

Ottawa and District Airmen Receive Pilot's Wings at Uplands Ceremony Today



FO. R. E. McCORMICK,
Russell, Ont.



SGT. W. A. GRIMES,
4 Renfrew avenue, Ottawa.



SGT. A. F. WARD,
15 Cobalt avenue, Ottawa.



SGT. W. A. FORSYTH,
620 Gilmour street, Ottawa.



SGT. PILOT F. J. KANE,
472 O'Connor street, Ottawa.



SGT. J. M. E. BELAND,
Pembroke, Ont.



SGT. H. B. HEATH,
8 Tormey street, Ottawa.



SGT. G. W. CARTER,
Overbrook.

Training Valuable in Peace Or War, Air Graduates Told

Eleven Ottawa and district men were presented with their pilot's wings at a Wings Parade ceremony at Uplands this afternoon. In the group were a number of men who had already served in England and the Middle East, as wireless air gunners, or as members of ground crew. They were repatriated to remuster and receive their training as pilots in Canada. The graduating class also included several men of the R.A.F. Group Captain W. R. Kingsland, Commanding Officer at Uplands, pinned the wings on all but one of the graduates.

The Ottawa and district men in the group were: Sgt. Joseph Gorman, 314 Clemow avenue; Sgt. Allen P. Ward, 15 Cobalt avenue; Sgt. F. J. Kane, 15 First avenue; Sgt. H. B. Heath, 8 Tormey street; Sgt. William A. Grimes, 4 Renfrew avenue; Sgt. W. A. Forsyth, 620 Gilmour street; Sgt. George Carter, 92 Prince Albert street, Overbrook, all of Ottawa, and Sgt. J. M. E. Beland, Pembroke, Ontario; R. E. McCormick, Russell, Ontario; Sgt. T. C. Barton and Sgt. Wilfred J. Quinn, both of Prescott, Ontario.

Rejoice at Early Victory.

"Members of Course 105 who win the proud badge of pilot today have the same fine qualities and eagerness as earlier graduates who have won glory and honors numbering into the thousands, while your training has been superior due to improved methods and longer courses", said Group Capt. Kingsland at the ceremony. "And so, if the operational casualties presently low should increase and absorb the operational pool overseas, we know that you have what it takes in ability, training and character to complete your operational training and to measure up in operations to the lads who have gone before."

"If on the other hand, you are not called upon to go into operations, we shall rejoice at the early promise that would assure of victory and the return of your comrades to their families and the tasks at home. The energy, ability and character which you have displayed in winning the aircrew badge in time of war will carry you through the trials and tests of peace to the goals of security, honor and service."

T. P. "Tommy" Gorman, manager of the Montreal Canadiens, came from Montreal to pin wings on his 21-year-old son, Sgt. Joseph Gorman. A large group of Montreal friends of the family, including Air Vice-Marshal Aedward Raymond, a former O.C. at Uplands, were present at the ceremony, as well as his mother. Sgt. Gorman enlisted in November, 1942, as an air frame mechanic. While living in Ottawa he attended Glebe Collegiate, and in Montreal studied at the D'Arcy McGee School. Actively interested in sports, he was also a high speed camera operator before his enlistment.

Repat Is Winged.

Repatriated in May, 1943, Sgt. Ward has a record of overseas service behind him. In April, 1942, he went to England with the R.C.A.F. as a radio technician and served in Northern Ireland and Iceland with the R.A.F. Coastal Command. Before his enlistment he was employed with the E. B. Eddy Company for four years. He is the son of Mr. and



SGT. JOSEPH GORMAN,
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FO. McCormick exchanged his wing as a wireless air gunner for his pilot's wings yesterday. A son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCormick, of Russell, Ontario, he joined in January, 1941, and served as a wireless air gunner at various stations across Canada until he remustered.

Active in football, hockey and skiing on teams of St. Patrick's College, Sgt. William A. Grimes joined the R.C.A.F. upon his graduation in 1943. He is the 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Grimes.

Sgt. Carter, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, was born in Hamilton but has lived in Ottawa most of his life. A graduate of Lisgar Collegiate, he was also a promising musician, having studied the violin for several years and played with the Ottawa Junior Symphony for a year. He enlisted upon his graduation.

Played Hockey With O.B.C.

A hockey player with the Boys' Club for three years, Sgt. Forsyth enlisted in December 1942, but had to wait until April, 1943, when he completed his high school education. He is a Lisgar graduate, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forsyth, 620 Gilmour street.

Sgt. Kane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kane, 472 O'Connor street. He enlisted in April, 1943. Before his enlistment, he was with the Bank of Canada.

Sgt. Heath is the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Heath, 8 Tormey street, Ottawa. He enlisted as aircrew in July, 1943.

Cpl. G. K. Leach, son of Major and Mrs. S. H. J. Leach, of King-

ston, enlisted in 1936 with the R.A.F. He served with the 8th Army in Greece, Crete and Syria and while there played rugby. He returned to Canada and received training at schools here as a pilot.

Two Prescott men were in the group of graduates. Sgt. T. C. Barton, son of Mrs. Fred Barton, of Prescott, enlisted in August, 1940, as ground crew. Sgt. Wilfred John Quinn, is the son of Mrs. J. B. Quinn, of Prescott, and enlisted as aircrew in December, 1942.

Sgt. J. M. E. Beland is the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beland, of Pembroke. He received his education in Pembroke and enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in March, 1943.