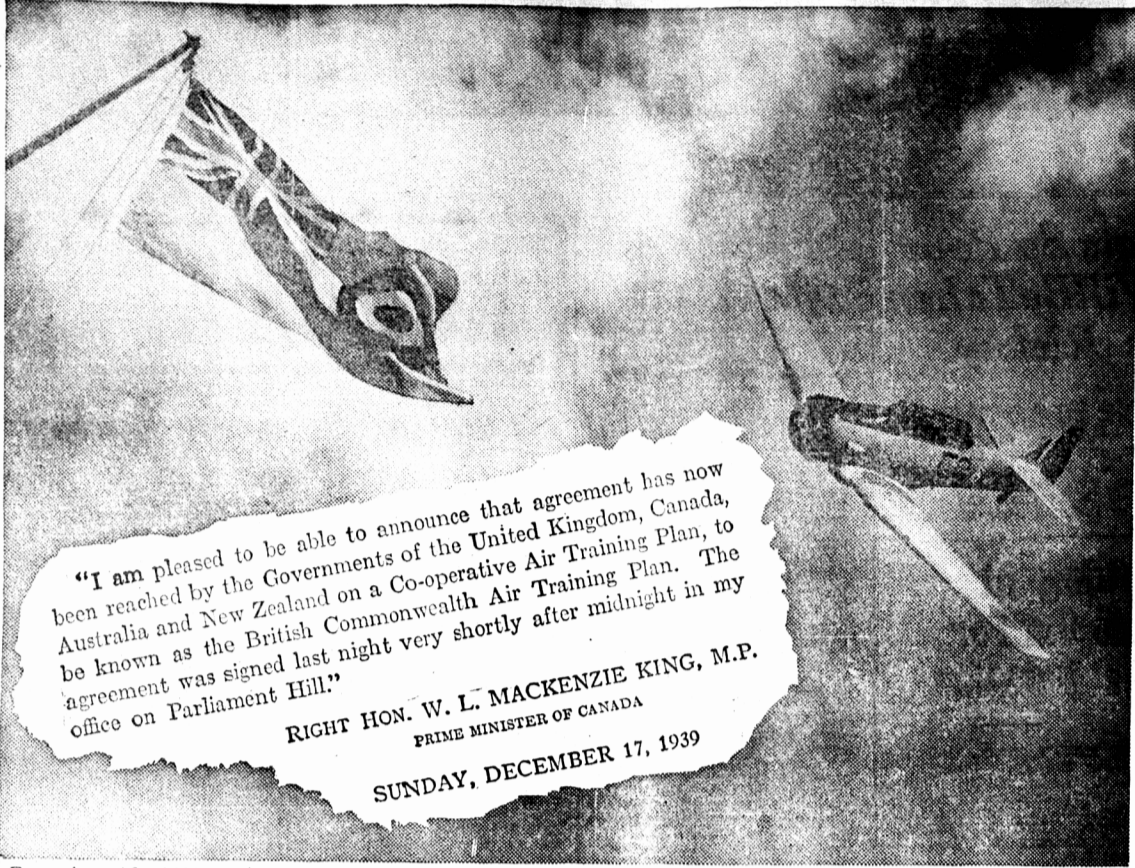


Airmen From Canadian "University of The Air" Battle Over Every Front



"I am pleased to be able to announce that agreement has now been reached by the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand on a Co-operative Air Training Plan, to be known as the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The agreement was signed last night very shortly after midnight in my office on Parliament Hill."

RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING, M.P.
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1939



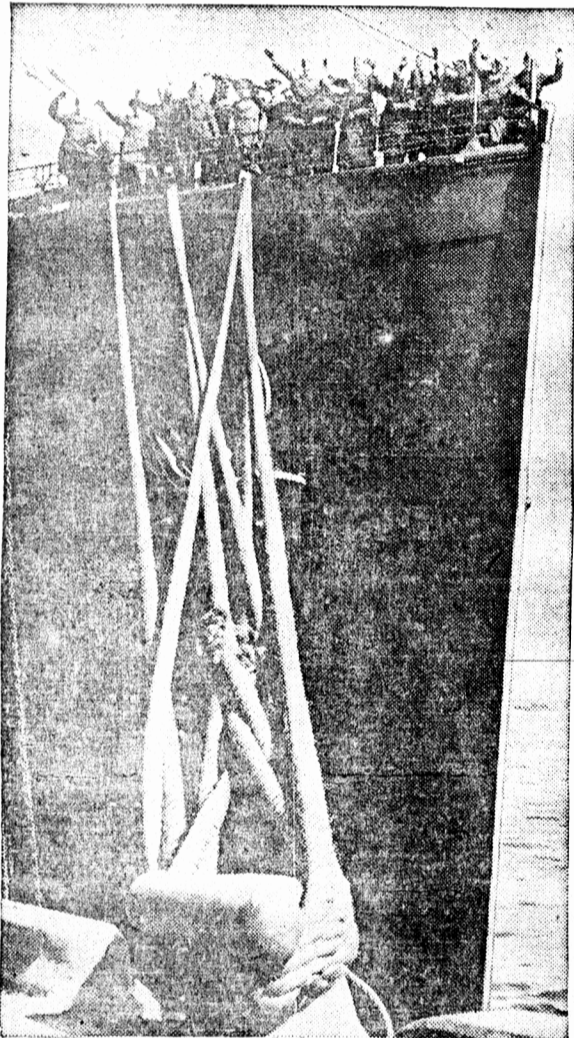
Canada, through the Royal Canadian Air Force, is administrator of the vast plan. Air Minister Power and Air Marshal Breadner are the directing geniuses.



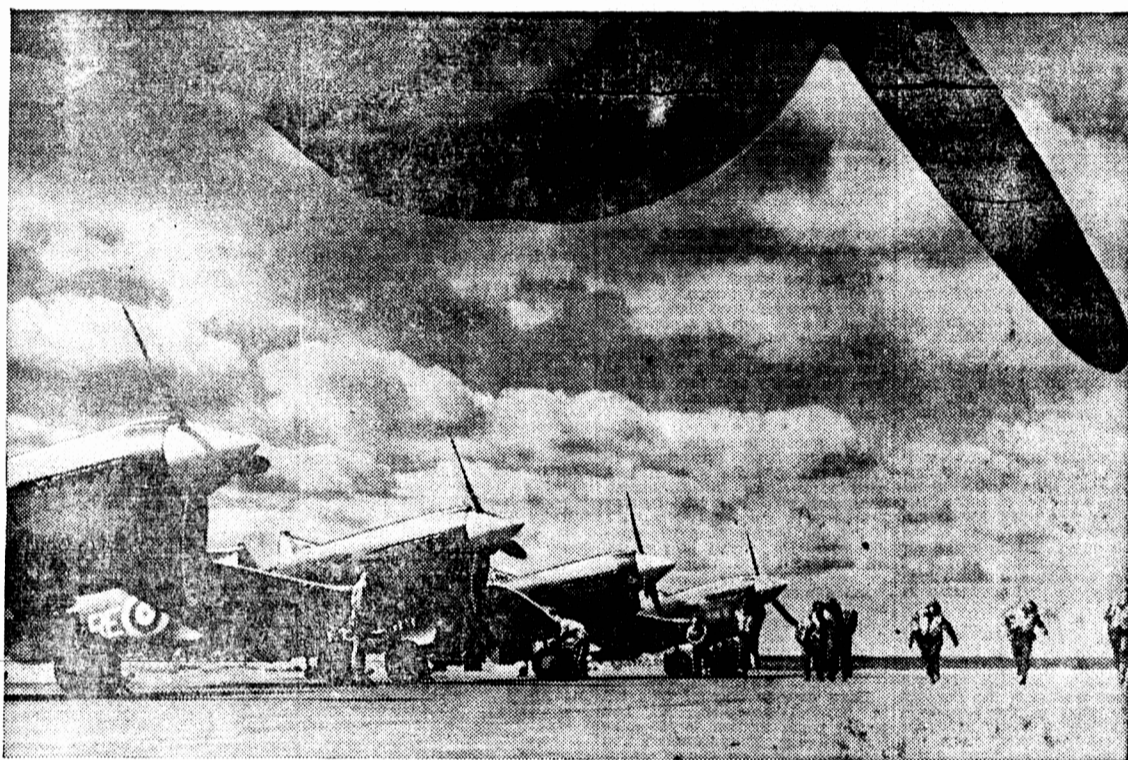
Construction work started the day after signing of the agreement. The Plan has not known a full day's holiday since. More than 140 aerodromes were built.

December 16, 1939, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada signed the agreement which launched the Empire's answer to the Luftwaffe's threat.

Now entering its fourth year the vast British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is pouring out the trained men who are gaining mastery of air.



First a trickle, then a stream, now a great torrent of fighting airmen is pouring overseas from the plan. Early graduates are pictured above headed for battle.



They serve at home as well as overseas. Canada's coasts, too, must be well protected. Kittyhawks and their pilots at a coastal fighter station are constantly ready for instant action at any hint of enemy activity. They also fly regular "sweeps" hunting U-boats, protecting shipping.



In Alaska R.C.A.F. graduates of the B.C.A.T.P. fly alongside U.S. forces. Typical pilot is Flight Sgt. "Mick" Stusiak, Powell River, B.C., with Kittyhawk.



Thousands of the Plan's products helped in routing Rommel in the Western Desert. R.C.A.F. men on camel are the crew of the B-25 bomber in the background.



Men trained in Canada, most of them Canadians, form the crews of Britain's biggest bombers like the Stirlings above. The terrific lambasting of Nazi industrial centres tells the best story of the Air Training Plan's success.



Back from a raid over Germany, these lads (ABOVE) schooled for their task in Canada, tell the intelligence officer of the devastation they wrought. In Ceylon, too, they serve. (BELOW) An R.C.A.F. Catalina squadron fights there.