

Had 13 Air Battles on 36 Trips, Ontario Fliers Make Record

With RCAF Bomber Group Overseas, Oct. 9.—Lanky, lean-faced Flt. Lt. Bob McCullough, Port Hope, Ont., has achieved something of a record for weathering night-fighter attacks. In his 36 trips over enemy territory, the Bluenose Squadron Halifax he pilots has been involved in 13 flying battles. One of the 13 was unlucky, too—for the Luftwaffe.

McCullough's aircraft was on the way to invasion-important railroad yards at Lille when it became War Aim No. 1 for an ME-110. The swift fighter shot in four times to the attack, but between "Mac's" manoeuvring and his two gunners firing for all they were worth, the Nazi got into position to turn on his shooting-irons but once.

Its cannon shells and machine-gun bullets did little harm to the bomb-heavy Halifax corkscrewing ponderously through the night ahead. Finally the chattering Brownings of

the rear and midupper gunners did their work. The Messerschmitt dropped back to about 1,000 yard distance and exploded.

The rear gunner, to whom most of the credit goes because he was firing throughout the engagement, is Sgt. Bob Davys, Aylmer, Ont.

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