



FRONT ROW (l. to r.)—Cpl. Bratton, AC Chilton, AC Baldasars, AC Martin, AC Purdon, AC Mason, AC Borman, AC Mallet, LAC Dirks, AC Hunter, Cpl. Dembrocki.
CENTRE ROW (l. to r.)—Sgt. Brown, Sgt. McKee, Cpl. Dornan, AC Bolton, AC Hickman, AC Leclair, AC Barton, AC Vermilyea, AC Burke, AC Hawkins, AC Smith, AC Crawford, AC Curran.
REAR ROW (l. to r.)—AC Carruthers, AC Wilson, AC Gabinet, AC Coultis, AC Gannon, AC Kernaghan, AC Porter, AC Markowsky, Cpl. Weintraub.

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Most of the trouble with the things that are happening these days is that they are happening too fast . . . the weather is even closing in faster these days . . . The publishers of "Wings Over Borden," our good friends of the BARRIE EXAMINER, tell us that our magazine, along with other printing exhibits from the same plant, won fourth place recently in a contest open to the printers of Canada . . . The SERGEANTS' MESS deserves great credit for their action in voting a monthly donation to the magazine fund . . . You know that this will be the last issue of "Wings Over Borden" to carry advertising? Someone in Ottawa thinks our advertisers don't want to advertise. Many thanks to those who did and still do . . . we'll try to keep the magazine going nevertheless . . . Changes are in the air again. Congratulations to S/L KING on his election to President of the Officers' Mess; the M.O. is pretty good at handing out the aspirin, Eddie . . . The Women's Division, in particular, and the entire station in general, were sorry that PRINCESS ALICE was not able to land here when she was supposed to visit us . . . She can be assured of a warm welcome whenever she is able to come . . . The new roads around the Station are going to make quite a difference . . . too bad most of us won't have gas or tires left to enjoy them . . . Everyone was extremely pleased to see that third wide stripe, W/C HILTZ . . . Congratulations and best wishes for continued success at this Unit . . . The Station band has been on tour since the last issue . . . it was selected to tour the Southern part of the Province on behalf of the Victory Loan . . . We hear Course 62, our Aussie friends, are planning a trip to New York on graduation . . . New York must certainly be able to take a lot of punishment . . . Have a good time, anyway,

fellows . . . Did you see the GRACIE FIELDS' show? . . . too bad there weren't a lot more ladies like Miss Fields . . . I hope she knows how much we appreciate an effort like that . . . Strikes and spares are the exception rather than the rule around the bowling alleys as the Officers' League progresses . . . good bowlers get too little exercise, anyhow . . . JOHN BAMPFIELD is doing a good job of organizing these Bingo games on Monday evenings . . . just another of the little chores which our Y.M.C.A. laddie does so well for us . . . They tell me the W.D.'s had a chat on Arts and Crafts t'other night too . . . Does this mean that the girls are to become even more arty and crafty? . . . The entire Station deserves considerable praise for their efforts in the Third Victory Loan . . . the final total was excellent . . . roll along the Fourth Victory Loan and we'll really show what the Station can do . . . The open house day, incidentally, seemed very successful . . . wonder how much was collected in the cute little coin boxes disposed around the Station on behalf of the Benevolent Fund? . . . A decided privilege to have A.V.M. LECKIE present the "Wings" the other day . . . yes, indeed. Sorry he could not stay longer and really see this Number One Station . . . The new Mess seems to be still making progress, and very nicely, too . . . looks like Christmas time in really pleasant surroundings this year, boys and girls . . . incidentally, there are only comparatively few shopping days till Christmas (as if it mattered!) . . . Congratulations are surely in order to AW1 ASHBRIDGE for her very splendid handling of the new organ in the theatre . . . would like to hear a really good recital there some evening . . . Lost, stolen, or strayed . . . one Scheme "A" . . . The laddies are looking pretty smart these days in their new aircrew suits . . . surely, someone 'way up high will authorize the issue to non-flying personnel, pretty soon, too . . . sitting in the old chairs, office, tilting, wear out good uniforms just as quickly as the aircraft do, only maybe in a different place . . . The control car looks pretty good around the place . . . should prove very valuable, particularly if and when we have lots of radio-equipped aircraft . . . Had the pleasure of looking over Edenvale pretty closely the other day . . . considerable credit is due the O.C. . . everything looked in top shape . . . incidentally, best wishes for good hunting and happy landings to all the instructors who are leaving for parts close to the enemy . . . The Station will surely miss S.O. REED, of the W.D., who left us recently, not to say hurriedly, for Moss-

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An Address by Air Vice-Marshal Leckie

At a recent Wings Parade of No. 1 S.F.T.S. Air Vice-Marshal Robert Leckie, D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C., Air Member For Training, Air Council, said:

Group Captain Edwards, Ladies and Gentlemen, Pilots of Graduating Course No. 60. This is one of the days that will stand out in the memory of the young men who have graduated from Camp Borden today. It is a day that marks definitely the fulfilment of your patriotic desire to serve your country in her time of need and to abandon peaceful ways of life, pleasant living, and creature comforts for the more strenuous and adventurous life that is invariably the lot of a Service pilot. You are embarking today on a career which will inevitably be packed full with thrills and experience. You will enter this conflict boys, you will come out of it men.

When you return to Canada and victory is won, many of you will, I hope, find places in the aerial transport services of this Dominion where the training you have acquired at great cost and effort will stand you in good stead.

You are entering the war at a critical stage which marks our transition from the defensive to the offensive.

Our strength is growing, that of the enemy is waning; never again can he hope for the easy victories he has had to date as a result of his secret preparations and unprovoked assault on his smaller neighbours. From now on in the air he will be matched pilot for pilot, crew for crew and aircraft for aircraft. There is no doubt that our main enemy the German, is a skilful and resolute pilot but he is no superman. You have been better trained, you will be better mounted and when you meet him in equal combat I have no doubt as to the result. The Hun today can be beaten in the air just as surely as his father was before him and he will find in the end that the weapon upon which he placed so much faith and reliance has turned in his hand and he will rue the day that he challenged the democracies to mortal combat in the skies. This then, is your role, to seek out your enemy, fight him, beat him, defeat him, and never crusaders fought for such a just cause as that to which you are pledged.

Now a word to those who will not be going overseas just yet. I know that you are all straining at the leash, anxious to rush into combat at the earliest possible moment, but as you are aware, the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is Canada's major contribution to the effort of the United Nations and it is a Training Plan. Therefore, pilots are required to remain in Canada to pass on their skill and knowledge for the benefit of others. Do not therefore be unduly disappointed if you are assigned to these duties. We cannot all be in the fighting line. During my Service career I have personally made it a point of honour never to question a posting, and I recommend the policy to you for adoption. In the long run it works out quite well. There must inevitably in the course of one's career be some appointments that are less acceptable than others, but none of them last very long and it is incumbent on all of us to make the best of them.

I would like also to add a word of advice to those who will be posted to the Elementary Flying Training Schools

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bank . . . We're sorry to lose her but are glad that she will see more of her husband, F/O Reed, presently stationed at Saskatoon . . . And of course, really sincere congratulations to DAD PARKER on completion of a long and valuable period of years at Camp Borden. "Wings Over Borden" has had various occasions to be grateful to Dad for his regular contributions to the paper . . . This is the weather for indoor sports again (AW1 FLOSSIE DARLING wants to know what isn't good weather for "indoor sports") . . . The Drill Hall is pretty busy these nights too . . . These CHURCH PARADES in Barrie are quite something—no one really minds having to attend them and they are certainly raising the prestige of the R.C.A.F. with the local townfolk . . . Seems the ink is running dry, apart from the usual fugiting of old tempus, so . . . Au Revoir. "SINBAD."



FRONT ROW—McNabb, Thomas, Chomiski, Puhl, McBurney, Baker, Montgomery, Laws.
REAR ROW—Oakes, Kimber, Miaka, Danlychuk, Money, Meehan, Iwashyn, Martin, Crawford, Kews, Lee, Starr, Reeves, Harding.