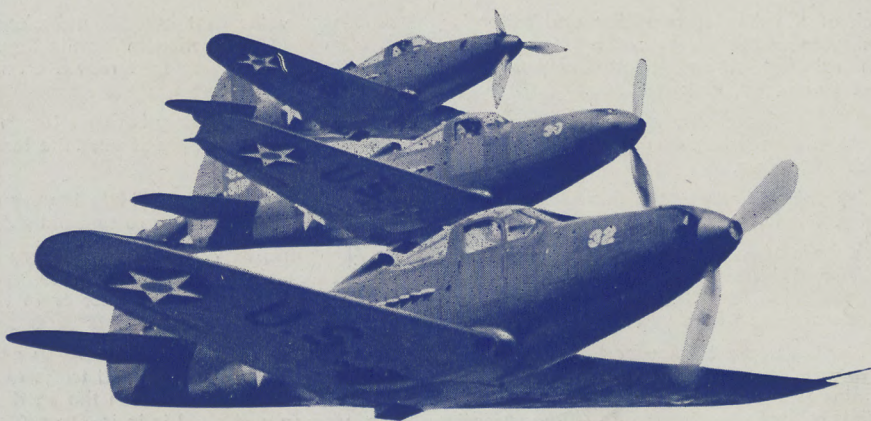


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# CANADIAN JEWS PRESENT ARMS

By MARTIN SILVER

In the land of the Dionnes it has become a domestic tradition among Canadian Jewish families to see to it that three or four sons volunteer for duty with the armed forces. It has become a matter of family pride to astonish the neighbors and confuse the recruiting sergeant by sending a whole contingent of brothers, and sometimes the father too, down to the induction center to round out the military might of the Dominion of Canada.

The Canadian War Efforts Committee, which corresponds to our own National Jewish Welfare Board, reports that Samuel Olfman, Ottawa, for example, is probably doing for his country's defense what the father of the quintuplets did for its tourist trade. No less than five of Mr. Olfman's sons are serving with the Canadian forces and, as if that weren't enough, a sixth young man is waiting impatiently to come of age so that he can join up and top the record.

The oldest of these quasi-quintuplets is Aircraftman Hyman Olfman, 33, who left an excellent position in Edmonton to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Next in line, Captain Abraham Olfman, is a former amateur boxer, well-known in his all-around athlete younger days. He's 31. Then there is Aircraftman Maurice Olfman, who had spent a few years at the University of Alberta, and was in the Auditor-General's office in Ottawa before he took up flying with a vengeance. The fourth son, Shea, is 27 and an ace gunner. He is doing his firing overseas now. Shea was a transport driver out of Chicago for a couple of years, but he went home to Ottawa to enlist. The youngest serviceman in the family is Leading Aircraftman Jack Olfman, also R.C.A.F., who was formerly in business with his father. It is ten years since the Olfmans have been together at the family house in Kamsack. On that account they recently held a reunion in Ottawa. At this function the question of their next general meeting came up, and it was pretty hard to decide on a convenient locale. They are not going to be stopped by geography, however. The Olfmans intend to convene next in England, or else "wherever the exigencies of the service" bring them together.

Keeping up with the Olfmans in Canada are the five sons of the Baron family. Only recently the fifth Baron boy, Philip, went to Winnipeg from their home in Flin Flon and joined the Air Force. Percy Baron is with the Canadian Engineers in the West; and still another brother is waiting for a call from the Navy. The Baron brothers are well-known in sporting circles of their home town of Flin Flon, and they sing, too. The quintet has been heard over the air locally in musical programs.

Not every Jewish family in Canada has five exemplary specimens like the Olfman and Baron boys to contribute toward Empire's defense, but the Rothschilds have sent two of their sons, the Kelnars, Zumars,

*This world war has made courage and gallantry an accepted matter of fact. But when you get male members of a family, brothers and father, going down in a bunch to the recruiting stations to enlist, that still is news. In Canada, the two-year-old war has seen this happen among many Jewish families as to almost create a custom for all men of age in a family to enlist at once. The following is the inspiring story of the many Jewish families who have responded so gallantly to their country's call to arms.—THE EDITOR.*

Marmers and Harts have offered a trio each, and the Herwitz family is represented by a quartet of brothers. The Canadian army is apparently a family affair.

There are all sorts of variations on this theme. There is Sidney Collins, for instance, (it used to be Cohen, a long time ago) who wasn't going to see the war going on without being personally involved in it. He had an only son at school, Al, who felt the same way. It got to be a father and son story.

Pop Collins, remembering the last war, when along with six of his brothers he had served in France, stormed the recruiting offices of the Air Force a few months ago, only to be rejected. He was put on reserve duty, but what kind of service did they call that? He kept on visiting the authorities, who finally admitted him. He is stationed in Vancouver now. Meanwhile, his son Al graduated from Central Technical School, where he had been studying aircraft mechanics, and volunteered at once for service in the R.C.A.F. He was accepted, given further training in aircraft engineering and sent to Jervis, Ontario.

The case of the Segal family is a father and two-son story. Sergeant Instructor Segal is a native of England and a veteran of the first World War, during which he served in Belgium, France, Egypt and Palestine with the 40th Royal Fusiliers. A short time after the war he migrated to Canada, where he worked as a carpenter until this new and bigger war began. John Segal is a member of the Canadian Legion and of the Military Committee of the Canadian Congress.

Both of his sons are in the R.C.A.F. One is a sergeant himself—Sergeant Jerry Segal, stationed overseas as an air observer. Jerry's brother, Leslie, is a corporal in the R.C.A.F. Right now he's out at No. 2 Equipment Depot in Calgary.

To get back to Pop Segal. When Canada entered the war (one with Germany, that is, not the brand new one with Japan), he left a good position and tried to enlist for service. He tried so hard that he was successful in overcoming all formalities and difficulties because of his age, and is at present a Sergeant Instructor in the R.C.A.F. Thus, the whole Segal family is flying with the force.

The Rothschild brothers, Arnold and Marvin, were born in Sudbury, Ontario. Sergeant Pilot Arnold is 25, a graduate from North Toronto Collegiate. He volunteered for service in the Canadian Air Force, and received his pilot's wings in August of this year. His younger brother Marvin was in his second year at Toronto University when he decided to enlist, and was near the top of his class at the No. 8 Service Flying Training School by the time he graduated in September of this year. He was given a commission as Pilot Officer. Marvin was formerly a well-known golfer, too, a member of the University College championship golf team in 1940.

The Zumar Trio is made up of the brothers Reuben, Harry and Moses. Reuben is 25 and received his "wings" recently at No. 6 Bombing and Gunnery School in Mountain View, Ottawa. Harry is a sergeant pilot who got his wings early in July, and is now taking a reconnaissance course at Charlottetown. Moses trained at Brandon and his wings flew in this fall. The Zumar boys jointly volunteered for air action a year ago, and were called for training shortly afterwards. Harry and Moses used to be in the government service, in the departments of Mines and Agriculture, respectively. Reuben, on the other hand, was formerly with an Ottawa department store.

Lance Corporal Irving Kelnar has been with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment for some months. The Kelnar family tripled its number of representatives in the service when Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Kelnar's other two sons, David and Norman, enlisted in the R.C.A.F.

Two Lance Corporals and a Lieutenantcy are sported by the Hart brothers. This trio is from Montreal. The Corporals are David L. and a fellow who simply calls himself "A Hart"; the Lieutenant's name is Paul. Paul was an instructor in signaling and musketry at McGill University when the war broke out. They say no member of any of his classes ever failed an examination, and when the Royal 22nd Regiment in the First Canadian Division was mobilized, he applied for a transfer to that unit and was accepted at once, and posted as the signaling officer. He went overseas with the first contingent of troops that sailed from Canada. David and the brother known as "A" enlisted in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at Montreal and are overseas now with the 2nd Division. When the Harts were still in Canada, they made a date to meet "somewhere in England." That date was recently kept.

Multiply the Olfmans, Barons, Kelnars, Sagols, Marmers and the rest by hundreds of other Canadian families whose sons have volunteered to fight together against the common menace, and you will have some idea of the fine army of young men who are now giving everything they have to defend our northern neighbor and ally.

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## February Birthdays

February is a month of birthdays of famous people. In addition to the anniversaries of our two great presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 11th, by Congressional resolution has been designated Thomas Alva Edison Day. Other birthdays in February are: Wendell Willkie, Senators Hattie Caraway and Burton K. Wheeler, Babe Ruth, William Allen White, John L. Lewis, Assoc. Justice Robert H. Jackson, Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, John Barrymore, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Fritz Kreisler and Susan B. Anthony.

## List Your Service

National Headquarters is compiling a record of the war-time service of every J. W. V. comrade. Post, County and Department Commanders are urged to immediately send in a report to Natl. Hqrs. indicating the names of all comrades, either in active military, state guard, or civilian defense service. In some states, the Department Commanders have sent post commanders a questionnaire to fill out and return. If you have not received such questionnaire, please make out your own report, giving the required information. It is IMPORTANT that National receive this information quickly.

## Let's Have Action!

*Remember Pearl Harbor!*  
*Remember the Normandie!*  
*Remember Singapore!*

These slogans are all fine, but with slogans alone we will not get far. Don't you think it's about time we roll up our sleeves and really get down to business? Right now we're losing this war. And we CAN lose this war! Read your history and learn about the empires of the past which fell because they became rich and fat and powerful and smug. Are we not "acting" just that way? Let's stop kidding and talking. All of us individually and collectively. Let's get down to business and do our share to win this war! Not tomorrow, but NOW!

**"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it \* \* \* With firmness in the right, as God gave us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."—Abraham Lincoln.**

## Offense Not Defense

A high Dutch official in the East Indies recently stated on the question of Allied strategy "We should not go on the defensive all the time. That is the big mistake that the democracies are thinking in terms of defense. The policy of constantly retiring to prepared positions can, I believe, lead to a position in which the Allies might lose the war." We appreciate the war is but two months old, and we are not military experts, but to the average American it appears as though we're waiting until everything is in perfect shape. The British have played this defensive role for two and a half years and have kept losing continually. How long they can continue to lose no one knows. The Germans and Japanese have been willing to make "fanatical sacrifices" in order to win. They had their own way until they came up against the Russians who were also willing to make the same "fanatical sacrifices." A football team which remained on the defensive through four quarters would generally lose the game. Let us not lose by default. America expects loss of lives as well as treasure. We can take it, so let's go and let's show the Japs we too can deal it out.

## 1776 and 1942

"These are the times that try men's souls."  
"The Summer Soldier and the Sunshine Patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the sacrifice, the more glorious the triumph." (Thomas Paine).

So spoke Americans in the year 1776.  
So speak Americans today! (Franklin D. Roosevelt.)

## Race Prejudice in War

Hitler started off by persecuting Germans because of their religious beliefs. Hitler's "New Order" encompasses a world in which if he himself will not be god, the deity will be a military image. In warring against Hitlerism, we necessarily must be fighting the things Hitler stands for.

How can we expect a united war effort by all elements of our people against nazism when our government permits the practice of racial and religious discrimination in employment in defense industries, in educational institutions and even in government agencies? Such discrimination is un-American, it is divisive, it impairs our productive efficiency. It is an issue of vital importance in our victory program and the President and Congress ought to do something about it IMMEDIATELY.

**Your Red Cross Needs You.  
GIVE!**

## Rush J.W.V. Planes

The cry from the Far East, from Libya and Russia is "Planes, More Planes." A few planes more or less may well turn the tide of battle. Since J.W.V. originated the idea of presenting planes to the government, several newspapers and other organizations have copied our idea. This is fine. The more planes the better. There are still some skeptics in J.W.V. who question the desirability of this project. They must also then question the need for buying defense bonds. Defense bond money is used by the government to buy planes and other war needs. The government has expressed to J.W.V. its appreciation of our plane objective. That should settle it for J.W.V. units or comrades. Hitler says democracies "talk too much." Therefore, let us not oblige Hitler and argue about it. Let each post raise its quota as quickly as possible, and give our boys the planes to slap down the Japs.

**KEEP 'EM ROLLING  
KEEP 'EM FLYING  
KEEP DEMOCRACY FROM DYING**

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