

Air Cadet League Numbers Climbing

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 1.—(CP) — Air Commodore G. E. Brookes, officer commanding No. 1 training command of the Royal Canadian Air Force, said last night that the team-work learned on the school playgrounds of Canada "is worth a great deal more than the 'must-work' learned on a Hun drill ground."

The air commodore told the Air Cadet league at a meeting that the role of air cadets in the war is "vitally important" and that the training they receive as cadets will enable them to join the R.C.A.F. with "a great part of your basic training completed."

"I say to you who are entering into manhood—it is to be earnestly hoped that you will be able to test and use your wings in a peaceful cause," he added. "But, if by that time the Nazi has not been brought to his knees, then you will be ready to take the places of your fathers and your brothers so that ultimately the cause of freedom shall triumph."

Ranks of the air cadets in Canada already number nearly 6,000. When applications now being dealt with were accepted air cadets will number more than 14,000.

Air Commodore Brookes noted that the league is patterned after the original Air Defence Corps of Great Britain, now called the Air Training Corps and under supervision of the air ministry.

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