

Navy Pilot Determined Despite Loss Of Limb

By ED WALTERS
DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Ian McLennan, a navy lieutenant, likes to fly and is determined the loss of a leg in an automobile accident four years ago won't keep him out of the pilot's seat.

And a recent decision by navy doctors suggests the 30-year-old native of Brandon, Man., may soon be piloting a Tracker aircraft out of the navy's air station at a nearby Shearwater where he is stationed.

Lieut. McLennan's last medical examination resulted in a classification as "normal." This means he will probably be able to regain his status as a full-fledged naval pilot.

Lieut. McLennan, a husky six-foot-six, 215-pounder, began his navy career in 1952 and by early 1959 had won his pilot's wings. The wings were clipped in May of the same year when his small car crashed into a bridge near Montreal. Both his legs were broken above the knee.

The left leg became twisted while he was being extricated from the wreckage. The flow of blood was cut off and gangrene set in. The leg was amputated just below the knee.

The navy asked him if he wanted to leave the service. He said no, seeing little opportunity for a career outside.

Fitted with a 15-pound wooden either, they are just like tree branches." But he's all in favor of the maple leaf motif.

"We had to decide either on an emblem or an abstract design such as a tri-color, and there's so many of those it's hard to get a distinctive flag. We have no animal—the beaver looks like a rat—and so the maple leaf seems best.

"Having decided that, the government should have called for suggestions, and then made up some of the designs in full-sized flags and flown them in various parts of the country.

"You have to think how a flag will look through a telescope from three or four miles away. One maple leaf, from that distance, might look like a circle or something and the flag would not be distinctive. The three leaves would make it distinctive."

A Mother Defends Comic Books

"Comics offer children something of value... a whole host of imaginary friends," claims a mother of two. The difference between good and bad comic books is discussed in July Reader's Digest. Do they develop the reading habit in children? Are they harmful? Get your copy of Reader's Digest, now on sale.

leg which has since been replaced by a lightweight fibreglass limb, he came out of hospital five months after the accident. The navy sent him to Ottawa where he was taught air traffic control. He was posted to the control tower at Shearwater in May, 1961, and in time became senior air traffic control officer.

Meanwhile, the determination to return to flying was growing. The navy was undecided, never having faced a similar decision. But there were several things in Lieut. McLennan's favor. He still had the use of his left knee, there was no distracting discomfort and he already had been a pilot.

Eventually he was allowed to fly as co-pilot. Then the navy set a precedent by giving him a medical classification as normal. "Goose," as he is known, immediately began a pressing harder for return of his pilot's status. Approval could come any time.

Lieut. McLennan's mobility appears little reduced by the loss of the leg. He walks with a barely noticeable limp and drives his own car, a standard shift model. He frequently goes dancing with his wife Jean, also from Brandon. They were married in 1958 and have two children, Gordon, 4, and Donna, 2.

Gov't Reports Surplus In May

OTTAWA (CP)—The government had a \$210,300,000 surplus in its financial operations in May, Finance Minister Gordon



KINSMEN ENTERTAINED AT RCAF STATION

reported in his regular monthly statement.

Budgetary revenues were \$701,000,000 for the month while spending ran to \$491,000,000.

In May of 1963 there was a surplus of \$81,500,000.

Mr. Gordon, in his budget speech of March 16 forecast a \$55,000,000 deficit in the fiscal year which started April 1. Government bills tended to pile up towards the end of each fiscal year.

For the first two months of the current fiscal year, the government took in \$118,500,000 in budgetary revenues against \$87,500,000 for a surplus of \$31,000,000.

The role of RCAF Station Summerside was described in detail when Group Captain N.S. Anderson, commanding officer of the station addressed a dinner meeting of District

Seven Kinsmen at station Summerside's officers' mess Friday. Here Neil MacLeod, president of the local club introduced Group Captain Anderson, centre, to District Govern-

nor George Gerberg at the dinner. The two-day convention wound up Saturday with the election of Jack Regan of Dartmouth, N.S., the new district governor.



EISENHOWER UNVEILS STATUE

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower tugs on a rope Sunday to unveil a statue of Taras Shevchenko, 19th century Ukrainian poet in a Washington park. In a dedica-

tion speech Eisenhower said Shevchenko "expressed, eloquently man's undying determination to fight for freedom." An estimated 50,000 spectators watching the cere-

Canadian Artist Suggests Bars Top, Bottom In Flag

By STEWART MacLEOD
OTTAWA (CP)—Among the 150-odd flag designs submitted to the government is one from A.Y. Jackson, whose coin-conscious eyes were peering out at the Canadian landscape from behind an easel before most Members of Parliament were born.

His suggestion for a distinctive Canadian flag, painted about three years ago, is similar to that now being proposed in Parliament by the government.

The design of the 81-year-old painter, one of Canada's famed Group of Seven artists, has three red maple leaves joined on a single stem on a white background. But where the government's design has a vertical blue bar at each side of the flag, Mr. Jackson proposes a wavy horizontal blue bar at the top and the bottom.

This, to him, makes a big difference.

"You see," he said Thursday

in his apartment-studio here, "it was the rivers that opened up Canada. Every province has rivers, and all were explored that way. These wavy lines indicate that history."

DOESN'T MEAN MUCH
"Now, the government design is meant to indicate the sea-to-sea motif. But sea-to-sea does not really mean much. Dozens of countries have two seas, and anyway most of the Pacific coastline belongs to the Americans. Our biggest coastline is in the north, and the government's flag doesn't show this."

Mr. Jackson has been "fooling around" with flag designs for years. About three years ago he turned out the design that was recently submitted to the government by a friend.

When the friend dropped into the studio and noticed it, the flag design was made the telephone—and sprinkled with numbers.

"I had no intention of doing

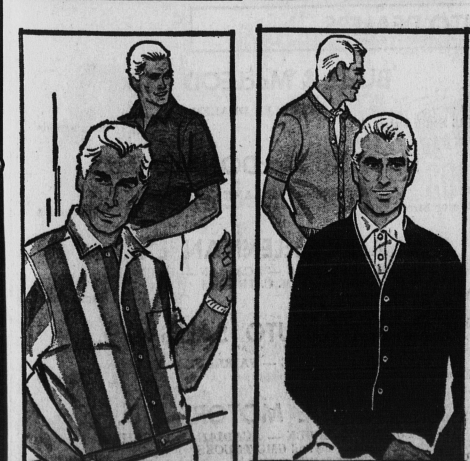
anything with it," said the painter. But under pressure from his friend, he touched up that drawing and prepared another for submission to the government.

The copies went to the prime minister's office and to State Secretary L. Montague. The government has carefully avoided commenting on individual designs, but Mr. Pearson has indicated he would like to talk to Mr. Jackson about his flag.

NOT A GOOD ONE
"I don't really want to push my design," said the artist. "The government has apparently decided on a flag—although it's not a very good one."

Besides the vertical bars, Mr. Jackson doesn't like the stylized maple leaves. "They look like they were cut out of leather, and a stylized maple leaf is not a maple leaf at all. I don't like the stems

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