

Greatest Aerial Raids World Has Ever Seen Are Now in Prospect

'You Will Arrive in
Time to Take Part,'
Crumlin Graduates Told

London, Ont., July 31 (CP).—They would arrive in England in time to participate in the "greatest aerial raids the world has ever seen," Air Vice-Marshal G. O. Johnson, M.C., officer commanding No. 1 Training Command, R.C.A.F., told the first graduating class of air navigators from No. 4 Air Observers School at Crumlin this afternoon.

Only recently made air officer commanding No. 1 Training Command, Air Vice-Marshal Johnson was officiating for the first time at such a ceremony since his new appointment.

Only Canadians in the graduating class were D. A. Rix of Wetaskiwin Alta., and G. F. Sendal, Wellington Street London. The rest were all British lads.

The graduation marked the first time that air navigators have been turned out at No. 4 A.O.S. Formerly student observers received elementary training in navigation and bombing at Crumlin, and were then posted to a bombing and gunnery school, and still later to an advanced navigation school before going on to active service.

"When you began your training, many of you thought you were going to be air observers—and so did we," said Air Marshal Johnson. "But the trend of the war and the development of new inventions—even during your period of training—have changed the old scheme.

"We are preparing for many more Cognés, Hamburgs and Lubecks. These demand large aircraft with tons of bombs, and large aircraft allow for larger crews, and larger crews have brought about the division of bombing and navigating duties between air bombers and air navigators.

At operational training units, said Air Vice-Marshal Johnson, "you will be introduced to secret devices, which are being used in operations today, devices which will amaze you and about which we are not permitted to talk.

"The Nazi would give his eye teeth for them. When you see these secret instruments and how they operate, and what a fulltime job it is to watch them from the navigator's desk, you will fully understand why bombing and navigation duties have been divided between two members of the bomber crew."

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