

Bashful Reporter Admits He Is Recipient of DFC

Toronto, like the rest of Canada, is fully aware by now that the boys in the RCAF detest a lineshoot, as they call it, and that they'll go to almost any lengths to avoid a newspaperman. A lineshoot is an account of a flier's activity against the enemy and, because reporters like to get their teeth into a good story about air operations over Germany, they are avoided like the plague by airmen. Consider, then, the sad plight of our Jim Vipond, 29, a lanky, blond fellow who left this paper's repor-



Flt. Lt. Vipond

torial staff in June, 1942, and eventually completed a tour of bomber operations as a navigator overseas. Now back at his old desk in newsroom, Reporter Vipond learned last night that Flt. Lt. James F. Vipond had been awarded the DFC.

"Great!" boomed the city editor. "Give us a story, Vipond."

"No!" snarled Flt. Lt. Vipond, and then he suddenly remembered he was Reporter Vipond.

So, although it was Reporter Vipond who told another reporter the story, it was Flt. Lt. Vipond who did the talking. That is to say, there was no lineshoot.

He joined The Globe and Mail in 1937, he related, and received his RCAF training at Belleville and London, earning his navigator's wings and a commission at London in September, 1943.

He flew Halifax bombers with the Bluenose Squadron and had completed his 14th trip when he fractured his skull. He fell from the crew-bus which was taking the aircrew back to the station from the airfield after the trip.

Vipond came out of hospital after six weeks and made 16 more operations, the last six of them on Lancaster bombers. He was the squadron's navigation officer.

In June of this year Vipond navigated one of the Bluenose Squadron's Canadian-built Lancasters from England to Canada and after 30 days' leave went to Dartmouth, N.S., to train crews for the Pacific. VJ-Day, of course, ended all that and James came back to his typewriter.

Jim and his wife, May, live at 794 Carlaw Ave.

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