

Appendix "G"

Extract from Service

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COURSE 104 GETS WINGS AT BORDEN

At the first indoor Wings Parade since Spring, Course No 104 graduated as pilots at No. 1 SFTS, Camp Borden, last Thursday afternoon. Addressing the class and large assemblage of visitors, W/C W. G. Welstead, commanding officer, said, "Do not relax now that you have reached this fine stage of training. Keep on your toes and when you are needed for operations you will be ready. You are to be posted to various places and assigned to different jobs but keep up your spirit and be happy about it."

He spoke of the continued favorable war situation for the Allies and hoped that the Norwegian boys would soon be able to get to their homeland.

"If you never get on operations," he said to the class, "you have nevertheless graduated as pilots and that should be a great satisfaction. Try to do your part as commissioned and non-commissioned officers, and realize just what that means. The entire Air Training Plan has been a wonderful success in every way. Especially fine has been the association and comradeship built up among classmates."

F/L Robert Moynan, R.C. padre, added a few words of advice and prayer. Eight members of the course, who played on the Station soccer team which won the Camp Borden championship this summer, were given crests by the commanding officer and the Sports Service League cup was officially presented.

The Ceremonial March Past was led by the Station Band with W/C Welstead taking the salute. W/C A. J. Vincent commanded the parade and F/O Ian McCuaig was in charge of the wings party.

The honor student was a Norwegian, LAC J. A. Jangaard. Wings were pinned on members of the RCAF by Lt. O. J. Mikkelsen. Among the graduates was a former lieutenant, J. E. E. Verbeke, of the Middlesex Regiment, British Army 2/Lt. R. Brigg, former RCAF administrative officer, also became a pilot. A former RCAF groundcrew sergeant-major, WO2 L. T. Lockwood, Toronto, was another graduate, as were LAC W. F. B. Mohan, Midland, and LAC R. G. Plume, Vancouver, who had residence in Allandale while he was training.

Afterwards refreshments were served to the class and visitors in the Airmen's Mess. All graduated with the rank of Sergeant, and some were later notified they had been commissioned.