

On Far East Ops.

Wing Cmdr. Ralph Gordon, RCAF, of Bobcaygeon, is officer commanding the latest RCAF squadron to go on operations in support of the Brit-



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ish 14th army's drive against Mandalay. The squadrons were flown with all personnel to India last September.

Within 24 hours of their arrival at their forward base, after a cross-continental flight from their training station in Northwest India,

crews of the squadron were airborne, carrying urgent supplies including gasoline, ammunition, rations and priority equipment, across the Chin Hills and the Chindwin River to airstrips in the Shwebo and other sectors of the Mandalay front.

In three days, more than 400,000 pounds of these supplies were transported to the army in the squadron's twin-engined Dakotas, several of the crews making two and three sorties in one day.

Wing Commander Gordon joined the squadron in England last summer. He flew on anti-submarine patrols as a flight commander during 1942-43 from Canada's west coast and, later, went overseas to join an RCAF squadron flying Albatrosses and Wellingtons on coastal patrol from United Kingdom bases.



F.O. R. Eves

Among those taking part in the squadron's first days of operations were: Flt.-Sgt. W. M. S. Robertson, Toronto; F.O. Thos. W. Farquhar, Little Current; P.O. John P. Sadkowski, Brantford; F.O. R. Willard Eves, of Harley, and P.O. Gordon B. Coyle, of Tillsonburg.