

CANADA TRAINS N.A.T.O. PILOTS:

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At Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Canada makes a valuable contribution to NATO's strength by training hundreds of pilots and navigators from nine nations. Belgium, France, Italy, Norway, Turkey, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Denmark and Portugal - all have sent officers for training in the Canadian West. Classroom instruction includes the subject of ejection-seat apparatus.

Flying-on-the-ground is provided by the T-33 Link Trainer. Pilots brush up on their cockpit drill before taking the air in the plane itself, the T-33 Silver Star. Now for the real thing. Trainee pilots go out onto the runway where the Silver Stars are waiting.

At speeds around the five hundred mile an hour mark, pilots receive instruction in high-altitude, cross-country and formation flying; plus of course, air interception, VHF homings and fighter tactics.

Then comes the great day the trainees have worked for. A parade is held for the official presentation of wings. The Commanding Officer awards a French pilot with a coveted insignia.

Now a Canadian receives his wings. By living, working and flying together, Canada's guests contribute to the firm alliance of the NATO countries.