

TRAINING HELPS, GUNNER FINDS

With An RCAF Bomber Group Overseas, Oct. 5.—Every bit of the intensive training he received in air gunnery came in useful to PO. Bob (Curly) Davis of Aymer, Ont., in the 37 sorties he flew before completing his tour. The 19-year-old airman took part in 13 flying battles from his rear turret in a Bluenose Squadron Halifax. He has one enemy aircraft claimed as "destroyed," another as "damaged."

His four-engined aircraft was winging toward railway yards at Lille, France, then held by the Germans, when a Me110 rushed in four times. Between Davis firing rapid bursts and the midupper gunner putting in intermittent bursts, the nightfighter only settled into position to shoot once—with little damage to the bomber.

On the fourth attack the Nazi received a fatal burst. It reeled in the wake of the Halifax and exploded. The midupper, another 19-year-old



PO. Davis

veteran of 37 sorties, just commissioned, is PO. Henry (Wolf) Stevenson of Toronto.

149
WAR
EUROPEAN
1939
CANADA
AIR
FORCE
OFFICERS

03
07-01-43