

Bobcaygeon Boy 'is Member of Ground Crew of Famous Bomber

L.A.C. Wallace Martin Is A Son of Mr. Thos. Martin

One of the luckiest aircraft in the RCAF bomber group overseas is a huge 4-engine Halifax bomber, which carries the name of 'X-Ray'. Among the ground crew are three Ontario lads, L.A.C. Wallace Martin of Bobcaygeon, L.A.C. Jim MacDonald of Ferndale and Sgt. Jim MacMillan of Alexandria, Ontario.

This bomber is a unit of the Ghost Squadron, headed by Wing Commander David French of Hamilton. "X-Ray" enjoys the reputation of being the champion aircraft of the squadron and much of her good fortune is due to tireless energy and

devotion of the ground crew.

"X-Ray" has made 34 trips over enemy territory without a turn back has had no non-starts, still has her four original engines and the same tires. Her skipper is Flying Officer Norman Brown of Fort Q'Appelle, Sask. As far as the ground crew is concerned they figure it is their aircraft and take a personal pride in its welfare. At times they work continuously for 24 hours at a stretch to keep the bomber in tip-top condition.

"We've never had an aircraft like it," declared W. C. French. "The ground crew has done a magnificent job."

L.A.C. Martin is a son of Mr. Thomas Martin of Bobcaygeon.