

D.F.C. Winner Graduates From I.T.S.



FO. Johnny Caine, D.F.C. and Bar, distinguished flier-member of the City of Edmonton Intruder Squadron, was guest of honor Thursday afternoon at a graduation parade at No. 4 I.T.S. Top, FO. Caine is shown congratulating a veteran airgunner, FO. John Henry Symons, D.F.C., who after several months' service overseas is training to become a pilot. FO. Symons is from Calgary. In the lower picture, Caine is presenting the graduate with the "top honors" in the course, Sgt. Ian MacDonald, with a gold identification bracelet. A former EDMONTON JOURNAL reporter, Sgt. MacDonald recently remustered to aircrew. He enlisted as an armorer and for many months was on instructional duties at a Canadian station.—R.C.A.F. photographs.

Hero Gives 'Props' To Air Students

Edmonton's flying ace FO. Johnny Caine, D.F.C. and Bar presented "props" to the graduating aircrew members of No. 4 I.T.S. at one of the largest props parades of the station held Thursday afternoon on the parade square.

The entire training wing and the graduating course were formed up on the parade square for the presentations. About 200 other airmen and civilians watched from the sidelines.

FO. Caine, a member of the famed City of Edmonton Squadron, now here on leave, told the graduates "you have got over the greatest hurdle in aircrew training. I was prouder when I received my props than when I received my wings."

The distinguished flier also inspected the graduating flights.

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One of the highlights of the parade was when Caine greeted another veteran of several operational missions overseas, FO. John Henry Symons, D.F.C. FO. Symons was overseas for two years as an airgunner with the R.A.F. bomber command. He also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded for bravery in the skies of Europe.

FO. Symons is from Calgary, where his wife and son reside. The officer is training to become a pilot for a second crack at Hitler's Europe.

Wins Top Honors

The airman who took "top honors" in the graduation was Sgt. Ian MacDonald. He was presented with a gold identification bracelet by FO. Caine, and received congratulations for his high standing. Sgt. MacDonald is a former JOURNAL reporter.

Edmonton airmen included in the graduating course were: LAC. Robert Gordon Ades, 11124 82 ave.; Cpl. Peter Bodner, 12542 126 st.; LAC. Arnold Choquette, 9837 106 st.; Sgt. Patrick Joseph Graham, 10423 127 st.; LAC. Graham Stanley Smith, 9638 107 ave.; and LAC. Donald Morton Stewart 14922 102 ave.

Following the parade the new airmen's canteen was opened when the Ladies' Auxiliary of No. 4 I.T.S. were hosts at a silver tea.

The proceeds of the silver tea were for the Ladies' Auxiliary Prisoner of War fund.

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