

SUB DAMAGED NEAR ALASKA

Toronto Pilot Instrumental in Sinking Japanese Undersea Craft

With the R.C.A.F. Somewhere on the Pacific Coast, Dec. 22.—(CP)—Damaging of a Japanese submarine hundreds of miles from the rugged Alaskan coastline by an R.C.A.F. plane piloted by P.O. W. E. Thomas, of Toronto, has been revealed here.

Only Wreckage

A 500-pound bomb was dropped on the submarine just as it began to plunge for a crash dive to safety. The craft was too badly damaged to escape and Sgt. Robert Kenning, of Pembroke, Ont., the wireless air gunner, signalled the position to naval units, which rushed in for the kill. All that remained of the submarine was wreckage.

Members of the R.C.A.F. are in action along the Pacific coast, in both Canada and Alaska, taking part in coastal patrol and joining with the United States air force in flights over the remote Aleutian island of Kiska on which the Japanese have landed.

P.O. W. J. McGregor, of London, Ont., said he found the length of the British Columbia coastline, 10,000 miles, and of the Alaska coastline, 26,000 miles, startling.

"It hit me straight between the eyes when I first came out here," he said. "Flying out of inlets or small bays straight for those mountains towering thousands of feet high was really something."

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