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Thanks to His Excellency for his kindness in opening the school were expressed by the Prime Minister, who traced briefly the history of the project since its inception. Mr. King also expressed his warm appreciation to the officers and airmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force for what had been thus far accomplished.

"Men in the ranks," said the Prime Minister, "are playing just as important a part as the senior officers. No part is too humble for anyone to play so long as the part is played efficiently. I believe some of the men here will soon be moving off to another land where Canadians have already played an important part. Men taking part in this plan are doing so for the preservation of their liberty and freedom."

Memorable Occasion.

Air Vice-Marshal Breadner said the day was a memorable one for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Twelve Harvard trainers were lined up on the taxi-strip in front of one of the new hangars, and drawn up before the fast planes was a guard of honor which received the Governor General with a royal salute when he arrived at the airport. His Excellency was accompanied by Sir Shuldham Redfern, private secretary, and Capt. G. Little, comptroller of the vice-regal household. While the Governor General was inspecting the guard, in company with Air Vice-Marshal Breadner and Group Capt. C. M. McEwan, officer commanding No. 3 Training Command, the Royal Canadian Air Force band from Trenton played Land of Hope and Glory.

Formation Flights.

After the inspection and the school had been declared open, the Harvard trainers were flown in various formations, apparently thrilling the onlookers, and when the flying demonstration was ended His Excellency inspected one of the new buildings.

Among those attending the ceremony were James S. Duncan, deputy minister of national defence for air; Honorary Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, V.C.; Air Commodore H. E. Edwards, Group Capt. E. L. MacLeod, Air Vice-Marshal G. M. Croll, inspector general of the R.C.A.F.; J. A. Wilson, controller of civil aviation; Lieut. Commander C. P. Edwards, chief of air services, Department of Transport; Wing Commander F. S. McGill, officer commanding No. 2 Service Flying Training School; Lieut.-Col. the

Right Rev. C. L. Nelligan, principal Catholic chaplain, and Lieut.-Col. the Right Rev. G. A. Wells, principal Protestant chaplain of the Canadian Active Service Force.