

Men Are Wanted to Beat Hitler



JOE AUSTIN



LELAND FAIRLES



RALPH COOPER
(Overseas)



BRUCE BOYD



ALBERT MYLAND



GORDON LEHMAN
(Overseas)

GOOD CHEER STILL GOING TO BOYS OVERSEAS

Alfred Thomas Tells of Hazards of Night Fighters in Britain

January 2, 1942

Dear Fellows:
I'm now on an operational squadron and I will soon be taking over my share of the work.

It is very hard to tell much about my work as it is something that Jerry doesn't know about yet, understand. When you see in the paper small enemy raids last night—two bombers shot down by night fighters—that's what I am trying to do, but believe me it is not as easy as you may think. You have to see an aircraft and identify it before shooting. Afterwards you try to guess where the home base is and fly back. A cloud layer is usually between you and the earth, so your task is difficult, and it is just steer by compass which is regular work with us now. It's all at night so what can one see. Needless to say we have study and listen to lectures all the time. There are new ideas, new systems and new tactics. We have a crew of one, a radio observer who also loads the cannons. He wears an RO in a half wing like an air-gunner. I believe they take men who are fit up to the age of 40. It is a very hard job and only clever skilled men make a success of the job.

Thanks for the parcel, it arrived in good condition. We men overseas appreciate them very much and make them last a long time. I find it easier to get a good meal here in central England than in the south, but mostly I stay in camp. We are on duty 28 to 29 days a month so we have little time to do other than just stay in camp. The meals are very good and I get all the one half margarine and one half butter I want. There is tea every meal and cocoa at 8 p.m.

P.S. I will write a more interesting letter when I have made a few trips but it is hard to tell anything that is very interesting yet—that is if it's okay by the censor. Please thank all those who helped to send the very welcome parcels to us.

Yours sincerely,
Alf. Thomas

Hello Bert,

Just a line to thank you and everyone for the wonderful parcels. I haven't seen any of the boys since I received this last parcel, but I'll bet they will all write and thank you. I have received my cigarettes every month, and they are really enjoyed. Haven't much news this time, so I'll close.

Yours truly,
Bruce Lintner

Dear Friends,

'Tis with great pleasure that I write these few lines to acknowledge the receipt of my cigarettes. I



CLIFFORD BARKEY



ARTHUR SWIFT



DONALD HARPER

sure appreciate them.

Morley Pugh

Dear Fellows:

Much obliged for the cigarettes. Just got back from seven days leave and found them waiting for me. Needless to say a most pleasant surprise. All the best,

George Abell

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the cigarettes. Hope you all had a good Christmas, as I did.

Oliver Larkin



New Bayonets For the Infantry

The new Mark IV Lee Enfield bayonet, now being issued to troops in Britain, is in production at the plant of Small Arms Ltd., near Toronto. The new one is only half the length of the old and is a three-cornered, dagger-type blade instead of the last "butcher knife." It is said to be better for hand-to-hand fighting. Two members of the Elgin Regiment demonstrate the old and the new weapon at Long Branch Camp.



BERT CLARKSON
(Overseas)



BOB ABELL



ARTHUR CLARKSON



Donald Lehman is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lehman to join up. "Beanie" was attached to the 2nd Field Ambulance Corps at Camp Borden, but was honorably discharged last year due to a physical disability. He is now working at Lindsay.



BILL CASTLE
(Missing)



SPEAKS FROM ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Maskell of Stouffville and members of the family heard the voice of their son Albert now in England over the soldiers' broadcast last week. Spr. A. Maskell is listed as from Brougham where his wife and her people reside. The Maskell home in Stouffville is not being occupied by the family this winter as the parents are in Toronto. Mr. Maskell being employed at the Pickering war plant.

Our Boys Get New Suits to Wear With Best Girl



GEORGE ABELL, left
(Overseas)



ALLEN BAKER
(East Coast)

Canadians will be hard put to it to distinguish officers from "other ranks" when the swank new walking-out uniform designed for army privates and N.C.O.'s makes its appearance a few weeks from now. For off-parade hours and social occasions, the new dress has a tunic much like that worn by commissioned officers, with the same type of cloth, belt. The necktie is black-socks. This uniform, it is beech brown in color and collarpins form part of the issue. The private even carries a swagger stick, also issued, and wears low shoes and fine pointed cut, does not replace the familiar battle dress, which has proved itself the most practical and comfortable ever designed for battle conditions, but is purely for "best" wear.