's Cross of Polonia

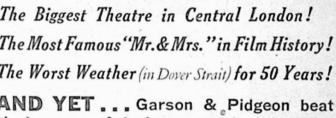
craft takeoffs and landings than any member of the RCAF, since setting foot in Normandy the morning after D-Day. Senior flying control officer with the Canadian top-scoring Spitfire wing, he was mentioned in despatches in the New Year's honors list for his work. Arriving on the Continent with a complete flying control organization to man the first emergency landing strip to be put in construction, Edison three days later supervised the initial landing by an Allied air-Since them.



GREET AIRMEN One of the first Allied airmen

depot on his way home.

tour Mahoney was assigned to communications duties and flew



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# to land in liberated Greece, F/O D. C. Mahoney, Keswick, Ont., is now at an RCAF Repatriation At the end of his operational