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IMPRESSIVE WINGS PARADE AT CAMP BORDEN

**Air Vice-Marshall F. S. McGill,
Air Force HQ, Officiates at
Ceremony; Guests Include
G/C. Grandy, Newfoundland,
and G/C. Stevenson,
C.O. of Uplands**

An impressive Graduation Ceremony was held at No. 1 Service Flying Training School, RCAF, Camp Borden, on Thursday afternoon last, when another large class of pilots received their wings. Air Vice-Marshall Frank S. McGill, Air Member for Organization, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, officiated at the presentation. AVM McGill was formerly commanding officer at No. 1 SFTS from April 18 to June 24, 1940.

Group Captain C. Carling-Kelly, commanding officer, welcomed the large gathering of relatives and friends of the graduation class. The guests included Group Captain R. S. Grandy, of the RCAF Station at Torbay, Newfoundland, commanding officer at Camp Borden in 1941, and Group Captain J. Stevenson, commanding officer of No. 2 SFTS, Uplands, Ottawa. Squadron Leader T. H. Barton, Ottawa, was personal staff officer to AVM McGill.

Wing Commander W. G. Weststead, chief flying instructor, was officer commanding the parade, with S/L W. W. Gilmour as adjutant. F/L J. R. Wright was in command of the wings party.

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The honor student was LAC J. B. Davies of Ottawa, who along with other pilots of high standing, was awarded a commission. One of those receiving pilot's wings was Lt. R. E. Johnston of Toronto, with his wife a resident of Barrie for some months past. Lt. Johnston went overseas with the Essex Scottish in 1940. Last year he re-mustered to the Air Force and was posted to Canada for training. He completed his advanced training at Camp Borden and received his wings in his Army officer's uniform, first to be honored in that way at No. 1 SFTS. Having received his wings, he was officially transferred to the RCAF.

Wings were pinned on LAC H. W. Evans of Timmins by his father, Sgt.-Major Evans of the Canadian Armoured Corps, Camp Borden, a veteran of the last war. LAC G. A. Montagano of Ottawa was a new pilot who had been overseas earlier in this war in ground crew. The only United States citizen in the class was Sgt. R. C. Shropshire, of Westfield, New Jersey. The only RAF member was LAC G. L. Stainton, of Leeds, England. Majority of the students were from Ontario, with a few from Quebec, New Brunswick and British Columbia.

Prayer was given by F/L R. Moynan, Protestant padre. The march past was led by the Station Band and the salute was taken by AVM McGill and G/C Carling-Kelly, after which congratulations were in order. Lunch was served in the Airmen's Lounge to the

graduating class and their guests. Air Vice-Marshall McGill gave a very inspiring talk to the graduates. It was a pleasure to return to No. 1 SFTS, he said, as it was his first command and he still takes a fatherly interest in the station.

"Through this war I have watched many boys go through their training as pilots," he stated. "And without fail those boys who took their work seriously all the way through have done exceptionally well."

He advised them to do their part, no matter how small it seemed, because it was going to be important in finishing this war and banishing fear among the world peoples who have been oppressed.

"You have had excellent instruction," he said. "I think a little warning now might eliminate some unhappiness later. Remember, when you get overseas, don't get browned off if you do not get action right away. Keep up to date and work hard. We can't let down for a minute."

"If you are posted as an instructor, remember also that you have just as important a job to do and it has been proven that when instructors finally get over there, they do a fine job."

"And remember that our enemies don't know the meaning of fair play, so fight hard and be ready for anything. Best of luck to you all."

Air Vice-Marshall McGill at Borden



Air Vice-Marshall F. S. McGill, Air Member for Organization, Air Force HQ, Ottawa, arrives at Camp Borden, where he was former C.O. of No. 1 SFTS. He is greeted by Group Captain C. Carling-Kelly, present commanding officer. AVM McGill presented wings to graduates of the station last Thursday.

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