

BEHIND THE LINES

Examinations Held For Officers of Reserve Army — Sgt.-Pilot Jesty Promoted

Examination of about 200 officers of the reserve army who recently completed the qualifying courses for officers started in Hamilton last fall, was held Saturday and yesterday in the armouries and in Westdale secondary schools.

The following examinations were held:

On syllabus A, for second lieutenant, reserve special; syllabus B for second lieutenant, reserve; syllabus C, second lieutenant reserve (special to arms), and syllabus D, for captain, reserve, a complete paper.

Examinations were held at Christmas time, but the examinations held Saturday and yesterday were finals. Major G. V. Rayner, of Camp Borden, was president of the examining board at the armouries, and Lieut. F. L. Henderson was president of the examining board at Westdale schools.

Other examinations were held here on Saturday also. Capt. B. C. Tebbs, district signals officer, M.D. No. 2, examined 35 boys from cadet corps in secondary schools of Hamilton and district, on cadet signalling, first, second and third year.

Names of the successful boys will appear in district orders shortly. Capt. Tebbs was accompanied by Q.M.S. Instructor S. D. Watson and C.S.M. Instructor A. E. Davies, both of the instructional cadre, M.D. No. 2.

Mrs. Hilda Crocker, 225 Mary street, has been advised by cable of the promotion of her nephew from the rank of sergeant-pilot to flight-sergeant. Flight-Sgt. Raymond Jesty is a native of Hamilton. He is the eldest son of Mrs. Jesty and the late George Jesty, who resided in this city and in Detroit.



A.B. Edward Miller Albert M. Jackson

A.B. Edward (Ted) Miller has arrived safely in England, according to a cable received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Miller, 137 East avenue south. A.B. Miller joined the R.C.N.V.R. in October, 1940, and was attached to a Canadian destroyer. While on this ship he saw considerable convoy duty. He attended Ryerson public school and Westdale secondary school and is a member of All Saints church. Before enlisting, he was employed at the A. & P. store on York street.

Albert M. Jackson, son of Mrs. Anne Jackson, 75 Kenilworth avenue north, has completed his first trip across the Atlantic with the merchant service, his mother has been advised. He was employed at the Fleet Aircraft company in Fort Erie for three and a half years and by the White Aircraft company in Hamilton for six months prior to his leaving for service in the mercantile marine.

Sgt.-Observer John Hawkins, of Clinton, Ont., who graduated from an R.C.A.F. school recently, is a brother of Sgt. Hugh Hawkins, instructor in metal work at the Canadian Army Trades school. A third member of the family, Madeline Hawkins, is on active service as an airwoman in the women's branch, R.C.A.F.

The following item appears in this month's issue of the Sky Line, official publication of the Brantford Flying Training school, R.C.A.F.:

By one of those "once in a lifetime" coincidence, five men who grew up together have met again at No. 5. One is the officer commanding the other four.

As is the rule on all R.C.A.F. stations, the new group of students was paraded before the officer commanding the squadron and the officers commanding the flights to which they would be assigned. Flight-Lieut. J. L. Kennedy, "F" flight, was watching the fledgling pilots enter the office of the officer commanding No. 2 squadron, Squadron Leader G. V. Priestley, when he was delighted to see his former buddy report. A moment later another entered the room, to be followed by a third and a fourth. All lived in the twin cities of Fort William and Port Arthur.

The students were all posted to "F" flight and two of them, L.A.C. R. L. Murphy, 25, and L.A.C. W. C. J. Gough, 24, are instructed by the flight lieutenant. The others are L.A.C. J. W. Phillips, 21, and L.A.C. E. E. Edwards, 20. L.A.C. Edwards is the only one from Port Arthur; the others hail from Fort William.

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