



Hamilton's Record For Recruiting Men For Radio Branch Unusual—Canadian Flyer on Bombers in England

Hamilton's record of recruiting young men between 18 and 45 with junior matriculation to be trained as radio mechanics for the Royal Canadian Air Force is quite outstanding, probably better than any other city in the Dominion. Although exact figures may not be revealed, it may be stated that three times the original quota set for completion by April 28 has already been enlisted and sent off to start training, and that the supply of possible recruits is by no means exhausted yet.

The Hamilton recruiting centre, commanded by Flight-Lieut. Owen S. Dunn, M.C., has thus exceeded all the expectations of the department of national defence, and appears to be quite capable at present of going on enlisting as many radio mechanics as the R.C.A.F. wants to take.

These men are still being enlisted, since the original quota has been extended several times over, and Flight-Lieut. Dunn will be pleased to interview further applicants who are within the age limits and can produce evidence of having passed

junior matriculation or its equivalent.

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More men are being sought in Hamilton by the 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (active), which is commanded by Lieut.-Col. T. W. Greenfield, E.D. The recruiting office is now open at the armouries and applicants will be welcomed.

This recruiting should not be confused with the program of enlistment for the 2nd Battalion, now operating under command of Lieut.-Col. H. D. Fearman, D.S.O., on a reserve basis. Men taken on by the 1st battalion will be enlisted immediately for active service and put into uniform.

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Sgt.-Pilot G. T. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Webb, 144 Mountville avenue, is now serving in England with the Royal Air Force and is on duty as observer

in one of Britain's biggest new long-range bombers. In a letter to his parents he says his new plane is "exceptionally well armed. There are guns sticking out all over it."

"You understand why I can't give any definite performance figures. I have practically a whole room to myself with glass all around. I have a big navigation table. I wish I could tell you more about it or even convey a small idea of how immense this plane is. . . . We're considering having a cinema every Thursday night. It's considered an honour to fly in one. Our C.O. is as proud as the devil of them. I'm flying in an hour, so I've got to go and get ready."

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Some people in Hamilton recently have been baffled by the sight of soldiers wearing their ordinary khaki field service caps, greatcoats and boots, but underneath the coat a loose blue jacket, trousers, white shirt and red tie.

No, these men aren't escaped German prisoners. They are wounded or invalid soldiers who have been in military hospitals and are now convalescent. The blue tunics and red ties are issued to them during their convalescence in order to identify them readily to military policemen. This type of uniform is an established custom of the army and is issued to all such convalescent soldiers.

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The Women's Auxiliary of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders are entertaining the wives and mothers of men in the regiment to tea at the sergeants' mess in the armouries to-morrow (Friday) afternoon. All wives and mothers of Highlanders now serving will be welcome.

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Part II of the officers' and N.C.O.s' qualification examination—the practical part which will be written by all men who succeeded in passing part I earlier in the winter—is to be held at the camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake from May 25 to June 8, it was announced to-day.

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Flying Officer H. W. Northover Sgt.-Pilot R. G. Jesty

Pictured, at left, is Flying Officer H. W. Northover, 86 Edgemont avenue south, whose safe arrival overseas was revealed to-day. Flying Officer Northover, scoutmaster of the 10th Ryerson scout group and assistant district commissioner, has enlisted as an officer in the radio signals division. At right is Sgt. Pilot Ray G. Jesty, of Detroit, a nephew of Mrs. Hilda Crocker, 225 Mary street, who is also serving in England with the R.C.A.F.

From a centuries-old inn on the Sussex downs has been sent to Hamilton a ship which the Nazis will be unable to bomb. It is a tiny model of a 16th century craft of the type which destroyed the Spanish armada. It was given to Pte. George E. Taylor, Hamilton man who is serving in England

with a central Ontario regiment, by E. W. Greaves, 85-year-old owner of the King's Head inn, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. Charles II once stayed at this inn, which has been owned by the Greaves family for centuries, and the tiny ship was there at the time. Mr. Greaves asked that the model be sent to Canada for safe keeping and it is now in the possession of Pte. Taylor's mother at 457½ King street east.