

RCAF AND RCAF PILOTS RECEIVE WINGS AT BORDEN

Course No. 96 of No. 1 Service Flying Training School, Camp Borden, received their pilots' wings at a large Graduation Ceremony in the Drill Hall, Friday afternoon last. The Commanding Officer, Group Captain C. Carling-Kelly, officiated at the presentation. Wings were pinned on the uniforms of Royal Norwegian Air Force graduates by Lt.-Col. Ole Reistad, Air Officer Commanding RCAF.

The new pilots included several from the United States and one from England, as well as a number from Norway. While most of the Canadians were from Ontario, all other provinces were represented.

The honour student was a Norwegian, LAC Michael Aschim, RCAF. Among the RCAF and RCAF pilots the leading graduate was LAC Robert Arthur Laidier, Hamilton, who was later commissioned as pilot officer.

Squadron Leader W. W. Gilmour was in command of the Wings Parade. Flying Officer J. F. Kelly was in command of the Wings Party.

In his address to the members of the graduating class, G/C. Carling-Kelly declared that they were obtaining one of the greatest honours in receiving their wings as qualified pilots. "Each of you now becomes part of the illustrious body of fighting men in this war," he said. "You have qualified for the job that lies ahead. How well you do that job depends on your character, qualifications, and courage. None of you has been found wanting. Winning your wings has given you a toehold on the next rung of the ladder, either as fighter, bomber, or reconnaissance pilots, or instructors. Your training has been designed for one end and one end only—the destruction of the enemy wherever he may exist."

G/C. Carling-Kelly continued that the great tradition set by the RCAF must be lived up to. "Make sure you keep it high. Good luck to you all," he concluded.

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Group Captain

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