

First Pictures of R. C. A. F. Men Serving in Tropical West Africa - Between Patrols They Mingle With Friendly Native Villagers



STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE - Fair-haired Sgt. Bert Dunham of 170 Sable Sq., Montreal, holds a coal-black African child in approved fashion while the mother looks on. A wireless set is visible in the background. Dunham is one of many Canadians serving in the equatorial

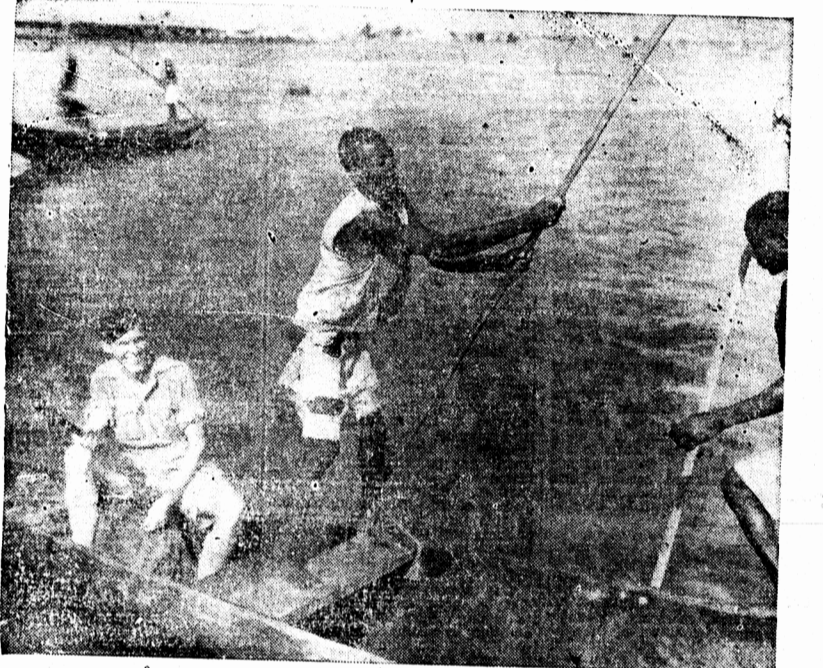
tropics of West Africa. He moved there from the West Indies last July. These pictures were taken by Flying Officer Jack Dalgleish, RCAF Public Relations photographer.



NAVIGATOR in a Coastal Command squadron flying from the West African coast. Pilot Officer Lionel April of 5397 Duquette St., Montreal, wears his Mac West and not much else as he studies the scenery from his perch on a motor nacelle. He was formerly with the Air Sea Rescue service in England. (RCAF Photo)



FRIENDLY WEST AFRICAN NATIVES welcome the Canadian airmen in their hours of off duty, when the man found West Africa a tough assignment. Here boys drop in for some shopping or souvenir hunting. Flying Officer Raymond Hart of Midland, Ontario, being received into the family circle. The Canadian found West Africa a tough assignment. Here boys drop in for some shopping or souvenir hunting. Flying Officer Raymond Hart of Midland, Ontario, being received into the family circle. (RCAF Photo)



IT'S A GREAT LIFE, says Flight Sgt. Charles Ritchie of 417 Squadron, who has served in the West Indies for some time. He is shown here with one of the sharks which inhabit these West African waters—not, as the picture might indicate, to use on the tattered trousers of the boatman. Ritchie is a radio mechanic. (RCAF Photo)



LITTLE BLACK SAMSON demonstrates his strength with a pull of water, at Accra on the West African coast. His friend is Warrant Officer Jim Wright of 5397 Duquette St., Montreal, who joined the RCAF in 1940 and for the past year and a half has been ferrying aircraft around Africa to the tune of some 600 flying hours. (RCAF Photo)



BANANAS ARE PLENTIFUL at the West African village near which LAG James Wilson of 1407 West 71st Ave., Vancouver, is stationed. That's why buyers can be choosers, and Wilson samples the native salesman's wares before deciding on a bunch to take back to quarters. The country is picturesque, but Flying Officer Jack Dalgleish, who took these pictures, says the equatorial climate is no bargain. (RCAF Photo)

NEWSY NOTES -

By AGRICOLA

A Royal Star

The star Regulus, (Alpha Leonis of the astronomers), may easily be found just now by the least observant of star-gazers. That brilliant star which is so conspicuous in the eastern sky is the planet Jupiter; and below it—no quite as conspicuous, but still brighter than its neighbour—is the star Regulus, one of the four known as the royal stars. The others, it may be recalled, are Antares, Aldebaran, and Arcturus, the last of which was accorded a place in these Notes last fall.

Insects in My Collection (2)

This time we will have a look at two insects, both common in eastern Canada, and well known here. Pieris rapae Linn. is known in Britain as the Small White Cabbage Butterfly, occurring there in large numbers. The P. brassicae P. rapae is found in all the countries of the Northern Hemisphere, and Samuel H. Scudder, the celebrated entomologist, gives 1855 as the earliest date of its appearance in North America. There are two native species of white butterflies, but these are disappearing before the ubiquitous intruder.

What is a Cyclone?

The man in the street will answer that question by saying "a to-morrow" and the dictionary will support him; the weatherman, however, takes a more extended view. To him a cyclone is "a system of winds circling round a centre of low barometric pressure." The area enclosed by the cyclone varies from a few miles to several hundred in diameter; but the phenomenon is always the same. And it never stays put, but just keeps rolling along.

The Eternal City

Two ladies in the City who take an interest in these notes, were listening to a broadcast wherein Rome was mentioned. Said one: "Why do they call Rome the Eternal City? There is nothing eternal in stone and plaster!" On refer the matter to Agricola, and wrote to that effect.

Elmsdale and Vicinity

The regular monthly meeting of the Elmsdale Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Heber Hardy on Feb. 28th, with a large attendance of members and some visitors. After the regular business a contest was put on by Mrs. James Adams, Jr. the winner being Mrs. David Matthews. Mrs. Bruce Currie invited the members to her home for the March meeting, all bills to be answered by the Elmsdale Women's Institute.

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Mrs. Leigh MacEwen entertained the New London W. I. on Feb. 10. Meeting opened by singing the creed, followed by repeating the creed. Roll call was signed by twelve members by giving a short talk on any chosen subject, which was very much enjoyed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Reports of committees followed as follows: Sick, Mrs. Colley, Mrs. Harry Dunlop and Mrs. Mont MacEwen; Program, Mrs. Leigh MacEwen; and Miss Doris Buntin. Correspondence was read and discussed. Red Cross report was given as follows: 5 quilts, 3 pairs pyjamas, 7 pairs boy shorts, 1 girl's wind-breaker, 1 flannel sweater, 6 pairs socks, and 51 1/2 pairs. Program consisted of a game (spring the tail on the donkey) which caused much fun. The next meeting to be

Scotland is dedicated Genio terrae

The pedestal of a statue was dug up at York, which went further and defined Britain itself. It commemorated Britannia sancta—"To Sacred (or Holy) Britain!"

Ever See a Ghost Flying?

Looking like a ghost plane in flight, a Guimbal Helicot fighter presented this weird appearance as it took off from U. S. carrier to strike Jap bases in the Pacific. Plane was too fast for even speedy newscamera lens to "stop" the action.

BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Honor roll of Borden High School for the first term ending Jan. 31: Grade I (a)—1. Yvonne Gallant, 2. Melvyn Gaudet, 3. Theresa Gaudet, 4. Anna May Gallant, 5. Leonard Noonan, Lucy Trenholm, Emeret MacDonald (equal); Grade I (b)—1. Constance Paquet, 2. Alfred Kelly, 3. Anna Howatt, 4. Grade I (c)—1. John L. Read, Freda Noonan, Everett McKenna, Claire McNally (equal); 2. Elizabeth Jay, 3. David Constable, Everett Campbell, Donnie Mac Donald (equal); Grade II—1. Daranne Trenholm, 2. Neita Allen, 3. Shirley Krough; 4. Perfect attendance for 4 months; Donnie MacDonald, Leonard Noonan. Teacher, Jean Muttart-Stewart.

Intermediate Dept.

Grade IV (Sr.)—1. Laura Ozon, 2. Powell Trenholm; 3. Leonard Gallant; Grade IV (Jr.)—1. Rena MacEwen, 2. Garnett Howatt; 3. Joan Leard; Grade III—1. Elva MacKenna, 2. Hillard MacInnis; 3. Shirley MacLeod; Grade VII—1. Frances Ozon; 2. Arnett Howatt; 3. Stanley Toombs; Grade VI—1. Nina Lynds, 2. Janette Gallant; 3. Marjorie Irving; High average: Nina Lynds 91 percent. Perfect attendance first half of term, Frances Ozon and Barbara MacLeod. Vice-Principal's Dept. Grade VIII—1. Allan Richtel, 2. Audrey Stewart; 3. Betty Dale; Grade VII—1. Frances Ozon; 2. Arnett Howatt; 3. Stanley Toombs; Grade VI—1. Nina Lynds, 2. Janette Gallant; 3. Marjorie Irving; High average: Nina Lynds 91 percent. Perfect attendance first half of term, Frances Ozon and Barbara MacLeod. The following students passed their "half yearly" examination arranged in order of merit: Grade IX—1. Marlon Deegan; 2. Willard Pikerling; 3. Joseph Wenzel; 4. Elenor McIsaac; 5. Wendell Gillis; 6. Verne Howatt; Highest percentage 91 Grade X—1. Doris Herring; 2. Phyllis White; 3. Edith Shaper; 4. Retta Jay; 5. Laurie Richard; 6. Frank Ostway; 7. Keith Ozon; 8. Harry Haldell; Grade X (Sr.)—1. George Jay; Highest average 91 Grade X (Jr.)—1. Rena MacEwen, 2. Garnett Howatt; 3. Joan Leard; Grade VIII—1. Allan Richtel, 2. Audrey Stewart; 3. Betty Dale; Grade VII—1. Frances Ozon; 2. Arnett Howatt; 3. Stanley Toombs; Grade VI—1. Nina Lynds, 2. Janette Gallant; 3. Marjorie Irving; High average: Nina Lynds 91 percent. Perfect attendance first half of term, Frances Ozon and Barbara MacLeod. The following students passed their "half yearly" examination arranged in order of merit: Grade IX—1. Marlon Deegan; 2. Willard Pikerling; 3. Joseph Wenzel; 4. Elenor McIsaac; 5. Wendell Gillis; 6. Verne Howatt; Highest percentage 91 Grade X—1. Doris Herring; 2. Phyllis White; 3. Edith Shaper; 4. Retta Jay; 5. Laurie Richard; 6. Frank Ostway; 7. Keith Ozon; 8. Harry Haldell; Grade X (Sr.)—1. George Jay; Highest average 91 Grade X (Jr.)—1. Rena MacEwen, 2. Garnett Howatt; 3. Joan Leard; Grade VIII—1. Allan Richtel, 2. Audrey Stewart; 3. Betty Dale; Grade VII—1. Frances Ozon; 2. Arnett Howatt; 3. Stanley Toombs; Grade VI—1. Nina Lynds, 2. Janette Gallant; 3. Marjorie Irving; High average: Nina Lynds 91 percent. Perfect attendance first half of term, Frances Ozon and Barbara MacLeod.