

Impressive Ceremony When Wings Pinned On Uplands Class

In the quiet beauty of an Indian Summer afternoon, the stillness broken only by the distant hum of aircraft engines and soft music of the R.C.A.F. Central Band, members of Course 105 were awarded their pilot's wings at Uplands, on Friday afternoon. In the class were 11 Ottawa and district men who received their wings. Three of these later received their commissions.

Group Capt. W. R. Kingsland, commanding officer at Uplands, presided at the ceremonies and presented most of the wings, and Major S. H. Leach, of Kingston, and T. P. "Tommy" Gorman, manager of the Montreal Canadiens, pinned the wings on their respective sons. Sdn. Ldr. T. H. Hawkins pinned the wings on PO. N. R. Mathie, of Lakewood, Ohio, and Lt. Gmdr. H. Arbick pinned the wings on PO. A. P. Ward. Lt. Cmdr. Arbick, as president of the Ottawa Flying Club, started PO. Ward on his aeronautical career.

Ottawa boys who received their commissions following the wings parade were, PO. Ward, PO. F. J. Kane and PO. H. B. Heath. Air Commodore D. Mackell and Mayor Lewis were present at the ceremony. The march-past was taken by Air Vice-Marshal Adelaar Raymond, air officer commanding No. 3 T.C. The bugle band of the Uplands R.C.A.F. Station was also in attendance.

Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and sweethearts of the Ottawa district boys journeyed to Uplands for the ceremonies, and paid touching tribute with hearty applause to the many boys from distant points whose families were not present to participate in this honor. A special rousing welcome was given to the four graduating pilots who have already completed tours of operations, to others who have also seen service overseas in other capacities, and to the several airmen from the United Kingdom, the United States, and the one representative of the British West Indies.

The Ottawa and district men who received their wings were: Sgt. Joseph Gorman, 134 Clemow avenue; PO. Allen P. Ward, 15 Cobalt avenue; PO. F. J. Kane, 15 first avenue; PO. H. B. Heath, 8 Tormey street; Sgt. William A. Grimes, 4 Renfrew avenue; Sgt. W. A. Forsyth, 620 Gilmour street;



OTTAWA DISTRICT PILOTS RECEIVE WINGS—Graduating as pilots at the Uplands Service Flying Training School on Friday afternoon were the following from Eastern Ontario: Flt. Sgt. A. J. C. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson, Box 183, Lansdowne, Ont., who stood highest in his class; Sgt. G. K. Leach, son of Major and Mrs. S. H. J. Leach, 559 Earl street, Kingston; Sgt. T. C. Barton, son of Mrs. Fred Barton, 231 Park street, Prescott, and Sgt. W. J. Quinn, son of Mrs. J. B. Quinn, King street, Prescott. Sgt. Leach, who is a Canadian with the Royal Air Force, has seen service in England, with the 8th Army in the Western Desert, Greece, Crete and Syria. Group Captain W. R. Kingsland, commanding officer, presented the airmen with their "wings"—(R.C.A.F. photo.)

Sgt. George Carter, 92 Prince Albert street, Overbrook; Sgt. J. M. E. Beland, of Pembroke; FO., R. E. McCormick, of Russell; Sgt. T. C. Barton, and Sgt. Wilfred J. Quinn, both of Prescott.