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Youngest R.A.F. Instructor

Flying Officer Ian D. Strachan Is Son Of NCBS Executive

HE Commercial Broadcasting Service has a close, and practical, association, with aviation. troller, Mr. C. G. Scrimgeour, was formerly a keen flying man, and is a past-captain of the Auckland Aero Club. "Beau" Sheil, of course, is known internationally, owing to his association with the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. Several of the ZB announcers are qualified pilots, and one has the distinction of having been "grounded" in Sydney for flying under the Sydney harbour bridge.

AND now advice has been received by L. E. Strachan, National production officer for the service, that his son, Flying Officer Ian. D. Strachan, has achieved the distinction of being appointed an instructor for the Royal Air Force, in England. Flying Officer Strachan, who has

just turned 21 years of age, is the youngest instructor in the Royal Air Force. He was specially selected for training as an instructor on the completion of his flying course, being classed as an excep-tional pilot. During his training he broke three Air Force Training School records.

He was one of the batch of New Zealand trainees selected for the Royal Air Force in 1937, and arrived in England in September.

Flying Officer Strachan is an ex-pupil of Wellington College, where he was prominent in all forms of sport. In 1932 he won the junior welterweight boxing championship. In 1933 he won the junior swimming



Flying Officer STRACHAN Three Air Force Training School records.

tinued to take an active interest in sport, and for a time, played in the senior grade Poneke football team.

championship, and in 1934 the senior swimming championship. He was also a member of the college first fifteen.

After leaving school be consulted in the promising footballer.

1ZB Man Is To Broadcast From Berlin

May with Michael Hutt, on Count Won Luckner's yacht "Seeteufel."
Two German newspapers have arranged to handle articles by bim, and the Berlin Shortwave station DGX will give him three months on contract for broadcasts to South Africa, U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand, with nightly broadcasts to South America.

He capitalised his broadcast by announcing himself as Canada's Bing Crosiay; told listeners they would listen and like it!

He later attracted considerable attention by giving a series of impromptu shadow-sparring exhibitions in Princes Street, until the traffic became congested and had

He can now speak German with hardly any accent, but this will not affect his broadcasting as all of it will be in English.

U.F.A. Films, of Berlin, have contracted him to write and do the English commentary of the film taken during the "Seeteufel's"

He is to stay in the Count's home while in Berlin and when finished with the radio and film work, Hans Osterrich, the U.F.A. film-man who is on the "Secteufel" and the Count and Counters and Colin Moore are going for a vacation in Vienna, and the Swiss

addressed to "Herr

He expects to return to New Zealand in about fourteen months and is arranging to travel through U.S.A. so he can have a look at the radio over

One of the brightest sparks among the 1ZB announcing staff, Colin Moore was educated at Wauganui College and was signalised at 1ZB for his versatility over the air, and for his success in bring- Whitchurch, also of the announcing

Told Them They Would Listen And Like It

PROADCASTS on Berlin short-LIMELIGHT shines on Johnny wave are to be given by Colin Foster, Canadian boxer who Moore, former 1ZB breakfast ses-broadcast in Dunedin from 4ZB. sion announcer, who sailed last He gave a bracket of vocal num-

traffic became congested and had to be moved on.

Taking a hint from urchins cele-brating Guy Fawkes' Day, Johnny was next seen trundling through the central thoroughfares a barrow containing an effigy of his prospective opponent!

As they say in Canada, Johnny has "got what it takes."

Love Walks In At 2ZB

He has received 30 or 40 letters ROMANCE, it would appear, burfrom listeners in New Zealand, and dozens of letters from Sydney phere of commercial broadcasting, all addressed to "Herr Colin Within the last two weeks K. W. Moore, secretary to Count Von Kilpatrick, national programme director of the NCBS, and acting station-director at 2ZB, has had three presentations to attend to, all of them occasioned by the impending marriage of members of 2ZB's

First was in honour of Miss Gwen Stewart, of the general office staff; then came a breadcast presentation to Phil Shone, popular 2ZB announcer, who is marrying Miss Joan Anderson, of 2ZB's programme department; and finally another broadcast presentation to Peter

ing many interesting visitors to staff, whose marriage will take