

L.A.C. SIR JOSEPH WEBB WINS B.E.M.

HE HASN'T A TITLE—CHRISTENING WAGER REVEALED BY GALLANTRY AWARD

SIR JOSEPH ARTHUR CHARLES WEBB, leading aircraftman in the R.A.F., is a Worthing man who has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

"Sir Joseph" cannot be found in the reference books dealing with persons of title. The answer is simple: Sir Joseph hasn't a title.

The riddle is explained by his mother, Mrs. C. Webb, who lives at 15 Navarino-road, Worthing. She told a "Herald" reporter that when Joe was born 38 years ago she told a decorator who was at work in the house that she intended "knighting" her son at the christening.

were blown out of their bed, and five weeks later when a shower of incendiaries fell on their street. Mr Webb is employed at the Town Hall. A daughter, Mrs L. Griffiths, lives with her husband at Southgate, 1 Feverel-road, Worthing.



L./AC. WEBB.

Just "Joe" To His Family

"You cannot do it," said the workman. "I'll wager you a shilling that you cannot."

"I can, and I will," she told him, and went to the registers office and gave "Sir" as her son's first Christian name. She returned home and collected the wager.

"He is just plain 'Joe' to us and to his friends," Mrs Webb said.

L./Ac Webb earns the B.E.M. for gallantry and devotion to duty in rescuing a gunner from a blazing bomber which crashed near an airfield after a training flight.

When a crash tender with L./Ac Webb in charge arrived on the spot, the aircraft was ablaze from end to end. The rear gunner was trapped in the turret and was calling for help.

Ignored Exploding Ammunition

Ignoring the danger from exploding ammunition, L./Ac Webb kicked in the panels between the turret guns and released the airman.

Mr Webb remarked that his son said nothing about the incident in his letters home.

"The first we knew of it was the announcement in the King's Birthday Honours List," he said, "and then our son wrote saying we would, in due course, be receiving an invitation to accompany him to Buckingham Palace."

"Mrs Webb and I are proud of our boy's gallantry, and we are certainly looking forward to our visit to the Palace," Mr Webb added.

Twice Bombed Out

L./Ac Webb was a wireless operator in West Croydon when he joined the R.A.F. in 1940.

His parents' home in Croydon was badly damaged twice during the London raids this year—first in February (Mr Webb's 70th birthday), when he and his wife



A HOME severely damaged by a robot plane which fell in an allotment patch during a week-end raid on Southern England. A mouse was the only fatality.

FINES TOTAL £117 IN GAMING HOUSE CASES

FINES making a total of £117 on a number of summonses for "keeping a common gaming house" were imposed at Worthing Police Court on Wednesday.

One of the defendants concerned was also fined £14 for keeping a public bagatelle board for public use without a licence. Costs amounting to £17 3s. 11d. were also imposed.

The magistrates also ordered that twelve automatic machines which were the subject of the gaming house summonses should be destroyed.

Walter Horace Baber, the licensee of the Black Horse Hotel, Finton, pleaded guilty to seven summonses in respect of two of the machines at his hotel which he said he had been assured were quite in order.

He also pleaded guilty to seven summonses for keeping a Russian bagatelle board at the hotel without a licence which he said he had been under the impression was quite in order. He was fined £5 on each of the seven summonses in respect of the automatic machines, which were ordered to be destroyed, and ordered to pay £7 16s. 9d. costs.

On the bagatelle board summonses he was fined £2 on each summons (£14) without costs. His penalties amounted to £56 16s. 9d. in all.

Walter Hemmings, of Pop's Cafe, 14, Railway Approach, pleaded guilty to four summonses in respect of a machine which Mr A. Cobby (Charles, Malcolm and Wilson) who appeared for him said had only been in his cafe about eight weeks and which he had rented from a Brighton man who had assured him that it was quite legal. He was fined £3 on each summons (£12) and ordered to pay £3 6s. 6d. costs—£15 6s. 6d. in all—and the destruction of the machine was ordered.

Charles Henry Hartley and Evelyn Hartley who pleaded not

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FLYING BOMB'S CRASH

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Rose Watts, Kate Buss and Mrs Florence Coleman, whose husband was also a casualty.

A young widow, who was taking some "fares" to their destination in a taxi learned that her home had been damaged and her customers insisted on accompanying her to the scene in case help was needed.

After satisfying herself that her mother was safe and unhurt, she conveyed some of the injured to hospital in her taxi. She phoned to her garage ordering that all available should drive to the scene and place themselves at the disposal of the Civil Defence authorities for the same purpose, if they should be needed.

She then took her waiting fares to their destination.

Although her home was damaged, her greatest regret was that all her Italian made windows, which cost her £500 a year or so before the war, were smashed. "I loved those windows," she said.

A mother, with a young baby, had hardly crawled into her Morrison shelter when all the windows were blown in.

Her schoolboy son laughed and said, "Mother chose the right time, but I was nearly unlucky. I followed her and had just tucked my legs inside when the ceiling crashed onto the shelter and around it."

KILLED IN NORMANDY

News has been received by his wife that Sergeant Alex Moreton, of 41, Adur-drive, Shoreham, has been killed in action in Normandy.

He married in 1942 Miss Mary Newman Parsons, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Parsons, of Adur-drive, who belong to an old Worthing family although they have been in Shoreham since 1934.

Mrs Moreton is a sergeant in the W.A.A.F., stationed in a Northern town. She was, for ten years, on the staff of Messrs. Jordan and Cook, Ltd., Worthing.

Continued from previous column, guilty to seven joint summonses in respect of nine machines in use at the Amusements, 22, Marine-parade, where there were stated to be some 43 automatic machines on the premises, were each fined £5 on each of the summonses, £35 each, and ordered to pay £3 6s. 4d. costs each, a total between them of £76 6s. 8d. in all, and the nine machines were ordered to be destroyed.

Mr A. Cobby, who also appeared for Mr and Mrs Hartley, stated in mitigation that they had been carrying on for the past three years at their Marine-parade premises, and they had never before been warned that any of their machines were illegal.

Mr O. V. Porter (J. E. Dell and Loader) who prosecuted for the police in all the cases, which were brought under the Gaming Act of 1845, based his contention that the automatic machines concerned came under the Gaming Act on the submission that the chances in the machines played on the machines were "not alike favourable to all the players and the bank" (the proprietor of the machines being the bank) and that the games played on the machines were in no way affected by the skill of the players.

Youngest Royal Marine Major Killed In Normandy

Major David Lovat Barclay, Royal Marines, youngest brother of Mr Clifford Barclay, late of Woodside, Bulknorton-avenue, Worthing, has been killed in action.

From Sedburgh School Major Barclay was prepared for the Royal Marines by Mr Arthur Cooper, of Howe, and during Dunkirk served in France and Holland. He was on the cruiser Norfolk throughout the Bismarck action and later became Adjutant of the first Marine Commando to be formed, under

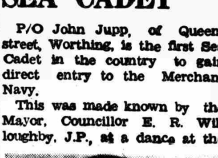
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BIRTHS
JUDGES.—On June 13, 1944, to Mabel (nee Hatto), of Lancing, wife of Percy Judges, Barnhill, Kent—a son (Peter Roy).

HONOUR FOR WORTHING SEA CADET
P/O John Jupp, of Queen-street, Worthing, the first Sea Cadet in the country to gain direct entry to the Merchant Navy.

This was made known by the Mayor, Councillor E. R. Willoughby, J.P., at a dance at the



JOHN JUPP.
Photo: Margaret Ellsmoor.

Assembly Hall on Friday in aid of the Navy League and Sea Cadet Corps Fund.

The Mayor added that the honour was a credit to the officers of the Worthing Corps for the training given to the lads. He presented John with a leather writing case on behalf of fellow workers of Messrs Bell and Tamkin.

On Monday, John left Worthing for service in the Merchant Navy.

He was senior drummer in the Worthing Sea Cadets Band and a popular member of the Corps. He was also part-time member of the Casualty Service for three years.

John's parents attended the dance, which realised a profit of £37. Supporting the Mayor and Mayoress were Alderman Migeod, Councillor C. S. Green (Navy League Chairman), and Mrs Green, Commander Campbell (Area Superintendent S.C.O.), and Mrs Campbell, Lieutenant C. N. Stiles (who commands the Worthing Sea Cadets), and Mrs Stiles.

AIR FORCE CROSS
His many friends in Shoreham and Steyning will welcome the news that Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Collinson, R.A.F.F.R., has been awarded the Air Force Cross. His name appeared in the recent Birthday Honours.

MARRIAGES
CHARMAN — HEDGES.—On June 17, 1944, at Baptist Church, Dominions-road, Worthing, by the Rev. F. H. Skeet, George Henry, Chairman of Sompston, to Dorothy Violet Hodges, of Worthing.

REWLETT-JUPP—On June 17, 1944, at St. Mary's, Brighton, by the Rev. Peter O. Hewlett, R.A.F., son of Mr and Mrs Hewlett, of Lancing, to Dorothy F. Jupp, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jupp, of Brighton.

PIMM-MAN—On June 30, at Shoreham-by-Sea, Flying Officer Leo Charles Pimm, second son of Mr and Mrs Pimm, of Cornwall, Ontario, to Dorcas Pimm, younger daughter of Mrs Man and the late H. G. F. G. Man, of London and Shoreham-by-Sea.

WHITBOURNE-KNIGHT—On June 11, 1944, at Goring Parish Church, by the Rev. W. Chasie Richard Wray, Whitbourne, to Peggy Anne Florence Knight, both of Goring-by-Sea.

DEATHS
ON ACTIVE SERVICE
HUGHES.—John, husband of Victoria, father of Veronic, Theresa, Leonard, and Robert, of Cortis-avenue, Worthing, killed in action, May, 1944, in Burma. Thy will be done.

MORETON—Alex, beloved husband of Mary Moreton, of Adur-drive, Shoreham, killed in action, June, 1944, in Normandy. Thy will be done.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
GRIFFITHS.—Mr Geo. F. E. Griffiths and Peggy, of 37 Adur-avenue, Shoreham, wish to thank their many friends, neighbours, and the members of the 224 Y Fire Guard for the help, letters of sympathy and flowers received in their recent bereavement.

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