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air force demands thoroughness of preparation, accuracy, strength and speed of machines and brave, adventurous men. These we have and shall have.

There is something in the character and gallantry of Canadian youth which makes them ideal air men. Their special qualities are bravery, coolness in the face of fire, quickness of hand, brain and eye, and the pioneer's willingness to accept the risk of brilliant and daring adventure.

The Air Forces of the British Commonwealth are admitted to have provided the best men, the best machines, and the best training. Up to date we have led the world in quality. The opening of this field is proof that before many months we will have overcome the disadvantages of numbers.

It may well be that those who chronicle the events of the war of 1939 and the years that follow, will record that the corner stone of triumph was laid when the first fighting pilot took to the air at the Uplands field in Ottawa on August the fifth, 1940.