

Although the world is celebrating the end of the European war, in Asia the fighting still goes on. Canadian airmen sitting in the sun at Mandalay's wrecked railway station are grabbing a few minutes' rest. V-Day hasn't come for them yet. (Official ROAP Photograph.)

## AOC-in-C Predicts RCAF AOC-in-C SPEAKS Part in Far-East Victory

Air Marshal G. O. Johnson, C.B., M.C., AOC-in-C the RCAF Overseas, broadcast a message of appreciation to members of the RCAF on the occasion of VE-Day this week. Following is the text of the overseas leader's message to Canadian personnel.

"To-day we have reached the

immediate goal to which we of1 "To every man and woman the Royal Canadian Air Force, under my command I want to in company with our brothers- emphasize Canada's appreciain-arms of Canada, Britain, the tion of the superb job you have other Dominions and all of the done. You have every right to United Nations, have been striv- be proud of the fact that more ing-the end of all organised than one fifth of the Empire German resistance in Europe. air crews were Royal Canadian "These days of celebration, Air Force!

"May I express, on behalf of however, will really be but days of respite following a grim fight. the Royal Canadian Air Force, We have still our part to play our appreciation to the people in the battle against Japan and of the Allied countries in which I know the personnel of the we have served, and especially Royal Canadian Air Force can Britain, for the hospitality and be, counted upon to do their many kindnesses shown us while share to bring about a success- serving far from home in these ful conclusion to that phase. years of war.'



Air Marshal Johnson.

announced that the official Victory in Europe Day would be Tuesday.

### MESSAGES

Air Marshal G. O. Johnson, CB, MC, Air Officer Commanding in Chief RCAF Overseas, broadcast of the Service on Victory Day. A cable of congratulation was received by the Air Marshal on behalf of all members of the RCAF from Col. the Rt. Hon. Colin Gibson, Minister of

from Col. the Rt. Hon. Colin Gibson, Minister of National Defence for Air. Both messages are re-printed on this page. DEMONSTRATIONS Members of the RCAF on leave in London joined in the spontaneous demon-strations which broke out in the capital Monday might. Many Canadians were in the throngs that jammed Piccadilly and Whitehall and gathered in front of Buckingham Palace.

tulips and carried shoulder high into the nearest house. Surly members of the German garrison still in the city looked on as the wel-come mounted for the vanguard of liberation.

Ninety per cent. of the jump masters and armourers were Canadians selected from a Burma-based RCAF transport squadron and an Indian-based transport outfit. U.S. Army Air Crew flew the aircraft.

For several weeks the Cana-dians trained with these selected paratroopers.

a message to the members Air Minister Lauds Work Of Canadians in Victory

> Words of praise to the personnel of the RCAF Overseas were contained in a VE-Day message from Col. the Rt. Hom. Colin Gibson, Minister of National Defence for Air. Text of the Air Minister's message follows:

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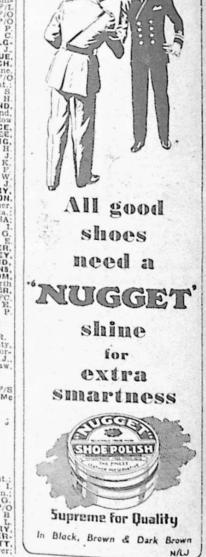




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this well deserved reputation include the following air crew members: F/L W. G. Clarke, pilot, Naramata, E.C., F/L A. C. MacAuley, pilot, Ripley, Ont, F/L H. M. Smith, pilot, Sea, ISA, VI, J. A. Craig, WAG, Guelph, Ont, F/J, J. A. Lindsay, WAG, Armstrong, B.C., F/O J. A. Morrison, pilot, Ottawa, F/O, J. L. R. St, Arnaud, navigator, Quebec City, Strand, navigator, Quebec City, WAG, Toronto, F/O J. L. Brown, WAG, Toronto, F/S P. P. McCarthy, WAG, New West, Minnipeg, W/O R. Subdury, Ont., Said the flag balanders, Son, WAG, Kirkland Lake, Ont, W/O C. Sanders, M. G., Ottawa, W/O M. Sutek, WAG, Toronto, W/O C. Sander, M. Jones, WAG, Ottawa, W/O K. Sutek, WAG, Toronto, W/O C. Sander, M. Jones, WAG, Hamilton, WAG, Sudbury, Ont, Said the flag with planets in squadron archives, and the state of t



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DEAD PIGEON



### RADIO ROUND.UP

Sgt. W. S. Hurd, Vancouver, is homeward bound after pounding the radar trade in India. He arrived overseas in October, 1941, and his next move was that which sent him to the Far East. In India he was located in a small town during the period when it became well known as one of the most bombed spots in the country.

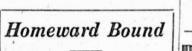
A good part of his work was ducking enemy bombs which arrived almost daily for several months. There was considerable consolation for him and his pals when their particular unit shot down two Japanese bombers.

when their particular unit shot down two Japanese bombers. Among the first 25 radar officers to come overseas was F/L J. G. S. Billingsley, Orillia, Ont, now looking forward to seeing bis home town scenery. His tour has taken him to Egypt, Transjordan, Palestine, Syria, Kenya, Italy and North Africa. After meeting each other in odd places of the world for four years, two warrant officer radar wallahs from Winnipeg are to-gether for the journey back to Canada. W/O Raymond Thorne arrived overseas in January, 1941, worked in Northern Ireland for more than a year and then went to India and Ceylon, His friend, W/O Michael Staryk, reached England in April, 1941. Staryk was posted to India

Staryk was posted to India the following February, where he remained until his repatria-tion posting. Both describe tion posting. Both describe hunting wild pigs at night along the roads of Ceylon and India.



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F/S R. E. Barbour, Brantford, Ont., and F/O Robert Young, Peterborough, Ont., are literally on the tail of an Mel09 as they pass the time of day on their airfield in Germany. (Official RCAP Photograph.)

### DEMON DOINGS



Two enemy fighter attacks within about as many minutes was the experience of F/S William Dargavel, Montreal, pilot, along with four other Canadians and two English members of his Halifax crew. They were on their first op recently with Hamburg as the target. Shortly after bombing, a Ju88 closed in to attack their Halifax, but the mid-upper opened up and also gave directions for evasive action.

Next, an FW190 sneaked in from behind, but F/S R. B. McArthur, Vancouver, rear-gunner, held his sights on the enemy as Dargavel took violent evasive action. He saw his tracer going into the fighter's fuselage. The enemy caught fire and disappeared beneath clouds.

In more than 25 trips over fiercely-defended enemy targets, F/L T. L. Blackburn, Toronto, pilot, and F/O H. Farnell, Toronto, navigator, have been attacked only twice by fighters and holed once by flak. They fly RAF Lancasters. Their gunners beat off an attacking Mello over Duisburg. Bottrop was the scene of the second fighter attack.

Highlight of the operational career of F/O W. G. Schenk, Lancaster pilot from Kitchener, Ont., and his navigator, F/O W. R. Dane, Owen Sound, Ont., was their trip to Cleves prior to the Canadian Army's taking of the town. They bombed from such low altitude that the RAF bombers felt every cookie explode. Schenk corkscrewed so violently from an Mel10's attack over Stuttgart that his crewmates were flung from their seats.

When F/O H. W. Guscott, Kittitas, Wash., U.S.A., and F/O H. R. Gottfried, Listowel, Ont., were small boys in the Western Ontario town, they played together and attended the Baptist Sunday school at which the former's father, Rev. H. W. Guscott, was pastor. The families moved, and the pair never heard or saw each other again until they turned up as RCAF air crew at an RAF bomber station in the English Midlands. Guscott is a wireless operator on a Lanc and Gottfried is navigator on another crew. Guscott's pilot is F/O H. H. Ollis, Trail, B.C., and Gottfried is navigator for F/O J. K. English, Calgary.

F/O B. J. Challes, Kenora, Ont., air bomber, and P/O S. E. Way, Toronto, air-gunner, are "odd bods" on their Lancaster squadron, which means, in RAF jargon, that they are orphan air crew members who fly with any skipper needing their services. Both lost their original crews, Way's comrades going missing at Duisburg. Lately Challes has been flying with a crew which fought off three fighter attacks, knocking down a Ju88 in the process. Way's crew avaded a fighter attack over Zaitz Another time crew evaded a fighter attack over Zeitz. Another time over Dusseldorf, flak damaged their Lanc so badly that they were on the verge of balling out when the RAF Winco pilot nursed it back to Britain.

Together for more than 15 bombing trips with an RAF Lancaster crew, F/O G. L. Hillier, Kingston, Ont., navigator, and F/O R. G. Milward, air bomber, Edmonton, count their first flight the most eventful one. They were twice coned over the target, but they weaved away from bursting flak to bomb. On the user out from the target error a fighter other leaded the On the way out from the target area a fighter attacked twice. Their gunners replied and the enemy disappeared. Another occasion found them bombing Bremen on three engines.

Four Canadian airmen from nearby cities in Western Ontario fly with the same RAF Lancaster squadron. They are F/O G. J. Goman, navigator from Waterloo; F/O G. D. Ruppel, Waterloo navigator; F/S R. Hofstetter, Kitchener air gunner, and F/O J. M. Wood, London navigator. F/O Goman's 18th trip in big list of more them 20 Goman's 13th trip in his list of more than 20 proved to be his unlucklest. It was en route to Misburg when his bomber lost an engine, which forced it to lag behind the main force. Bombing had to be carried out 15 minutes after the bomber stream and at a much lower altitude.



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