

Mrs. Nell M. MacConnell is just about one of the proudest mothers in town to-day and she has a very good reason for feeling that way—Her son, FO. Brian MacConnell, has just shot down his first Nazi plane and she is celebrating the occasion.

In a letter which she has just received from him he writes: "At last I am beginning to pay back the Air Force for some of the training they have given me. I have just shot down my first Hun plane—It was a giant Junkers '88, twin-engined bomber and I have received a 'Destroyed, Confirmed' and the pilot will not have to worry about the Fatherland any-more."

He also says that the Air Force ~~has~~ a hard time keeping up with the ground forces now that German advances are being made on ~~the~~ ~~front~~ has started to deteriorate such a rapid and widespread scale. She states that it is a gruelling job and that they keep shuttling back and forth from dawn until night-fall with only a few breaks to eat and ~~refuel~~.

FO. MacConnell is in the same squadron as Flt.-Lt. Ken. Sleep and it is labelled "402 Squadron".

It will be recalled that the last time Brian was in the news was when he and a group of other officers were reported to be on a tour of Yorkshire, while stationed at a University there for special training.

FO. BRIAN MACCONELL
BAGS FIRST NAZI PLANE