



From left, Group Captain Frank S. McGill, O.C. Uplands Air Station, chats with LAC's B. G. Philbin, of Montreal, and C. Lowther, of Amherst, N.S., after he had presented them with their "wings" yesterday. Both Philbin and Lowther played on the R.C.A.F. hockey team in Ottawa last winter. At right is Flight Lieut. J. C. Campbell, manager of the hockey team.



Group Captain Frank S. McGill, left, as he presented "wings" to LAC. J. H. Cleary, of Cornwall, Ont.

Enemy Is 'A Coward and a Beast' Group Captain Tells Air Graduates

'They Will Try Every Despicable Trick to Get You But Don't Let Them', F. S. McGill Warns Class at Uplands

The enemy you are fighting is a coward and a beast who kills children and bombs churches and hospitals, declared Group Captain Frank S. McGill in addressing the latest class of graduates at No. 2 Flying Training School, Uplands Airport, Tuesday afternoon. "They will try every despicable trick to get you, but don't let them; stick on their tails", he said.

It was one of the largest classes yet to receive the coveted "Wings". Group Captain McGill congratulated the trim-looking airmen on having through their own efforts graduated ahead of time. He told them the war would be won through team play, through everyone doing their duty collectively.

Those graduating were formed up in single line in a hangar, other personnel of Uplands forming a hollow square. The "Wings" seemed to impart a magical quality to the hitherto plain Air Force blue tunics. Seating accommodation was provided for proud relatives, some of whom had come from distant points to view the ceremony that meant so much to them.

Ottawa Man on List

Sole Ottawa man who received his "Wings" was Aircraftman D. F. G. Rouleau, son of Mrs. H. G. Rouleau, of 114 Driveway. He is a grandson of Dr. F. H. Gisborne, former Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. Aircraftman Rouleau is 23. He was educated at Lisgar Collegiate and the University of Toronto, graduating from Varsity with the degree of B.A.

Aircraftman J. H. Cleary, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cleary, of Cornwall, was another graduate well known in this district. He joined the R.C.A.F. from the staff of the Cornwall Freeholder. He is 21 and was educated at Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School. At high school he was president of the Students' Council and secretary of the Junior Hockey League.

Three well-known athletes were among those receiving "Wings". They were Aircraftmen C. Lowther, Amherst, N.S.; B. G. Philbin, Montreal, and J. McClosky, Cannington, Ont. The trio have played hockey for the R.C.A.F.

Philbin played with the Valleyfield team for three years and also has been a stickhandler overseas. In France he played with the Paris Volants and in England with the Southampton team. Aircraftman Lowther played hockey for the Baltimore Orioles and for the London, Ontario, team.

Played for Kirkland

McClosky was a stickhandler for a Kirkland Lake team and is a noted amateur boxer and a boxing instructor.

Philbin spoke for all present when he said he could feel his heart pounding when he received his "Wings".

Leading Aircraftmen B. P. O'Neill, 2 Pearl street, Timmins, and J. M. Crichton, Chapleau, were Northern Ontario men who received their "Wings" in the brief ceremony.

Among the aircraftmen from the United States were D. R. Florance, Spokane, Washington State; M. A. Plomptaux, Albuquerque, New Mexico; F. H. Sutton, Monroe, North Carolina, and E. B. Tipton, Jacksonville, Texas.

Squadron Leader William MacBrien was in charge of the details.

Graduate at Borden

Other airmen who received their wings at a similar ceremony at Camp Borden yesterday included: L. A. Rowat, of Winchester; H. M. Compton, Woodroffe, Ottawa, and T. C. Callaghan, of Sudbury.