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A Half Years On Exheme South  
Coast Of England.*

Lindsay Kiwanians had the rare privilege of listening to Flt.-Lieut. R.A. Patterson of the R.C.A.F. a former L.C.I. teacher who is home from duty overseas, on Tuesday noon.

Speaking of homely pleasure of coming back to Canada, Airman Patterson said that unlike many who had returned from overseas and were impressed by again seeing the electric lights instead of blackouts, his chief impression was the peacefulness of this town after having spent two and one half years on the extreme South Coast of England.

Another pleasure feature was that of looking upon a family not impelled by fear to seek safety under a stairway or to scramble out into a shelter during the hours of darkness.

He then related what happened one evening when he spent the night at the home of a civilian family. Went to bed at the usual hour. At 2.30 a.m. the siren wails. The lady of the house wakes everybody and all hustle off to the air raid shelter. A four-year-old boy adopted by the family wrapped in black hears the woomph of guns, and the noise of exploding shells says he "hops the Jerry didn't blow my wheelbarrow away." They spend two and a half hours in the shelter and then the all-clear is sounded and by 3.30 everyone is home and back again in bed. "This," said the speaker, "is only a taste of what the people in the South of England endured during the years 1940 and '41".

After working with the English people and experiencing their hospitality and seeing what they had endured during these years, stated his impressions were—"England is a better place in the world."

He then gave a brief description of his travels with the First Squadron from Lands' End in the South of England to John of Groats on the Northern tip of Scotland relating little incidents as they occurred on the way.

Every American that the speaker had met in England when he looked around and viewed the destruction wrought had a good word for the English people. Said they "This is the country that endured and stood alone, they are a magnificent people." The feeling between the American and the English is one of greatest friendship and admiration.

Kiwanian Sleep occupied the chair in the absence of President Roy Smith who is out of town. The speaker was introduced by Kiwanian Groves and thanked by Kiwanian Col. R.I. Moore.

Several visitors were present from Toronto and Port Arthur.

**Flt. - Lieut. Patterson Gives Fine**

**Address at Kiwanis Luncheon**