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ARTS AND CRAFTS AT A BOMBER STATION

A Polish flight mechanic, with a flair for caricature won first place in the arts section of an arts and crafts competition held among personnel at a North of England bomber station from which a Polish squadron operates.

He contributed about 60 drawings and caricatures, many of them poking gentle fun at personalities on the station.

A former art master was second with a number of animal studies, while one of the most interesting entries was a cartoon-cum-article by two airmen. One of them illustrated scenes from the life of the station and the other described them.

The competition was arranged to bring to light hidden talent among the Polish, R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. personnel.

Airmen, Polish and British, sent in some attractive metal work. One was a two-foot high model of a Flying Fortress in brass. Wellington bombers -- the type of aircraft flown by the Polish squadron were favourites among the metal workers. Polish mechanics turned out a number of finger rings in steel, embossed with the Polish Eagle.

An airman in the station operations room contributed three poems and a short story.

Among other things, W.A.A.F. personnel sent in an embroidered cushion cover, knitted gloves, and a leather bag.

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