

## EFFICIENCY AWARD MADE TO NO. 1 SFTS

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Corps for the training of pilots. During the last war many pilots received training there, the Station being known as "Camp Hoare," the name of the British Minister for Air at that time.

In 1920, the Station was organized as a permanent Station of the Royal Canadian Air Force, which was constituted as such at that time.

No. 1 Service Flying Training School was the first to be organized in the RCAF after the outbreak of the present war under the British Commonwealth Joint Air Training Plan, its first graduates under this plan leaving the school in the spring of 1940.

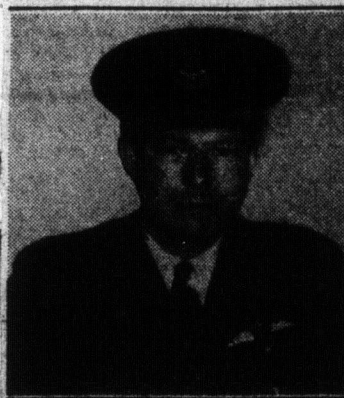
Many new buildings of a permanent and semi-permanent nature were erected in the early days of the present war, adding greatly to the facilities available for training. There had been very little construction work between the two wars.

In the Fifth Victory Loan Campaign last autumn, No. 1 SFTS was the leading Station in No. 1 Air Training Command, RCAF, and the

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Camp Borden RCAF Station Receives Minister's Pennant for Being Most Efficient Single-Engined Service Flying Training School in Canada for Fourth Quarter of 1943; Considered Outstanding Achievement.

### Commanding Officer



GROUP CAPTAIN  
F. C. CARLING-KELLY

Commanding Officer, No. 1 SFTS, RCAF, Camp Borden, which has just won the Efficiency Pennant awarded to single-engined training schools in Canada for the fourth quarter of 1943. A member of the permanent force, RCAF, he served overseas in the early part of the war, and subsequent to his return to Canada, was commanding officer, Central Flying School, RCAF, Trenton, training school for flying instructors. He was transferred to No. 1 SFTS in May 1943. A native of Toronto, he is married with one child.

The beautiful "E" efficiency pennant of the Royal Canadian Air Force, is now flying proudly from the jackstaff in front of the Administration Building of No. 1 Service Flying Training School, Camp Borden. Its position is underneath that of the well known RCAF Ensign.

The announcement has just been made from Ottawa of the award by Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of National Defence for Air, of the Minister's pennant to No. 1 SFTS for being the most efficient single-engined service flying training school in all Canada for the fourth quarter of 1943.

The Minister's Efficiency Pennant is awarded on a quarterly basis to training schools in Canada in each class under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

It is worthy of note that No. 1 SFTS received honourable mention for the second quarter of 1943 and was the sole unit to receive such recognition, and that for the third quarter of 1943, No. 1 SFTS was also the runner-up. This indicated a good basis of efficiency in the whole of 1943.

On the basis of the Efficiency Award, No. 1 SFTS is authorized to fly the Pennant for a three-month period commencing February 1, 1944.

This award is considered an outstanding achievement on the part of all personnel concerned. It is made not only on the basis of flying training, but also on all operations and activities of the Station, and is a tribute to the efficiency and experience of the Commanding Officer and his staff.

### Staff of No. 1 SFTS

Group Captain Carling-Kelly has been Commanding Officer of the Station since May 1943. His second-in-command and Chief Instructor has been Wing Commander W. G. Welstead, with Squadron Leader W. W. Gilmeur carrying on in this position during the former's absence on a course.

Other senior officers are: Chief Ground Instructor, F/L. G. S. Silke; Chief Engineer, Officer, S/L. A. A. Buchanan; Senior Accounts Officer, S/L. M. S. Sutherland; Senior Equipment Officer, F/L. H. G. Williams; Works and Buildings Officer, F/L. J. Bremner; Senior Medical Officer, S/L. L. W. C. Sturgeon (during time of award), succeeded by S/L. Allan Webb.

Members of the Administrative Staff are as follows:

Administrative Officer, S/L. A. A. Lampert; Adjutant, F/L. G. W. Richardson; Assistant Administrative Officer, F/O. W. D. H. Buchanan; Officer Commanding Women's Division, Flight Officer Nora E. Card; Education Officer, F/O. L. I. Spear; Physical Training and Drill, F/O. G. N. Reed; Station Warrant Officer, WO2 W. J. Jaillott.

### First Flying School

The most recent honour captured by No. 1 SFTS is in keeping with the fact that it is Canada's first flying school, having been organized in 1917 under the Royal Flying

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### APPENDIX "A"

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### APPENDIX "B"

## NORWEGIAN AIRMEN GIVEN THEIR WINGS

First Class Trained at No. 1 SFTS, Camp Borden, Recognized by Lt.-Col. Ole Reistad, RCAF.

Members of the RCAF, RAF, and RAAF, comprised a large class of pilots who graduated from No. 1 Service Flying Training School, Camp Borden, on Friday afternoon last. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served to graduating class and their guests in the Airmen's Lounge.

Group Captain F. C. Carling-Kelly, commanding officer of No. 1 SFTS, made the presentation of wings to the RCAF and RAF graduates, while Lieut.-Col. Ole Reistad, Air Officer Commanding, RAAF, Toronto, presented wings to the RCAF graduates.

It was the first time that Royal Norwegian Air Force graduates had received their wings at Borden. They had received their advanced training there, with Lieut. O. J. Mikkelsen, Royal Norwegian Naval Air Force, as chief instructor.

LAC W. H. Kaufman, RCAF, Kitchener, since promoted to Pilot Officer, was the honour student of the Class.

A member of the Class from this district was LAC J. W. Walker, of Bradford.

In his address to the members of the graduating class, Group Capt. 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 'guts'. 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 Allied Air Forces must be lived up to. "Make sure you keep it high. Good luck to you all," he concluded.

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