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Enviably Record Established by Last ITS Class

Training wound up in a blaze of glory when the last class to graduate prior to the closing of No. 4 ITS, made it 100 per cent in all subjects.

A few courses have had high averages, stated Wing Cmdr. E. G. Macpherson, commanding officer, but this is the first course since he took over command of the station in the spring of 1943 in which every airman passed every test without having to write a single supp.

PROPS PARADE

Graduation exercises for the course will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon on the drill square in conjunction with the commanding officer's parade. All ranks still remaining on the station will be drawn up to witness the final parade at which graduates will be presented with their LAC propellers. Should the weather prove unsuitable the parade will be held in the drill hall. The parade will be open to the public.

The honor award will be presented by the commanding officer to LAC. Roger Lenko, 19 years old of Vancouver, B.C., who topped the class with an average of 89 per cent. LAC. A. M. McLarty, 21, of Kennedy, Sask., was a close second with 88.6 per cent and LAC. M. T. Trencansky, 26, of Coaldale, a very close third with 88.5 per cent. Even the low airman of the class received an average of 71.8 per cent, which is indicative of the interest and enthusiasm shown.

VICTORY LOAN PENNANT

With a quota of \$38,000 set some weeks ago the objective seemed quite impossible for the reduced numbers still available when the campaign opened. The sum of \$31,350 has already been subscribed however and enthusiasm still runs high.

The station went 226 per cent of its objective in the 5th and 6th loan campaigns and in each case received its pennant before the campaign officially opened. The 5th victory loan campaign a year ago saw the Station reach \$113,150.00 with 99 per cent of its personnel subscribing. This record has never been broken by any Unit in Canada.

The present quota appears impossible to a Station with such few personnel but Wing Cmdr MacPherson claims that his Station has a reputation for accomplishing the impossible and it will do it again, he added.

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