

Air Force Marshall Among Crash Victims In Bomber

OTTAWA (CP)—Air force officers began a minute examination of debris of wreckage Saturday, seeking a clue to the cause of a blinding explosion which sent a converted B-25 Mitchell bomber crashing in flames near here Friday night, killing all eight service men aboard.

Among the dead, which included three high-ranking RCAF officers and a naval man, was Air Vice-Marshal Robert C. Ripley, 43-year-old chief of air materiel command, Ottawa. He was believed to have been co-piloting the 15-year-old bomber converted 18 months ago for IP use.

Pieces of wreckage—the largest a 10-foot sheet of fuselage—were gathered by RCAF personnel searching through a 300-yard area 15 miles south of Ottawa near the village of Manotick. They were brought to headquarters for examination by an RCAF board of inquiry under Group Capt. J. C. Scott of air force headquarters.

TWO WESTERNERS DEAD

Dead in the crash, which caused Manotick's lighting system to fail momentarily were:

Air Vice-Marshal Ripley, a native of Lethbridge, Alta., who succeeded Air Vice-Marshal John L. Plant as head of air materiel command six months ago. He had held various air force administrative posts and once was assistant chief of staff for plans and policy with the allied air forces, Europe.

Flt.-Lt. John D. Mawson, 35, Kingston, Ont., pilot of the plane and Air Vice-Marshal Ripley's executive assistant.

Wing Cmdr. James G. Eason, 39, Toronto, of air materiel command at Rockcliffe air base here, a wartime flying instructor.

Wing Cmdr. Walter S. Johnson, 41, Trenton, Ont., commander of the RCAF's central experimental proving establishment, Namoo, Ala. He was a wartime Spitfire fighter pilot.

Lt.-Cmdr. Henry F. Utting, 33, member of the naval testing detachment at Port Churchill, Man.

Cpl. Ronald Wesley Faulkner, 25, of Ottawa, a crewman.

LAC Kenneth Oliver Doerksen, 23, Nelson, B.C., and Ottawa, a crewman.

LAC Joseph M. Gauthier of St. Bernardine, Ont., stationed at Churchill.

INSTRUMENT APPROACH

The two-engine Mitchell, on a flight from Churchill to Uplands air base here, had refueled at North Bay, Ont. Air force headquarters said it was last heard from just before 9 p.m. EST and was on schedule and in contact with Uplands tower which had instructed it to maintain height just before a landing approach on instruments. The sky was overcast at the time—instrument weather.

The plane was on its Uplands approach course just 12 miles from the field.

Residents of the area told of seeing a brilliant flash of light followed by an explosion. Then Manotick's lights went out momentarily. Air force officers believe a piece of the plane was blown off in the explosion and struck power wires, causing a momentary short circuit.

WRECKAGE SCATTERED

People who rushed to the area ¼ of a mile west of the village beside a country road, found only burning tree tops and bits of smouldering wreckage spread over 300 yards, partly in a creek bed.

Group Capt. C. H. Mussels, RCAF Uplands base commander who supervised an all-night search of the area by 25 RCAF personnel, looked at the scene and said: "God knows if we'll ever find out what happened."

It was the second RCAF Mitchell to crash within two weeks. An investigation is still under way into the crash of a similar plane in the residential area of St. James, Man., in which all the crew escaped death.

The crash was the worst in the Ottawa area since last May 15 when an RCAF CF-100 jet fighter plunged into a convent about 10 miles east of Ottawa, killing 15 persons.



RETIRING FROM THE R. C. M. P.

On April 30, 1957, after completing thirty years in police work, Cpl. P.L. Jay will be retiring to pension, according to an announcement made by the Officer Commanding the R.C.M.P. in this Province. Cpl. Jay is presently on retirement leave.

Cpl. Jay, who is a native P.E. Islander, first joined the Prince Edward Island Provincial Police in 1927. When the Royal Canadian Mounted Police took over the duties of the Provincial Force in 1932, he was absorbed into the R.C.M.P. and has served continuously in this Province since that date.

For good conduct and satisfactory service he was awarded the R.C.M.P. Police Long Service Medal in 1951, and the Bronze Clasp to this medal in 1956.

Prior to his going on leave, his fellow workers assembled at Division Headquarters to extend their best wishes to this N.C.O. and on behalf of all the members of "L" Division the Officer Commanding E.L. Martin, made a presentation of an engraved Watch.

It is understood that Cpl. Jay, with his wife and family, will continue to reside in Charlottetown.

RELIGION AND LIFE

By Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., LL.D.
First Moderator of the United Church of Canada

NO MAN CAN GET AWAY FROM UNRIGHTED WRONG

Hamlet in his soliloquy thus placards before us the sinner's sense of guilt: "Conscience does make cowards of us all."

Some of the most pathetic cases I have ever known have been of men who have committed in youth a serious wrong and on account of it had left the country and never dared return.

Usually they had renounced the sin once for all and had done what they could to make amends, but their personal sin had entered other lives and their fellow-sinners they could not face.

The longing of the exiles for the homes they had left was an ache in their hearts which nothing could remove.

We have been re-reading the story of Jacob's return home. He had been driven away by fear of his brother's anger. He had cruelly wronged that brother and had defrauded him of his birthright, and Esau's anger had been deadly.

In a distant land Jacob had prospered, had married, gathered wealth, and was now returning home with his family and possessions. But he had to meet the brother he had wronged.

Not only did he dread the personal encounter with an injured brother but he feared that his wives and children might have to suffer the consequences of his sin. So he made elaborate and costly arrangements to placate his brother and then gave himself to prayer for deliverance.

Now he didn't need to fear; Esau was too big and generous to carry a grudge. But even after the reconciliation, Jacob seemed still uncomfortable about it all.

No man can get away from an unrighted wrong. After 20 years of successful effort, Jacob's duplicity still rankled in his breast. There are wrongs that cannot be righted. Each one is a wound that only God can heal.

Once we had a whole day on a train in England. In the compartment we met a fascinating character.

For one thing, he had read more American fiction than any other person we had known; for another, his comments on British conditions and problems were illuminating.

As the train sped by a village, he started this story.

Once he was walking by a churchyard when a stranger asked him how he could find a certain grave. He gave him the instructions and walked off. As he was returning, he met the stranger coming out of the churchyard. He said that he had found the grave.

Then he took out an old photograph of a group and asked if he could recognize anyone in it. He replied: "No, for that is a photograph of people of an older generation, but my father is living and he will recognize anyone belonging to this place."

When the old man saw the picture, he pointed to one figure, saying: "That's the man who married my sister and deserted her and their four children when she was in the hospital."

"Why!" exclaimed the stranger, "that's my father! He came to our town as a single man, married, and we never thought of him having any such relationship here."

Explanations followed; family

Train Slices Truck; No One Killed, Hurt

OTTAWA (CP)—The CNR's eastbound Continental sliced into a huge tractor-trailer on the city's outskirts at dawn Thursday in a spectacular level-crossing accident. No one was killed or seriously injured.

The train, travelling at about 55 miles an hour with the horn of the lead diesel blaring a warning, slammed into the tractor-trailer at Bell's Corner, some 10 miles from the centre of Ottawa. The crossing is marked only with a standard railway cross sign.

The lead diesel struck the north-bound highway transport near the coupling of the tractor and the trailer. The trailer was demolished and some 15,000 tons of baby food were scattered along more than 100 yards of railway right-of-way.

The force of the impact tore the trailer from the tractor which had crossed the tracks. The tractor rolled free and came to a stop some 150 yards down the highway with the driver, Evert Bergsma, unscathed.

The accident derailed the two-unit diesel and all but one car of the 10-car train. About 75 persons aboard, most of whom were asleep, were shaken up and three were slightly injured.

COAL PRODUCTION
EDMONTON (CP)—Coal production in Alberta during January this year was 164,532 tons, lower than in the same month of 1956, the provincial mines department said in a statement Wednesday. Output totalled 462,200 tons, compared with 627,112 in that month of 1956.

Coming Events

- Dance St. Georges Hall Monday Night March 4th.
- Card party and dance, Lot 65 Hall, Monday, March 4.
- Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade in Harrington Hall, Monday, March 4.
- A pre-Lenten dance, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Tuesday, March 5.
- St. Peter's orchestra, Dancing 8-11:45 p.m.
- Hockey North River Rink tonight. Nine Mile Creek Building Winslow Heartbreakers. Second game in Semi-Final. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- Ice Sports North River Rink Friday March 15th. Contestants please have card with name, Age and School on shoulder. Teachers are requested to be present with registrars if possible.

POWNA

Friends of Mrs. George MacLennan are pleased to learn that she has returned home from the Prince Edward Island Hospital, where she has been a patient for the past couple of weeks. Mrs. MacLennan was unfortunately enough to fall breaking her leg in two places.

Provost Sgt. Enjoys Trains

ST. JAMES, Man. (CP)—Sgt. Dennis (Select) Coyne says he has the best job in the army. He rides trains.

Five days a week, the six-foot-two, 255-pound disciplinarian of the Provost Corps rides trains around Manitoba and Saskatchewan with occasional trips to the Lakehead and to Alberta. He keeps an eye on travelling servicemen.

Select, as he's known to all train crews and widely through out the Prairie Command, sees to it that the high links of youngsters in uniform are kept under control. He's never had to use force—"they take one look at me and that's that," he says.

Born in Pontypridd, Wales, Sgt. Coyne, 53, has been in the Canadian Army since 1928. He served with the Princess Patricia's in the Second World War and has been on his present job with the Provost Corps for the last six years.

FAMOUS BRIDGE

The Alcantara bridge, 170 feet above the River Tagus in Spain, has stood for nearly 2,000 years.

STANLEY BRIDGE

The following is the report of Stanley Bridge School for the mid-year term.

Grade X. 1. Anne Carr.

Grade IX. 1. Annie Lee Fyfe, 2. Shirley Reid, 3. Hilda Malone.

Grade VIII. 1. Anna Rae Douglas, 2. Donald Fyfe.

Grade VII. 1. Mary Fyfe, 2. Stanley Coles.

Grade VI. 1. Wilfred Bolger, 2. Alfred Fyfe.

Grade V. 1. Murdoch Fyfe, 2. Arlene Douglas, 3. Winston Malone.

Grade IV. 1. Beryl Fyfe, 2. Watson Fyfe.

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Army, Air Cadets Trophy Winners

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian army and air force cadets have won the King George V trophy for 1955 and have received the congratulations of the Queen, army headquarters said Friday.

The trophy recognizes the high standard of small-bore shooting among cadets of Commonwealth countries generally rather than individual performances.

Canada won the trophy with an average of 88,079 points of a possible 100. South Africa was runner-up with 88,022 and the United Kingdom third with 87,412.

In the Imperial trophies competition, the senior shield was won by St. Coeur de Marie cadets corps at Shediac, N.B. The Mont St. Louis Cadet Corps, Montreal, was runner-up.

CLINTON SCHOOL

The following is the Clinton School report for mid-term.

Grade IX. 1. Marjorie Perry, 2. Valerie Woodside.

Grade VIII. 1. Arnel Taylor, 2. Joyce Clark, 2. Charlie Smith, 3. Ralph Woodside.

Grade V. 1. David Whitehead, 2. David McKay, 3. Donald Pickering.

Grade IV. 1. Donald Clark, 2. Eric Smith, 3. Barbara Ann Connick.

Grade III. 1. Gail Pickering, 2. Kenneth Heaney, 3. Edith Frizzle.

Grade II. 1. Susan Heaney, 2. Walter Clark, 3. Carol Henderson.

Grade I. 1. No exams.

Perfect attendance for mid-term: Joyce Clark, Linda Woodside and David Whitehead.

Highest average in Senior grades, Joyce Clark, 94 per cent.

Highest average in Junior grades, Donald Clark, 93 per cent.

Teacher: Lavenia McAvinn.

TO ENGLAND

Word has been received by Mrs. J. Austin Murphy of Emerald Junction that her grandson troop leader Brian Murphy has been selected to represent the Porcupine Hills District Scout Council of Alberta at the English Jubilee this summer.

Brian is the son of Flight Lieutenant J. Douglas and Mrs. Murphy of Claresholm, Alberta and is a scout in the Number 4 Claresholm Troop. There are seven troops in the district.

Brian, who is now 16 years old, has spent considerable time on the island, having lived both in Emerald and Charlottetown during the war years and still visits his grandmother in Emerald during the summer holidays. He started his scouting career at Greenwood, N.S.

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