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Canadian Fliers Burnished Wings In Europe's Sky

RECORD OF MAPLE LEAF AIRMEN THROUGH 1940 IS GLORIOUS PAGE IN CHRONICLES OF FIGHTING MEN.

In the Battles of France and Britain, and in the historic weeks of Dunkerque, Canada's airmen carried on the traditions of the Canadian air force of 1914-18.

In every major aerial operation of 1940 Canadian pilots, navigators, observers, gunners and bomb-liners were in the forefront, helping to establish and then to maintain Britain's supremacy over the unquelled squadrons of the German air arm.

The hundreds of young men from the Dominion who had crossed to Britain in the years before the war, many at their own expense, to find adventure in the skies had ample scope for their mettle. The Canadian Press story of the year shows Canada's participation in the air war was along two lines: first, by Canadians in the Royal Air Force; second, by the 1st Fighter Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force. In addition two squadrons of Army Co-operation aircraft were with the Canadian Corps in Britain.

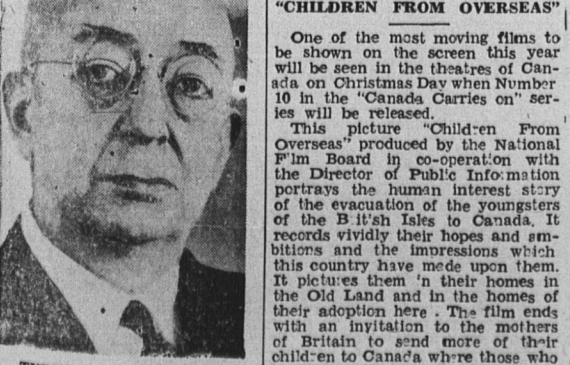
All Canadians Of the Canadians in the R.A.F. the best widely known are the pilots of the so-called All-Canadian squadrons. This group originally was made up entirely of Canadians but, in weeks of heavy fighting in France and the Low Countries, and in the Dunkerque evacuation, it suffered heavy casualties and the gaps in many cases were filled by British pilots. However, they maintained its Canadian name.

Assigned to convoy protection work on its return from the continent, its squadron early became prominent in the Battle of Britain under Sqn-Ldr. Douglas Bader, an Englishman who proved himself an indomitable fighter despite the handicap of artificial legs, his own plane being lost in an air crash before the war.

On Aug. 30, in the space of one hour, 12 Hurricane fighters of the All-Canadian Squadron shot down 13 German bombers and fighters in a great air battle in which the Canadians were outnumbered six planes to one. While in France, the squadron was officially credited with 72 enemy planes and by the time Dunkerque gave to their massed dive-bombing attacks on Britain it had added well over 100 more.

Among the pilots in the squadron are Pilot Officer William McKnight, of Calgary, who bagged 17 Nazi planes and won the Distinguished Flying Cross; and Sgt. Lt. P. S. Turner, of Toronto, who shot down 10 enemy machines at Dunkerque, and Pilot Officer N.K. Sian-still of Vancouver, who bagged seven.

McNab's Own. The 1st squadron of the R.C.A.F. under Sqn-Ldr. McNab of Regina, got into action with its Canadian-built Hurricanes in the Battle of Britain on Aug. 24. After a week of action McNab's alone had bagged 10 enemy aircraft and after a month the squadron was able to celebrate its 50th victory during a visit to its camp by Air Marshal



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Research Essential In Canada's War Effort

Research in Canada, in war as in peace, is an "essential" industry. C. J. Mackenzie, acting president of the National Research Council, recently drew attention to the fact that for the last fifteen years thoughtful military staff officers in Canada and Great Britain have been prophesying what the Honourable Winston Churchill has recently stated to be a fact—that the war of today would not be one of "men" but of machines—that the front line would run through the factories—and that scientific planning, technical equipment, and industrial production would be prime factors.

Aeronautical Laboratories

For the Air Force the aeronautical laboratories are used to determine the practicability of new designs of aircraft and engines, improvements in technique in construction and flight, studies in engine performance and the effects of modifications in fuels and lubricants, the design and testing of skis and floats, the checking and repair of aircraft instruments. Existing facilities having been found inadequate for present requirements, new laboratories are being constructed just outside Ottawa.

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Plastics Important. The rubber laboratory has continued its investigation on the bonding of rubber to metal which has been widened to include the bonding of latex and synthetic rubber. A study has been made of the properties of acetylene black in rubber. It has been found that rubber compounded with this black is electrically conducting and its thermal conductivity is also greatly increased.

Aviation Medical Research. A committee on aviation medical research has been established. Tests are being investigated for the selection of pilots and the tests developed have already been found of great value in the selection of pilots, observers and gunners. High altitude flying, not only presents problems in equipment, but involves conditions which have a pronounced effect on the flying personnel.

ADCOCK AERIALS. Investigations have proceeded on the use of Adcock aerials for long wave direction finding especially on imperfectly shielded short wave direction finding. In order to prevent damage to walls and roofs of houses through moisture con-

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denation it has become standard practice to include some material as a vapour barrier on the inside of the wall. Extensive experiments have been carried out to determine a method of testing these vapour barriers and the results have been published. Considerable work has been done on a by-pass method of control on the heat supply in railway refrigerator cars. Arrangements for testing made for practical tests of this system during the present year.

In co-operation with the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Biology, great care about two thousand determinations of minor elements in plant and animal material have been made by spectroscopic methods. In the sound laboratory work has been done to find the best acoustical material to be used in the intake and exhaust stacks of a new aeroplane-engine-test laboratory. Work has been done on the cause of flutter in gas mask valves, investigations of special telephone receivers for naval use and other new devices.

Extensive investigations of X-ray methods of inspection of castings, forgings, welds and other war materials have been continued and inspection methods are being carried out for Canadian requirements. These methods have been adopted in the larger foundries, some of which have received X-ray equipment of their own.

When it was foreseen that there might be a grave shortage of optical shop work has been done in co-operation with various methods of producing precise optical devices and to produce a certain limited number of precision optical instruments for the repair of standard instruments and for the development of new equipment. The National Research Council shop can now produce any kind of precise optical part.

A vast amount of intricate and detailed planning of heavy electrical machinery down to the smallest parts has been carried out by the electrical engineering staff for the new Annex laboratories on the Montreal Road. In addition work has been done on the repair of standard instruments and for the development of new equipment. The National Research Council shop can now produce any kind of precise optical part.

By October 1940 the gauge laboratory was passing gauges as rapidly as they were received and provision had been made for further increases in capacity. In fact, gauge parts are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain but shown an aptitude for the production of fine precision parts that bids fair to render Canada independent of outside supplies.

1,000 Fish On 1,200 Hooks All Dogfish. One thousand fish taken on one set of 1,200 tawli hooks! Good fishing, that. Not good in this case. Every one of the thousand fish was a dogfish.

Quality Rule Pays Co-Operative Finds. Joining together as a co-operative group for the first time a number of fishermen in a Prince Edward Island village said they would make "Quality Production" their rule and they have lived up to their word so well that the head of a leading Maritime fish company recently described their output as "the best he had ever seen."

AUBURN AND VICINITY. Mr. Charlie McKenzie and Mr. Ivan Callaghan have returned to their home after serving their turn in the 30 day training.

Mr. Joseph Morgan has been confined to his home with a very sore hand.

Mr. Edward Roache has returned to his home in Auburn after visiting friends and relatives in the United States.

Skating is the order of the day. The school children are taking the opportunity of it while on their vacation.

Mr. Eddy McKenzie has returned to his home from Truro, N.S., where he has been employed on the airport.

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Offers Boy Rerelicts New Life Goal

BOYS RANCH, OLD TASCOGA, Tex., Jan. 8—One of the most colorful youth projects in the United States is Boys Ranch, here in the historic valley of the South Canadian river. The ranch, an affiliate of the Amarillo Maverick Boys, now has 27 boys—youths who are overcoming the handicaps of their previous lives. They are orphans, underprivileged or formerly delinquent boys who now are contributing to their own upkeep and learning trades that will enable them to earn a living as adults.

Becomes Leader of New York Diocese

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The golden crier of a bishop was placed today on the head of a former Wall Street errand boy as the Roman Catholic Church consecrated a new bishop and recognized him as the spiritual leader of the New York Diocese.

TO OUR ISLAND BOYS

To our Island boys whether far or near The soldier, sailor, and airman, We wish you all a Happy New Year And hope you soon shall be with us again.

BILLY THE KID

Billy the Kid, Southwest desperado, frequented Tascoza. Wild west fiction has immortalized the Boy, Hill cemetery, which contains the graves of Texas Rangers, of cattle kings and cattle rustlers—most of whom "did with their boots on" in gunfights. Two Texas Rangers, three disgruntled ranchers and a Tascoza business man died in a single fight one wintry night.

RANCH LEADER

The superintendent of Boys Ranch is Alton Weeks. He has been a leader in the Boys Scouts of America at Oklahoma City, Okla. Weeks and his wife, and their son, Donald Wayne, 14 live in the old court-house with the 27 ranch boys. Of the latter, one is from Detroit, and the others from cities and towns of Texas.

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Brigadier T. H. (Tom) Mundy, acting Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army in Toronto, who has been appointed officer in charge of all Salvation Army Red Shield war services with Canadian troops Overseas. Brigadier Mundy is well known in most parts of Canada, having been stationed at various times over the last 25 years in Halifax, Winnipeg, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary and Coleman, Alberta. He succeeds Brigadier Alfred Steele, M.B.E., who has been transferred to the chaplain's department.

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