

Farewell Message

From Group Captain H.J. Pringle A.F.C.

IT IS WITH GENUINE REGRET that I have to say goodbye to so many good friends at Penhold. I had not thought it would be my lot to write a farewell message until the final number of the Penhold "Log," but such is the fate of us who serve in the Forces: we must be ready to move at any time and to anywhere when the call of duty comes.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with you all in No. 36 S.F.T.S., and I wish now to express my true appreciation of and gratitude for the loyalty and co-operation which have been given to me throughout my tour of duty as your Commanding Officer. I am truly sorry that this tour has come to such an abrupt ending.

I think I can say without fear or favour and without danger of boasting, that Penhold has been a happy Station generally, which is proof positive of the existence of a fine team spirit that has made for smooth and harmonious running between the various Sections, in which each and every one has pulled his weight with honest and cheerful goodwill.

The present war situation is, happily, so favourable for the Allied Nations now that the task assigned to No. 36 S.F.T.S. is considered to be almost completed. Soon you will be either returning to the land whence you came, or turning to fresh fields for conquest. It is my sorrow that I cannot remain with you till the end when I am confident that it will be possible and true to say that the job has been well done. For this last satisfaction I thank you, and I take this opportunity of wishing you one and all the very best of good luck and God Speed.