

Local Airman Graduated at Props Parade

Graduates of No. 4 Initial Training School, Royal Canadian Air Force, on Thursday received their "props" from His Honor Lt.-Gov. J. C. Bowen, who had officiated at the first props parade held at the school.

A public ceremony, the parade was attended by many guests including Col. Eugene Stevens, commanding officer of the Edmonton air base, USAAF, and Mrs. Stevens; Lt.-Col. Ellis M. Fagan, commanding officer of the Whitehorse base, USAAF, and Mrs. Fagan; Maj. T. F. Dunham, commanding officer of the U.S. air base at Namao, and Mrs. Dunham; Wing Commander A. H. Cooking, commanding officer of No. 3 "M" depot, RCAF; Maj. C. V. Dacre, aide to the lieutenant governor, and Capt. C. D. Fairless, of the U.S. air base at Whitehorse.

His Honor was introduced to the graduates by Wing Commander Ewart G. Macpherson, commanding officer of No. 4 ITS and in his address expressed the admiration of the people of Canada and Alberta for members of the armed services and pledged on behalf of the civilian population an unbending effort toward final and early victory followed by an equal effort in the re-establishment of the men and women to a peace time era of prosperity and progress.

The only Edmonton graduate was LAC. H. G. Williams of 9321 98A street, who was congratulated.

After the parade and presentation of "Props" a reception was held in the officers' mess where a buffet supper was served followed by an informal dance.

Governor Presents "Props" to Don Metz



Don Metz, former outstanding hockey player with the Toronto Maple Leafs was among graduates of No. 4 I.T.S., presented with their "props" by Hon. J. C. Bowen, lieutenant-governor at a ceremony Thursday afternoon. Metz gave up a commission in the Canadian Army to transfer to the aircrew service of the R.C.A.F. about one year ago. He had been a second lieutenant. Metz left the Leafs in 1942 to enlist. Under command of Wing Cmdr. E. G. Macpherson, officer commanding the school, the graduating flight and other personnel of the school were lined up on the lawn in front of the Normal school building for the ceremony. The band of No. 4 I.T.S. was in attendance and the lieutenant-governor took the salute on the march past after the presentation.

Airmen Graduates Are Given Props

Another class of airmen graduated Thursday afternoon at a ceremony and parade at No. 4 I.T.S. Hon. J. C. Bowen, lieutenant-governor, presented the "props" to the graduates.

Under command of Wing Cmdr. E. G. Macpherson, officer commanding the school, the parade consisted of the graduating class flanked by rows of airmen who have not yet finished their course. Behind the graduates the No. 4 I.T.S. band played the parade marches and also provided a musical background during the presentation ceremony.

The parade was drawn up on the lawn in front of the Normal school, which forms part of the training school.

Shook Hands

Each man in the graduating flight was called out, marched to the front, saluted, shook hands with the lieutenant-governor, and received his "prop."

After the presentation, the lieutenant-governor took the salute on a march-past. Others on the saluting platform were: Wing Cmdr. Macpherson, Flt. Lt. L. R. Pocock, adjutant; Sqdn. Ldr. R. Fournier, officer commanding the graduating class, and Maj. C. V. Dacre, A.D.C. to the governor.

With an average of 94.4 in his final examinations at the school, Cpl. Thomas A. Black, of Vancouver, who has previously served overseas, was the "top honors" man of the class. He received a gold identification bracelet.

Formerly a second lieutenant in the Canadian army, LAC. Don Metz, famed hockey player with the Toronto Maple Leafs for many years, was among the graduates. He transferred to R.C.A.F. aircrew and gave up the army commission about a year ago. Last time he played with the Leafs was in the winter of 1942.

"Let's Not Slacken"

The governor praised Canada's three fighting forces and said "even if victory does appear to be closer now, let us not let up any effort or slacken until the last shot is fired."

LAC. H. G. Williams, 9321 98A st., was the only Edmontonian among the graduates.

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