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# **St. Catharines Man Leads.**

Jarvis, Feb. 1 (Special).—V. P. B. Hill of St. Catharines led the class of observers and Alexander Spice, Fort Rouge, Man., the class of gunners to graduate Saturday afternoon at No. 1 Bombing and Gunnery School, R.C.A.F., here. Two

Australians, J. W. Moore, Hamilton, New South Wales, and L. A. Prime, Cremorne, New South Wales, were among the observers and both said they wanted to get back home and do their fighting in their own out-post islands with the Japanese.

Lou Scholes Jr., himself a champion sculler, and son of the famous Lou Scholes Sr., of Toronto, was among the gunners. His father, mother and his wife attended the presentation. Scholes was the junior singles rowing champion and he and his brother junior doubles rowing champions of the Dominion. His brother Jack is with the Royal Air Force and has seen much daring action overseas.

J. S. Clifford, formerly of Bronte and now of Ottawa, one of the observers, was a school chum of Sergeant Pilot L. C. Bray of Bronte, who recently was awarded a D.F.M. for bravery. "He's a real fellow," Clifford said.

Group Captain G. E. Wait, officer commanding the station, pinned on the wings. In his brief address and extending personal congratulations, he told the graduates their training was the best and their equipment the best. He emphasized the need of full co-operation in air crews and, on behalf of every man on the station, wished the graduates the best of luck.

Cold, wet weather eliminated the outdoor ceremony that usually accompanies Jarvis graduations. John Chapman Elliott of Newark, N.J., a gunner graduate, received word before he left the station he had received a commission.

The Torontonians among the observers included E. K. Seigel, 130 Avenue Road; A. G. Rowe, 579 Danforth Avenue; W. G. Dunn, 26 Morningside Avenue, Swansea.

Fred Anderson, Waterloo, a fighter pilot of the first Great War, pinned the single "O" wing of an observer on his son, R. F. L. Anderson, at the request of Group Captain Wait. The observer's father, with the Royal Flying Corps when he was 17 years old, saw much action during four years.

Ontario air observer graduates included: W. W. Lott, London; V. P. Hill, St. Catharines; E. W. Bell, Hanover.

Ontario air gunner graduates included: Robert Leslie Beattie, London; Frederick Douglas Chubb, William Robert Kearns, London; John Loftus Coyne, Phelpston; Donald George Culver, Simcoe; Alan

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