

WE'RE FIGHTING HORDE OF RATS, YOU'VE GOT TO GET THEM FIRST, JARVIS GRADUATES ARE ADVISED

Two Hamiltonians Received "Wings" at Sunday Ceremony — Group Captain Wait Talks Plainly

Jarvis, Feb. 16.—"The outcome of this war will be decided by bomber aircraft and as members of a bomber crew your work is very important," Group Captain G. E. Wait told graduating classes of observers and gunners at a colourful "wings" parade at No. 1 Bombing and Gunnery school, R.C.A.F., here on Sunday afternoon.

Tough, Honourable Job

"As observers," he continued, "your job is to navigate the aircraft to the objective, drop your bombs on the target and navigate back home again. As gunners, you must at all times attack the enemy

on the smooth working of the crew. You are wearing the uniform and carrying with you the high and honourable traditions of the air force. When you go into combat you will have had the very best training and you will have the best equipment the world provides. You need have no fear of the outcome."

The R.C.A.F. band from No. 1 manning depot, Toronto, was in attendance and opened the ceremonies with the playing of Land of Hope and Glory. They also played the general salute as Group Captain Wait entered the hangar and were later heard in the Air Force March. As the visitors left the building, the band played There'll Always Be an England.

A portion of the "wings" ceremony was broadcast by one of the United States systems in connection with the Spirit of '42 program which depicted various phases in the training of observers and gunners at the station. Flight-Lieut. Norman Helwig, of Hamilton, veteran pilot of World War One, who is in charge of training observers, was heard on the broadcast as he gave last instructions to a group of student observers as they took to the air.

Sgt.-Observer James M. Carleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carleton, 45 Chestnut avenue, Hamilton, and Sgt.-Gunner Alan L. Home, son of Mrs. John Home, 109 Platt ave-

nue, Hamilton, were among the graduates. Both had formerly resided in Grimsby.

A former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer who was on the escort for the King and Queen when they visited Canada graduated as an observer. He was Sgt. Edward Francis, of Stellarton, N.S. An impressive feature was seen when Mrs. William H. Kirk, of Toronto, pinned an observer's wing on the breast of her son, Sgt. C. F. Kirk, and the young airman kissed his mother. Included in the classes were airmen from all parts of Canada, the United States, Newfoundland, New Zealand and England.

Toronto Well Represented

Toronto was well represented, the following coming from that city: H. Sobel, G. Weed, J. Watson, F. A. Sutherland, F. J. Sayers, J. F. Reeve-Newson, R. E. Oswald, H. K. McCreery, H. M. Magder, J. S. Maclean, T. T. Lundberg, C. F. Kirk, G. S. Hutton and A. R. Dickson. Other Ontario graduates were: J. C. Day, Galt; H. A. Dunn, Fordwich; T. Baillie, Stratford; R. A. Fee, North Bay; J. C. Gibson, Kirkland Lake; T. R. Livermore, Dundalk; C. Norton, Norton; S. S. J. Smith, St. Thomas; L. G. Vallance, Attwood; J. W. Wilson, Sheridan; J. C. Barker, Arden; T. A. Drew, London; D. A. Munro and J. P. O'Keefe, Ottawa; J. Raikie, Oshawa; D. Roger, Sault Ste. Marie; F. T. Sabourin, Iroquois Falls; R. M. Stewart, Ottawa; T. C. Timbers, Hawkesbury; R. A. Weese, Belleville.



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at the first opportunity. Your job is a tough one and a very honourable one. There is no sportsmanship in it. You've got to get them before they get you. We're fighting a horde of rats in every sense of the word and don't forget that. The work of bomber crews calls for team work of the very highest order. No one member is more important or less important than the other. The whole success depends

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