



RCAF FIGHTERS BOUNCE GERMANS, HAMMER SIX

BAGS ONE

F/O W. F. Griffiths, Rose-town, Sask., tail-gunner with the Swordfish Squadron, got his first enemy fighter on the eighth operation of his second tour. The bomber was just leaving the target when the enemy fighter came in sight. "I saw him about 1,000 yards away," he said. "He kept closing in, and when he was within range I let him have it. He went down in a spin and smoke was pouring out of both engines."

MUSTANG MAN DESTROYS FW

RAF Kites Meet Nazi Formation

Tangling with a formation of 10 FW190s over Norway, Sunday, RAF Mustangs destroyed two of them. One fell to F/O William Black, Bracebridge, Ont., giving him his first destroyed. He already counts two damaged.

"We were off the Norwegian coast," said Black, "when a formation of 10 FW190s came out of the clouds above and we went up after them.

"It was quite a dog fight but I got on to the tail of one of them and chased him inland. He went down to crash on the side of a mountain."

LIBS SMASH AT NIPS IN BURMA

Burma.—More than a score of Canadians, in the crews of Strategic Air Force Liberators which attacked a Japanese encampment at Madaya recently, reported accurate bombing and evidence of fires and damage to the target. S/L J. M. Stroud, Hamilton, Ont., led one flight.

"Dust and smoke rose to 6,000 feet as we left the area," reported F/S Carl Hilton, Ottawa, a bomb-aimer.

Describing the operation, F/O E. D. Gilbert, a pilot from Windsor Mills, Que., said, "We saw no flak, just sailed in, planted our bombs where they would do the most good and came home."

Other RCAF men who took part in the attack included F/O William Waddington, Vancouver; F/S Dave Bossett, Vancouver; F/O Les Banks, Merrierville, Ont.; F/S Don Campbell, Durham, Ont.; F/O William Kay, Vancouver, and F/O Welson Duff, Vancouver.

Beafighthers Set Vessel Ablaze in Norway Fjord

A small merchant vessel was recently set on fire and sunk just outside Sogne Fjord, Norway, by rocket and cannon-firing Beafighthers of the RCAF Buffalo squadron. The Canadian formation scored this latest victory as Coastal Command intensified its offensive against enemy shipping in Norwegian waters.

RAF and RNZAF Beafighthers flew with the Buffalo squadron and the entire strike force was led by F/L H. L. Wainman, Orillia, Ont. Flying debris damaged three RCAF planes during the attacks but none of their crews was injured. Every aircraft returned to base safely.

When first sighted, the vessel was steaming for shore to reach shelter provided by high rock formation. To strike at the ship the fliers were forced to go in through light to heavy flak from the vessel and shore batteries.

HITS SCORED

In the attacks which followed the Canadian airmen scored eight definite rocket hits against the enemy vessel. In addition they claimed eight possible hits above and four possible hits below water level. Cannon fire from the RCAF Beaus raked the

Caribou Squadron Pilots Bag Five Stukas ; Top-scoring Wing Clobbers Transport Topping Off Day's Scoring Bout

BEAR FLIER SCORES AT COESFELD

Spitfire pilots of the RCAF Caribou squadron wiped out a formation of five Ju87s (Stuka dive-bombers) north of Gladbeck last Thursday in one of the few dog-fights of the western air war during recent weeks. Meanwhile a Ju88 fell to the guns of a Bear squadron pilot of the same wing in a flurry north of Coesfeld.

In an abbreviated flying period, the top-scoring RCAF wing's squadrons also struck heavily at German supply lines, scoring six rail cuts, destroying a locomotive and damaging six more, damaging nearly 50 rail cars and a road vehicle, blowing up four warehouses with a direct bomb hit, and scoring two near misses on a canal and a direct hit on a road.

Two of the Stukas, all of which were flying south-west at about 50 feet when attacked, were destroyed by F/L D. C. Gordon, DFC, Vancouver. Another went to F/O G. J. Doyle, Iroquois Falls, Ont., while a fourth was shared by these two pilots. The fifth was shot down by F/L R. B. Barker, Vancouver. F/L K. S. Sleep, Lindsay, Ont., accounted for the Ju88.

On an armed reconnaissance in the Munster-Lingen area, where the Ju88 was encountered, the Bears also attacked two trains, damaging engines of both and five cars on one. On a second operation, after a lull because of adverse flying weather, they attacked six more trains, destroying one engine, damaging two more and from 30 to 40 freight cars.

The Caribous on their mission also chalked up two damaged locomotives, six rail cars and one road vehicle. Four of the six cuts in enemy rail lines were registered by the Ram squadron when its fliers bombed the marshalling yard, also blowing up the Dour warehouses on the north side of the marshalling yard area. Two more rail cuts were marked up by the Falcon squadron, while the Grizzly Bear unit scored hits on the canal and on the road in the same vicinity.

TRANSPORT KILLER

F/O F. W. Thomson, Windsor, Ont., pilot with the RCAF Wolf squadron, finished his second tour recently with an impressive list of German transport to his credit. Besides eight locomotives and 70 or 80 transport vehicles, he has one enemy aircraft destroyed, a damaged and a probable in his log book.

ship from end to end and it burst into flames.

When the formation was ready to leave, the ship had been beached to prevent it sinking further. Only portion visible was a small section of the bow stuck fast on the rocks.

Flying debris broke a vision panel and tore holes in the starboard wing and in the nose of the plane flown by Wainman and his RAF navigator, F/L J. R. Stoddart, Gretna, Scotland.

Flown by F/O D. E. Embury, Napanee, Ont., and F/O R. C. Keele, Kingston, Ont., "C for Charlie" returned to base with two large holes in its wings and with superficial damage to its fuselage. Flying debris also tore two holes in the wings of the Beafighther flown by F/O J. B. Bedell, Niagara Falls, Ont., and W/O J. J. Campanella, Hamilton, Ont.

AIRMEN EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

Fliers to Study At Trinity Hall

Two RCAF flight lieutenants, ex-operational fliers who have been classed as unfit for further service as air crew, have been approved for two scholarships recently offered by Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to permanently unfit air crew who would otherwise be discharged from the service.

They are F/L R. G. Frederick, Lindsay, Ont., and F/L P. L. P. Macdonnell, Toronto, both graduates of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Terms of the scholarships permit the students to choose their own courses. Frederick has chosen engineering. Macdonnell will read Law which he was studying prior to enlistment. A maximum guarantee of £100 per annum for two years goes with each scholarship.

Frederick flew as navigator with an intruder squadron. Macdonnell was a pilot with a medium bomber squadron in the Middle East.

WD TWINS FEAST VALENTINE'S DAY

Identical Nurses Confuse Patients

St. Valentine's Day is also "Happy Birthday" day for the Vaughan twins, LAWs Flo and Gwen, hospital assistants on the staff of an RCAF repat depot who celebrated their 21st birthday on February 14.

The twins, born at Estevan, Sask., came to Britain in April, 1939, with their parents to visit their grandmother in Wales. During the visit war was declared and prevented the girls from returning to Canada. They took up nursing at a hospital in Cardiff, Wales, and when the Women's Division of the RCAF accepted recruits overseas in 1942 they enlisted as hospital assistants.

Many humorous situations occur as a result of the identical twins working as hospital assistants in the same wards.

"Once we were at work in the same ward, Flo on days and myself on nights, and this caused great confusion among the patients," said Gwen. "We were both treating the same patients and they wondered how long 'the girl' would last on the 24-hour shift without rest."

TEMPEST KNOCKS ME109 FROM SKY

A recent aerial duel with two enemy aircraft over Germany resulted in the destruction of a Me109 by F/L F. W. Mossing, Regina, Sask., Tempest pilot with a RAF squadron.

"One pulled out, so I got stuck on the other one," Mossing said. "I opened fire and nothing seemed to happen, so I got closer. Firing from dead astern at 75 yards, I blew his starboard wing off. It just disintegrated. He spun in and hit the airfield."

RED ARMY VISITS RCAF



High ranking Red Army officers recently paid a visit to an RCAF Spitfire wing based on the continent. Two of the visitors are shown chatting with W/C J. E. "Johnny" Johnson, DSO and two Bars, DFC and Bar, DFC (USA).

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

Typhoons Poke Jerry RAILS THROUGH CLOUDS

Fighter Bombers Find Good Hunting In Two Consecutive Days Over Reich

Holland.—Despite dense cloud, fighter bomber pilots of a Canadian wing spent two consecutive days last week hunting German transport east of the Rhine and between the Rhine and the Maas with good success. On the first day the Typhoons made more than one dozen cuts in the Nazis' thinly-stretched railways, and damaged three locomotives with cannon fire.

Fliers adopted "key-hole" tactics, hunting for holes in the clouds and then diving through them to pound targets below.

There was some opposition and anti-aircraft fire met the aircraft each time they attacked and on their return to base pilots found holes in their wings and fuselage. Narrowest escape of the day was that of F/L Victor Legear, Barrie, Ont., who eased his nearly motorless plane into an emergency strip just this side of the Allied lines after nursing it for 20 miles. He flies with the City of Westmount squadron.

F/L John Carr, Morrisburg, Ont., reported: "He called up and said, 'I'm not going to make it!' but I saw him just stagger into the forward strip. We were out after any railway we could see, and hunted for a long time for a hole in the cloud and went through one and bombed the rails."

F/O A. C. Richards, Clair, Sask., scored a direct hit on rail lines south of Geldern, when the City of Montreal squadron flipped through a hole in the overcast, bombed and then slipped back through the clouds.

The City of Ottawa squadron made four rail interdictions during the day, and bombed the railway town of Bocholt. P/O William Clifford, St. Catharines, Ont., and F/O William Gibbs, Peterborough, Ont., each destroyed a lorry on the return trip.

F/S Gordon Critenden, Moncton, N.B., had to repeat his drive on Bocholt to release two bombs which got hung up on his first attack. He got rid of them the second time and as he climbed spotted a tight formation of Spitfires heading homeward and happily joined them.

On the second day, between first light and noon, the wing had registered half a dozen interdictions and attacked three trains.

Troops aboard one train attacked by the City of Ottawa squadron streamed from the six passenger coaches when bombs dropped beside the train. The coaches were strafed with apparently heavy casualties, reported P/O Clifford.

The City of Westmount squadron destroyed two locomotives as well as cutting main lines.

MOSSIE TEAM SCORES WINS

Crew Boosts Total In Night Attacks

Top-scoring team of the City of Edmonton squadron, F/O Roy Thomas, Vancouver, and navigator F/L Wray Macdonald, Toronto and Ottawa, added to their spoils in three night sorties over Holland and Germany.

On the first of their triple-assault, they accounted for seven transports, two destroyed and five damaged, plus a warehouse that went up in flames following a violent explosion.

On the next sortie, they scored a direct hit on a factory, strafing three others, damaging two trains and three motor transports and destroying two transports. The trucks all were in convoy and the two destroyed went up in flame.

The third time out they dropped their bombs in the centre of a railway junction, damaged four transports and a train.

To date Thomas and Macdonald have three aircraft destroyed and three damaged, all on the ground; six trains damaged, one flying bomb destroyed, 12 trucks destroyed and 27 damaged.

"There was something lethal in the warehouse we hit," remarked F/O Thomas. "We sprayed it with cannon fire and it immediately burst into flames, with the explosion following."

TORONTO MOSSIE PILOT TAGS JU88

A Toronto Mosquito pilot, F/O Marty Kent, ended a three-week-long dry spell in the night fighting field for the RCAF Nighthawk squadron when he shot down a German plane over the Scheldt estuary recently.

The victory, over a Ju88, was his first kill. He was flying with F/O J. Simpson, Winnipeg, navigator, with whom he scored a damaged several months ago.

Their Ju88 was the first plane to be shot down by the Nighthawks since New Year's Eve. Bad flying weather and a scarcity of Germans at night had combined to make life dull for the Mosquito crews on the night shift.

Kent's kill gave the Hawks a total of 46 destroyed since D-Day.

Canadian Bombers Strike Oil Plant in German City

Returning in less than a week, Canadian Halifaxes attacked the synthetic oil plant at Wanne-Eickel in the Ruhr Valley Friday morning. Lancasters and Halifaxes of RCAF Bomber Group struck Wednesday night at the small town of Goch between the river Maas and the Rhine.

Defences at Wanne-Eickel were evidently taken by surprise at the early morning attack, and the first aircraft made their bombing runs with little opposition. With each successive wave of bombers, the ack-ack fire became heavier, while enemy fighters were observed. The bombing was highly accurate and the target was left flaming and smoking.

Making his first trip to the target was F/L F. S. Smith, DFC, Goose squadron pilot from Toronto, who said, "I was pretty sure we hit the refinery. It was flaming and I saw at least one large explosion."

At Goch, veteran and freshmen pilots alike remarked on the sudden activity of the Luftwaffe. Many enemy nightfighters were seen, and the Lion squadron crew captained by F/O M. D. Roberts, Cymric, Sask., claimed a FW190 destroyed.

Crews from the Iroquois, Thunderbird, Goose, Bison and other RCAF squadrons reported many fighters, and many crews reported the enemy trailing them on the homeward flight. F/O P. Mitchell, DFC, DFM, a Ghost squadron rear-gunner from Lloydminster, Sask., who is on his second tour, said, "Some Nazi fighters followed the bombers back over the English Channel."

Despite the many nightfighters and moderate to heavy flak encountered, none of our aircraft were missing.

The bombing was carried out at a low height, and the general verdict seemed to be "at the height, how could we miss?" Large explosions were reported with fires raging and smoke billowing up following the concentrated attack.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. W/O J. E. GAUTHIER, Montreal; P/O J. R. MENZIES, ...

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION. P/O W. G. ARNOLD, ...

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. W/O G. A. SIMPSON, Trenton, Ont.; P/L R. B. ...

DIED OF WOUNDS OR INJURIES RECEIVED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. P/O A. R. HALL, ...

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. NOW PRESUMED KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. P/H J. J. MORRIS, ...

WOUNDED OR INJURED IN ACTION. P/S N. D. DIXON, ...

WOUNDED OR INJURED ON ACTIVE SERVICE. Cpl. K. A. BUNT, ...

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING. NOW PRESUMED KILLED IN ACTION. W/O G. W. ACORN, ...

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OLMSTEAD, Estlin, Sask.; LAC M. OLSHANSKY, Winnipeg; Sgt. H. E. ...

MISSING. W/O A. P. ANDERSON, Winnipeg; P/O W. N. AULD, Calgary; P/O W. BAKER, ...

English brides of RCAF personnel are getting a practical picture of Canada before they set sail for their new homes, on a station housing the Thunderbird and Goose bomber squadrons.

Inaugurated by F/L Kenneth Young, Nordegg, Alta., education officer, classes are held weekly for WAAF and former WAAF personnel who have married Canadians.

The first lecture covered differences in Canadian and English currency and marketing values. Other lectures will cover transportation, diet, clothes, educational systems and other Canadian angles of living.

First student to receive his wings at SFTS at Norman Rogers Airfield, Kingston, Ont., under the BCATP, W/C C. M. Black, has been given command of the Thunderbird squadron.

RAF and RAAF Beaufighters made similar attacks against the Nazi ships. When the Coastal Command formation left the fjord, the tug was seen enveloped in smoke and steam.

All of the RCAF Beaus taking part in this strike came from the Buffalo squadron operating from a base in Scotland.

ARTIST



LAC G. S. Murray, with the Nighthawk squadron in Europe, keeps his painting up to date by practising on LAC A. F. Morris' back. Both lads are from Kingston, Ont. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

Coastal Beaufighters Set Two Ships, Barge on Fire

British, Canadian, Australian Force Attacks German Vessels

A force of British, Canadian and Australian Beaufighters led by S/L W. R. Christison, DFC, Lennoxville, Que., recently set fire to two German merchant vessels and an ocean-going tug in a Norwegian fjord.

Only one RCAF machine was damaged—colliding with a sea gull on its way to the patrol area. Flown by F/O H. W. Ramsden, Nelson, B.C., and W/O R. Rumble, Toronto, it was forced to turn back early when the collision smashed its front and side windows and knocked the intercom system out of action.

The Coastal Command aircraft were carrying out an anti-shiping patrol when a RAF Beaufighter discovered the enemy targets in the fjord. The targets consisted of a medium-sized merchant vessel anchored beside a small island, a small merchant vessel, and an ocean-going tug seen towing a barge through the fjord.

In the attacks which followed an RCAF Beaufighter scored six rocket hits against the tug. Flown by F/O L. A. Boll, Jasper, Alta., and W/O T. J. Bryce, Winnipeg, this aircraft later made cannon attacks against the same target with undetermined results.

S/L Christison and RAF navigator F/L W. J. Toon, of Essex, England, claimed eight rocket hits against the barge. This target also was repeatedly hit during cannon attacks carried out by a Beaufighter flown by F/O J. E. Nelson, Port Arthur, Ont., and W/O R. G. Gracie, Toronto.

Nelson and Gracie then joined another Beaufighter flown by F/O R. A. Wallace, DFC, Port Arthur, Ont., and P/O J. J. Temple, DFC, Fort William, Ont., and between them the two aircraft got 10 rocket hits on the small ship. They also scored numerous hits against it in cannon attacks which followed.

RAF and RAAF Beaufighters made similar attacks against the Nazi ships. When the Coastal Command formation left the fjord, the tug was seen enveloped in smoke and steam, and only the bow of the medium-sized merchant vessel, covered in brownish thick smoke, was visible. Rockets went right through the smaller vessel, which was left smoking from stern to bow.

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"Ici et Là"

Un mitrailleur-télégraphiste du Coastal Command, le lieutenant d'aviation Gérard Pilon qui fut attaché à l'aviation sud-africaine pendant plusieurs mois, vient d'obtenir une permission d'un mois au Canada, après trois ans à l'étranger.

Le chef d'escadrille Nantel David, un pilote depuis 1937 et l'un de nos experts en droit aéronautique, doit rentrer au Canada sous peu; ce gradué du "War Staff College" canadien a passé six mois en Angleterre comme officier de liaison, et raconte que son plus beau souvenir est sa visite à l'unité canadienne-française.

Le lieutenant de section Guy Vandry, un de nos pilotes de la défense côtière, a fini cette semaine son premier tour d'opération qu'il a mis au-delà d'un an à compléter avec les quadrimoteurs de la défense côtière, unité RAF. Guy raconte un "tour tranquille", et donne tout le crédit à ses co-équipiers et à ses camarades d'escadrille pour le beau travail anti-sous-marins.

Louis Naud, lieutenant de section, ancien mitrailleur pilote, et les lieutenants d'aviation Ménéard et Roland Brouillard de la région de Montréal, sont les mousquetaires de l'escadrille de Spitfire dite "City of Oshawa", stationnée en Belgique. Ils sont les seuls Canadiens-français de ce squadron dont la renommée est bien répandue.

Le lieutenant d'aviation Marcel Bénard de Montmagny se dit chanceux de retourner au Canada pour quelques temps; ce pilote a fait partie d'une escadrille à Malte, assistant à l'invasion de la Sicile en surveillant la flotte italienne du haut des airs. Bénard a 22 ans et compte 44 opérations en territoire ennemi.

Le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Jean-Paul Paradis de Québec interromp également son séjour outremer; il a été prêt avec quelques camarades, à l'aviation américaine, alors commandée par le général Doolittle qui avait besoin d'experts en radiotélégraphie. Ses expériences rempliraient un volume.

Le sergent Roger Vigneau des Trois-Rivières a été nommé le représentant officiel de la section française des relations extérieures au centre de rapatriement des aviateurs canadiens en Angleterre; ses dépêches ci-haut citées sur les aviateurs de langue française rapatriés montrent l'intérêt qu'il porte à ses nouvelles fonctions.

Le sergent de section Marcel Letarte, mitrailleur, permissionnaire à Londres cette semaine avec son camarade d'équipage, le sergent de section Jacques de Bagheera, de Vaj Morin, un ingénieur de vol. Ils comptent dix-huit opérations, et sont très enthousiastes malgré quelques aventures sérieuses au-dessus du Reich.

STREAMLINERS BACK FROM MONTH'S TOUR

The 15-piece RCAF Streamliners Dance Band has returned to Britain after a month's tour of RCAF and Allied stations and units on the continent. The band, led by Sgt. W. R. Carter, Goderick, Ont., trumpeter, was cordially received wherever they appeared in France, Belgium and Holland. In all they made some 50 appearances.

The tour was not without its exciting incidents, among which was a close-up view of a bombing by German Me262 jet-propelled planes. They saw many flying bombs overhead and watched a number of V-2 rockets streak skywards. On one occasion the band had to cross the Nijmegen Bridge while under German shell fire.

SPIT FLIER PILOTS DUTCH FRONT TAXI

Two operational tours behind him, F/L Herbert Garwood, Windsor, Ont., Spitfire pilot, is now flying with an air taxi service near the front line in Holland.

Often in bad Dutch weather these pilots are the only ones flying on the Western front. The danger of roving FWs and Mees is ever present. One "comm" pilot, chased by four FW190s on New Year's Day, dived into a clearing in a wood and twisted among the trees with such good effect that he eluded his pursuers.

FAMILY TRIO GET TOGETHER

Enjoying a reunion in London recently were Marie, Joseph and Albert Cantin, McCreary, Man., whose family is proud of its record of 11 members who have enlisted for war service.

Nine immediate members of the family a sister-in-law and an adopted son have donned uniform since the outbreak of war, five joining the RCAF and six the Canadian Army.

In the RCAF are Lionel, observer, Joseph, a W/O discip, and Albert, pilot. Clement, fighter pilot, has been missing since 1942, and in the same year Morris, bomber pilot, was killed in action.

In the Army are Clement Nivon, adopted member of the family, who has been in Europe since D-Day; Noel, who went to Europe on D-Day and is home now after being wounded twice; Amidee, on an officer's course at Sandhurst; Marie, lieutenant, nursing sister, who went to Europe on D plus 30; and Evelyn, sister-in-law, sergeant in the CWAC in Canada. Wilfred was killed in Canada in 1940.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cantin, residing at McCreary.

RCAF PLAYS HOST TO YANK AIRMEN

Sixty-two Liberator bombers of the USAAF invaded the RCAF bomber station commanded by G/C J. B. Millward, DFC and Bar, Sherbrooke, Que., recently. They were diverted to the station due to weather conditions.

It was the largest number of aircraft ever diverted to an RCAF station since the Group's inception. They all landed safely within 45 minutes, controlled by S/L N. M. Boyd, LaFleche, Sask., senior flying control officer, and his staff.

F/L W. M. Windrum, Winnipeg, had to find sleeping room for the 600 American visitors, and F/O V. I. Gibson, Ottawa, arranged messing facilities for the Yanks during their 18-hour stay.

AMBULANCE CREWS HAVE OWN TROUBLES

The impression you may be harboring about RCAF ambulance crews, that they just sit around waiting for someone to get gashed up, goes by the boards if you chat with LACs Lloyd Coveyduc, Toronto and William Bolton, St. Boniface, Man.

New Year's Day, for instance, found the pair hugging terra firma beside their ambulance as Messerschmitts and Focke Wulfs strafed their field while they were at their crash posts.

Ten days later, while answering a flash about a Flying Fortress crash, they found the bomber and a hangar burning. To add to the confusion of bursting mg. ammo, 3800 pounds of bombs went off at once, making a shambles of their ambulance and hurling them face first into the snow.

Coveyduc is the driver and Bolton the hospital assistant of the team. Another crew, LAC Gaston DeBlois, Sherbrooke, Que., and LAC Harold Caswell, Stamford Centre, Ont., reached the Fortress earlier and had a similar experience.

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THREE GROUND MEN HONORED

Aircraft Repairmen Fought Fierce Fires

Three Canadians, F/S James Irwin, Liberty, Sask., Cpl. George Reansbury, Brantford, Ont., and Cpl. Arthur Townsley, Toronto, serving with the RCAF Nighthawk squadron, have been mentioned in despatches for bravery in rendering assistance when a four-motored bomber crashed into a house in northern England and burst into flames.

One member of the bomber crew was thrown clear of the wreckage, but others were still inside. Disregarding the exploding ammunition and signal flares, they climbed into the burning aircraft and carried out the crew, who had been killed in the crash.

They went from the bomber to the blazing house and assisted fire-fighting crews in removing the bodies of several children who had been killed when the bomber struck.

"F/S Irwin did what I think was a superhuman feat," Cpl. Townsley said. "We had lifted a fallen section of brick wall to recover one of the children buried underneath it. Irwin held it up while we climbed underneath and got the child's body out. It took three of us to lift that section of wall, yet Jim held it up alone while we were under it."

The three airmen were returning to their station after a dance when they saw the bomber crash into the house.

Irwin is a flight maintenance crew chief, Reansbury an engine mechanic and Townsley is in charge of his squadron's camera guns.

MOSSIE PAIR JABS JERRY TRANSPORT

Trucks, Junction Hit on Patrol

Strafing a Hun motor transport convoy in Holland, F/L Ted Johnson, pilot, Belleville, Ont., and F/O Al Pace, Toronto, navigator, veteran crew with the City of Edmonton squadron, destroyed one truck and badly damaged eight others.

The truck which was destroyed blew up after being riddled with cannon and machine-gun fire. The fliers were patrolling when they spotted the convoy.

On the same mission, Johnson and Pace scored a direct hit with bombs on a railway junction east of the Zuider Zee. A column of smoke from the target indicated the accuracy of the bombing.

Johnson and Pace are adding to their score of enemy transport destroyed or damaged. To date they have five vehicles destroyed and 25 damaged. They also have one Ju88 destroyed, an unidentified aircraft damaged, one locomotive destroyed and a train and two factories damaged.

WINDSOR SQUADRON MOVINGEST OUTFIT

Italy.—Head of the motor transport section of the City of Windsor Canadian Spitbomber squadron now operating in close support of Eighth Army troops fighting on the Adriatic front in Italy, is W/O Norman Hill, Brantford, Ont.

Hill, veteran of 4½ years' service, joined the squadron in June, 1943, and has supervised the majority of the unit's movements in Italy. The Windsor unit must rate as the RCAF's "most movingest" squadron, having shifted to a more advanced base more than 25 times in over 2½ years campaigning from the Middle East, through the Western Desert, over to Malta, into Sicily and up through Italy.

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THE CRITIC



This little Dutch girl looks over a set of photographs shown by LAC Bruce Linfoot, Hamilton, Ont. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

FLIGHT BOSS SAW ARNHEM BATTLES

Pilot Recalls Four Trips With Supplies

S/L W. G. Gardiner, Crescent Beach, B.C., ex-flight commander of a glider-towing Stirling squadron, made four trips to Arnhem during the tragic action of the 1st Airborne Division.

"On one re-supply mission we saw fighters carving up the Stirlings ahead of us, so I took my aircraft down to the tree-tops. I had the squadron gunnery leader in the rear turret and he was shouting and having a wonderful time, shooting up ground targets," Gardiner said.

For months before the western invasion he carried out moonlight delivery flights to Nazi France, supplying the Maquis with guns and ammunition.

On one occasion he was detailed to carry out a daylight assignment in France, along with one other bomber and an escort of 50 Spitfires. "I never felt so comfortable in my life," he said.

Gardiner recently passed through a RCAF repair depot en route to Canada, after completing a tour.

Dakota Unit Tops Group Toting Tonnage in Burma

Burma.—In the first 18 days after W/C Ralph Gordon's RCAF Dakota transport squadron reached its present aircraft complement, it led all Dakota squadrons in tonnage carried to the Mandalay and Irrawaddy front. The squadron, which began operations in January, flies vital supplies, including gasoline and ammunition to the 14th Army.

Average pay-load for the period was more than 180 tons per day or more than one ton per aircraft-operational-hour.

"The aircrews are flying four and sometimes five sorties in a dawn-to-dusk day," W/C Gordon states. "The ground crews, too, are doing a magnificent job, working extended hours to keep aircraft flying. The squadron is proud of its record, but it means to do better."

To save time the aircrew on the squadron voted to eat dry rations between sorties instead of using time over a cooked meal. The daily average is being steadily increased as ways are devised to speed up maintenance work. The ground crews have achieved a serviceability of 85 per cent. of all aircraft, according to W/C Gordon.

The time for an engine change has been cut from three to two days without a loss of efficiency. Under the direction of F/L H. Webb, Caledonia, Ont., the engineering officer, maintenance men rigged up a makeshift crane capable of lifting heavy Wasp engines and placing them in position in the nacelles.

POW's Write About Plans For Puckloop, Christmas

Preparations for winter sports and for spending Christmas in German prison camps are described by RCAF POWs in letters received recently at the POW department, British Columbia House.

TIFFIE MEN HALT HUN TROOP TRAIN

On his first Typhoon operation since serving as a staff pilot in Canada, F/L Hubert Hollings, North Odessa, Ont., assisted F/L Ernest Savard, Winnipeg, in destroying a speeding troop train south-east of Wessel.

"There was quite a bit of flak," he commented. "I was shooting behind the engine and I saw light flak coming up. I didn't see the results."

F/L Savard told the interrogating officer his first cannon shots set the leading coach aflame and "as soon as I fired it stopped. It was probably a troop train judging from the way it was speeding."

"The engine stopped smoking at the stack and was smoking at the boiler after we hit it," he said. Savard also destroyed two lorries which were parked nose to nose on the road near Bocholt.

ACE GOES HOME

With two tours as a Spitfire pilot in the Middle East behind him, S/L O. C. Kallio, DSO, DFC, former CO of the City of Windsor Spitfire squadron, passed through the RCAF Repair Depot recently en route to his home in Ironwood, Mich. He has four Nazi aircraft to his credit.

F/O G. L. Cooper, Powell River, said in a letter from Saarg Luft III, written on November 27, "Your welcome letters continue to roll in, and the lads here were considerably cheered to hear of the Christmas parcels being sent off. We are hoping they arrive in time, but if not they will still be received with equal pleasure."

"From the weather here one would gather that your baseball aews will soon be superseded by hockey. Everyone is fine and continually optimistic."

"We are all well here and at present we are preparing an ice rink, as the weather is starting to get very cold." F/O E. N. Bell, Victoria, wrote from the same camp on November 30. "Here's hoping we get some hockey in," he continued. "I received a carton of cigarettes from you to-day. We are still receiving the B.C. news letters and are very thankful for them, as they give us the items of news we don't receive in personal letters."

Asking for information on fruit-growing, particularly as it applies to the Okanagan district, F/L D. J. Corcoran, of B.C., wrote on October 27, "That is one type of agriculture we have not too much information on and no Canadian data at all. Lorne Chambers, Phillipson and myself are all interested to find out if there is any Soldiers' Settlement in the Okanagan. Have heard rumors of the west bench around Pentiction being opened up for returned men. Any information on this would be much appreciated."

FIGHTER BOMBERS USE NEW METHOD

Fragmentation Bombs Scatter Hun Troops

A new style of attack by RCAF fighter bombers, in which each aircraft carried multiple fragmentation bombs enclosed in a canister, was used for the first time recently against German towns in which reinforcements were being held.

"It's just like a small scale Flying Fortress attack," said S/L James Beatty, DFC, St. Catharines, Ont., telling of the use of these aerial Molotov cocktails. "After we bombed Udem quite a bit of flak came up."

Udem is due north of the rail city of Geldern, which has been a recent target of Typhoons with high explosive bombs.

Comparing the two bombs, F/O Alastair McBride, Kingston, Ont., of the City of Westmount squadron, said, "They twinkled below like a small artillery barrage. I think they are pretty good. But you can see the craters and results of thousand pounders."

He had just returned from attacking a German border town near Wesel. On this attack W/O Richard Roach, Toronto, saw a container flip past his coop-top when the leading pilot released his bombs.

TIRPITZ ATTACKER HEADS FOR HOME

Veteran of one of the earthquake bomb attacks on the Tirpitz, P/O R. D. Kerr, DFC, Lancaster rear-gunner, is at an RCAF repair depot on his way home to Wabamun, Alta.

During a night attack on Germany, Kerr's bomber was attacked by three enemy fighters simultaneously when his bomber was held in a searchlight cone which blinded the gunners. In spite of this disadvantage, Kerr hit a Ju88 with the bullets from his tail turret.

TRICKY TRIP MARKS PILOT'S ANNIVERSARY

Returning from a raid on Sterkrade with one engine of his bomber damaged and a leaking gas tank, F/O Gerry Quinlan, DFC, Verdun, Que., was faced with the prospect of spending his wedding anniversary in the English Channel. He was able to keep the aircraft airborne, however, and went on to land safely at base with a tiny amount of gas left.

Undismayed at the thought of ditching in the Channel, his RCAF Iroquois Squadron crew jokingly sang "Happy Anniversary to You" over the intercom.

RCAF FLIERS RECEIVE GONGS IN LATEST DECORATIONS LIST

London Gazette Names 11 for Non-Immediate DFCs

Award of the DFC (non-immediate) to 10 RCAF fliers and a Canadian-born squadron leader in the RAF are included in the latest list of gongs announced by the *London Gazette*. The major share of these decorations go to airmen who have served with the tactical air forces on the Continent, with fighter-bomber squadrons and with nightfighter units.

Receiving the awards are F/Ls Leo Elton Fownes, navigator, Victoria County, N.S.; Benton Thomas Gilmour, pilot, St. Thomas, Ont.; Lawrence Victor Kirsch, pilot, Yorkton, Sask.; John Malcolm Robb, Toronto; Andrew Lambros; Ralph Isaac Britten, Richmond County, N.S.; F/Os Norman Ewart Dawber, Toronto; Leo Joseph Derosier, Florida; David Edward Ness, Copper Cliff, Ont.; Richard Heath Rohmer, Fort Erie, Ont.; and S/L George Turner, RAF, born at Vermilion, Alta.

F/L Fownes has shared in the destruction of three enemy aircraft and damage of a fourth in night operations, the citation states. The *Gazette* also states he has displayed a high degree of technical skill.

F/L Gilmour has destroyed three enemy aircraft, damaged two, and damaged much enemy transport. F/L Kirsch is cited for his work in damaging enemy transport and for his part in close support flying for Allied troops at Caen and Falaise.

F/L Robb has destroyed one enemy aircraft and damaged enemy transport. His own plane has been damaged three times, but he has always managed to bring his machine back to base.

The *Gazette* states that F/L Lambros has participated in many low level attacks against heavily defended targets, including important bridges and the Dortmund-Ems canal locks. On one occasion he completed an attack and cut a rail line despite heavy ground fire and repeated attacks by jet-propelled fighters.

F/L Britten has destroyed three enemy planes and damaged another, the *Gazette* states. F/O Dawber has led his squadron against heavily defended targets and on one occasion pressed on to attack an important bridge after his plane had been damaged. He was able to get his battered plane back over Allied lines and baled out.

F/O Ness has destroyed three enemy planes (and eight flying bombs) and has shared in the destruction of several trains. F/O Rohmer is cited for his work as a tactical reconnaissance pilot who has been of great value to the army. He has persisted in completing his work

AIRMEN NAME OWN MEMBER

Service Members In Alberta House

RCAF representative in the Alberta legislature is S/L Frederick C. Colborne, DFC, Calgary, elected in the recent all-services vote held among Alberta personnel stationed outside the province. The result was announced recently by the Alberta government after the final tabulation of returns.

Colborne's length of service is four years and six months. He polled 252 votes to lead six other RCAF candidates. Lieut J. Harper Prowse, Edmonton, topped 21 Army contestants with 1,050 votes. Chief Petty Officer Loftus Dudley Ward won the Navy representation with 293 to lead two other naval candidates.

The three new members will take their seats as soon as possible to represent the service view, particularly on matters of rehabilitation.

Four areas were organized and were distributed as follows, area one, Canada, Newfoundland, and the Bahamas; area two, Italy; area three, France, Belgium and Holland; area four, United Kingdom, Iceland and Ireland.

despite heavy ground fire and fighter attacks.

S/L Turner was engaged in bombing operations in 1939 and 1940, during which he shot down a He52. In 1942 he completed a tour on nightfighters, during which he destroyed another Hun. He recently completed his third tour in which he achieved success against ground targets. In September he attacked enemy barracks at Arnhem, despite ground fire which put one of his engines out of action.

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WITH THE 'RADIO MECHS.'

NORTH ENGLAND

This week our genial Y man, Gord Devitt, escorted the Tarmac around our way and we displaced the usual front row crowd to enjoy what we consider to be one of the best portable shows that we've seen.

mate, F/O "Strobe" Pickup, are working on the idea of a section "Do," and with that in mind we look forward to the coming week.

RADIO ROUNDUP

Another chapter in the brother-meets-brother stories overseas, occurred at a RAF personnel depot in Italy recently. Sgt. Al Shoquist, rigger, had just checked in at the depot.

Al was passing through the other way, homeward bound after finishing his work with radar stations in Italy. The Saskatoon brothers had a night out, their first since October, 1939.

Among recent Canadians passing through the Repat Depot was F/L John F. Munson, Wolseley, Sask., radar officer. He served in Britain, the Middle East and the Far East.



F/L Walter Bilbrough, Toronto, operational records officer at RCAF District HQ, Middle East, borrows a tarboosh' from Chico, the Soudanese lad employed in the HQ canteen.

(Official RCAF Photograph.)

DUNLAP HEADS CANADIAN BASE

Recently promoted to the rank of air commodore, C. R. Dunlap, Vancouver, has been placed in charge of the base from which the Moose, Ghost, Iroquois and Bluenose squadrons operate.

At the outbreak of war, Dunlap was appointed Director of Armaments at Ottawa AFHQ. He later was named CO of the B and G school at Mountain View, Ont. He came overseas to take command of the station from which the Lion and Bison squadrons operate and later went to North Africa to lead the wing comprising the Alouette, Snowy Owl and Tiger squadrons.

Last year he joined TAF to lead a RAF wing of daylight medium bombers, took his wing to the continent and was decorated with the Silver Star.

HISTORY REPEATS FOR NAVIGATOR

Working from a spot in the ranks to a commission in two branches of the service in one war is the unique achievement of Jack Tonge, St. John, N.B., who recently completed a tour as a Bluenose squadron navigator with the rank of flying officer.

Discharged from the Army because he was too young, after he had gone from private to first lieutenant and adjutant of his unit, he enlisted in the RCAF as air crew.

To make his Air Force career he recently took the place of his squadron's adjutant when that officer, F/L H. C. Hallett, Toronto, went on leave.

Tonge started his ops with the Bluenose squadron later transferring to the Bluenose.

CREW USES THREE KITES AT ARNHEM

"Arnhem was so hot that in four flights, with gliders and supplies, we used up three aircraft," declared F/O T. C. Olsen, Guelph, Ont., navigator now at a RCAF repatriation depot.

"We had to fly low over the German lines and they shot us up with cannon and machine gun fire every time," he said.

Olsen had been watching the battle through a blister-window of his bomber, in order to supply information to Intelligence Officers at his base.

"I just pulled my head in to turn and write at my desk, when a cannon shell hammered through the window and exploded against the roof of the kite. It was the closest shave I've ever had," he said.

Through a great hole in the bomber's roof, all the navigation charts were whisked away by the tremendous suction of the slipstream and Olsen had to direct the pilot back to Britain by memory.

COLLISION FAILS TO HALT PILOT

Regaining control of his bomber after it suffered severe damage in a collision with a Ju88 while on the way to an important minelaying target earned W/C Douglas Hagerman, Saskatoon, the DFC. Moose squadron CO, Hagerman has finished two tours.

The collision took a great section out of the bomber's front turret, not far from Hagerman himself, sheared three feet off the end of one wing and dented a prop.

The action occurred not long after he began his first tour with a RAF squadron in the Battle of the Ruhr in late 1942.

He transferred to the Moose squadron for his second tour, where he became a flight commander and later squadron commander.

TRANSPORT FLIER HAS ISLAND HOME

Middle East—After a long session here as a transport flier, W/O Mike Surett is looking forward to getting back to his own island.

The island, known as Surett Island, is about four by five miles and is about 18 miles from Yarmouth in Nova Scotia. Of a population of 2,000, about 900 are Surettas.

The island boasts a church, schoolhouse, dance hall, some general stores, 10 automobiles and one horse; but the horse is too old to work.

Mike is proud of Surett Island and when abroad he constitutes a one-man guitar-playing board of trade and never is too busy to describe its fishing and farming industries.

Homeward Bound

Among the many Canadians who have passed through the RCAF Repatriation Depot recently on their way home after finishing tours or completing service under the three-year repatriation scheme, are the following:

- F/O Terence H. Freeman, Windsor, Ont.; P/O J. C. Massey, Montreal; F/O James D. Banting, Richlea, Sask.; LAC Mickey Mincoff, Montreal; F/O R. L. Pinder, Beamsville, Ont.; P/O D. G. Harkness, DFM, Toronto; F/L D. S. McKechnie, DFC, Edmonton; P/O J. R. Churchhill, DFM, Perth, Ont.; P/O Jack W. Morris, DFC, Windsor, Ont.; F/O R. M. Dutkowski, Regina; S/L G. M. Larson, DFC, Edmonton; F/S J. F. Connolly, Montreal; P/O J. A. H. Ashcroft, DFM, Lanark, Ont.; F/L D. C. Henrickson, DFC, Winnipeg; F/O R. H. Jarman, DFC, Edmonton; F/O C. S. Hamilton, Oshawa, Ont.; F/L G. M. Goodman, DFC, Wellington, Ont.; P/O W. G. Kemp, DFC, Fort Fraser, B.C.; P/O J. M. Cochrane, DFC, Jackson, Mich.; F/O H. B. Crothers, Winnipeg; F/L C. C. Margerison, DFC, Langley Prairie, B.C.; F/O T. A. T. Rhodes, DFC, Victoria; F/O E. J. D. Bill, DFC, Vancouver; P/O J. R. Hurly, DFC, North Bay, Ont.; F/L J. P. Jessee, DFC, Vancouver; W/O W. G. Young, DFC, Corner Brook, Nfld.; P/O A. R. Barker, Ottawa; W/O L. J. Pynan, Toronto; P/O R. W. Reid, Toronto; W/C P. E. David, AFC, Montreal; F/L J. H. P. Higgins, Montreal; W/C T. L. Doolittle, Wallaceburg, Ont.

SECOND FINISHED

Completing second tours are F/L R. C. Moyer, DFC, Beamsville, Ont., navigation leader, and F/L R. J. Austen, DFC, Toronto, signals leader, both of the Goose squadron.

CITY OF WINDSOR

Mat Still Takes It

The Windsor welcome mat rapidly is approaching a threadbare condition and soon it will be tour-expired too and ready for replacement. When the count is taken of ground crew replacements who have flocked to this Spitbomber squadron in Italy in recent months to take over where originals left off, credit for the complete restaffing, with but few exceptions, must go to RCAF Bomber Group in the UK.

VOLCANO PROVES WORSE THAN FLAK

Lava Digs Pits In Windshield

Don't ever fly over a volcano. It's a natural flak battery, according to F/O P. A. Goodfellow, Dunnville, Ont.

"We were flying over Italy one night when suddenly all the windshields were clouded over and pitted with black blotches. The skipper couldn't see outside and we were in trouble until he got the window open," Goodfellow said. "Later we found we were over Vesuvius. The windshield was pitted with tiny bits of lava."

Goodfellow flew as navigator and bombaimer with Coastal Command in England before going to Italy with a Halifax squadron. A freak coincidence during an attack on Munich nearly finished his career. As he released his bombs over the target, an anti-aircraft shell burst beneath the aircraft. Two flares, loose but still in the flare chute, were blown back inside where they lay fused and likely to burst. He disconnected himself from oxygen and before he collapsed from lack of air he was able to throw the smouldering flares out.

HALLYS SCRAP IN MID-AIR AT NIGHT

A mid-air collision between two Halifax bombers over Nazi territory, with both bombers escaping serious damage and carrying on to attack their target, was described by a Mimico air-gunner now at an RCAF Repat depot on his way home.

Veteran of 10 bombings of Berlin, F/O Arthur Rimmer, DFC, claims his most hair-raising experience was that dark night when his Halifax had just crossed the enemy coast and another black hulk suddenly appeared a few feet below his turret.

"The rear-gunner and I both screamed to the skipper to climb, but while we were still yelling the other kite drifted closer and its mid-upper turret scraped right along the length of our belly shearing off our projecting underblister," Rimmer declared. "The kite still flew, so we went on to the target."

GUNNER JOINS FRERE IN CATERPILLAR CLUB

Second in his family to become a member of the Caterpillar Club, F/L F. J. O'Callaghan, Kemptville, Ont., has completed his first tour as air-gunner with the Thunderbird squadron. His brother, F/O Claude, baled out over the English Channel and was six hours in a dinghy before being rescued.

CITY OF WINDSOR

Mat Still Takes It

The "new" City of Windsor outfit could be labelled the "Squadron that Canadian Bomber Group rebuilt."

Included in the latest batch of Bomber Command personalities were six sergeants, first senior NCO replacements to scrape their mud-caked feet on that Windsor mat.

Rigger Sergeants Al Shoquist, Saskatoon and Calgary, and Harry McCloskey, Windsor, Ont., lead the incoming pack. Both are in their sixth year of service with the RCAF. McCloskey is well known in sports circles in Windsor, and for a good many miles around. Before enlistment he boxed in amateur and professional ranks in Canada and the United States.

Completing the invading force are: fitters—Sgt. Bob Gunn, Winnipeg; LACs Marcel Belanger, Mont Joli, Que.; Ronald Dawson, Toronto; R. S. Logan, Shubenacadie, N.S., and Don McKinnon, Trail, B.C.

Riggers—Sgt. H. A. Berge, Vancouver; LACs A. N. Bell, Unity, Sask.; W. R. Clarence, Mt. Dennis, Toronto, and H. M. Snahe, Orillia, Ont.

Armourers—Sgt. C. E. Bentley Greenwith, N.S.; LACs William Bradford, Brooklyn, N.Y.; E. M. Howell, Vancouver; L. E. Lawson, Speers, Sask., and L. A. Shaw, London, Ont.

Electricians—Sgt. Andy Dow, Toronto, and LAC Bill Gollinski, Dalmeny, Sask.

Motor transport drivers—LACs J. V. Armstrong, Garson, Ont.; H. P. Bronn, Toronto; A. L. Cleymont, Ottawa; S. R. Gooch, Toronto; J. E. McElgunn, Regina, Sask.; Joseph Normandin, Rouville, Que.; Charlie Moore, Sonora, Cal., and E. G. Rombough, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Fire fighters are LACs John Dibey, Toronto, and C. C. Ingram, Toronto. Sgt. L. T. A. Reynolds, Pembroke, Ont., takes charge of the wireless section, and Cpl. H. D. McNeaney, Hamilton, joins the MT servicing squad.

Bolstering other sections are LACs V. J. Sloan, Ottawa; Phil Nichols, Roselea, Alta.; M. G. Clarke, Montreal; R. P. E. Donaghy, Grandmere, Que.; G. J. Henderson, Hamilton; C. H. Krieger, Alameda, Sask.; D. J. Laforge, St. Anne de Chicoutimi, Que.; Alex MacDougall, Dominion, N.S.; C. A. McKechnie, Toronto; George Onieh, Toronto; M. S. Phillips, Thessalon, Ont.; George Rolland, Montreal; N. A. Skinner, Biggar, Sask.; W. T. Taylor, Montreal, and Gus Vallancourt, Campbelltown, N.B.

WIMPY PILOT NOW LEADS SPIT FLIGHT

Recently given command of a flight of the RCAF City of Windsor squadron is F/L Lawrence J. Hurrell, Carleton Place, Ont. Of pilots currently flying with the Windsors, he is the oldest serving member in point of time. He trained on single-engined aircraft, but converted to twin-engined jobs on posting to U.K. He began his first op tour with an RAF Wellington torpedo-bomber squadron in Malta. He joined the Windsors in March, 1944.

CITY OF WINDSOR

Mail Bag

Personnel visiting the Canadian Navy revue, "Meet the Navy," currently showing at the London Hippodrome, agree unanimously that the show is a bang-on effort. ACs Don Giles, Belleville, Ont., and "Snowball" Richardson, Timmins, Ont., returning from the Hippodrome by Underground one night recently, gave the passengers a graphic account of the entire show. W/O Joe Crozier seemed to take a keen interest in John Pratt's "You'll Get Used To It." Who didn't?

Felicitations are extended to Cpl. Ted Szpak on the occasion of his recent marriage in Manchester. Friends attending the ceremony included LACs "Ike" Eichendorf, J. Hanewich, Oshawa, "Pop" Poplowsky, Montreal, and J. Flood, Winnipeg. Ted was recently promoted to his present rank, so we are taking this opportunity of giving him double cheers. Also acquiring a pair of hooks recently was Ernie Fulford.

The Churchill Club has proved very popular among RCAF personnel, and LAW A. M. Russell, Montreal, is no exception. P/O J. F. D. Jansen, Ottawa, has gone to another theatre of operations, and P/C F. J. Allen, North Bay, Ont., is now back at the base. Recent departures under the repatriation category include F/S George Harvey and Sgts. Bill Tappin and Ferguson.

The new NCO i/c directory service is Cpl. Bert Byrnes, Toronto, who is assisted by Cpl. J. M. McNichol, LAWs W. W. Griffiths, J. Scott, A. Potts "Scotty" Richards and D. Blair. LAC J. Rosenberg, Toronto, our photo fiend and film critic, is also a familiar figure around this section.

Our basketball team remains the highlight of our sporting activities, with such stalwarts as LACs G. Kennedy, Windsor, Ont.; M. Scheff, Toronto; H. Rain, Winnipeg; G. Fevreau, Winnipeg; J. R. Peers, Dartmouth, N.S., and McKeague carrying the banner.

PROGRESS SHAKES SURPRISED FLIER

Three promotions and two medals in four days are reason enough for a week-end celebration, says P/O B. D. Walker, AFM, Toronto, recalling an outstanding week in his overseas service.

On a certain Tuesday morning he was a sergeant. By nightfall he was a flight sergeant. Wednesday he became a warrant officer and next morning his commission came through.

Thursday night his CO informed him he had been awarded the Air Force Medal. Friday morning along came his 39-43 star. During this week of progress Walker was a gunner with a Halifax squadron of RCAF Bomber Group.

He did a tour of escort duty with a Lib outfit to the Bahamas before coming to Britain. His promotions were delayed in the trip from the Bahamas and his promotions hit him all at once. The AFM came for duty on the Bahamas tour. Walker now is heading for home.

NEW ADMIN CHIEF

S/L G. H. McMahon, Kingston, Ont., has taken over station admin duties at the Leaside and Goose squadrons' home, succeeding S/L R. H. Perry, posted to Ottawa for special work.



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Of his 60 bombing trips, the shortest proved the worst, according to F/O R. A. Rutherglen, DFC, Nelson, B.C. It was a 105 minute effort against a flying bomb dump at St. Omer, and his aircraft was hit by flak over the target. While the Lanc was still reeling under the flak burst, a Ju88 attacked from the rear. Rutherglen was wounded in the face by flying perspex when a fighter shell shattered the astro dome. Another shell blew out electrical connections with the rear turret, manned by F/O R. E. McWhirter, diminutive tail gunner from Foxdale, Sask.

Without his electrical sighting ring, McWhirter fought off the Nazi attacker by playing his guns like a garden hose, gauging his stream of fire by the path of tracers. Meanwhile he coolly gave directions to his skipper, F/L J. R. Coffey, DFC., Ozar, Alta., for evasive action. Back at base, mechanics found 182 holes in the aircraft. F/O Rutherglen enlisted with the 1st B.C. Regiment, the Duke of Connaught Rifles, in June, 1940, and a year later transferred to the RCAF as a wireless air gunner. Immediately he ended his second tour he married AW Irene Cox, London, Eng., a WAAF driver on his station.

The only two Canadians in a RAF Lancaster crew, F/L J. F. Ness, pilot, Brantford, Ont., and F/S B. Vineberg, air bomber, Montreal, have completed more than 25 bombing trips against heavily defended German targets without meeting a single fighter attack. Over Duisburg, Trier, and Hamburg, their bomber was hit by flak, but no serious damage was done. At Duisburg, searchlights coned them on the bombing run and predicted flak came uncomfortably close, but they were not hit.

Good fortune smiled brightly on F/S W. J. May, Winnipeg, rear gunner in an RAF Lancaster. On a daylight trip to the Rhineland, a piece of flak cut through the muffler he was wearing and came to rest against his Adam's apple without nicking the skin. May's Lancaster ran short of oxygen, and the Canadian navigator, F/S G. D. Kay, Vancouver, went unconscious. Rather than dump his bombs uselessly, the skipper left the main bomber stream and attacked a secondary target. There was keen opposition from ground defences and the lone bomber was a fair target, but the skipper managed a successful attack.

A RAF Lanc skippered by F/O C. I. H. Nicholl, Regina, has been hit by flak five times in more than 25 bombing operations without any crew members being wounded or vital damage done. On each occasion the hits were scored on daylight trips. Over Hamburg a chunk of flak pierced the skipper's perspex and scraped along the back of his flying glove. It just missed the navigator, F/O H. W. Robinson, Ninga, Man., but did no damage. Over Nuremberg they were attacked by a two-engined Hun fighter, but the Glasgow rear gunner drove it off with a few well-aimed squirts.

A trip on which everything went wrong from start to finish will be remembered by Canadians in a RAF crew who are now on their way home. Skipper of the crew was F/O Stan Wright, Trail, B.C., and the Canucks with him were F/O K. D. Ridley, navigator, Vancouver, and F/S Nick Andreachuk, wireless operator, also from Trail, who incidentally was a forward for the Smoke Eaters when they won the Allan Cup. It was the crew's 10th trip, and the target was Essen.

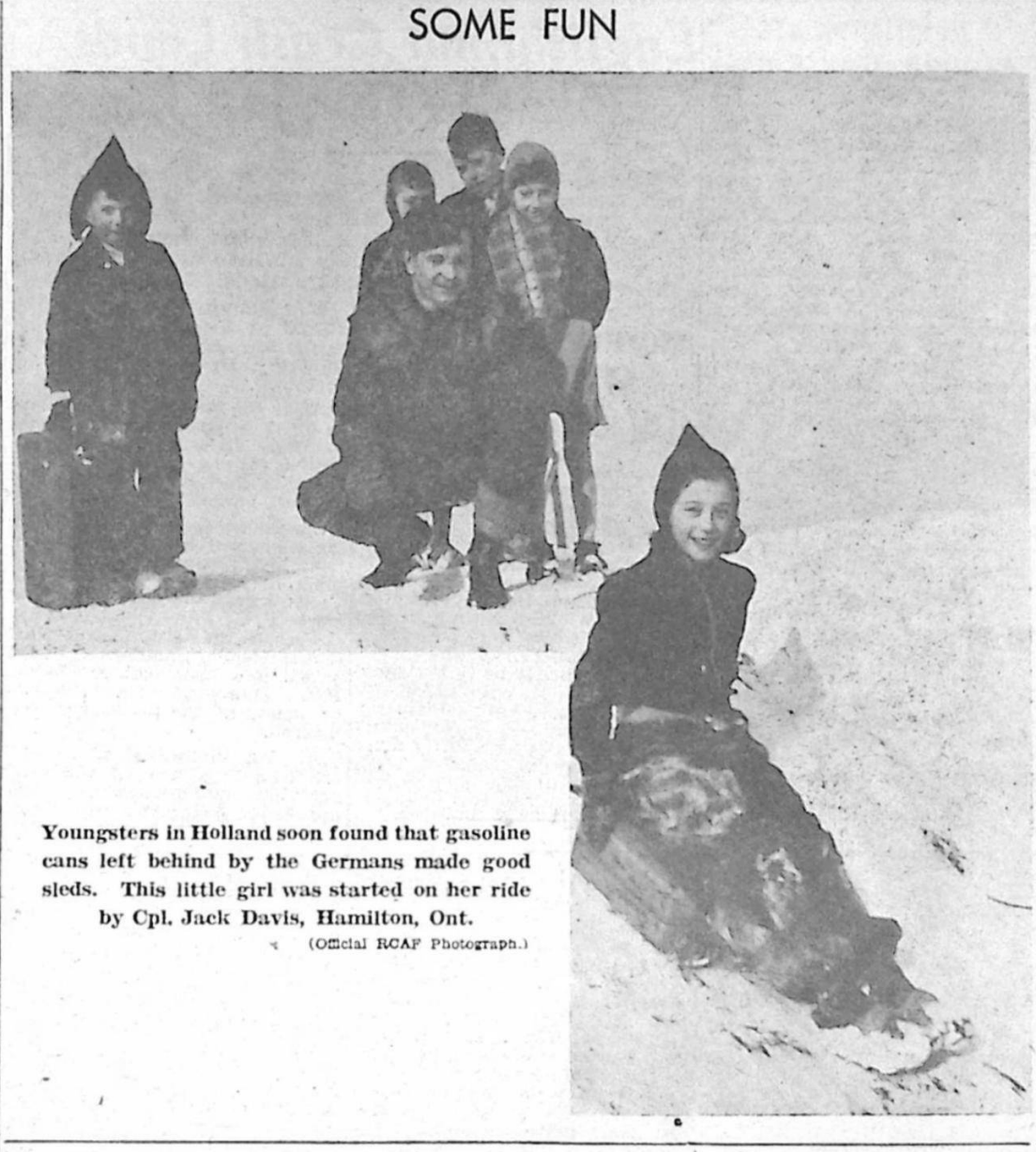
Soon after take-off their intercom failed, but they patched it up and carried on. Flying in to the target they went into a severe electrical storm. Sparks crackled from the propeller tips like giant blue pinwheels, and flame flashed from the gun muzzles. Ice formed on the gun turrets and soon the mid-upper had a wall of white frost around him which seemed thickest just at his eye level. They weathered this storm and prepared to attack.

As they arrived over the target their bomber was hit by flak, and the rear turret was put out of action. A few seconds later, the mid-upper, who was now able to see something of what was going on, spotted a twin-engined Messerschmitt turning in to attack them. He had fired only a few rounds when his guns iced solid. The rear man's guns packed up after about 200 rounds, leaving the plane defenceless. Wright whipped the machine round like a fighter and finally they lost the attacker.

From then on they were able to cope with the vagaries of weather and Hun defences, made their attack, and got back to base. On their 29th trip, a daylight do to Ludwigshaven, Wright's air speed indicator failed. Unable to judge speed, he forged ahead of the main bomber stream and soon was the principal target for German ack-ack. Their bomber was holed repeatedly. One bit of ack-ack shattered the perspex behind his head, and another hit their 4,000 pound cookie without disturbing it. Back in UK they landed at an emergency airfield at a speed which observers estimated at well above 150 miles an hour. Wright was taking no chances on a slow-speed stall in landing.

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DAVENPORT BECOMES NEW IROQUOIS BOSS
W/C Ralph Davenport, Fredericton, N.B., has succeeded W/C Eric Mitchell, Wolfville, N.S., as commander of the Iroquois squadron. W/C Mitchell has completed his first tour of operations and now is in charge of a training unit elsewhere in the Group.
Both men joined the RCAF Permanent Force in 1935 and took the same pilots' course, receiving their wings and commissions together.
Malcolm Ferguson, Sarnia, Ont., who also received his wings at that time, has taken command of the Moose squadron, with the rank of squadron leader.
LINK TRAINER
F/O A. J. Buhr, Winnipeg, has taught Canadian fliers on both sides of the Atlantic. Link trainer instructor in Canada, he is now serving in the same capacity but at a more advanced stage, instructing at the station housing the Thunderbird and Goose squadrons. Buhr has logged more than 4,500 hours in the Link and more than 200 flying by instruments.



Youngsters in Holland soon found that gasoline cans left behind by the Germans made good sleds. This little girl was started on her ride by Cpl. Jack Davis, Hamilton, Ont. (Official RCAF Photograph.)

HEADQUARTERS

Bird Tournay Opens

Badminton enthusiasts will finally get going after weeks of preparations for the headquarters tournay which opens at Chelsea gymnasium, Saturday afternoon. Week-end games will continue throughout Saturday and Sunday. Men's and women's singles and mixed doubles events will be played.

MILLWARD PUCKISTS SEEK GROUP HONORS

Close on the heels of the league leaders, the hockey team from the station commanded by G/C J. B. Millward, DFC and Bar, Sherbrooke, Que., is hustling after RCAF Bomber Group hockey honors.

Coached by F/S W. J. Cain, Lindsay, Ont., who also holds down a defence slot, the team boasts strong Canadian puck talent. Cain himself performed with Concordias in the Quebec Senior loop before turning pro with New Haven Eagles.

The team includes such hockeyists as LAC J. L. M. R. Dion, Saint John, N.B., goal; LAC J. Colfer, Hudson, Ont., def.; LAC E. J. Redmond, Kirkland Lake, Ont., def.; LAC R. G. Johnson, Vernon, B.C., def.; LAC T. A. Y. Harrison, Rimouski, Que., centre; LAC N. H. Smith, Toronto, centre; LAC W. J. Langman, Holdfast, Sask., rw; LAC L. J. Wulff, Copper Cliff, Ont., rw; LAC J. F. Macintosh, Sydney, N.S., rw; LAC M. Scherer, Kitchener, Ont., lw; LAC H. W. Higgins, Stellarton, N.S., lw; Cpl. L. Watson, Morin Heights, Que., lw; Sgt. L. Muir, Winnipeg, lw.

Baseball Team

In addition to completing arrangements for current events, the sports and entertainment committee this week instituted proceedings for a program of summer sports, diamonds and possibly a headquarters baseball team will proceed.

Supervisor Fred Tadman mentions that deadline for flowers for Easter delivery in Canada is to-day. Mother's Day orders will be accepted up to the end of next month.

The basketball schedule is in a bit of turmoil at present due to numerous postponements and irregular play since Christmas, but Sgt. Win Greer is expected to untangle the maze shortly and come up with a new balance sheet before the playoffs roll around.

LAW Geraldine Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wood, Lloydminster, Sask., and member of the staff of personal CR, will be doing a middle-alsie performance shortly with Sgt. Donald Swank, New Westminster, B.C., bomb aimer. Gerry's father, LAC F. W. Wood, now stationed in RCAF Bomber Group, will do the necessary chores of turning the bride over to the new lord and master.

Former Dauphin, Man., barrister, F/O O. B. N. Farrell has joined the legal staff at HQ after a tour of duty as adjutant of the Goose squadron for the past year.

Weddings

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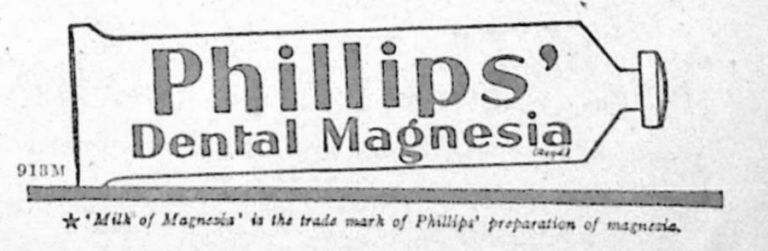
At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Knarborough, Yorks, recently, F/L Jack E. Marier, Bluenose squadron navigation leader and son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Marier, Toronto, married F/O V. A. Day, of Bomber Group HQ staff and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Day, Chatham, Ont.

Rev. Wilfred Rylance, OSB, Knarborough, officiated. Air Vice-Marshal C. M. McEwen, CB, MC, DFC and Bar, AOC RCAF Bomber Group, gave the bride in marriage. Attendant for the bride was F/O (Nursing Sister) Mabel Gardner, Welland, Ont., and F/L P. G. Kelly, DFC, Montreal, was best man. The reception was held in the officers' mess of Canadian Bomber Group HQ.



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Wing Personnel Perk Up As Ops HQ Gives Praise

Holland.—Pilots and ground crew on this Canadian top-scoring Spitfire wing have an extra spring in their step these days, the result of messages of congratulation from the senior operations officer of the RAF group in which the wing flies.

The congratulations were for work done by the wing in severing a German rail line in 16 places and in flying a record number of sorties for this year. Each squadron had carried out several missions.

The messages said the Army on the front concerned was particularly pleased with the breaks in the enemy's supply lines. The 2nd TAF also was happy.

The wing, together with another Canadian wing which specialises in bombing and which carries much heavier bomb loads, had accounted for 32 of 34 rail cuts made by the group and almost doubled the total inflicted by another group in 2nd TAF.

Special praise went to the armorers and other ground personnel of the wing who re-bombed, re-armed and re-fuelled the Spitfires "as quickly as they did" to permit repeat trips.

EYE TREATMENT FITS FITTER FOR AIR DUTY

F/O J. A. Hughes, Oakville, Ont., pilot with the City of Edmonton squadron, spent more than a year in the RCAF as a fitter tending Harvards on Canadian stations before eye treatment in a Canadian hospital gave him the necessary vision to graduate as a pilot.

When Hughes checked in with the famed RCAF Mosquito squadron one of the first persons he bumped into was LAC Alec Hill, Toronto. The two were fellow students at Galt, when they were learning the trade of fitter.

The wing's squadrons also caused considerable damage to German railway rolling stock and road transport.

TIFFIE PILOT EARN AWARD

Holland.—Five members of an RCAF Typhoon fighter-bomber wing have received the DFC for services extending from Britain-based attacks on the pre-invasion coast to attacks on enemy transportation in Germany from Dutch airfields.

The five men are F/L Donald Wallwin Banting, Fort San, Sask.; F/L Robert Ellsworth Coffey, Greenview, Ill.; F/O Charles Lebert Burgess, Fredericton, N.B.; F/L James Easson Hogg, Ottawa, and F/L Courtenay O'Brien Clacken, Patricia Bay, B.C.

Banting's citation referred to "an effective attack on one of the main Caen bridges in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire," while Burgess was cited as follows: "In July, 1944, this officer achieved a large measure of success; approximately 30 tanks were destroyed."

Hogg led his section on one occasion in an attack on a large railway bridge over the Rhine. Undeterred by intense ack-ack, he pressed home the attack and the bridge was destroyed.

BARBERS GET GEN BEFORE ADJUTANT

Three men in white jackets probably know more about what's going on around an RCAF airfield in Holland than anyone else. They're the station barbers, LAC Harry Johnson, Winnipeg, LAC Cecil Cosgrove, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., and LAC Medard Roberge, Sherbrooke, Que.

Whenever a man is posted to another unit or goes on leave or a 48, the barber shop knows it first because the individual drops in for "something special" in the way of tonsorial ministrations.

"We had one guy in recently who wanted olive oil on his hair," said LAC Johnson. "I pointed out that we were supposed to be roughing it."

Cosgrove, who served in Alaska with the Wildcat squadron, recalled: "A lad told me he was posted and I mentioned it to someone else and the adjutant heard about it. He said he hadn't heard about it yet, so it shows how news gets around."

NAVIGATION LEADER

With a full tour on Lancs and Halifax bombers behind him, D. C. Evans, DFC, Okotoks, Alta., has been promoted from flight lieutenant to squadron leader and appointed navigation officer at the home of the Tiger and Porcupine squadrons.

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Sun., Feb. 18.—1030-1100, G. Calling All Canadians, 1215-1230, AG, Ice Hockey from Canada, 1230-1300, A, The Royal Canadian Navy Show, 1715-1800, A, The AEF Special.

Mon., Feb. 19.—0730-0800, A, Return Engagement, 1630-1700, A, Fiesta, 2030-2100, A, The Canada Show.

Tues., Feb. 20.—1001-1030, A, Morning After the Canada Show, 1430-1500, A, Headquarters Band of the RCAF, 1715-1800, A, The Canada Guest Show, 2235-2300, A, Music from the Pacific.

Wed., Feb. 21.—0925-1000, A, Music from Canada, 1115-1145, G, Music from the Pacific, 1145-1200, A, Piano Parade, 1145-1200, G, The Western Five, 1230-1300, A, Serenade for Strings, 1901-1945, A, The RCAF Show, 2207-2235, A, Soliloquy.

Thurs., Feb. 22.—1715-1745, A, The Canada Swing Show, 2235-2300, A, Reminiscing.

Fri., Feb. 23.—0925-1000, A, The AEF Ranch House, 1445-1500, A, The Old Songs, 1630-1700, A, Music Time, 1745-1800, A, Rhythm Musicale, 1815-1830, A, Going to Town, 2105-2115, A, The Canada "Sing" Show.

Sat., Feb. 24.—0930-1000, A, The Canada Show Dance Orchestra, 2200-2230, G, The Canadian Show, 2235-2300, A, Latin American Serenade.

NEW APPOINTMENTS AROUND BEAVER BASE

Numbers of appointments and promotions have occurred recently in the Beaver Bomber Base commanded by Air Commodore J. L. Hurley, Ottawa.

S/L Russell Cowans, Montreal, flight commander with the Thunderbird squadron, recently screened after his first tour, is named squadron training officer. F/O Helena Hungerford, London, Ont., was promoted and named WD "G" officer.

F/L Russell E. Ramsay, Mount Royal, Que., has been appointed station adjutant at the station commanded by G/C W. P. Pleasance, DFC and Bar, Calgary.

F/L R. M. Howard, Dundas, Ont., is named adjutant of Beaver Base. S/L Barrie Knight, Winnipeg, becomes station admin officer at the unit housing the Thunderbird and Goose squadrons.

PILOTS GET MUSIC WITH SUNDAY MEAL

Sunday evening meals in the pilots' mess of a top-scoring Canadian Spitfire wing in Holland will be with music from now on.

Pride and joy of S/L T. P. Coyne, Eganville, Ont., RC Padre, the airfield band's first concert was a huge success. It is led by F/L Don Stewart, Paris, Ont.

Personnel of the band include LAC Norman Kirsch, Montreal, drums; LAC Davie Cullen, Ottawa, guitar; Cpl. Bill Mahoney, Toronto, trumpet; Sgt. Wilbert Preston, St. Thomas, Ont., trumpet; LAC Phil Lewis, Toronto, piano; AC1 Jim O'Neill, Toronto, piano; F/O A. T. Gibb, Montreal, sax; LAC L. T. Thomas, Oliver, B.C., sax; LAC Johnny Townsend, Strathroy, Ont., sax.

LEADS GHOSTS

Recently posted from the Lion squadron, W/C Wilson Gall, Lachute, Que., has been appointed CO of the Ghost squadron.

PROMOTION

Jack C. Bonner, Ottawa, has been promoted to the rank of squadron leader and appointed SAO of the Canadian top-scoring Spitfire wing in 2nd TAF. He was former adjutant of a Typhoon fighter-bomber wing.

Englishman Crash Lands Dakota After Jap Attack

Burma.—With his port wing blazing from a fire in the gas tank following an attack by a Jap fighter as he was about to drop gas and ammunition to 14th Army troops on the Mandalay front, F/L Bob Simpson, Leeds, England, crash-landed his RCAF Dakota in paddy-fields without injury to his crew, though several had been wounded during the fighter attack.

BROTHERS TOGETHER AT HOME, OVERSEAS

Holland.—Together in the same furniture plant in Vancouver, Sgt. Raymond Pickwell and his brother, LAC Jack Pickwell, are together again in the same RCAF wing in 2nd TAF.

In peace time Raymond worked in the machine shop while Jack was an upholsterer. The former now is an airframe mechanic while Jack wields a pen in the office.

The boys would be in the same squadron if it wasn't for the fact that the establishments are full. Both crossed to Normandy with the Spit wing shortly after D-Day and have come through France and Belgium into Holland.

MARITIMERS FINISH UP SECOND TOURS

Three Nova Scotians, F/L Art Bishop, AFC, DFM, pilot, Kentville, F/O Danny McNeill, navigator, St. Margaret's Village, and F/O Mike Campbell, rear gunner, Glace Bay, have finished their second tours together. All flew in a Moose squadron crew.

While they claim their second tour was uneventful, records reveal their first was more lively. Bishop, who still is only 22, and MacNeill, flew with RAF Stirling squadrons in those days.

Out of four attacks in Bishop's first tour, his gunners got a Me109, a FW190, and probably a Ju88. His flying kept the bomber unscratched in every encounter with the Luftwaffe. Campbell destroyed a Ju88 in his first tour.

TRAINING OFFICERS

Former flight commander in the Beaver Bomber Base, S/L H. Reeves, Toronto, has been assigned to the task of training officers of the Goose squadron. He recently completed a tour.

TOUR EXPIRED

Two Toronto pilots recently finished their first tours together on a raid to Wanne Eickel. They are F/O S. C. Dean and F/L W. A. Egan. The former flew with the Goose squadron. Egan flew with the Thunderbird squadron.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Table with columns for THEATRES, CINEMAS, and listings for various venues like Alowych, Hippodrome, Palladium, Strand, Whitehall, Odeon, Empire, etc.

PILOT COMPLETES DO DESPITE LAZY MOTOR

F/L J. F. Thomas, Vancouver, a Lancaster pilot, was only four minutes airborne, on a mission to Germany, when his starboard engine conked out. Despite efforts to get it to function, he was obliged to feather it. He continued his trip, successfully unloaded his bombs on the target and returned safely to base. His navigator was F/O A. D. Lamb, Vancouver.

COUGAR NAVIGATOR SHARED ODD KILLS

With two of the strangest kills in nightfighter warfare shared by himself and his pilot, F/O Jack Dunn, St. Boniface, Man., has completed his second tour as a nightfighter navigator with the RCAF Cougar squadron.

He and his pilot, F/O Walter Dinsdale, Brandon, Man., brought down their first victim as they flew alongside a Junkers. The latter, trying to peel off, swooped beneath the Mosquito, but too closely. The Mossie's prop chopped through the Ju's cockpit hood and the bomber went down out of control.

Dinsdale and Dunn also accounted for a pick-a-back plane, a pilotless Ju88 fitted with an explosive war head and guided by an Me109 riding its back. This victory came over the Normandy beachhead shortly after D-Day.

PILOT PRANGS TRAIN TO FETE PROMOTION

Celebrating a promotion the right way, F/L McKittrick, Crystal City, Man., pilot of the City of Edmonton squadron, shot up and wrecked a German train.

McKittrick and his observer sighted the goods train heading south between Rheine and Munster, manoeuvred to get it between their Mosquito and the full moon, and dropped four 500-pound bombs close enough to the string of wagons to blast 12 of them into the ditch. He finished the job with cannon and machine-gun fire.

"It was a perfect target. The wagons were sprawled all over the place against the snow," McKittrick reported.

FORMER SURGEON HAS EXPERIENCE AS VET

Italy.—Among recent arrivals at the City of Windsor squadron Spitbomber base was F/L Hal Smythe, Nelson, B.C., medical officer who was replacing S/L R. G. Taylor, Toronto.

Business in the Windsor unit's camp is a bit quiet, but "Doc" Smythe numbered birds and beasts among his surgical patients at various operational units of Western Air Command.

Grain-hoarding pigeons who stuffed themselves so greedily as to block their crops were the most frequent patients. Fitness was restored by a slit throat, an extraction, a sewing job and a few days excused duty.

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UNLUCKY NAME GOOD MEDICINE FOR HALLY

A Halifax bomber, "Friday the 13th," recently set a record for total operational sorties for this type of aircraft. The kite has passed the 100-mission mark and completed more than 550 hours operational flying.

In addition to her ominous name she carried the insignia of the skull and crossbones. F/L Gordon Graham, Halifax, N.S., is the skipper of the third crew to fly the veteran bomber, Graham, who was recently appointed to his present rank, says, "She's still a good kite and I like to fly her, but she has almost reached the time when she can retire from active duty."

On one occasion it was thought the bomber had completed her service, but her ground crew and the maintenance men managed to patch up the flak holes.

BEAVER BASE SQUADS ORGANISE FOR NEWS

Fliers and ground crew on stations in the Beaver Base who feel the urge to write will have choice of three station journals recently organised.

Oldest of the trio is Plane Facts, edited by Cpl. Jack Melke, Carnangay, Alta., and Toronto, which serves the Leaside and swordfish squadrons. Nissen News, edited by LAC C. G. Bainbridge, Hamilton, Ont., and LAC A. K. Watson, Toronto, prints the news for the Alouette and Snowy Owl squadrons.

The Thunderbird and Goose squadron sheet is carrying a temporary heading until results of a name contest are known. It is edited by Cpl. M. Seeley, Sherbrook, Que., and LAC G. Keith, Edmonton, Alta.

NAVIGATION OFFICER

Veteran of one tour on Wellingtons and Halifaxes, F/L R. A. Westell, DFC, Hamilton, has been promoted to the rank of squadron leader and appointed station navigation officer for the Lion and Bison squadrons.

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