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SCORE.... 1000.

A symbolic introduction to two stories of the R.A.F.

In Malta, Squadron Leader Lynch, an American commanding a Spitfire Squadron, has just shot down the thousandth enemy aircraft destroyed in air combat from the Island.

Fighter Squadrons based on Malta are celebrating the occasion as they strike at Italy and her Islands with increasing vigour. Linked with this splendid record is the triumph of Biggin Hill, the R.A.F. Aerodrome in Kent. Here are pilots and ground crews of the wing responsible for an equally resounding success. They too have reached (and passed) the thousand mark. The problem at Biggin Hill is - who shot the thousandth plane down, Squadron Leader Charles of Saskatchewan or Commandant Bone of Paris?

SPEECH.

So the modest Canadian and Frenchman shared the credit and the sweetstake.

" What I've got to decide is " Who shot the 1000th Hun -
whom shot first of you two. - Gee, I don't know.
Did you see anything Sir, - No, it was so close, as I say
I don't know what happened. I suggest to split it.
What do you think - how are we going to solve this problem.
Well boys what about it. O.K? - Yes, O.K.