

Former Borden D.A.P.M.



S/L GORDON P. HOWE

Who was Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal at No. 1 SFTS, Camp Borden in 1942, and is now in Eastern Air Command, with the job of turning out RCAF "commandos."

Every member of RCAF ground crew, who now goes overseas, is thoroughly acquainted with all modern means of defence. The cook is able to use a Sten gun; the office clerk is as expert with a bayonet; the mechanic acutely aware of the proper procedure in tossing a hand grenade. Each man, in addition to his regular job, is an air force commando.

In Eastern Air Command it all began less than a year ago when Sqdn.-Ldr. Howe, Toronto, was given the task of getting the big program started and maintaining it on a large scale. In three weeks the air force "commando" is taught individual combat fighting. Besides

becoming expert in the handling of bayonets and hand grenades, he acquires a good knowledge of first aid and becomes well acquainted on what to do should the enemy suddenly decide to resort to the use of poison gas. He also becomes competent in unarmed combat, field engineering and woodcraft.

Appendix "D"

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