



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

By Jim Greenblatt

Many of us get funny notions about members of Parliament. Sure they make speeches, but after watching them in action here for a while...

This is Ottawa! The other day a huge tank with its long barrelled cannon pointing straight ahead at the traffic...

The Prices Board under clamping down on further permits for storage of eggs until later in the year they tell me is primarily to stop speculative profits in storing and handling of eggs.

The three armed services want to get closer to the folks in the country, boys and girls are part and parcel of it.

In my rounds I also inquired about publication of the Sicilian campaign casualty lists, but find this can't be done for some time yet for security reasons.

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Farm here says a pretty effective treatment for them is spraying the infested area with long-time burning oil at the rate of 5 gallons per one thousand square feet of lawn.

Odds and ends of the recent session: The war finance bill which set up a jackpot of \$3,500,000,000 for war purposes passed quickly, but Parliament was concerned with it on forty-four days of the session.

A quick glance for folks "put there" on the new order stopping purchase of used tires and tubes without a permit. Rural school teachers get raised rating; rural auctioneers can get them; a new ruling allows a farmer to procure same for passenger car.

Why is the government pushing production of oil bearing seeds? To keep the Canadian boys punching over the fence. Four pounds of the lovely sunflower seed produces a pound of oil; a bushel of flax yields about 18 pounds of oil.

Had a letter, saying: "Give us a little news for women." So I took a stroll down to the Consumers' Branch of the Wartime Prices Board.

You who groan over the mower on your little lawn at home ought to see what the men have to keep in trim around the Parliament buildings.

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Hay Fever Time Is Now At Hand

The melancholy days have come. The saddest of the year... Yes, these are sad days for many people in Ontario, if one is to judge by their acute discomfort, their red eyes and running noses.

This is the time when the pollen of the ragweed is abroad in the air you breathe; it has been recovered from as high as 8,000 feet above the earth. Pollen grains are produced abundantly from now until freeze-up.

A single ragweed plant may produce 5,000 seeds in a year and in eradication of the weed, destruction of seeds is vitally important. Scattered plants may be pulled by hand; mowing may be more practical where they grow profusely.

Ragweed is an agricultural pest and it comes under provincial weed control legislation. Municipal councils are responsible for seeing that the weed law is enforced, but it is obviously in everybody's interests to do all one can to destroy ragweed.

Meals for Two Active People

Hello Home-makers! It's been grand to hear from so many brides. Today's brides, many of them busy war workers, have not had time to assist in menu planning or to learn the deft art of speedily concocting a meal.

A word of advice on the matter of breakfasts—keep them simple so you can carry them off with speed and finesse. The most delectable muffin is not worth keeping friend husband late. Plan then in the light of the other meals of the day and the equipment and time available.

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WAAF's Honeymoon Started in Jail

LONDON, (CP) — Blind-Beatrice Lalor, 24-year-old WAAF, and John Alexander Wardle, 21-year-old Royal Marine, got married—but not as they planned.

She was on leave and he was home after three years overseas service. There was a whirlwind courtship, marriage proposal and acceptance. But Beatrice's leave was up and three times she was refused extra leave after she returned to her unit.

Timely warning that farm price increases are reaching dangerous inflation spreading proportions was served by Donald Gordon, Prices Board chairman last week.

Canadian producers must realize that they cannot expect to get American prices for their products unless Canada is prepared to allow all prices to rise up to the higher American levels.

Crumb Pastry

1 1/2 cups graham-cracker crumbs (about 16 crackers), rolled very fine; 1 lb. sugar, 1/2 cup butter, browned but not burned, or use softened butter.

Harvard Beets

6 beets, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 lb. cornstarch, 1/2 cup vinegar, 2 tsp. meat dripping.

Peel and slice beets; cook 20 minutes in small amount of water. Mix salt, sugar and cornstarch, add to vinegar and boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add 3 tsp. meat dripping. Pour over beets.

Mix crumbs and sugar, add browned butter and mix well. Press firmly over bottom and sides of pie plate. Bake electric oven 325 degrees about 10 minutes. Use with cooked fillings. Makes 1 pastry shell.

She's Got Spurs And They Jingle

No Cowboys and Pretty Girl is Wrangler on Nevada Dude Ranch

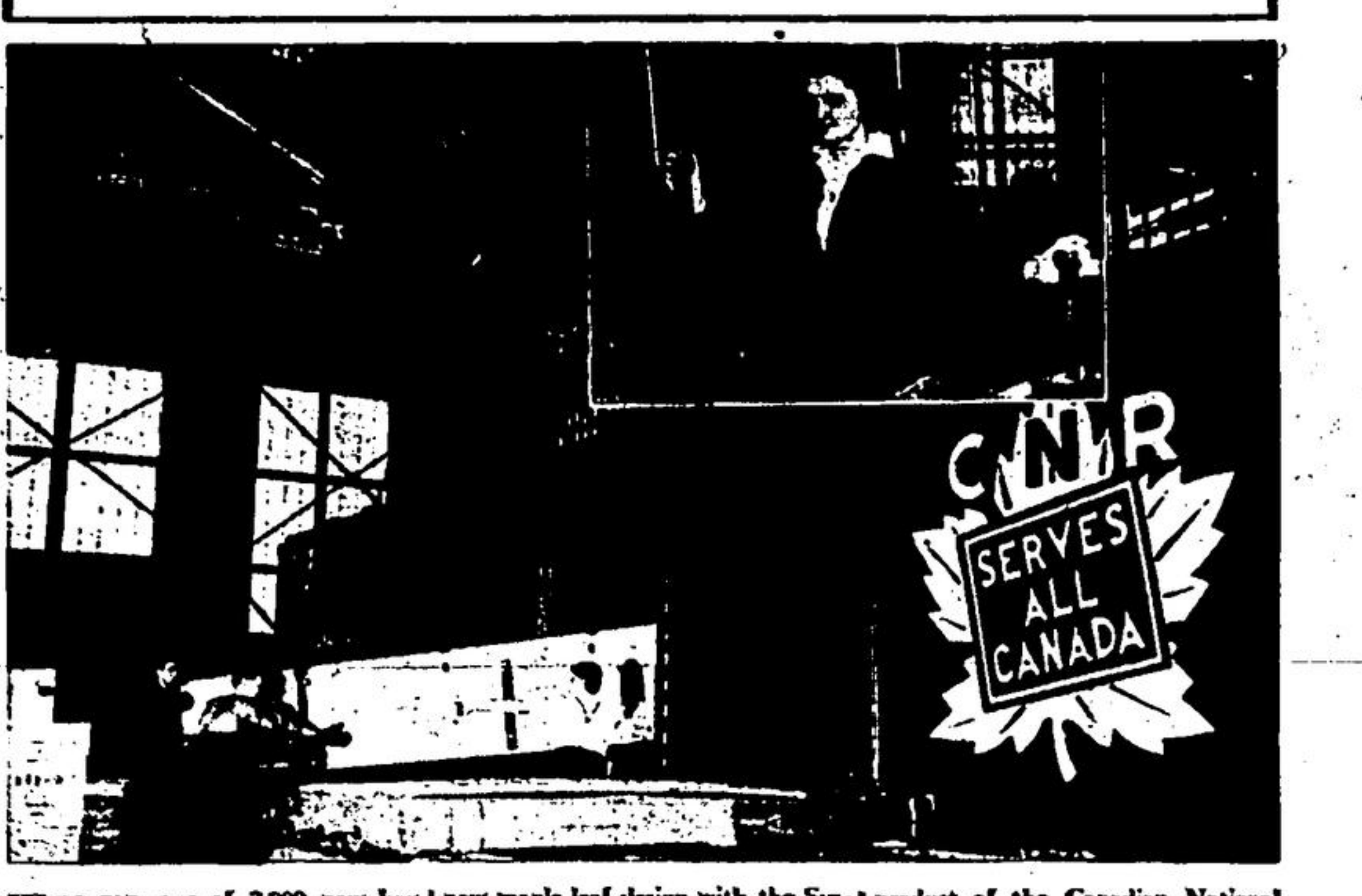
RENO, Nev., (CP)—You can blame it on the war, Doro Wood says. When you can't find men for a job, you have to find women.

That's how he hired Florence Heirman, attractive, 26-year-old Hempstead, N. Y. girl, as the first dude ranch wrangler in this section.

Wood, owner of the swanky Tumbling D-W dude ranch in historic Franktown, 25 miles south of Reno, said he simply ran out of cowhands for his ranch so he hired the first competent girl that came along.

When the rides are over, she grooms the horses, feeds them and turns them out to pasture, then plays bridge with the guests until bedtime.

NEW BOX CAR GETS FIRST WAR LOAD

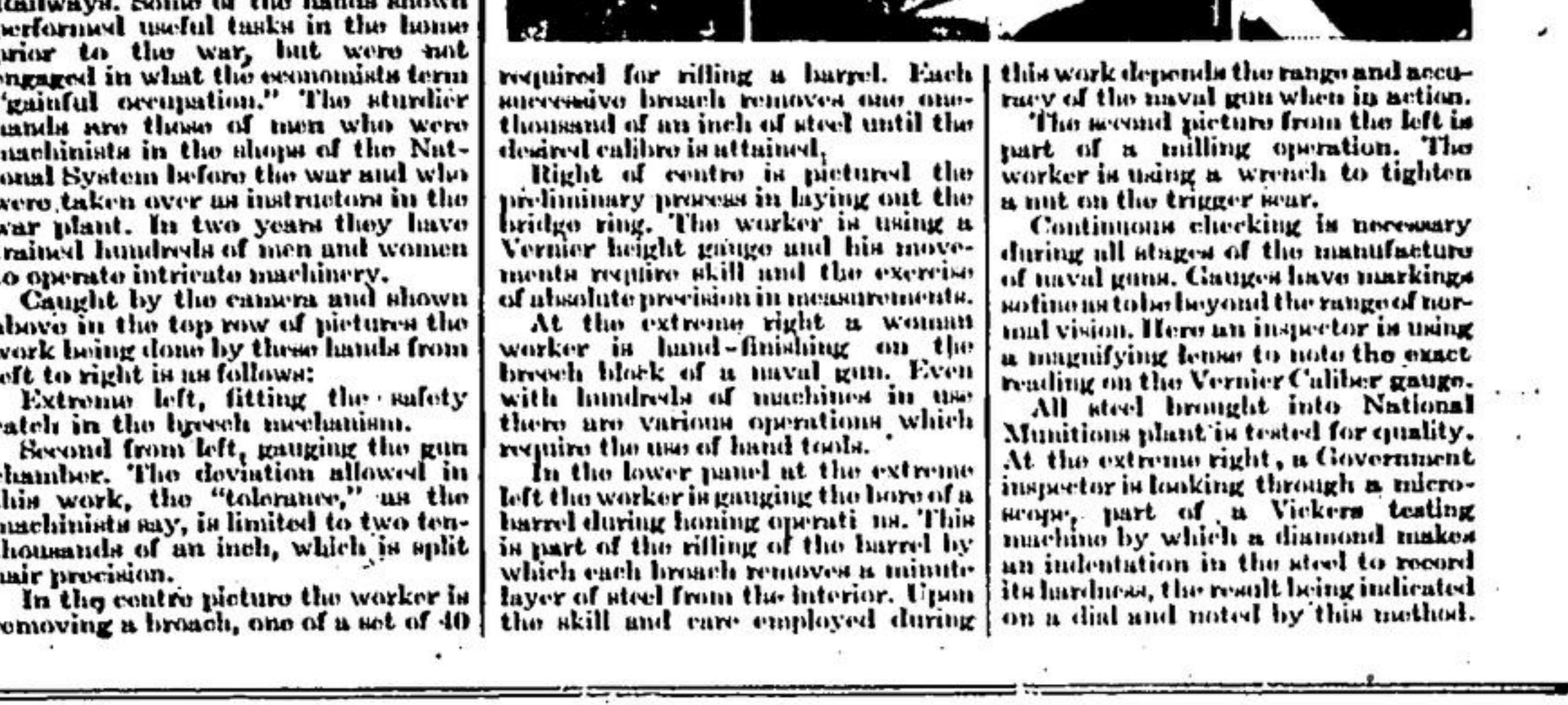


THIS CAR, one of 2,000 new box cars being built for the Canadian National Railways to handle the increasing volume of war traffic over the lines of the National System, is shown above at the plant of National Railways Munitions Limited being loaded with naval guns manufactured at this subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways. The car bears the

new maple leaf design with the System slogan. The big crane handling the gun being placed in the car is operated by Noelle Heudelet. Inset is close-up of Miss Heudelet operating the crane. There are seven girls working as crane operators in this big war plant.

The box in which the naval gun barrel is encased for travel is a special product of the Canadian National Railways Montreal wood mill shop. The box is of unusual design with interior bracing to hold the barrel firmly in place, while on the exterior steel pieces strengthen the carrier and provide loops to enable crane hooks to take hold when transferring to and from the freight cars at terminals.

Fair Hands Trained for War Work



Fair hands and strong hands have joined in the war against the enemies of Freedom and those pictured above are employed in the manufacture of naval guns at the National Railways Munitions Limited plant which is operated by the Canadian National Railways. Some of the hands shown performed useful tasks in the home prior to the war, but were now engaged in what the economists term "gainful occupation."

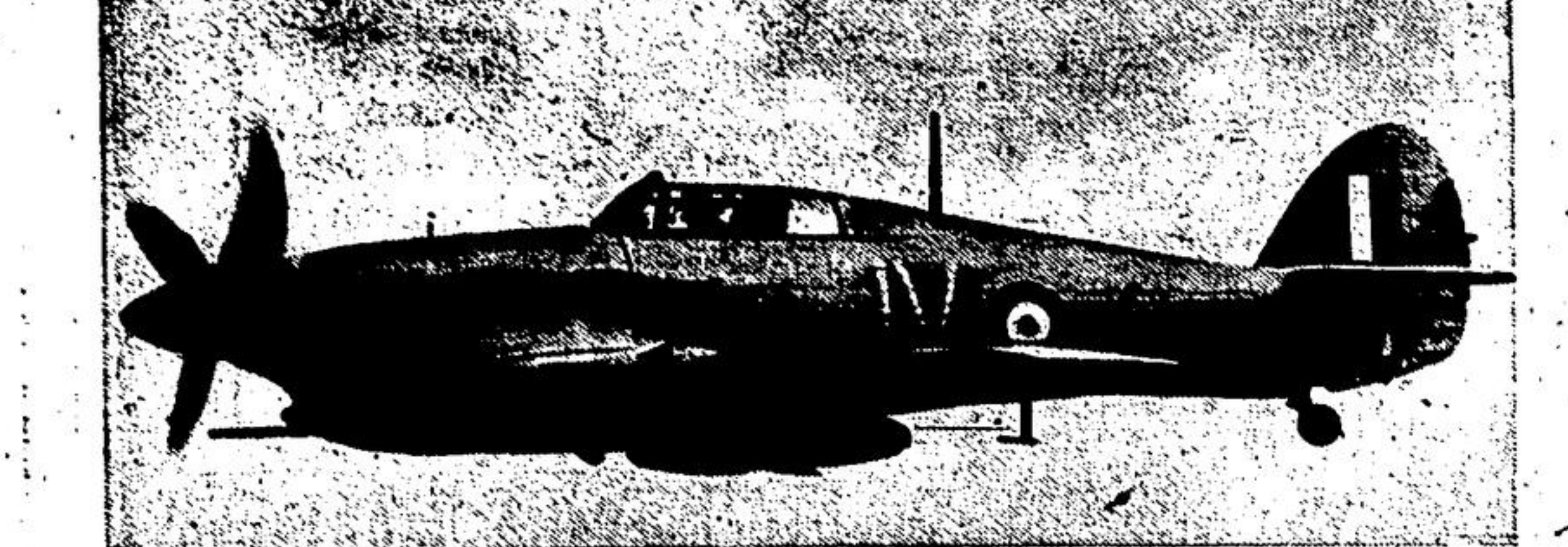
The studier hands are those of men who were machinists in the shops of the National System before the war and who were taken over as instructors in the war plant. In two years they have trained hundreds of men and women to operate intricate machinery.

Caught by the camera and shown above in the top row of pictures the work being done by these hands from left to right is as follows: Extreme left, fitting the safety catch in the breech mechanism.

Second from left, gauging the gun flange. The deviation allowed in this work, the "tolerance," as the machinists say, is limited to two ten-thousandths of an inch, which is split hair precision.

In the centre picture the worker is removing a broach, one of a set of 40 required for rifling a barrel. Each successive broach removes one one-thousandth of an inch of steel until the closed cylinder is attained.

R.A.F. Tank-Busters Smash Enemy Armour In Africa



R.A.F. "Tank-busters"—Hurricane IID Fighters fitted with heavy calibre guns and designed for attacking armoured vehicles—have been smashing enemy armour in Africa all the way from Alamain into Tunisia. The Hurricane IID carries two 40 mm. guns, one gun fitted under each wing. They are capable of automatic or single-shot fire. Picture shows: A "Tank-buster" in flight over the forward area. Such is the effectiveness of these planes against armour that the men who fly them have named them "tin-openers."

Flight Record Made in Canada's Trans-Atlantic Service



A Trans-Canada Air Lines crew established a new non-stop record from Montreal to Britain, flying a big transport plane in the Canadian Government's new wartime trans-Atlantic service for the carriage of mail to and from the Dominion's overseas posts. From the take-off in Montreal to the landing in Britain the elapsed time was 12 hours and 26 minutes, 25 minutes faster than the previous best time.

Below: Lieut. E. R. Kightley, of the Canadian Army Postal Corps, (centre) supervising the loading of mail previous to the take-off. The plane carried 2,500 pounds of mail for the men and women of Canada's foreign garrisons.