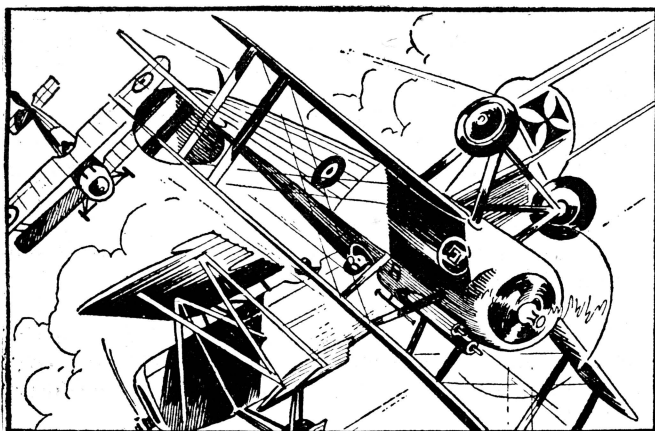


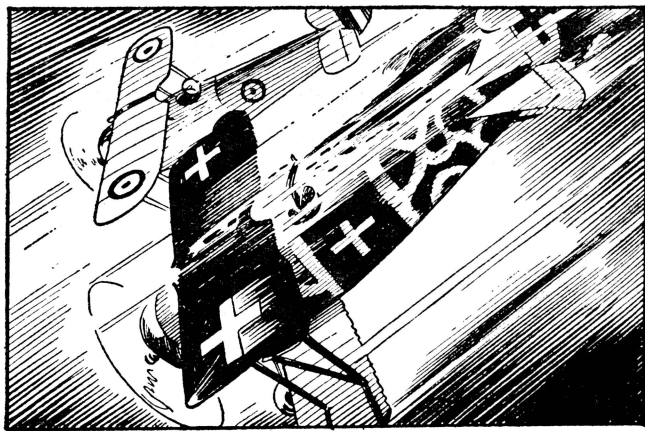
They Had What It Takes

XXXV—MAJOR FRED LORD—FOUR-WAR ACE

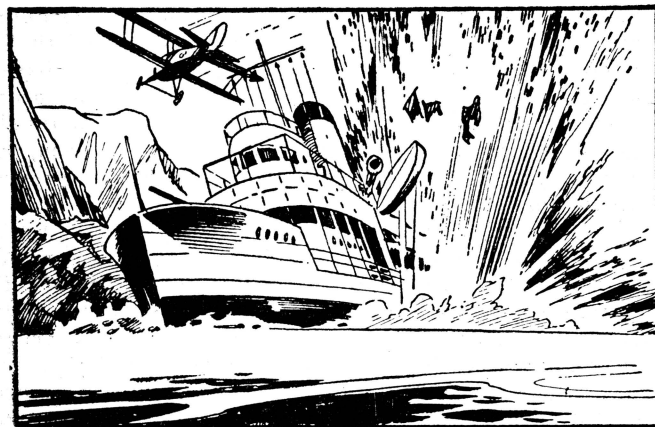
By ALDEN McWILLIAMS



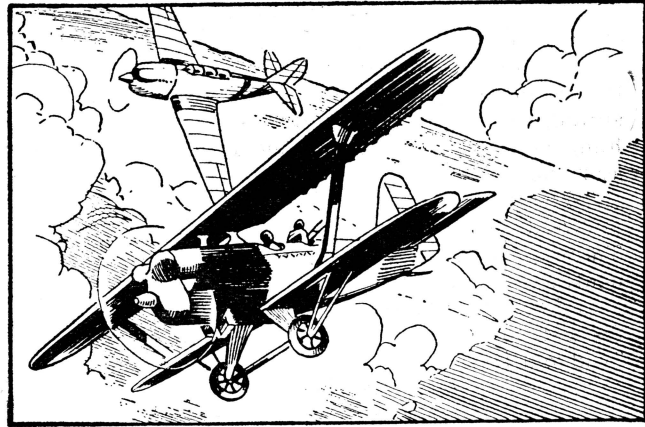
1—Born in Houston, Texas, Frederic Ives Lord gunned for bandits in border warfare when “barely a kid.” Then, when the First World War broke, he went overseas and became, at 17, the youngest British Flight Commander. Quickly, he got into the thick of the Western Front air scrapping. He was on his way to a record of 23 victories in 80 sky battles!



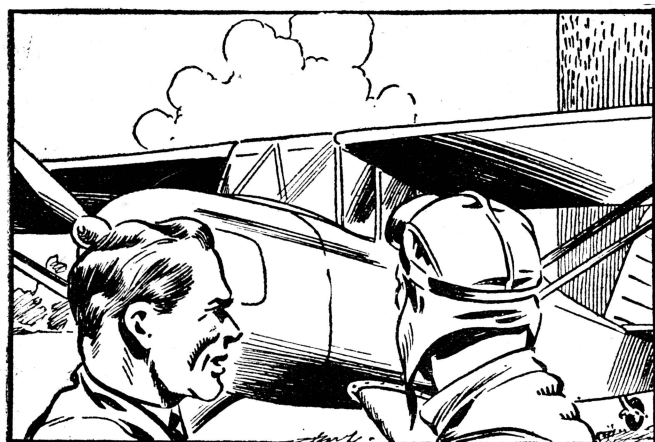
2—Though twice shot down, he always came back for more. In one ten-day period, the whole Squadron was wiped out except for Lord and another pilot. Then the lean Texan, still only 18, became Squadron Commander. Later, on defense duty over London, he boldly attacked a flock of German raiding planes single handed, downed two, and drove the rest off.



3—After the Armistice, Lord joined the White forces in North Russia and fought against the Reds. His subsequent sky deeds so baffled the Bolos’ advance that they put a price of 78,000 rubles on his head. He sank a Red gunboat, curbed one attack by bombing with empty bottles when out of ammo, strafed infantry to a stand-still. The Whites made him a Colonel.



4—In 1936, the intrepid sky fighter got into his fourth war show—the Spanish scrap. Flying an ancient, rattle-trap Breguet—all the Loyalists had to give him—he barged over the Rebel lines time after time on strategic bombing and photo sallies. Speedy German Heinkels continually hemmed him in with hot lead. But he skillfully evaded them every time.



5—Despite all his dramatic air-war exploits, Lord is a modest, retiring man who prefers to talk about *creating* airmen rather than *destroying* them. An ace instructor, he has taught hundreds to fly, frequently making fine pilots out of students who had been given up by other flight teachers. He now conducts an air school at Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y.



6—The brilliant record of Major Fred Lord U.S. Air Corps Reserve, speaks for itself. Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, British Flying Cross, Croix de Guerre, White Army Medal, and Russian Service Cross, he holds the Order of St. Anne and the Order of St. Stanislaus. Moreover, he has been cited by General E. Ironside, now chief of the British armies.