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## 12 Ottawa and District Men Receive Pilot's Wings at Uplands Ceremony

"By the scores of thousands, fit and eager young men of England, Australia, New Zealand and Canada have fallen in for wings parades since the great British Commonwealth Air Training Plan came into operation and production in 1940," Group Capt. W. R. Kingsland said in his address to graduating pilots at Uplands this afternoon. "And never since the plan came into production have there been too few crews too late for the aircraft produced for them to a man," he said proudly.

The commanding officer at Uplands, Group Capt. Kingsland stated it had been a triumph of planning and training that fully qualified aircrew were available to staff the expanding training organization, when new schools were being opened at the rate of one a week during the latter part of 1940.

Group Capt. Kingsland "winged" all the members of the graduation class, with the exception of Sgt.-Pilot Joseph Gorman, son of the well-known sportsman "Tommy" Gorman of Montreal and Mrs. T. P. Gorman, who received his wings from his father. There were a dozen Ottawa and district pilots in the class.

### All Graduate as Pilots

The 12 Ottawa and district graduates, all pilots, are Sgts. H. B. Heath, Allan P. Ward, W. A. Grimes, W. A. Forsyth, all of Ottawa; FO. R. E. McCormick of Russell, Sgt. F. J. Kane of Eastview, Sgt. G. W. Carter of Overbrook, Sgt. J. M. E. Beland of Pembroke, Sgts. T. C. Barton and Wilfrid John Quinn of Prescott, Sgt. G. K. Leach of Kingston, and Sgt. Joseph Gorman of Ottawa and Montreal.

Sgt. Heath, 20-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Heath, 8 Tormey street, attended schools in Lethbridge, Alta., and later the Strathcona boys' school in Calgary and Ashbury College, Ottawa. At the time of his enlistment in July, 1943, he was a student at McGill University. He was a member of the editorial staffs of various school publications and an instructor in McGill C.O.T.C.

He played football for McGill and was a member of the McGill All-Star (1942) team, a member of McGill intra-mural champions in 1943, and also was a member on university basketball, cricket and track teams. He received his air force training at Lachine, Toronto, Windsor and Uplands.

Sgt. Gorman was born in Ottawa 21 years ago. He attended Glebe Collegiate and D'Arcy McGee school in Montreal. He enlisted on Nov. 11, 1942, as an air frame mechanic, later remustering to aircrew.

### Has Served Overseas.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ward, 15 Cobalt avenue, Sgt. Ward has already been overseas, having served as a radio technician with R.A.F. squadrons in Northern Ireland and Iceland until May, 1943, when he was repatriated to Canada

for air crew training which he received at Belleville, Pendleton and Uplands. A Glebe Collegiate graduate, he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1941, and proceeded overseas in 1942 and was attached to the Royal Air Force. He was formerly private secretary to personnel and production managers at the E. B. Eddy Company. Keenly interested in golf, he was a frequent competitor in Quebec amateur golf tournaments.

A graduate of St. Patrick's College, where he played football and hockey, Sgt. W. A. Grimes enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in April, 1943. He received his training at Lachine, Ottawa, Toronto, Belleville and Uplands. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Grimes, 4 Renfrew avenue.

Sgt. Forsyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forsyth, 620 Gilmour street, attended Percy and Kent street public schools and Lisgar Collegiate. He enlisted in December, 1942, and trained at Montreal, Toronto, Pendleton and Uplands.

FO. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCormick of Russell, graduated as a wireless air gunner and served with the 116th bombing reconnaissance squadron on the East Coast before remustering to pilot. He enlisted in January, 1941. He attended Kenmore continuation school.

### With Bank of Canada

Born in Ottawa, Sgt. Kane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kane, 472 O'Connor street, was employed by the Bank of Canada at the time of his enlistment in April, 1943. He attended Gleshan public school, Glebe Collegiate and the Ottawa Technical School. He received his training at Montreal University, Toronto and Uplands. His home is at 15 First avenue, Eastview.

Sgt. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, 29 Prince Albert street, Overbrook, was born in Hamilton 20 years ago. A graduate of Lisgar Collegiate, he enlisted in the air force in April, 1943, and trained at Lachine, Windsor and Uplands. He is well known in musical circles as a violinist.

Pembroke born, Sgt. Beland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beland. He attended Pembroke schools, and enlisted in March, 1943, training at Lachine, St. Johns, Que., Montreal, Toronto, Pendleton and Uplands.

Sgt. Barton, son of Mrs. Fred Barton, Prescott, enlisted in August, 1940, as an airplane mechanic and later remustering to air crew.

Sgt. Quinn, son of Mrs. J. B. Quinn, Prescott, at the time of his enlistment in December, 1942, was a clerk with the Department of Transport, Prescott.

Already a veteran of this war, Sgt. Leach, son of Major and Mrs. S. H. J. Leach of Kingston, served with the Royal Air Force in England, Africa, Greece, Crete and Syria, following his enlistment in 1936. He received the Palestine Medal for services in the Middle East and wears an oak leaf denoting a mention in despatches.



**WINGED TODAY**—Group Capt. W. R. Kingsland, commanding officer, presented Ottawa and district airmen with their "wings" this afternoon at a graduation ceremony at Uplands Service Flying Training School. From left to right in group at top are: Flying Officer R. E. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCormick, Russell, and Sgt. Pilots F. J. Kane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kane, 472 O'Connor street; W. A. Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Grimes, 620 Gilmour street; J. M. E. Beland, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Beland, Pembroke, and

Joseph Gorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Gorman, 314 Clemow avenue. In lower group, from left to right, are: Sgt. Allen P. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ward, 15 Cobalt avenue; Sgt. H. B. Heath, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Heath, 8 Tormey street; Sgt. W. A. Forsyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forsyth, 620 Gilmour street; Sgt. G. W. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, 92 Prince Albert street, Overbrook. T. P. Gorman of Montreal Canadiens presented the wings to his son, Sgt. Joseph Gorman.—(R.C.A.F. Photo.)



**DISTRICT GRADUATES**—Graduating as pilots at the Uplands Service Flying Training School this afternoon were the following from Eastern Ontario, left to right: F.-Sgt. A. J. C. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson, Lansdowne, Ont., who stood highest in his class; Sgt. G. K. Leach, son of Major and Mrs. S. H. J. Leach, Kingston; Sgt. T. C. Barton, son of Mrs. Fred Barton, Prescott, and Sgt.

W. J. Quinn, son of Mrs. J. B. Quinn, Prescott. Sgt. Leach, who is Canadian with the Royal Air Force, has seen service in England, with the Eighth Army in the Western Desert, Greece, Crete and Syria. Group Capt. W. R. Kingsland, commanding officer, presented the airmen with their "wings."—(R.C.A.F. Photo.)