

## English Service Paper Praises Work of Canada's "Chinthes"

(We are indebted to Mrs. John Hunter for an interesting article from the *English Service Paper* of South West Asia Command. The article, headed "Canada's Chinthes Did a Grand Job," appeared in the August 8th issue, which was printed in Calcutta, among the local men who participated in the work besides her husband were Sgt. Broomhead, Wilf Mino, Jack Cornett, and Tony Mason. A picture of the latter appears in a group photograph in connection with the article.)

Canada's contribution to the war in the air is second only to that of Great Britain. But comparatively little credit has been awarded the Dominion flyers—as Canadians. Many of them have served since the beginning as members of R.A.F. units and Press

headlines have, as a rule, been confined to the two big Air Forces—the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.A.F.

How many people know of the signal contribution which the two Canadian squadrons serving with Combat Cargo Task Force made towards the reconquest of Burma? This is the story of one of these Squadrons—the Chinthe Squadron. It ranks with the finest stories in the records of Transport Command.

Since last November the Chinthe Squadron has followed the 14th Army all the way from Pinalab, near Kaulin to Magwe. They flew by day and by night, sometimes with fighter escort, sometimes without. They flew under high pressure, and they never balked at flying overtime.

**Class Support**  
The big Dakotas often unloaded their supplies and were airborne again within 10 minutes of touching down. Entire fighter squadrons, personnel and equipment, were moved up to close support aerodromes in a single day's hard work.

The Chinthes dropped in D. Z.'s no bigger than geranium pots, and on more than one occasion their dropping circuit took them right over the Jap lines. They landed at airfields which were under fire, at other airfields constantly changing hands.

But the Chinthe Squadron brought its cargo through, and its Army casualties back without a single loss. The Squadron files contain many letters of thanks from grateful commanders of the 14th Army.

The Squadron originally came out to India in September, 1944, under the command of Wing Commander T. P. Harnett. Special attention was paid to paratrooping exercises and many guessed that they were being groomed for some big do—perhaps even for an airborne operation against Rangoon.

**Tough Job of Frontier**  
When the American squadrons serving the 14th Army were called in an emergency last November to support the crumbling Chinese defences, the Chinthe Squadron immediately moved to the Burmese frontier. By flying their aircraft 24 hours out of 36, they succeeded in moving the entire squadron in a little more than one day. It was 23,000 hours when the last aircraft arrived at the forward station bringing with it the final remnants of aircrew, groundcrew and equipment. By 10:00 hours the following morning the squadron was on "ops."

They had no tents, no beds, no kitchen, no maintenance equipment—nothing. Personnel equipment was nowhere to be had. A month after their arrival aircrew were still sleeping on gunny-sacks stretched between bamboo poles. Ground crews performed their D.I.'s with nothing more than screw-driver and hammer, generally by the light of torches.

But the Squadron put up one of the finest performance records in the Command, running consistently top or very near the top in percentage of serviceable aircraft and in hours flown per aircraft.

Transport is not a soft job. When the British fought their way into Shwabo, the Chinthe Squadron was detailed to fly supplies to a dropping zone near the town—without escort. In the circuit the big Dakotas were suddenly pounced on by several Zeros. When they broke off, one Dakota had been destroyed, another seriously damaged, had made a remarkable crash landing in a little jungle clearing; a third, not so badly damaged, was limping home.

When the 14th Army established its first tenuous bridgehead across the Irrawaddy, the Chinthe Squadron had the distinction of flying the first transport over the river in support of the bridgehead. The bridgehead was so tiny that in order to hit the DZ the pilot had to fly over the Jap lines. He made five circuits under

fire and on the last run one of his crew was seriously injured. The pilot broke off, flew the injured man back to a field hospital near Shwabo, then came back and dropped the remaining quarter of his load.

The Chinthe Squadron were prominent in the Airborne Operation against Rangoon. The troops who participated in the operation had trained with the two Canadian transport squadrons and asked that their old jump-masters be allowed to accompany them on the final operation. The Chinthe Squadron supplied 20 and their sister Squadron supplied 20, 100 P. C. Success.

The drop was 100 per cent accurate and not a single major casualty was suffered. In a letter complimenting the participating units, General Downs, C-in-C Paratroops, stated that to his knowledge this was the first airborne operation of the war to come off 100 per cent.

The Chinthe Squadron is still busy delivering the goods and has found time to develop amenities that are perhaps unsurpassed by any squadron in the Air Force. It has a newspaper of its own, a riding stable of 7 horses and 12 mules, open to all, a swimming pool that can vie with the best in India, with a pier, a floating dock and a diving tower.

Among the trees that fringe the pool the Squadron has set up a rest camp in which all ranks can spend 48's at a cost of 1 rupee per day.

Canadians are proud of the record of the Chinthe Squadron. And the 14th Army will always be grateful to it.

## AUCTION SALE

OF REGISTERED AND GRADE HOLSTEIN

The undersigned has received instructions from

N. J. DUCKETT

to sell by public auction at Lot 28, Con. 3, Township of Esquesing, farm adjoins town of Acton, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1945 at 1 p.m. the following:

REG. HOLSTEINS — Farmblossom Lady Posch Waldorf, freshened Sept. 20; Topsy Texal Beets, due May 3; Jewel Beets Posch, due March 16; Tubantia Julia War Dance, due Mar. 21; Flossy Beets Posch, due Aug. 12; Bull Rag Apple Hartog, Captain; Young Bull Cair Maughlin J. H. Sr. Heigerveld; 4 yearling heifers; 3 heifer calves; 1 bull calf.

GRADE CATTLE — 1 Ayrshire, 5 years; 1 Holstein, 8 years; 1 Ayrshire heifer calf; 1 Red cow, 6 years, due Jan. 10; 1 Jersey cow, 4 years old, due Feb. 17; 2 Jersey heifers.

TERMS—Cash on day of sale.

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Auctioneers

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OF FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FURNITURE

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JOHN R. SMITH

to sell by public auction at Lot 5, Concession 8 township of Trafalgar, 2 miles south of Hornby, on Seventh Line, on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1945

at 1:30 o'clock, the following:

HORSES—Percheron mare, aged; Percheron gelding, aged.

CATTLE—2 Jersey cows in full flow, bred Aug. 6; Red Durham cow, in full flow, bred Aug. 28; Jersey heifer, bred to freshen in March; 2 heifer calves, 4 months old.

PIGS—Sow and 6 pigs.

IMPLEMENTS — Fordson tractor, tractor disk, 14 plate with weight boxes; tractor 3 furrow plow, Cock, shutt; grain drill 10 hoe; 2 furrow tractor plow, M.H.; grain binder, 6 ft. Deering; mower, M.C. 5 ft; steel land roller, 3 drums; set seed harrows; In-throw disc; 1 P.H. 13 tooth cultivator; outthrow disc; scuffer; M.H. 17 tooth Cultivator, garden seeder, Viga cream separator, 650 lbs.; set bent sleds; light wagon, Renfrew scales 2000 lbs.; cutter; Gem fence; fanning mill, oil drums; barrel churn; oak barrels; pig troughs; feed bins; silo rods; a quantity of good oak lumber; 2 pieces of timber 24 ft. long; wagon tongues; odd collars; water fountains; hay rack; odd harness; manure spreader, J. D. in extra good shape; forks, hoes, chains, etc.; 40 tons mixed hay; a quantity of pipe.

FURNITURE—Oak dining room suite, including table, 6 chairs, china cabinet; glass book case; walnut cupboard; 2 Jacobean chairs; parlor table brass bed; iron bed; dressers; wash stands; walnut settee set, 3 pieces; kitchen tables; 3 heaters, coal or wood; secretary, roll top; rug 15 x 18; mounted moose head; silverware and dishes; numerous other small house hold articles.

TERMS: CASH.

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