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#10 Air Observer School Chatham, New Brunswick

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1-8-41 All of Staff comfortably settled into new offices. Telephones now set up in most of the offices so that our routine is working smoother. Another rain, but much road work has been done since the last downpour so it is expected that mud will not slow progress about the Station. It is now possible to wear rubbers in place of cumbersome rubber boots. Twenty trainees up for flight to-day.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
7	38	42	NIL	1

2-8-41 Two flights washed out for trainees due to inclement weather. Sergeant Hilton of No. 3 T.C. reported on Temporary Duty for the day relative to aircraft inspection. LAC Noseworthy recalled to Command from Temporary Duty as M.T. Driver at this Station leaving us driverless.

3-8-41 Two flights again washed out due to rainy weather. Civilian Company looking after mail and routine runs until M.T. Driver replacement arrives.

4-8-41 Flying Officer Dearway and Flying Officer McKenzie, Trade Test Officers from Command reported at 1305 hours to arrange for holding of Tests.

5-8-41 Trade Tests conducted at 0930 hours for Administration - one Sergeant and Photographers - four. Mr. Morris of the Canadian War Services called at 1000 hours. Flying Officer Punnett, Flying Officer Roat, and Flying Officer Armour arrived on Ferry Flight at 1500 hours, leaving shortly after for Newcastle to proceed back to Montreal. Weather continued cold flights were conducted so that all trainees were in the air. LAC Dunning - Armourer - reported for duty. First Officers' Mess Meeting held - Flying Officer Sumner, elected President, Flying Officer Clarke, Secretary and Flying Officer Thompson, Bar Officer.

6-8-41 Weather still cold. Flights for all trainees again held. Cpl. Ferland returned from Hospital to Orderly Room.

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7-8-41 Flight Lieutenant A.P.M. from Command visited this Station. Splendid reports from Local and R.C.M.P. were given as to behaviour of airmen at Newcastle and Chatham. Flights for all Trainees held. Flight Lieutenant Doyle reported for duty as Station Medical Officer.

8-8-41 Fifteen Security Guard left for Victoriaville under charge of Cpl. Atkinson. These guards replaced by fifteen new guards from Montreal. Regular training flights held.

9-8-41 Rain washed out flying.

10-8-41 The Red Cross of Newcastle entertained twenty-five airmen at a Beach Party at Oak Point. Civilian Company provided transportation. Programme consisted of supper and returning to Newcastle for a Movie "It's In The Air" - soft drinks being provided at the show. Due to train trouble, mail late in arriving Saturday night.

11-8-41 Squadron Leader Hamel visited Station on Chaplain Duties, holding a meeting with Roman Catholic personnel at Noon. Mr. Logan of C.N. Telegraphs called to discuss means of improving telegraph services. Flying again resumed.

12-8-41 Corporal Bell and AC.1 Beaton - Security Guard, posted from this Station to Pennfield Ridge.

13-8-41 Colder to-day. Flights up to-day. Flying Officer Childerhose reported for duty as Instructor. Flying Officer Foulkes arrived to arrange handing over Security Guard. Flight Lieutenant Caldbick, Medical Officer posted to No. 5 Equipment Depot, Moncton, from this Station.

14-8-41 Flight up to-day. Flying Officer Wilson new Instructor reported for duty. Considerable interest shown on Station concerning speech of Mr. Atlee about meeting between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt. Two Armament airmen arrived to-day.

15-8-41 No flights up to-day.

16-8-41 Inclement weather, no flights.

17-8-41 Forty-two New Zealand Trainees arrived at about 1000 hours, Newcastle. They were immediately confined to Camp due to suspected case of German Measles at Halifax before leaving there.

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18-8-41 Forty Canadian Trainees spent afternoon at the Miramichi Golf Club.

19-8-41 Posting of M.T, Driver to this Station, cancelled.

20-8-41 Flights resumed to-day. Sergeant Swaine of Orderly Room posted to No. 4 B. & G. School, Fingal, Ontario.

21-8-41 Bad weather - no flights. Flying Officer Armstrong arrived Special Documents from Command, Flight Lieutenant Archer reported on Photographic work.

21-8-41 Flights up. Sergeant Hendry reporting for duty in Orderly Room. M.T. Driver - LAC Mason reported.

22-8-41 Flights up again to-day. Five General Duty men arrived to-day.

23-8-41 Sergeant Lavoie taking duties of W.O.II James on 48 hour Pass, and doing excellent work.

24-8-41 Station routine. One T.C.B. plane landed at Station and reported to No. 21 E.F.T.S.

25-8-41 Wing Commander Eward reported from No. 8 S.F.T.S. on Medical Duties. Flights up, weather poor.

26-8-41 Flying washed out rainy weather.

27-8-41 Flying resumed.

28-8-41 Flying continued. Weather windy and cold. All being glad to have blue uniforms on.

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28-8-41 Rev. Mr. McIntosh, prespective padre visited Station, showing much interest in the work. Pay Parade at 1830 hours.

29-8-41 Flying. Four Trainees discontinued Course.

30-8-41 Flying. G.D. men proving useful in varied jobs.

31-8-41 New Trainees arrived during the day.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
9	28	104	NIL	1

No planes on charge, Civilian
Company have 16 Ansons.
Total number of hours flown
during month: 877.30

W.B. Davis F/O
for (W. H. Stapley) Squadron Leader,
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 Air Observers School,
Chatham, N.B.

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STRENGTH :

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9	28	104	NIL	1

1-9-41 Heavy rain with mud on the increase. Consequent on the weather no flying. New class of 20, Course number 32, introduced to the School with Medical Parade, Equipment issues, familiarization of aircraft and consulting Padre. LAC Dunning W.J.A. appointed acting Corporal. Course number 29, LAC's Cantwell, Coffin, Mullarkey and Robinson, Air Observers, S.O.S.. and posted to Composite Training School, Trenton. Corporal Reynolds of Orderly Office went on leave. Squadron Leader Binnie visited station. W.O 1 Workman, W.H. reported temporary duty to assist Civilian Company stores in-re-arranging their set-up under a new man. - movies at Y.M.C.A. "There Goes That Woman" with short subjects.

2-9-41 Although windy flying took place. As no heat in barracks and G.I.S. Building personnel minded the cold weather of to-day. F/O Root with two flight sergeants brought another plane for civilian company then hurried to get back to Montreal in the usual manner of Ferry Pilots arriving here - it may be the mud that looks so uninviting.

3-9-41 Sun shining and warmer to-day - Most welcomed bit of weather. Flying continued. The New Zealand lads were more than pleased to receive first pay as were the five G.D. men. Pay parade for them held at 1300 hours. Dental Officer Lieut. J.A. MacDonald and an assistant reported for duty. As we have no dental clinic, we will have to find temporary quarters for them. Two more armourers arrived and taken on strength. Dental Officer and Corporal also arrived.

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4-9-41 The day looks promising from a weather point of view. Some planes are already up. Difficulty in finding a place for Dental clinic, finally set up in canteen. Four new instructors arrived namely P/O Mahood, P/O Jenks, P/O Robertson, P/O Atchison. W.O. 11 Yates also here to inspect electrical system.

5-9-41 No trainees flying to-day - low ceiling.

6-9-41 No flying to-day - rainy and plenty of mud.

7-9-41 F/O Wilson, F/O Clarke, F/O Davis proceeded to Moncton on Temporary Duty - Court-Martial at No. 5 S.F.T.S. under instruction. Flying to-day.

8-9-41 F/L Forbes assumes temporary Command of School while S/L Stapley on leave. Also flights up and night flying tried by civilian pilots. F/O Penny reported for duty as Medical Officer.

9-9-41 Flying, fine day; LAC Ramsay accosted being A.W.L. from Yarmouth, N.S., matter reported by wire, and were instructed to send him to Yarmouth. Won baseball game over 21 E.F.T.S.

10-9-41 Flying. Clothing parade held to issue winter flying suits to New Zealand trainees. Wing Commander Goodman visiting station.

11-9-41 P/O Ashley arrived in Anson 2559 for purpose of taking W/C Goodman to Pennfield Ridge but due to low ceiling was unable to take off at once. Identity discs issued to N.Z. airmen. W/C Goodman gave some instructions on how to amend secret codes to Adjutant. Weather seems to be breaking and flying probably in p.m. Cleared weather p.m. W/C Goodman left and flying after dinner. Pay parade at 1900 hours. F/Lt. J.I.R. Braults reported on temporary posting as M.O. at 1730 hours.

12-9-41 Clear weather with flying carried on. Cold in the mornings. Some of the planes are now being kept in one of the hangars which helps in keeping repairs up to date.

13-9-41 The day dawned cold but the sun has made it more pleasant. Flying weather good again to-day. New security guards arrived this morning and old guard left in p.m. for Victoriaville. Officers held their first party in their mess inviting their wives and lady friends.

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14-9-41 Quiet day; same flying carried out. Twenty new trainees arrived during the day. Special dinner held in Sergeants' Mess on the occasion of Sergeant Major James' birthday.

15-9-41 Rainy - no flying. At supper time F/L's Archer and MacDonald arrived from Command on Photography work. They spent the evening with the Photographic Section leaving on the midnight train for Quebec. F/O Ashley arrived about 1845 hours with Anson plane for the Civilian Company, spent the night here. Major J.R. Dickie, RCA, visited station.

16-9-41 Although parade ground not paved as yet the dirt has been rolled, so that morning drill was for the first time conducted on the parade ground. Overcast to-day but cleared in evening so that night flying was carried out.

17-9-41 Heavy rain to-day - no flying. Y.M.C.A. movies in evening.

18-9-41 Flying carried out. Copies of Secrecy Order distributed to airmen at morning parade. Hot water and heating off in officers' mess.

19-9-41 Flying.

20-9-41 Flying.

21-9-41 A real fine Sunday permitting flying in morning and afternoon. TCA plane landed at 1650 hours and took off at 1700 hours - on familiarization flight Moncton to Chatham and return. Find considerable difficulty with keeping check on men in and out at Guard House of No. 21 E.F.T.S., this will be better controlled when our guard house completed.

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22-9-41 Another fine day ahead of us with flying already in operation. Inoculation Parade held for Officers and staff with 100% turn out. Muster parade for all personnel held at 0800 hours. The Parade ground is undergoing repair with some topping already on. The day being rainless gave the contractors a good opportunity to pave roads.

23-9-41 Overcast with possibility of clearing - although doubtful. Weather cleared with flying carried out - also night flying. F/L Warren reported from Command on C.G.I. Inspection. F/L Braults, M.O. was called at supper time to attend a civilian automobile accident on Highway near the School. Clipping from Saint John Telegraph is attached.

24-9-41 F/L Doyle, M.O. reported back from leave and F/L Braults, M.O. left by plane for Summerside. Special flight to Summerside and Pennfield Ridge for purpose of taking photographs. P/O M.J. Brian landed from Summerside with a Harvard Plane. Night flying carried on in evening. Six ceased training, Air Observers left for Trenton.

25-9-41 Clear day - Flying exercises carried out.

26-9-41 Flying.

27-9-41 Flying, having excellent weather. The following promotions affecting this School were announced. F/O Wilson, and F/O Sumner to Flight Lieutenants, and Pilot Officers Jenks, Atchison, Robertson and Mahood to Flying Officers.

28-9-41 Weather man again good to us, more flying. Course 35 arrived to-day.

29-9-41 Although a heavy rain during the night, weather again clear for flying. Course 35 started to-day.

30-9-41 Cold in the morning. F/O Sangster and F/O Masson of the Mobile Recruiting Unit, Moncton called.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
14	34	138	2	1

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Planes here on charge of
Civilian Company. 20 Anson
Total number of hours flown during the month 1391.05

(W.H. Stapley) Squadron Leader,
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 Air Observers School,
Chatham, N.B.

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STRENGTH:

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14	34	138	2	1

1-10-41 AC2 Morrisette informed the Service Police that he had seen in Newcastle, an airman he knew wearing plain clothes. Acting on this information the airman was taken into custody and found to be A.W.L. from No. 8 S.F.T.S. Moncton.

2-10-41 Called No. 8 S.F.T.S. and instructed by them to forward above mentioned airman under escort to Moncton. Flying to day.

3-10-41 Nice flying weather to-day. Lieut. Churchill, R.C.A. of Tracadie visited station. First Officers' Mess dinner held, and very enjoyable evening spent. Talent from Chatham gave an informal concert in the Y.M.C.A. for the airmen. Mr. A. Loomer arrived to take over duties of assistant metoerologist. The evening was clear and moonlit so that several planes carried out night flying.

4-10-41 F/O Morley Childerhose married at United Church, Douglastown by part-time Padre Rev. Mr. MacIntosh. F/L R.H. Wilson gave the bride away much against his wishes, F/O Thompson acted as best man. Following the wedding a reception held in the Officers' Mess followed by a buffet supper. F/L Forbes, Chief Instructor proposed a toast to the bride. F/O Mathison arrived by plane on fire inspection duties. S/L Walker arrived by plane from Charlottetown on Training matters.

5-10-41 S/L Walker, F/L Forbes held a meeting relating to Training.

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6-10-41 Rainy again. Two trainees ceased training and posted to Trenton.

7-10-41 Weather overcast - no flying. F/L Campbell from Command arrived on W/T business.

8-10-41 Group Captain Isett arrived by plane at 1400 hours from Halifax, Pilot F/O White, interviews were held with S/L Stapley, C.S.O. and some of the N.Z. Trainees.

9-10-41 Graduation banquet held for Course 29 in airmens' mess at this station. The supper was followed by toasts and a sing song led by Sergeant Major James. The Instructors and Meteorologists were present as guests.

10-10-41 F/O MacRitchie reported for duty as armament officer. Two airmen additional for Meteorology staff arrived. LAC Sanders NZ trainee ceased training and posted to K.T.S. Trenton, Course 29 trainees left for Fingal.

11-10-41 Our first secret cypher message arrived and after a wrestling match all afternoon was finally solved.

12-10-41 First Church Parade held to Chatham in conjunction with 21 E.F.T.S. F/L Wilson acted as O i/c Parade, F/O Davis, adjutant, F/O Chaddock, first flight, F/O Jenks second flight, F/L Doyle third flight; supernumerary - F/O Fraser, F/O Atchison, and Lieutenant MacDonald (Dental Officer). The three flights went to the following Churches respectively Church of England, United Church and Roman Catholic Church. Station reverted to Atlantic Standard Time.

13-10-41 Course 35 commenced training

14-10-41 Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command visited and inspected station. Trade Test Officer started trade tests. Plane lost its position and successfully guided in through the help of radio after darkness had fallen.

15-10-41 Trade Tests continued. F/O Mahood, S.O.S. on posting to No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man. QUARTERLY Mess Meeting held the, the following officers elected: P.M.C. F/L Wilson Secretary, F/O Jenks; Bar Officer, F/O Robertson. A practise Fire Alarm held at 1830 hours.

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16-10-41 Nine Ansons in formation arrived from No. 8 S.F.T.S. Moncton and left at 1400 hours on return flight.

17-10-41 NIL

18-10-41 NIL

19-10-41 A lovely Sunday clear and fine - no church parade as Padre not well

20-10-41 F/O Morton started duties as navigation instructor on reporting from No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg. F/L Wilson on Orderly Office held inspection at night, called down a man for having his lights on after lights out only to find he was in the civilian barracks.

21-10-41 S/L Stapley returned to office after having been in sick quarters with a cold.

22-10-41 Special flight arrange for purpose of taking photographs at Mont Joli but due to poor visibility was unable to carry out the taking of photographs. Sergeant Sabourin (Tractor Operator "B") here on temporary duty, left for Mont Joli by rail - a wire later directed him to another point.

23-10-41 During the evening which was windy and rainy the lights went out in Chatham and at both stations here for about an hour. All which goes to show how easily sabotage could be committed by control of the main power plant lighting an aerodrome.

24-10-41 S/L Shaw and P/O Birdsall (RAF) visited station.

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25-10-41 Two trainees ceased training posted to K.T.S. Trenton. LAC Melville did not want 10 days leave, as he wanted to get one with A/G training.

26-10-41 The last Security Guard left the station and guarding taken over by Civilian Company. This group of Security Guard proved to be among the best and most efficient guard posted to this station.

27-10-41 Course 36 commenced training - 26 trainees. It is noted that some of our former Security Guard returned to 21 E.F.T.S. as trainee pilots.

28-10-41 Rainy most of day.

29-10-41 Time passes quickly when everyone is busy.

30-10-41 First snow fall - quite a novelty to N.Z. trainees - the first time most of them had seen snow.

31-10-41 Special lecture by C.O. on duties of officers at weekly station parade.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	
15	36	163	0	2	There are 20 Ansons on charge of Civilian Company.

Addenda to Daily Diary - October 1941
No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

Total flying time for the month of October - 1495.50 hours.

W.H. Stapley, Squadron Leader
Chief Supervisory Officer
No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.

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<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
15	36	163	0	2

1-11-41 First Station Parade held with F/L Forbes acting C.O. Although cold the parade went off satisfactorily. No flying in the morning.

2-11-41 Quiet - rainy - no flying,

3-11-41 Mess dinner in honor of F/L Sumner who is soon to leave for I.T.S. at Belleville. Captain Bibby, Manager of the Civilian Company was a guest. An evening of bridge was enjoyed following the dinner.

4-11-41 Rumor hasit that a baby daughter arrived at the Sumner household - both parents doing nicely. Suggested name for Child RETA (Right Estimated Time of Arrival) Graduation banquet held by Course 31 largely R.N.Z.A.F. in Airmens' Mess. The guests included S/L Stapley; Officers, Civilian Pilots and Civilian Company representatives. A well arranged toast-list was carried out. Following the banquet the airmen went to a dance in Chatham.

5-11-41 Four ceased training Air Observers, left to-day. Orderly Room busy getting documents checked for Course 31 Graduates. .

6-11-41 Course 31 left Station at 1600 hours. Also 2 N.Z. ceased training students. The attitude of N.Z. ceased training is different in that they take the view they have a job to do whereas R.C.A.F. trainees (ceased training) consider themselves failures.

7-11-41 NIL

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8-11-41 C.O.'s parade at 1045 hours, with inspection. Four Harvards landed this station, 3 from Summerside one from Pennfield Ridge.

9-11-41 New trainees arriving during the day.

10-11-41 Course 37 commenced training.

11-11-41 Three minutes silence observed by R.C.A.F. Personnel. LAC Mossington sounded last post. No other interruption in daily schedule made.

12-11-41 Snow again to-day. Special meeting of Instructors held at 1800 hours to discuss training matters - P/O Denton reported for duty as new instructor. Twenty airmen attended Graduation dance of the Nurses at Newcastle Hospital.

13-11-41 P/O Kennedy reported for duty as Navigation Instructor.

14-11-41 Two planes with observers on Exercises forced to land at Summerside and Moncton due to weather conditions.

15-11-41 M.T. assigned to take two pilots from Charlottetown, who arrived here by plane, to Campbellton to see about getting a grounded plane up. On return trip M.T. had a slight accident. F/O Henderson arrived by plane to attend Board of Officers for purpose of taking over water and sewage system. The Board comprised the following officers:- President; S/L W.H. Stapley. F/L P.E. Doyle; F/O W.B. Davis and F/O S.F. Henderson, in attendance Mr. Eric Melanson.

The Officers held an informal dance in their Mess. F/L Sumner left for No. 5 I.T.S. Belleville on transfer.

16-11-41 NIL.

17-11-41 F/L Stapley left for Moncton to have an operation, F/L Wilson acting as temporary C.S.O. F/L Forbes left for short course at 31 A.N.S., Port Albert, Ontario.

18-11-41 Regular flying carried out. Final exams Course 32A.

19-11-41 Hailing this morning, so flying will be cut out. S/L Oliver, Chaplain from Command visiting station. F/O Sherer and F/O Pritchard also visited station.

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20-11-41 F/O Slinger from Eastern Air Command on Aircraft Detection work visited station and spent the night here after working in the vicinity. Anson landed here during evening from Charlottetown.

21-11-41 Charlottetown plane reported lost. Instructions from Charlottetown to conduct search during afternoon, Seventeen planes from this school participated in search without success. During night flight, one of our planes forced to land at Blissville, N.B. F/L MacCallum, A.P.M. arrived at station during evening. First air bombing practice conducted with photo flash bulbs.

22-11-41 Search continued during afternoon until dusk. Charlottetown reported sighting what believed the part of wreckage.

23-11-41 First class to graduate from here went to Pennfield - all Sgt. Observers. Two planes in from Charlottetown. Fire in No. 1 Hangar during night. N.C.O.'s did highly commendable work in getting fire out. No damage done.

24-11-41 No. 21 E.F.T.S. quarantined for measles. Consequently it was necessary to get lanterns and a stove in our guard house and open our gate. Class 38 commenced training. Colonel Climo, Dental Officer called at the station and in to arrange for another Dental Officer to be sent to this station.

25-11-41 Flying during day and evening.

26-11-41 F/L Wilson relinquished Temporary Command in favor of F/L Forbes. Capt. J.D. Brown and Sergeant Blyth - it just would not be Capt, Blyth and Sgt. Brown.- reported for Dental duties and set up shop in wash room at Barracks - since Dental Clinic has no heat in it.

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27-11-41 F/L Phillips, personnel officer, No. 3 T.C. visited station. He was more than busy dealing with numerous personnel problems.

28-11-41 NIL

29-11-41 More flurries - no flying.

30-11-41 Five G.D.'s for Armament Section reported for duty.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	There are
16	45	160	0	2	20 Ansons on charge of Civilian Company.

Total flying time: 1685:40

W.H. Stapley, Squadron Leader
Chief Supervisory Officer
No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.

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1-12-41 STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
16	45	160	0	2

Flying. Several officers and men attended St. Andrew's Day Dinner at Newcastle.

2-12-41 NIL.

3-12-41 NIL.

4-12-41 S/L Stapley returned from sick leave to take over command. Our first case of awarding a penalty of detention took place today. F/L Petrie. navigation Officer, visiting from Command.

5-12-41 Twenty-eight much needed overcoats arrived. Expect to resume parades in the morning.

6-12-41 Regular weekly routine carried out during cay with classes held in afternoon and week-end passes granted.

7-12-41 Regular week-day routine carried out. Hostilities between Japan and U.S. commenced, causing considerable discussion about the School.

8-12-41 LAC Ellis A.W.L. since 10-11-41 returned to Station today.

9-12-41 S/L Walker from Command on temporary duty. P/O Dickson reported for duty as instructor. Mess Meeting and dinner. Officers elected for the coming quarter - President: F/L Doyle, Secretary; F/O Morton, Assistant Secretary; F/O Childerhose, Bar Officer P/O Kennedy. The guests at dinner were Capt. Bibby, Mr. Scott, Mr. Creaghan of the civilian company, and

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9-12-41 S/L Walker from Command. Toast was given in honor of F/L Macintosh and F/O Atchison, who are being transferred.

10-12-41 Small fire in closet of barrack block - quickly extinguished. F/L Acker and F/O Walch arrived from Summerside.

11-12-41 G/C Boothman, S/L Colpitts visited station, arriving by air at 1000 hours.

12-12-41 F/O Ashley arrived with another Anson for the civilian company.

13-12-41 Six Air Observers ceased training. Regular full time schedule being carried out.

14-12-41 Regular routine in force. Heavy snow falling outside. Roads on station very much blocked by supertime.

15-12-41 Roads cleared by 0800 hours and two of the runways. F/O Burns (Armament) and F/O Goodenough (W&B) reported on temporary duty.

16-12-41 S/L Stapley, F/L Forbes, F/O Thompson left for Moncton to attend Courts Martial at No. 8 S.F.T.S. F/L Borthwick arrived for Board of Officers. F/L Wilson assumed temporary command in absence of S/L Stapley. Course 33 held graduation banquet in Civilian Pilots' Mess.

17-12-41 F/L Forbes returned from Court Martial, Moncton.

18-12-41 Board of Officers for taking over buildings under Ambrose Wheeler Co. contract completed. F/L Borthwick returned to Montreal.

19-12-41 N.C.O.'s held enjoyable Christmas party in their Mess.

20-12-41 Regular routine carried on

21-12-41 F/O Penny left for No. 2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, on transfer.

22-12-41 Course No. 40 commenced training. The first all RAF class at this School.

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23-12-41 A busy time getting men away for Xmas and arranging dinners for those going out to Chatham and Newcastle.

24-12-41 Fairly quiet. Lectures going on as usual.

25-12-41 Officers and N.C.O.'s served Xmas dinner to airmen. Dinner followed by sing-song and Xmas Carols. Rainy most of day.

26-12-41 Rain and snow frozen, making runways unserviceable. P/O Donohue reported for duty.

27-12-41 Snowy - no flying. Several N.Z. trainee graduates visited station. They are now Sergeant Observers continuing course at Pennfield Ridge.

28-12-41 Two exercises carried out in flying today.

29-12-41 All classes starting schedule again.

30-12-41 New Year Leave started. Mr. Davis away on New Year and Annual Leave. Plane accident - 3 Ansons damaged in night flying.

31-12-41 Quiet day. Plane accident - Anson damaged.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
18	46	153	0	2

Total flying time: 1091 Hours. No. Of Aircraft on Charge of Civilian Company : 27

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W.H. Stapley, Squadron Leader
Chief Supervisory Officer
No. 10 Air Observer School
Chatham, N.B.

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1-1-42 STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
18	46	153	0	2

New Year's Day - quiet, no flying. Open house at Officers' Mess 1500 to 1800 hrs.

2-1-42 Raining - no flying. Course No. 34 checked out, 5 Mountain View, 5 Fingal, 5 Jarvis, 5 Mont Joli (Checking out tomorrow)

3-1-42 Course No. 34 checked out. Quite busy all day getting course away. Quiet gathering in Officers' Mess, Flying in afternoon and night.

4-1-42 Course No. 41 reported - 2 men missing. Good weather, flying morning and afternoon.

5-1-42 About 8" of snow during night. Personnel reported back from New Year's leave. Several late were given extra duty watch by C.S.O. Only one runway clear.

6-1-42 Cloudy. No flying today. Lectures all day.

7-1-42 Flying all day. W.O. Pook from # 3 T.C. re Modifications. Made tour of inspection with C.S.O.

8-1-42 Very cold. A.O.C. visited here today. Arrived 1030 hours, had lunch. Visited #21 after lunch. Left about 1600 hours.

9-1-42 Continuing cold. Quiet today.

10-1-42 Clear and cold. Flying all day. Quiet otherwise.

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11-1-42 Day started clear and cold. Flying A.M. & P.M.. Washed out at night 2000 hours. Report from Charlottetown 3 Ansons missing. One landed Moncton, one Summerside and one made forced crash landing at Richibucto, N.B. Pilot and 3 airmen brought here. Posted guards on plane.

12-1-42 Notified 0900 hours plane was missing from Summerside, but located this morning, no further particulars. F/O Burns here from H.Q. to inspect Bombing Range.

13-1-42 Quiet today. Notification of posting S/L Stapley to H.Q. Ottawa, F/O Clarke to Rivers.

14-1-42 Warm front approaching. Flying washed out in afternoon and night.

15-1-42 Class No. 35 checking out today. Busy getting out warrants and clearances.

16-1-42 Quiet day. Flying all day.

17-1-42 Quiet day. Flying all day, also night flying.

18-1-42 Flying exercises.

19-1-42 Flying exercises. Practise fire drill held. P/O Erly reported for duty as Navigation Instructor.

20-1-42 No flying due to heavy snow-fall during early hours of morning, Snow removal equipment working on runways.

21-1-42 Flying resumed. Personnel of both schools enjoyed an evening of basketball at St. Thomas University.

22-1-42 New Dental Officer and Assistant started work today.

23-1-42 Series of accidents at No. 21 E.F.T.S., one fatal - causing some concern at this School. F/L Tribe visited Station on official business.

24-1-42 Anson 6383 arrived with officers for Court of Inquiry at #21 E.F.T.S.

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25-1-42 Flying carried on.

26-1-42 Flying. F/O D.P. Thompson made F/L.

27-1-42 Flying.

28-1-42 Reported that plane down in flames at Douglastown. On investigation proved to be a brush fire.

29-1-42 Directors of the civilian company gave a farewell banquet to S/L Stapley at the Officers' Mess in Newcastle. The Officers of No. 10 A.O.S. were among the invited guests.

30-1-42 S/L Davis here on equipment matters.

31-1-42 F/L Wilson married to Miss McTavish of Newcastle. Captain McDonald of No. 8 S.F.T.S. Moncton, former Dental Officer here, visited Station. Two night flights tonight in an effort to obtain a record for flying time at the School. Record reached for monthly flying.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
18	46	151	2	2

Total Flying Time : 1867:40 hours. No. of aircraft on charge to civilian Company: 27

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1-2-42 STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
18	46	151	2	2

Storm blowing up this morning - abated in the afternoon. F/L MacMurtrie, our new C.S.O., arrived on Station this afternoon.

2-2-42 Nil.

3-2-42 S/L Hamel, padre, and S/L Davis, Equipment, reported at this Station at 1520 hours. Discussion at noon today as to physical condition of men. The M.O, and Dental Officer both felt that tonsils and teeth of the R.A.F. men were the poorest of trainees at No. 10 A.O.S., while these points were in better condition among the R.N.Z.A.F. trainees.

4-2-42 Course 43 arrived from N.Z. via Halifax at about 0330 hours. F/L Wilson absent, sick, confined to home. Mess Dinner as farewell to S/L Stapley, C.S.O., F/L Forbes, C.I., and

welcome to F/L McMurtrie, new C.S.O.

5-2-42 Cold.

6-2-42 Regular flying exercises.

7-2-42 Lovely weather. N.Z. trainees again produce numerous pound notes for exchanging, P/O Waller graduate of this School, made a visit while on embarkation leave.

8-2-42 Snow in morning, turning into rain later in the day.

9-2-42 F/L J. Gellner (J2822) and F/O J.F. Henderson (C8314) visited Station.

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10-2-42 F/L J. Gellner lectured to trainees. F/L McMurtrie promoted to S/L.

11-2-42 Three Harvards landed here.

12-2-42 F/L Palmer visiting Station on Security Guard matters. Letter received by C.S.O. - addressed "The Fair Port of Chatham" - Contents: "Dear Sir - Would like to bye a real good Bull dog good watch dog to, not crazy only at night about 3 or four years old apply to Mr. Albert Boudreau, Douglastown".

13-2-42 Two Hudsons from Debert arrived at 1400 hours and stayed overnight. Five officers from these planes spent the night at our Mess. F/L Palmer departed for Mont Joli.

14-2-42 Capt. MacDonald, former Dental Officer, visited Station; also F/L Forbes, former Chief Instructor. F/L Berthier was here on official visit regarding Works & Buildings.

15-2-42 Beautiful weather - flying.

16-2-42 Course 44 commenced training - all R.A.F.

17-2-42 Heavy snowstorm during the day.

18-2-42 Aerodrome unserviceable until 1200 hours.

19-2-42 F/L Cowie, Medical, reported for duty;

20-2-42 First P.T. held on Parade Ground.

21-2-42 N I L.

22-2-42 N I L.

23-2-42 N I L.

24-2-42 P/O Nichol reported as Instructor.

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25-2-42 Serious accident between M.T. and snowplow of N.B. Dept. of Highways. F/L Cooper here on Navigation visit.

26-2-42 No Flying - snowing.

27-2-42 Snowed during night, turned soft towards evening. No flying anticipated. F/O MacQueen visited Station on Armament business.

28-2-42 Flying in progress

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
19	4	152	0	2

Total Flying Time:
1597:35 hours

No. of aircraft on charge of Civilian Company:
27 Avro Ansons.

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1-3-42 STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
19	44	152	0	2

Course 45 arrived today. Flying all day and night exercises.

2-3-42 Course 45 commenced training - all R.A.F. Flying today.

3-3-42 Mr. Baker of Canadian Legion War Services visited Station. Flying, but snow storm came up about 1600 hours. Rained during night.

4-3-42 Parade ground unfit for drill - slushy. P/O Hawken reported as Instructor.

5-3-42 Parade ground frozen so men were not drilled - inspection only.

6-3-42 Heavy snow fall during evening. Graduation banquet for Course 39 held at Newcastle and Chatham.

7-3-42 Storm blocked roads and out off electric power. Many of personnel storm-staid in Newcastle. No heat until supper time. Extra big fire in Officers' Mess fireplace caused slight fire last evening.

8-3-42 Flying exercises carried out.

9-3-42 S/L Shaw (Arm) and F/L Dearaway arrived at Station on Temporary Duty. Rainy - caused roads to be icy and treacherous for driving.

10-3-42 Trade Test Officer busy all day and most of evening on numerous tests. Mess meeting and election of Officers held. Newly appointed officers - President F/L Thompson; Secretary - F/O Childerhose; Assistant Secretary - P/O Erly; Bar Officer - P/O Dickson.

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11-3-42 Harvard from Moncton landed during day. Slight accident on runway at 1200 hours between two Ansons.

12-3-42 It was noted with interest in the Moncton paper that Sgt. Air Gunner Frank Elliot has graduated from Jarvis and arrived in England. Sgt. Elliot ceased training here as an Observer 18-12-41 and was recommended for training as an air gunner, having been a member of Course 33.

13-3-42 N I L.

14-3-42 N I L.

15-3-42 Flying exercises carried out.

16-3-42 F/L Brammall, N.Z. Liaison Officer visiting Station. Fine weather today caused much melting of snow - wet underfoot. Encouraging to see a bit of pavement sneaking up through the snow.

17-3-42 F/L Davis to Montreal on temporary duty. F/L Cowie, M.O., ceased T.D. with 10 A.O.S. Plane accident C crash. No one injured.

18-3-42 Flying carried out. LAC Morrissette charged with theft.

19-3-42 LAC Morrissette tried by C.O. on two charges. Given 14 days detention on each offence. Sent to #1 Wireless School, Montreal with escort. C.S.O. flying this afternoon.

20-3-42 Good weather - with snow melting fast. Graduation banquet for Course 40 held at

Airmen's Canteen.

21-3-42 S/L Oliver visited Station on Chaplain's duties.

22-3-42 Big snow storm in afternoon.

23-3-42 Local snow flurry in afternoon, making it difficult to locate airport from the air. Two reports of low flying over Newcastle and about a half hour later a plane from Pennfield Ridge reported down outside Newcastle. Guard sent to plane and party brought late into camp. No injuries. Several planes from this School landed at other airports.

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24-3-42 Still poor flying weather. Colonel Climo. C.D.C., visited station.

25-3-42 W/C Walker arrived on the Station by plane today.

26-3-42 The Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command visited Station. Course 40 left today on 48-hour leave, reporting at Mountain View after leave for continuation of course.

27-3-42 Five planes visited this airport - three Ansons and two Hudsons - the Hudsons staying over night.

28-3-42 Lovely fine day with flying in progress. The two Hudsons took off at 1345 hours.

29-3-42 Flying again today. Word received that LAC Ellis, A.W.L. accosted at St. John, N.B.

30-3-42 F/L McCallum, A.P.M., visiting Station.

31-3-42 F/L McCallum left today. F/L Noble arriving.

STRENGTH:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Personnel other than RCAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
21	42	160	2	2

Total Flying Time :
1834:40 hours

No. Of aircraft on charge of Civilian Company:
27 Avro Ansons MK I.

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1-4-42 F/L Nobel returned to Montreal to-day with F/L Archer, photographic officer who paid short visit to Station.

2-4-42 Forced landing of Anson 6730 near Chatham - no personnel injured. Pilot - civilian L.B. Stevenson, personnel 415073 LAC Mathias, G.A.; 415008 LAC O'Neill, J.S.; nose of fuselage and bombsight damaged.

3-4-42 Flying carried on all day - but no classes due to it being Good Friday.

4-4-42 Nice weather - flying.

5-4-42 Flying carried on.

6-4-42 Parade ground now cleared from snow and water - so morning parades commenced.

7-4-42 Reported that Anson 6631 not returned from navigation flight. Search being conducted all day. Next of kin of R.N.Z.A.F. personnel notified - two trainees. Pilot - civilian L. Berriman. Personnel - NZ413946 LAC McFarlane, C.R.H.; NZ415340 LAC McKinnon, H.S.

8-4-42 No report on missing aircraft - search carried on all day. Search carried on in search areas 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 with no success.

9-4-42 Mess Dinner in Officers' Mess very enjoyable - C.S.O. and Officers from 21 E.F.T.S. were guests.

10-4-42 Search for aircraft Anson 6631 discontinued - aircraft not found.

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11-4-42 Heavy snow storm arose around supper time and shortly after midnight roads were blocked.

12-4-42 Roads finally cleared between station and Newcastle about 1700 hours. Electricity off for a while in the morning. No flying possible during day.

13-4-42 Flying to-day. G/C Van Vliet, G/C Costello and W/C Clements paid brief visit to Station in the morning.

14-4-42 Court of Inquiry commenced into disappearance of Anson Aircraft. President Squadron Leader K. Petrie (RAF 39336); Members: F/L J.J.P.J.A. Brillon (C254), F/O Ledyarb (C4100)

15-4-42 Court of Inquiry in session. Revolver practice held for Officers.

16-4-42 Court of Inquiry still being held.

17-4-42 Lovely spring day - lots of snow should disappear to-day. Court of Inquiry completed.

18-4-42 W/C Sneath visited Station.

19-4-42 Rainy most of day.

20-4-42 Damp weather continuing.

21-4-42 Still rainy - no flying from this station. Hudson reported crashed at New Carlisle - 3 killed. Report from Sheriff at New Carlisle received by long distance telephone. Plane belonging to Ferry Command. Plane found in badly damaged condition, not inspected by this unit.

22-4-42 Nice weather - night flying carried on - Officers' Mess Meeting held.

23-4-42 More nice weather - Trade Test Officer here.

24-4-42 Much improvement noted in drill since snow has gone. Course 42 left to-day.

25-4-42 The weather is suspiciously good - one wonders when the next snow storm will come. Part of new course arrived to-day.

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26-4-42 Reports show that Service Men's Room in Chatham is being well patronized by Air-Force men from this School.

27-4-42 Good weather with flying.

28-4-42 Cold for morning parade.

29-4-42 Still a lightly cold in the mornings. A decided interest being taken in drill with C.A.P. 90 being called upon to settle many arguments in the Officers' and N.C.O.'s Mess.

30-4-42 One continues to be suspicious of the excellent weather - does it foreshadow a big snow storm or is it in payment for the rainy summer and mud of our opening months.

No. of Aircraft on charge of civilian company: 27 Avro Ansons, Mk I. One missing.

Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: Avro Anson Mk I.
One missing.

	<u>1-4-42</u>	<u>30-4-42</u>	
Officers	21	25	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	42	48	2,102:00
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	2	2	
Civilians	2	2	

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1-5-42 One Acting Sergeant Paid and one Acting Corporal Paid were appointed.

2-5-42 A Ventura plane landed this airport.

3-5-42 Several planes stopped here.

4-5-42 Another day of good weather. S/L M.P. Fraser here on temporary duty to test pilots F/O Henderson on W & B duties - Local storm about supper time - All planes accounted for. P/O Nichol ran his famous race, doing the runways in less than 15 minutes.

5-5-42 The day starts clear and fine.

6-5-42 Cool this morning - Court of Inquiry into missing aircraft re-convened. S/L Doyle visiting School. P/O Saville from 123 Squadron, Debert arrived by air to have dinner before departing. F/L Watts arrived by air, on Armament duties. Officers soft-ball team fresh from a victory over the civilian pilots were taken by the N.C.O. 'S 7-6. F/L Reinsborough and Sgt. Elliott were opposing pitchers.

7-5-42 Slight frost during the night. Members of Court of Inquiry left by air at 1200 hours for Moncton.

8-5-42 Course 43 completed training and to proceed to Mountain View for Bombing and Gunnery. 20 graduates - Number unsuccessful six. Officers defeated airmen of headquarters in soft-ball game - pitchers were F/Lt Reinsborough and L.A.C. Kehoe.

9-5-42 Nil

10-5-42 Regular flying exercises

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11-5-42 Course 50 commenced training. - 26 trainees R.A.F.

12-5-42 Fine weather - Two hurricanes and a Lysander visited station on a cross-country flight.

13-5-42 Board of Officers assembled for the purpose of handing over No.10 A.O.S. to Northumberland Air Observer School, Limited.

President: Squadron Leader J.H. Fenton (C2042)(SR)(WB)

Members: Flight Lieutenant W.B. Davlis(C5252)(SR)(ADM)

Flying Officer H.G. Joyce (C4205)(SR)(EQ)

Flying Officer T.R. Jarrott (C10469)(SR)(MED)

In Attendance: Mr. J.D. Shanahan (Superintendent)

Mr. D.J. MacDonald (Engineer).

14-5-42 Board of Officers completed at 1200 hours. Mess Dinner held at Officers Mess - visiting Officers being S/L Fenton and F/Lt Charrington (CSO) No.21 E.F.T.S.

15-5-42 F/Lt Mathison (C3803) and F/O Kerr (CS697) visited station.

16-5-42 Nil

17-5-42 Two flights paraded to United Church for morning service. They presented a good appearance in their marching. Small piece of construction from an aeroplane found on banks of Miramichi.

18-5-42 Forced landing of hurricane BW835, 2 miles south of airport, cause of accident engine trouble, slight injury to P/O J.W. Hollway (J9855) only occupant. F/Lt. Reid, A.A.

(C1801)(SR)(AE) from 11 B.R. Squadron Dartmouth reported on temporary duty as investigating officer in the above accident - arrived by air 1530 hours, 18-5-42, departed by rail 0800 hours

19-5-42.

19-5-42 Softball league is opened - Headquarters staff defeating trainees.

20-5-42 Nil

21-5-42 Course 44 completed

22-5-42 F/Lt C.D. Evans reported on temporary duty from No.4 Repair Depot.

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23-5-42 Ten R.A.F. Sergeant Pilots arrived.

24-5-42 Church parade to Chatham.

25-5-42 S/L McMurtrie, C.S.O. and F/O Heard absent on temporary duty at No.3 T.C., Montreal. F/L Childerhose and F/O Jenks proceeded on temporary duty to No.9 S.F.T.S. Summerside by air to attend District Court Martial. P/O Nichol left on transfer to No.9 A.O.S., St. Johns, P.Q. Course 51 commenced training.

26-5-42 Change in weather - much colder. Ten Sgt. Pilots transferred.

27-5-42 S/L McMurtrie, C.S.O. and F/O Heard returned from Montreal. S/L Blackburn reported on temporary duty.

28-5-42 Capt. Silverstone (CDC) left for temporary duty at 17 E.F.T.S.

29-5-42 Wing Commander G.E. Nash and Squadron Leader J.G.A.Hamel visited station. Graduation banquet held for Course 45. S/L McMurtrie left for temporary duty at 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, P.Q.

30-5-42 S/L Blackburn acting as C.S.O.

31-5-42 Nil

Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 29 Avro Anson Mk I: one missing

	<u>1-5-42</u>	<u>31-5-42</u>	
Officers	25	23	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	48	56	2,031:25
Trainees	178	181	
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	2	2	
Civilians	2	2	

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1-6-42 Route march conducted to D/F station. Two Softball games - Trainees and Headquarters victorious.

2-6-42 F/O Morton appointed Acting Flight Lieutenant.

3-6-42 S/L McMurtrie returned and re-posted to Eastern Air Command. Avro Anson 6730 enroute to Montreal forced landed at Barre, Vermont. Forced south of Quebec due to weather, than ran out of gasoline. Plane considered a complete loss. Civilian Pilot Charles Scott slightly injured about face. Other occupants F/O T.R.Jarrott (MO) P/O W.J. Erly (Navigator) and Sgt Gay uninjured.

4-6-42 P/O W.J. Erly returned by rail from crash at Barre, Vermont.

5-6-42 Rainy all day - no flying. Course 45 graduated 24 R.A.F., 1 R.N.Z.A.F., wastage 1 R.A.F. for medical reasons.

6-6-42 Weather overcast.

7-6-42 Fine weather, flying. Some of the officers had an enjoyable afternoon yachting on the Miramichi.

8-6-42 Course 52 Commenced Training - Air Observer (Navigator) 26 R.A.F. Trainees. Much speculation on the report from Civilian Company that we are to be moved West. Two soft-ball games played.

9-6-42 Avro Anson 6683 collided with two Fleet aircraft on runway. The Anson had faulty brakes. Damage to wings of all three planes. No personnel injured.

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10-6-42 Board of Officers assembled for purpose of taking over W/T Station

President: F/L V.N.Peterson (C1878)(Sig) 3 T.C.

Members: F/O G.A. Hart (C8720)(EQ) 8 SFTS

F/O H.J. Goodenough (C8032)(W&B) 3 T.C.

P/O T.R. Jarrott (C10469)(MED) 10 AOS

In attendance D.J. McDonald (W&B Engineer) 10 AOS.

11-6-42 Very hot weather. Officer's Mess Monthly Mess Dinner. F/L Warren visited station.

12-6-42 Hot with heavy rain in afternoon to cool the air. Course 46 held graduation dinner at Miramichi Hotel, Newcastle.

13-6-42 Fatal crash near Newcastle at about 1010 - R131268 LAC C.T. Nash killed - plane belonging to 8 SFTS, Moncton. Harvard BW 187 Category "A" cause obscure.

14-6-42 Church parade to Church of England, Chatham N.B. provided escort for body of LAC Nash from Funeral Home to station at Newcastle. Group Captain Brown, Commanding Officer, No.8 SFTS, Moncton, was here for funeral. The School was asked to provide the escort and it was with some trepidation the same was done. A squad of R.A.F. trainees were provided on short notice. It took time to get them straightened out on rifle drill as the last drill of this nature

had been United States rifle drill which differs considerably from our system.

15-6-42 Weather cold and damp.

16-6-42 F/O J.F. Heard, Chief Instructor appointed Acting Flight Lieutenant. F/L Ledyard arrived by air for purpose of investigating fatal crash near here on the 13th resulting in death to LAC Nash

17-6-42 The morning being cold a route march was carried out after a short drill on the Parade. Inoculation parade held with many anticipated sore arms, for the morrow

18-6-42 Phone call from CO #4 Repair Depot that a body had been washed up on the shore near Shediac and believed to be NZ415340 Cpl McKinnon, H.S. missing since April. F/O Jarrott (MO) and F/L Davis, W.B. (Adm. Officer) proceeded to Shediac for the purpose of identifying the body and arranging burial. Due to the body being considerably decomposed it was felt advisable to arrange for burial as soon as possible.

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19-6-42 Eight Sgt Air Observers New Zealand went by rail to 4 Repair Depot as pall-bearers for the funeral of Cpl McKinnon.

20-6-42 P/O Jackson reported on posting as Navigation Instructor.

21-6-42 Combined Church parade with 21 EFTS held to United Church, Chatham, N.B.

22-6-42 New class of 26 Australians due yesterday, have not yet reported. P/O Jackson reported as Navigation Instructor.

23-6-42 Flying Fortress reported forced landed near Bathurst, N.B request made for guards. Guard consisting of one N.C.O. and four airmen despatched by rail to Bathurst. F/L J. Eisen, Jewish Padre on temporary Duty and interviewed personnel of Jewish Faith. S/L Brammal, NZ Air Liaison Officer reported on temporary duty to interview N.Z. personnel.

24-6-42 F/L Archer visiting station on photographic business.

25-6-42 F/L Archer left by plane for Moncton. F/O Sproule visiting station on pay matters. Discussions with this officer it is felt are very helpful in obtaining a better understanding on pay difficulties. The officers' soft-ball team defeated a town team on their home field, much to the chagrin of townsfolk.

26-6-42 A United States Army plane Douglas landed at 0500 hours this morning - due to weather conditions. Departed for Gander at 1030 hours. 5 Lysanders arrived from Debert at 1230 hours. Are to remain here for some time and work in cooperation with arm Art. Corp.

27-6-42 F/O Sproule left for Stanley, N.S., after completing his duties here.

28-6-42 6 Sgts and 3 P/O W.A.G.'s reported from, McDonald, B.C.

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29-6-42 10 officers and six Sgts arrived to-day to work in cooperation with Army at Tracadie. Will be here couple of days.

30-6-42 Station to be open to public on July 1st. Busy making arrangements for guiding public through the station and setting off areas that they may visit without interrupting training.

Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 29 Avro Anson Mk I: one missing

	<u>1-6-42</u>	<u>30-6-42</u>	
Officers	23	26	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	56	58	2,216:50
Trainees	181	173	
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	2	2	
Civilians	2	2	

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1-7-42 Posting Notice for 6 N.C.O.'s from Armament Section. Station open to Visitors from 0900 hours to 1700 hours. Visited by most of the population of Chatham and surrounding districts.

2-7-42 Raining all day. Very quiet.

3-7-42 Rain and bad weather. No flying. C.S.O.'s 7 day leave approved F/L Heard appointed Acting C.S.O. P/O Anderson (W.A.G.) posted to Greenwood, N.S.

4-7-42 Posting Notice for 3 additional Sgt. Pilots. Two Orderly Room cases one awarded 168 hours detention. Sent to Moncton. Quite a few officers were out in the evening with their wives.

5-7-42 Nil.

6-7-42 S/L Blackburn, C.S.O. proceeded on leave. F/L Heard acting C.S.O. G/C Hawtrey visited station during the evening. F/L Phillips arrived by air on personnel business.

7-7-42 Nil.

8-7-42 F/L Flanagan visited station. Air Vice Marshal Leckie visited station making an inspection of barracks, hangars and G.I.S. Building. F/L Phillips departed by air with F/L Flanagan. F/L McCallum, A.P.M. on temporary duty.

9-7-42 F/L McCallum, A.P.M. departed by rail.

10-7-42 Air Vice Marshal Leckie departed by air today.

11-7-42 Nil.

12-7-42 Hudson aircraft enroute to Mont Joli stopped here overnight.

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13-7-42 S/L Blackburn returned from leave.

14-7-42 Sudden and exceptional storm during afternoon. Thunder and lightening and large hail stones.

15-7-42 F/O E.J. Black reported by air for inspection of refrigerators. S/L Blackburn, F/L Jarrott, F/O MacRitchie, P/O Donohue left by P.M.C. to attend court martial at Moncton, N.B.

16-7-42 Eighteen N.Z. Trainees arrived by rail at 0100 hours for Course #55 starting 20-7-42. Due to insufficient accomodation these men took up quarters at #21 E.F.T.S. A part of a barraok block at that school is also being made up for a classroom. Rumors emanating from the Civilian end of the hall state that the school is not to move but to expand here. There was much elation by the civilians, the service personnel acted quite normally, they are used to rumors. F/L R. Wilson, former Chief Instructor, visited station enroute to I.T.S., Toronto for a pilot's course. It will seem odd to referr to him as a Pilot Officer. P/O Donohue's appointment as Flying Officer announced in Green Sheets received today.

17-7-42 Nil

18-7-42 Group Captain Hawtrey visited station.

19-7-42 P/O Bradshaw and F/O Mathew reported for duty as Navigation Instructors.

20-7-42 Course #55, 26 airmen commenced training - 18 R.N.Z.A.F. and 8 R.C.A.F. P/O Jacobs arrived by Hudson plane, enroute to Newfoundland.

21-7-42 The Civilian Operating Company of this school staged a small birthday party on the banks of the Miramichi in celebration of our first year. Present were the Directors of the Civilian Company, civilian officials, pilots and officers of the R.C.A.F. The party was in a

grove of trees beside the river. Swimming was enjoyed by some, others played horse shoes or baseball before supper. The meal consisted of clam stew and steak.

22-7-42 Air Vice Marshall Leckie arrived by plane from Charlottetown during the afternoon.

23-7-42 Mess Meeting and Mess Dinner at Officer's Mess.

24-7-42 Nil.

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25-7-42 Nil

26-7-42 Air Vice Marshal Leckie returned by air to Ottawa.

27-7-42 Nil

28-7-42 There is much thought and work going on in preparation for the first Wings Parade to take place on Saturday. S/L Blackburn, C.S.O., went to Montreal on temporary duty.

29-7-42 There is the occasional joke on an officer going by the parade square after flag lowering and saluting when there is no flag. Of course the officer hopes no one saw him. However, today, the Orderly Sergeant exceeded this at the duty watch parade. Having lowered the ensign he then proceeded to pull down on the ropes of the C.S.O's flag. After pulling on the rope for some time without results he looked up to find no flag - the Squadron Leader was away.

30-7-42 Another practise wings parade.

31-7-42 Course #47 held their graduation banquet and dance.

Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 35 Avro Anson Mk I: one missing.

	<u>1-7-42</u>	<u>31-7-42</u>	
Officers	26	26	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	58	89	2,589:10
Trainees	173	222	
Personnel Other			
Than R.C.A.F.	2	2	
Civilians	2	2	

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1-8-42 Course 47 presented with Air Observer's Badge, 22 graduates all RAF. Badges were presented by Hon. J.B. McNair, Premier of the Province of New Brunswick. Due to the rainy weather the ceremony was held in the Flight Hangar. A reception was held in the officers Mess for the Civilian Company Directors and guests. Tea was served to the guests of the graduates in the Airmen's Reading Room. P/O Kneeland reported for duty as navigation Instructor.

2-8-42 Course 56 reported for training as Air Navigators. 7 graduates of Course 47 appointed to commissions.

3-8-42 F/L Brown reported on temporary duty. Course 56 commenced training. 23 RAF - 24 RCAF.

4-8-42 Nil

5-8-42 F/L Davis on 7 days annual leave. LAC Saladiak posted from Course 56 to Course 56 Ancienne-Lorette.

6-8-42 Nil

7-8-42 Nil

8-8-42 Nil

9-8-42 Staff Picnic held at Bay du Vin for officers. Most of them attended and had very good time. One plane had emergency landing at Mont Joli with engine trouble. Crew returned by rail.

10-8-42 F/O Rutherford and F/O Young reported for duty. Navigation Instructors.

11-8-42 Quite busy preparing for 2nd Wings Parade to be held on Friday 14-8-42.

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12-8-42 W/C Walker and S/L Carbould arrived by air from Moncton at 1400 hours. F/L Heard confined to home due to illness. W/C Walker saw his first base-ball game in which a team from this school defeated a team from Chatham.

13-8-42 W/C Walker departed by air at 1500 hours. Course 48 held their graduation banquet at the Miramichi Hotel, Newcastle, N.B.

14-8-42 Wings Parade for Course 48 held at 1500 hours on Parade Square. The Wings were presented by S/L A.P. Blackburn, C.S.O. Graduates were comprised of 9 RAF, one RNZAF and 13 RCAF, total of 23.

15-8-42 Nil

16-8-42 Nil

17-8-42 Three graduates Course 48 taken on strength and appointed to commissions, namely P/O Appleton, P/O Burch and P/O Mulholland.

18-8-42 Personnel at 21 EFTS entrained for Neepawa, Sask. On special train at 1600 hours from Chatham, NB

19-8-42 S/L C.E. Rockingham arrived on temporary duty.

20-8-42 F/L Berthier on temporary duty to discuss occupation of buildings at #21 EFTS recently vacated.

21-8-42 F/O W.R. Wilkies reported on temporary duty from AFHQ regarding bombing ranges.

22-8-42 Small fire in Airmen's Mess. Reported by Civilian Company.

23-8-42 Nil

24-8-42 P/O McLachlan reported for duty under instruction as Administrative Officer.

25-8-42 Hurricane BW857 landed for refuelling enroute to Dartmouth, N.S. F/L G.Minard here on temporary duty investigating accident of two Fleets belonging to #21 EFTS.

26-8-42 F/L Dearaway on temporary duty conducting Trade Tests.

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26-8-42 (Cont) Course 49 held their graduation banquet. Twelve single engined Sergeant Pilots transferred to OTU's and B&G Schools.

27-8-42 Officers' Mess Meeting and Dinner held.

28-8-42 Commanding Officer's Parade at 0810 hours.

29-8-42 Eight graduates Course 49 appointed to commissions - all RAF. Wings parade Course 49.

30-8-42 Course- 58 Air Observers arrived and our first course of Air Bombers.

31-8-42 Course 58 Air Observer (Navigator) and the first course of Air Bombers commenced training.

Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 36 Avro Anson

Mk I: one missing

	<u>1-8-42</u>	<u>31-8-42</u>	
Officers	25	32	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	89	84	1,986:00
Trainees	222	248	
Personnel Other			
Than R.C.A.F.	Nil	Nil	
Civilians	2	2	

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1-9-42 Shortage of water will soon be serious if no rain.

2-9-42 Officers defeated by N.C.O.'s and airmen in a close game of horse-shoes. This game is proving very popular with all ranks.

3-9-42 S/L Brammall, R.N.Z.A.F., Liaison Officer, visiting station on matters relative to N.Z. Students and W.A.G.'s at this station.

4-9-42 S/L Ferguson (C1579) visiting station on temporary duty to check stores and engines at #21 E.F..T.S. F/L J.F. Henderson on temporary duties for W & B matters. F/O L.P. Worthington arrived by air from Mont Joli enroute to Moncton, N.B.

5-9-42 Considerable pleasure expressed by the Staff in respect to the New Establishment.

6-9-42 Church Parade to the United Church in town.

7-9-42 Nil.

8-9-42 Four Hudsons arrived during evening staying over night.

9-9-42 Air Vice Marshal Croil (Inspector General), Air Commodore deNiverville, Air Officer Commanding No. 3 T.C., Group Captain Hume-Wright and S/L Drynan arrived by air at 1000 hours for Inspector General's visit. Inspector General's Parade and inspection of station took place. Following dinner at the Officer's Mess the Inspector General and party departed by air at 1400 hours.

10-9-42 Weather - Raining. W/C Gillson and F/L Hawkin arrived 1400 hrs. visiting flight. Graduation Dinner party held by Class 51.

11-9-42 Weather - Hazy and damp.

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11-9-42 Wings Parade today for Class 50 and Class 51. Wings presented to the Graduates by W/C A.H.S. Gillson, of the visiting Flight. Farewell party given by the Civilian Company to F/L Davis.

12-9-42 Weather fine. Normal Station Routine. F/L Davis departed this morning for St. Johns, Newfoundland on posting to Group Headquarters there.

13-9-42 Sunday - Weather clear and fine. Normal Routine.

14-9-42 Weather fine. Normal routine. W.O.1 Neale, K.F. R61684 arrived 0925 hours from #3 T.C. on temporary duty.

15-9-42 Weather clear. F/L Peterson reported from No. 3 T.C. on temporary duty.

16-9-42 Weather clear. F/L Peterson departed at 1430 hours.

17-9-42 Weather foggy. Normal routine.

18-9-42 Weather very warm. Dental Officer Lt. Cholette, C.D.C. reported for duty.

19-9-42 Weather clear. Slightly cooler. Normal routine.

20-9-42 Rain all day. No Flying.

21-9-42 Weather cold. Normal routine.

22-9-42 Weather wet and foggy. During night flying, Sept. 21st, Anson 2437/6633 became lost on navigation flight and forced landed at Port Elgin, approximately 0330 hours. Pilot R113603 Sgt. Webb, F.C. uninjured. GB1338129 Cpl. Cornwall, F.W. uninjured. R101412 Sgt. Cowan S.A., W.A.G. uninjured. GB1349733 LAC McKinlay, A.W. uninjured. Aircraft slightly damaged. S/L Petrie arrived by rail this afternoon.

23-9-42 Fog in the morning but clearing in the forenoon. W/C Rossie-Brown, (RAF) Chaplain arrived this afternoon to visit the unit.

24-9-42 Weather fine. Normal routine.

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25-9-42 Weather clear. Wings parade held this afternoon for Graduates of Class 52. Wings presented by S/L Small, D.F.C., officer in i/c 113 B.R. Detachment. 24 RAF Trainees Graduated.

2 ceased training and posted to K.T.S., Trenton. 2 were transferred to other courses.

26-9-42 Normal routine.

27-9-42 Normal routine.

28-9-42 Weather cool. Group Captain T.W. White, New Zealand Air Liaison Officer reported in from Moncton. Interviewed all N.Z. Trainees. S/L Burden from No. 8 S.F.T.S., Moncton reported in with Secret document.

29-9-42 Weather cool. Normal routine. G/C White departed. Anson 6361 forced landed 1000 hrs. near Pt. Escuminac, N.B. Pilot H. Gray, civilian, uninjured. 1st. Navigator LAC Hunt GB139982 uninjured. 2nd. Navigator LAC Bowes GB 1239579 uninjured. W.O.A.G. Sgt. Buchanan, R110553 uninjured. Cause; engine failure. Stbd. engine, mechanical failure. F/O Nichol reported in from Rivers, Man.

30-9-42 Clear and cool. Normal routine. 15 aircraft sent out to search for Hudson reported overdue on trip from Montreal to Debert. P/O Parchet reported from rivers.

Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 35 Avro Anson Mk I: two missing.

	<u>1-9-42</u>	<u>30-9-42</u>	
Officers	32	35	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	85	96	2,989:25
Trainees	222	265	
Personnel Other			
Than R.C.A.F.	Nil	Nil	
Civilians	Nil	Nil	

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1-10-42 Weather dull. Normal routine.

2-10-42 Friday - weather dull. Sport's track and Field Meet held this afternoon. P/O McLachlin posted to School of Administration, Trenton, Ont. LAC McArthur, Course 57 (A.N.) posted to course 59 A.N., at #9 A.O.S., to continue training as Navigator. Dance held in the evening in Chatham, N.B.

3-10-42 Saturday - weather clear.

4-10-42 Sunday - Weather fine. Normal routine.

5-10-42 Monday - Weather clear. Hon. Sir William Glasgow, High Commissioner for Australia accompanied by S/L Hillditch arrived by air 1500 hours today.

6-10-42 Rain and fog. Hon. Sir William Glasgow departed at 0845 hours by transport for Moncton, N.B.

7-10-42 Weather cool and clear. Cpl. Jeuniaux, J.M.F. GB30257 (Fighting French) ceased training course 57 A.N. posted to Trenton, Ont., not found suitable for further training. Graduation dinner held tonight by Class 53 Australians.

8-10-42 Weather cool and clear. Normal Routine. Anson 6636 forced landed at InKerman, N.B. Pilot O.A. Lauzon - civilian. Crew - 1st Nav. AUS421598 LAC Joyce, B.M. Air Bomber - GB1321307 LAC Griffiths, T.H.B. W.O.A.G. - R85441 Sgt. Westlake, J.M. No one injured. No damage to aircraft. Engine failure.

9-10-42 Cool & clear. C.O.'s Inspection Parade this morning. Wings Parade for Class 53 (A. Nav.) and class 58 (A.B.). Wings presented by S/L A.P. Blackburn. C.S.O. Graduates class 58 (20). 19 R.A.F. and 1 R.C.A.F. Four RAF received commissions. Graduates class 53 (24) 23 N.Z. and 1 GB. Eight N.Z. received commissions. LAC Wright, A.C. RI33890 ceased training course 56 A. Nav. Posted to K.T.S., Trenton, Ont.

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10-10-42 Saturday - Clear and cool. Normal Routine. F/L Boardman from Command here today.

11-10-42 Sunday - Weather clear. Normal routine. Church parade to Anglican church at Chatham. S/L Blackburn proceeded on leave. F/L J.F. Heard, Chief Instructor assumes command.

12-10-42 Monday - Clear. Normal Routine. Water pump broke down. Water shortage situation serious. Extra fire picquets posted.

13-10-42 Tuesday - Cool and clear. Auxiliary pump fixed up this morning and limited supply of water available for cooking and washing. No water for showers. Water turned on only at meal hours and for short period in the evening. Water unfit for drinking. Extra fire picquets again posted.

14-10-42 Clear and cool. Normal routine. Auxiliary water pump still operating, giving limited supply of water. Men being sent by Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co., Ottawa, October 15. LAC Short, J.R. NZ415722 Course 55 Air Nav. transferred to Course 57 Air Nav., behind because of detention.

15-10-42 Thursday - Weather cool and clear. Water situation still serious. No water yet available for showers. Auxiliary pump still operating. Flying accident at 2305 hours. Anson 6639 crashed into trees approx. 3 miles South-West airport. Was returning from night navigation flight. Port engine failed when A/C was approximately 50 miles from airport. Starboard engine failed near airport and A/C made crash landing in trees. Civilian Pilot - McClure, D.P., uninjured. 1st Nav. LAC Hupman, A.F. (R1241778) uninjured. W.O.A.G. - Sgt. Neale, (R120170) uninjured. Air Bomber - LAC Watson, (NZ422672) scalp abrasions only. A/C burst into flames and was completely destroyed.

16-10-42 Friday - Cool and clear, C.O.'s Inspection Parade at 0810 hours. Normal Routine.

17-10-42 Saturday - Cool and clear. Normal Routine. F/L Dexter reported from A.I.B., A.F.H.Q. to investigate accident to Anson 6639. Water shortage some what relieved. Now on almost continuously for cooking and sewage. Showers still restricted. Arrangement made with R/C College in Chatham for free use of showers in their gym. S/L A.P. Blackburn posted to Mountain View on temporary duty. Departed today.

18-10-42 Sunday - Weather fine. Normal routine. F/L Dexter A.I.B., A.F.H.Q., concluded investigation on accident to Anson 6639 and departed at 1400 hours.

19-10-42 Rain all day. Normal Routine.

20-10-42 Tuesday - Cool and clear. Normal Routine.

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21-10-42 Wednesday - Cool and clear. Normal routine.

22-10-42 Thursday - Weather rain all day. Flying washed out all day. Water pump being installed today. Expected to be in operation tonight with full water supply available for showers, etc. NZ421928 LAC Cardiff, F.T., and NZ42396 LAC Brown, W., ceased training course 55 Air Nav., and posted to #3 R.P., Vancouver to be repatriated to New Zealand. At approximately 2020 hours LAC Marcil, G.H. R117856, M.T. Driver had an accident with Station wagon on road to Chatham about 1 mile outside airport. Apparently skidded on wet pavement after passing car and went into ditch, damaging wagon seriously. Driver slightly injured. No passengers. Wagon on unauthorized run.

23-10-42 Friday - Cloudy, Showers. Wings Parade today for Graduates of Classes 54 Air Nav., and 59 Air Bombers. 26 Graduates class 54 (24 RAF & 2 RCAF). Nine RAF received commissions. 23 Graduates class 59 (15 NZ & 8 RAF). Seven NZ and one RAF received commissions. Wings presented by S/L Small, o/c (113 BR) Detachment.

24-10-42 Saturday - Weather cool and clear. Normal Routine.

25-10-42 Sunday - Normal Routine. Cool and clear, New class 62 Observers reported in. 26

Trainees. New class 62 Air Bombers reported in. 19 Trainees.

26-10-42 Monday - Wet drizzle. Flying washed out. LAC Artlett, AUS421306 ceased training course 59 Air Observer, posted to Trenton. LAC Morgan, J.B., AUS421498 Course 59 Air Observer, ceased training and posted to Trenton.

27-10-42 Tuesday - Wet drizzle and fog. Normal Routine.

28-10-42 Wednesday - Clear and cold. Normal Routine.

29-10-42 Thursday - Clear and cool, Normal Routine. Visit by S/L Duhan from Command and W/C Verner.

30-10-42 Friday - Clear and warm, Normal routine. Visit by F/L Babb - Jewish Padre.

31-10-42 Saturday - Clear and warm. Normal routine.

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Personnel Strength of Station: No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 38 Avro Anson MK I.

	<u>1-10-42</u>	<u>31-10-42</u>	
Officers	35	35	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	96	97	3,108:10
Trainees	265	254	
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	Nil	Nil	
Civilians	Nil	Nil	

(J. F. Heard) Flight Lieutenant,
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1/11/42 Sunday - Clear and Warm. Normal Routine.

2/11/42 Monday - Clear and Warm. Normal Routine.

3/11/42 Tuesday - Cloudy with rain. Normal Routine. LAC's NZ415634 Gillett, F.S., R137989 Gillis, J.A., NZ417121 Sheed, H.N., NZ415810 Wirepa, G., ceased training in Course 55 Air Navigators. Posted to K.T.S., Trenton, Ont., November 4th, 1942.

4/11/42 Wednesday - Clear and cool. Normal Routine. Lac Marshall, E.W.E., NZ415637, ceased training November 4th, Posted K.T.S., Trenton, Ont.

5/11/42 Thursday - Clear and cold. Normal routine. S/L W.C. Kent reported today to assume temporary command of unit in absence of S/L A.P. Blackburn.

6/11-42 Friday - Clear and cold.

Wings Parade for Class 55 Air Navigators and Class 60 Air Bombers held this afternoon. 15 Graduates in Class 55 and 22 Graduates in Class 60. Wings were presented by S/L W.C. Kent.

7/11/42 Saturday - Clear and cold. Cpl. Taylor from Course 56 Air Observers transferred to Course 60 Air Observers.

8/11/42 Sunday - Church Parade to United Church, Chatham, N.B.

9/11/42 Monday - Clear and cold. Normal Routine. Unit visited today by G/C Sharpe from No. 3 T.C, Course 63 Air Observers Commenced training today. 26 trainees including one Pilot Officer.

10/11/42 Tuesday - Cloudy and cold. Normal Routine. Accident to Anson Aircraft MK 1 #6636 Cheetah IX. Following personnel uninjured: R106273 Sgt. Ratchford, H.P., R108420 Sgt. Migliezzi, J.A., NZ415720 LAC Scott, N.C., GB1575375 LAC Bowers, L.T. Course 45°12'N 61°58'W at 0130 hours. Routine night navigation flight. Aircraft forced landed in lake. Cause of accident unknown.

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11/11/42 Wednesday - Clear and Mild. LAC R138646 Baldwin, D.M. and GB5911445 Cpl. Halloway, A., ceased training in Course 57 Air Navigators. Posted to K.T.S., Trenton, Ont. LAC's GB143745 Evans, N., GB1319907 Bailey, C.R., ceased training Course 56 Air Navigators and posted to K.T.S., Trenton, Ont.

12/11/42 Thursday - Clear and cool. Normal Routine. Summary of Evidence being taken against R112528 Sgt. Stewart, N.E., on charges under 40 & 41 A.F.A.

13/11/42 Friday - Cloudy with snow flurries.

LAC Jones, F.M. R148945, Air Nav. (B) remustered to Air Bomber and transferred from Course 62 Air Nav. (B) to Course 62 Air Bombers. Auth: DAPS. LAC Hadley, T.P., AUS420187, transferred to Course 57 from Course 56 Air Navigators pending instructions from DAPS.

14/11/42 Saturday - Snow. Moderate Temperature. Normal Routine. No afternoon mail received.

15/11/42 Sunday— Clear and cold. Normal routine.

P/O's Hawken and Jackson received notice of leave pending overseas posting.

16/11/42 Monday - Dull and cold. Normal routine. Most of morning mail not received due to train wreck.

17/11/42 Tuesday - Mostly clear and mild. Normal Routine.

18/11/42 Wednesday - Dull with rain. Normal Routine.

19/11/42 Thursday - Clear and mild. Normal Routine.

20/11/42 Friday - Dull and mild. P/O Smyth left an Pre-embarkation leave. Wings Parade for Class 56 Air Navigators and Class 61 Air Bombers. 23 Graduates in Class 56 and 23 Graduates in Class 61. Wings were presented by S/L W.C. Kent. NZ445722 LAC Short, J.R., ceased training on Nov. 20th. LAC Davidson R.W.N. AUS421183, transferred from Course 59 Air Observers to Course 61 Air Nav.

21/11/42 Saturday - Cloudy and cool. Normal Routine. False alarm of plane crash. Turned out to be parachute - flare. Parachute will be recovered.

22/11/42 Cloudy and cold. Normal routine.

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23/11/42 Monday - Clear and cold. Normal Routine,
LAC Kay, E.R, AUS421282 Ceased Training from Course 59 Air Observers on November 23.
Reporting to No. 3 R.D. Vancouver 30/11/42.

24/11/42 Tuesday - Clear and cold. Normal Routine.
LAC Stapleton, G.P. NZ42180 Ceased Training. Posted to No. 3 Vancouver for Repatriation.
Granted 7 days leave, eff. Nov. 24. LAC Blacow, C. GB1912841 Ceased Training from Course
60 Air Observers. Posted to K.T.S., Trenton, Ont. LAC Hadley, T.P. AUS42017 posted from
Course 57 to No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, Que.

25/11/42 Wednesday - Clear and cool. Normal Routine.
New class came in for Course 64 Air Crew Navigators (B).

26/11/42 Thursday - Clear and Mild. Normal Routine.

27/11/42 Friday - Cloudy and mild.
AUS421372 LAC MacFarlane, J., Ceased Training course 59 (Air sickness) posted to No. 3 R.D.,
Vancouver for Repatriation to Australia.

28/11/42 Saturday - Snow storm started this morning. Snowed all day. Normal Routine.

29/11/42 Sunday - Clear and Cool. Normal Routine.

30/11/42 Monday - Overcast but slightly milder. Normal Routine.

Personnel Strength of Station:			
	<u>1/11/42</u>	<u>30/11/42</u>	
Officers:	35	34	Total Flying Time: 2,701:55
Airmen	97	119	
Trainees	254	211	
Personnel other than RCAF	NIL	NIL	
Civilians	NIL	NIL	

No. Of Aircraft on charge of Civilian company: 41 Avro Anson Mk 1.

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1-12-42 Tuesday - Clear and cold. Normal routine.

2-12-42 Wednesday - Stormy a Snowing. Changed to rain & high winds.
Banquet being held tonight for members of Class 57 and 62 graduating Friday, December 4.
LAC Shaffer, Service Police, awarded 14 days detention on charge of Drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

3-12-42 Thursday - Cold and snow flurries.

4-12-42 Friday - Cold and windy. C.O.'s parade and inspection in the morning. Wings Parade held this afternoon for Graduates of Class 57 Air Navigators and Class 62 Air Bombers. Wings presented by S/Ldr. W.C. Kent, C.S.O. 20 Graduates Class 62 and 21 Graduates Class 57.

5-12-42 Saturday - Cool with high winds. Normal Routine.
Adjutant from Bagotville phoned at 1725 hours requesting guards be sent to scene of crash Harvard 499 near Campbellton. Guards sent to Campbellton found crash to be 25 miles from there at a place called Metapedia, proceeded there and took over from pilot of aircraft.

6-12-42 Sunday - Clear and cold. Normal routine. Guard phoned from crash of Harvard 499 requesting that #4 R.D. be advised correct location of crash. Anson #6887 taxied down-wind with no air in brakes. Pilot lost control of aircraft in high wind and the wing tip of Anson #6887 struck the rudder and fin of Anson #6740 which was choked in usual parking area.

7-12-42 Monday - Clear and cold. NZ427193 LAC Knowles, C.T., transferred from course 58 to Course 59. Cause -Detention.

8-12-42 Tuesday - Clear and cool. S/Ldr. W.C. Kent received posting today to #1 A.O.S., Malton effective today reporting Friday December 11. LAC Crampton, H.T., NZ416861 course 58 ceased training and posted to Trenton, Ont.

9-12-42 Wednesday - Clear and cold. Normal Routine. F/Lt. Heard assumes command on posting of S/Ldr. Kent.

10-12-42 Thursday - Clear and cold. LAC Scott, M.C., NZ415720 ceased training course 58 Nav. (B) and posted to Trenton.

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11-12-42 Friday - Overcast with snow. Visit today by S/Ldr. Dyte from A.F.H.Q. and F/Lt. Flannagan from 3 T.C. to check on Drill and P.T. and Discipline.

12-12-42 Saturday - Cold and snow flurries. Normal routine.

13-12-42 Sunday - Clear and cold. Visit today by F/Lt Roscoe from A.F.H.Q. and F/Lt MacCallum from No. 3 T.C. to discuss Service Police problems, particularly with regard to establishments.

14-12-42 Monday - Clear and very cold. LAC Harris, T.E., R145365 transferred from Course 64 to Course 65 due to hospitalization.

15-12-42 Tuesday - Clear and cold. Normal routine.

16-12-42 Wednesday - Overcast and cold. NZ42472 LAC Stanley, M.C., Course 58 ceased training. Failed in course of instruction; posted to Trenton.

17-12-42 Thursday - Very cold. NZ421143 LAC Potts, T.C. and NZ425023 LAC Thurston, E.F.T., Courses 58, ceased training. Failed in course of instruction; posted to Trenton.

18-12-42 Friday - Very cold. Normal routine.

19-12-42 Saturday - Very cold. American aircraft B26 en route Goose Bay to Presque Isle, Me. forced down at Red Bank, N.B. Guard party sent out and contact made with Major Sheaffer at Presque Isle.

20-12-42 Sunday - Sunny and a bit milder. Canso arrived from Presque Isle to take back American pilots from crashed aircraft. Otherwise normal.

21-12-42 Monday - Clear and very cold. Normal routine.

22-12-42 Tuesday —Clear and very cold. Canadian Anson landed - - cowling came off in air damaging props and wings. Photographs taken. Otherwise normal.

23-12-42 Wednesday - Partly cloudy and mild. American crew from Presque Isle replaced our guard party at Red Bank. Christmas leave started after duty.

24-12-42 Thursday - Partly cloudy and milder. Normal routine.

25-12-42 Friday - Milder, clear with light snow towards evening. Christmas dinner served to airmen by officers and N.C.O.'s.

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26-12-42 - Saturday - Overcast by mild. AUS421183 LAC Davidson, Course 61 ceased training and posted to Trenton. Otherwise normal.

27-12-42 - Sunday - Cloudy with light snow, slightly colder. Normal Sunday routine.

28-12-42 - Monday - Overcast, light snow flurries out mild. Small fire outside Maintenance Hangar in evening - - quickly controlled. Course 66 arrived, 26 men.

29-12-42 - Tuesday - Overcast with light snow flurries.

30-12-42 - Wednesday Overcast and mild. Course 58 - - 17 men - - posted to Fingal.

31-12-42 - Thursday - Overcast, sleet and rain. Normal routine.

Personnel Strength of Station:	<u>1-12-42</u>	<u>31-12-42</u>	
Officers	34	33	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	119	94	2,110:55
Trainees	211	219	
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	Nil	Nil	
Civilians	Nil	Nil	

No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 38 Avro Anson Mk I.

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1-1-43 Weather clear and cold. Informal Party was held in the Officer's Mess during the afternoon for officers and their guests.

2-1-43 Weather very cold. Normal routine.

3-1-43 Clear and cold. Normal routine. Church Services held in C.L.W.S. Room for the Roman Catholic and Protestant Personnel at 0845 and 0925 hours respectively. F/Sgt. Thirell,

B.F. arrived on temporary duty in Lysander #1549 from No. 4 Repair Depot, Scoudouc, and departed the same day.

4-1-43 Weather clear with milder temperature. Normal routine.

5-1-43 Clear and cold. F/L J.F. Heard (C2886) relinquished Temporary Command on return of S/L A.P. Blackburn (C846) from New Years leave. Report was received from Summerside of aircraft missing. Search was arranged for 1st Flight Jan. 6th. P/O E.E. Goldstein (J20966) and P/O P. EAUDE (GB977542) reported on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

6-1-43 Weather clear and cold. Search for missing Anson Aircraft from Summerside was commenced at 0940 hours. 10 aircraft from this unit participated. The search was continued at 1400 hours with 24 aircraft from this station but the missing aircraft was not located by any of the planes from this unit.

7-1-43 Clear and cold. Normal routine.

8-1-43 Weather clear and cold. F/L G.L. Henderson (C6066) departed on posting to Fighter Command School, Orlando, Florida.

9-1-43 Clear and cold. Normal routine.

10-1-43 Normal routine. Church Services held in C.L.W.S. Room for the Roman Catholic and Protestant Personnel at 0845 and 0925 hours respectively. Weather clear and cold.

11-1-43 Clear and cold. F/L J.N. Smyth (C2678) reported on posting and assumed the duties of Senior Administrative Officer.

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12-1-43 Mild, overcast with light snow. Normal routine.

13-1-43 Weather mild, overcast in morning and clearing in afternoon. Wing Commander A.H.S. Gillson, O.B.E. (C1537) and S/L P.H. Woodhead (C1517) Navigation Visiting Flight reported on temporary duty from No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette. S/L J.H. Watts (C2099) arrived on temporary duty in connection with Armament Personnel from #3 T,C. Headquarters. S/L J.R. Clark (C4602) reported on temporary duty from E.A.C. Headquarters for the purpose of lecturing on Medical P.A.D. Scheme. P/O N. Mermuk (J11326) arrived on temporary duty from No. 1 O.T.U., Bagotville, to pick up Lysander #1549.

14-1-43 Weather clear and mild. S/L J.H. Watts (C2099) and S/L J.R. Clark (C4602) ceased to be on temporary duty this day. F/O N. Mermuk (J11336) departed in Lysander #1549 for No. 1 O.T.U., Bagotville, Que.

15-1-43 Weather clear and cloudy with snow. F/L W.M. Knight (C1304) arrived on temporary

duty from #9 P.D. St. John for the purpose of checking Armament Equipment and departed the same day.

16-1-43 Clear and mild. Normal routine.

17-1-43 Clear and cold. Church Services held for Roman Catholic and Protestant Personnel in C.L.W.S. Rome at 0845 and 0925 hours respectively. S/L C.C.M. Hilditch(A502)(RAAF) Australian Liaison Officer arrived on temporary duty in connection with Liaison Duties re Australian Personnel.

18-1-43 Weather clear, bright and very cold. S/L C.C.M. Hilditch (A502)(RAAF) ceased to be on temporary duty departing for Charlottetown, P.E.I. R153012 LAC MacDonald, A.S., ceased training course #61 Nav.(B) remustered Air Bomber "Std" and posted to No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont.

19-1-43 P/O W.D.F. Gibson (J21206) P/O O.T. Page (J21998) P/O J.P. Freedborn (J21995) P/O A.D. Waltman (J21200) together with 4 Sgt. Pilots reported on temporary duty from No. 1 G.R.S. Summerside, due to their aircrafts, Ansons 6674 & 6300 being forced down at this airport due to bad weather.

20-1-43 Clear cold and windy with blowing snow. Wing Commander A.H.S. Gillson, O.B.S. (C1537) and S/L R.H. Woodhead (C1517) ceased to be on temporary duty departing for Quebec City and Mont Joli, respectively.

21-1-43 Clear, windy and very cold. F/O T.G. Church (C5398) arrived on temporary duty from E.A.C. Headquarters for the purpose of investigating signs for location of bomb stores. R151022 LAC Peacock, J.E., and NZ421766 LAC Roberts, W.H. ceased training course 62 Nav. (B) and posted to K.T.S., Trenton, Ont.

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22-1-43 Weather clear and windy, very cold and moderating in the afternoon. P/O W.D.F. Gibson (J21206) P/O O.T. Page (J21998) P/O J.P. Freedborn (J21995) P/O A.D. Waltman (J21200) together with 4 Sgt. Pilots ceased to be on temporary duty departing in Ansons 6674 & 6300 for No.1 G.R.S. Summerside. AUS421777 LAC Warburton, L., ceased training on medical grounds, course #62 Nav.(B) and posted to #3 Repair Depot, Vancouver, B.C., for repatriation.

23-1-43 Weather clear and cold with snow in the afternoon. P/O T.G. Church (C5398) ceased to be on temporary duty. Anson #423 containing 2 Pilot Officers and Sgt. reported enroute from R.C.A.F. Station, Dartmouth to #1 O.T.U., Bagotville, Que. Twenty Australians and one New Zealander Course #59 Aircrew Nav. (B) posted to #4 B. & G, School, Fingal, Ont.

24-1-43 Clear bright and cold.

S/L J.G. Sparling (C4230) E.A.C. Chaplin reported enroute from #1 O.T.U., Bagotville to E.A.C. Headquarters. Church Services held for Roman Catholic and Protestant Personnel in C.L.W.S. Room at 0845 and 0925 hours respectively.

25-1-43 Weather mild and overcast with rain in afternoon.

Course #67 Aircrew Nav. (B) commenced training arriving from No. 1 B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont.

F/L J.F. Heard (C2886) departed on temporary duty to #3 T.C. Headquarters to attend meeting on Remustering of Ceased Training Aircrew Personnel.

26-1-43 Overcast and light snow in afternoon clearing later.

R159728 LAC Ray, J.L., R156772 LAC Downer, J.A., R158745 LAC Lafferty, A.G., AUS421628 LAC Rodgers, A.G., AUS42852 LAC Poole, J., ceased training Course #63 Nav.(B) and remustered to Air Bombers "Std" and posted to No.1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont.

27-1-43 Clear bright and cold.

Wing Commander K.B. Corbould (39211)(RAF) arrived on temporary duty from #3 T.C. Headquarters on a staff visit. 33 Anson Aircraft from this unit participated in a search for Ventura #665 reported missing from Pennfield Ridge. 4 Harvard Aircraft reported in at this aerodrome enroute to Mont Joli. Beechcraft #1530 reported in from St. Hubert and departed same day for Summerside. F/L J.P. Heard (C2886) returned to this unit from temporary duty at #3 T.C. Headquarters, Montreal.

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28-1-43 Clear bright and cold.

Commanding Officer's Inspection of all ranks was held on the parade ground 1399 hours. Wing Commander K.B. Corbould (39211)(RAF) ceased to be on temporary duty departing for #3 T.C. F/L W.A. Noble (C2813) arrived on temporary duty from #3 T.C. Headquarters on staff visit in connection with Secret and Confidential Publications, and departed same day. Monthly meeting Officer's Mess was held at 1715 hours and Officer's Monthly Mess Dinner at 1915 hours.

29-1-43 Bright, clear and cold.

Lieutenant A. Grenon (C.D.C.) reported on temporary duty from #6 S.F.T.S., Moncton, to treat Personnel requiring dental work. F/O A.F.R. Fillion (C2796) arrived on temporary duty from #3 T.C. Headquarters in connection with G/S Examination and Educational Matters, and departed the same day.

30-1-43 Weather overcast and cold.

F/L B. S. Imire (J4425) arrived on temporary duty from #1 O.T.U., Bagotville, Investigating Officer re-flying accident. Departed same day for Moncton, N.B. F/L A.M. Sharp (C4083) arrived on temporary duty from #9 A.O.S., St. Johns, Que., re bombing instructions for pilots.

31-1-43 Weather overcast and mild.

Church Services held for Roman Catholic and Protestant Personnel in C.L.W.S. Room at 0845

and 0925 hours respectively.

Personnel Strength of Station:	<u>1-1-43</u>	<u>31-1-43</u>	
Officers	33	37	<u>Total Flying Time</u>
Airmen	94	119	3,037:05
Trainees	219	194	
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	NIL	NIL	
Civilians	NIL	NIL	

No. of Aircraft on charge of Civilian company: 38 Avro Anson Mk I.

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Feb. 1st Weather: Heavy overcast, mild with snow. Reselection Board for the purpose of remustering ceased training aircrew assembled this date.

Feb. 2nd Weather: Cloudy and windy. F/L B.S Imrie (J.4425) reported on temporary duty from #8 SFTS, Moncton, N.B. in connection with investigation of crashed aircraft, and departed same date. Acting Flight Lieutenant T.M. Childerhose appointed Temporary Flight Lieutenant, eff. Aug. 5, 1942. NZ429925, LAC, Stuart K. A.M. & R.148664, LAC, McWilliams, E.A., aircrew air navigators B., Course 64, ceased training this date, remustered to Air Bomber Std., and posted to #5 Manning Depot, Lachine, Que.

Feb. 3rd Weather: Clear, bright & mild. CSO's inspection of all Service personnel was held on Parade Ground at 1300 hrs. Lt. A. Grenon CDC ceases to be on temporary duty at this Station, and departed for #8 SFTS, Moncton, N.B.

Feb. 4th Weather: Heavy overcast with snow. Wing Commander J.A. Verner (C.177) reported on Temporary Duty from #3 TC Hqs., Montreal, Que. in connection with engineering duties. F/L E.L. Gray NZ41322 and F/O E.W.A. Drake NZ39655 arrived on temporary duty from Pennfield Ridge, N.B. re liaison duties in connection with New Zealand Air Mission. Norseman a/c #3522 arrived from Moncton, N.B. on transportation flight, and departed for Moncton the same day. Lysander a/c 2423 en route from Scoudouc, N.B. to Bagotville, Que. landed this airport to refuel and remained overnight due to adverse weather conditions. Anson a/c 6091 landed from Pennfield Ridge, N.B. and remained overnight due to adverse weather conditions.

Feb. 5th Weather: Cloudy, very mild. F/L E.L. Gray NZ41322 and F/O E.W.A. Drake NZ39655 departed for Montreal, Que. Anson a/c 6091 departed for Pennfield Ridge. 20 airmen who completed Course 60 at this Station posted to #4 B.& G. School, Fingal, Ont. Wings parade held at 1430 hrs. for graduates of Course 61 Air navigators B. Wings presented by Squadron Leader A. P. Blackburn, Chief Supervisory Officer. 16 RCAF graduates and 2 RAF graduates

were posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, P.E.I., eff. Feb 5th, and 2 RAF graduates posted to #34 OTU, Pennfield Ridge, B.B., eff. Feb. 19.

Feb. 6th Weather: High overcast, clear and mild. Wing Commander J. A. Verner (C.177) departed by air for Moncton, N.B. Lysander a/c 2423 took off for Dorval.

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Feb. 7th Church, services were held for R. C. & Protestant personnel in the Canadian Legion War Services at 0845 & 0925 hrs. respectively. F/L P. M. Bolton (RAF40286) arrived on temporary duty from Moncton for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures.

Feb. 8th Weather: Partly cloudy and mild, turning cold later in the day. F/L J. H. Darche C.13894 & P/O B.F.B. Smith J.13264 proceeded on temporary duty to #31 PD. Moncton for the purpose of hospitalization of PO0 Smith accompanied by M.O. F/L Darche returned the same day. Acting Flight Lieutenant J. H. Darche C.13894 appointed to rank of Temporary Flight Lieutenant eff. Nov. 31/42. Course 69, composed of 26 aircrew air navigators B. commenced training, arriving from #1 B.&G., Jarvis, Ont. this date.

Feb. 9th Weather: Clear and cold. F/L J.Eisen (C.10535), Jewish Padre, arrived on Temporary duty from Moncton, N. B. re Chaplain's Duties, and departed for Mont Joli same day. F/L P.M. Bolton (RAF40286) departed for Ancienne Lorette, Que.

Feb. 10th Weather: Clear and cold. F/L T.L. Benson (C.12155), Command Trade Test Officer, arrived on temporary duty and quarterly Trade Test Board was assembled this date. WO/I Yates, S.T., R120307 arrived on temporary duty from #3 TC Hqs. for electrical inspection of works & buildings, and departed the same day. Harvard a/c 3765 arrived from #8 SFTS, Moncton, N.B. on transportation flight and departed the same day. CSO's inspection of Service personnel was held on Parade Ground at 1300 hours.

Feb. 11th Weather: Cloudy, very mild with heavy rains. Normal routine.

Feb. 12th Weather: Clear and cold with snow flurries in the afternoon. F/L F.L. Benson (C.12155) departed for Fredericton, N.B. Beechcraft a/c CF-CAA landed from Dorval, Que. Reselection Board for the purpose of remustering ceased training aircrew assembled this date. The following airmen ceased training Course 65, aircrew air navigator B, the first seven being remustered to Air Bomber Std. and posted to #5 Manning Depot, Lachine, Que., the eighth being posted to the Reselection Centre, Trenton, Ont. R.154099, LAC, Tait, J.A.

R.153908, LAC, Cole, J.H.

R.88005, LAC, Pinchess, L.A.

R.156791, LAC, Fraser, C.G.

R.158804, LAC, Boyer, M.W.

R. 156717, LAC, May, H. E.

R. 155015, LAC, Tillman, W.G.

R. 136227, LAC, Siler, W. W.

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Feb. 13th Weather: Clear, bright & cold. F/L D.N.S. Robertson (C.5011) departed on posting to #9 AOS, St. Jean, Que. Norseman a/c 494 landed en route from Mont Joli to Scoudouc to refuel, and landed again the same date for the same purpose en route from Scoudouc to Mont Joli. Lysander a/c 421 and Harvard a/c 619 en route from Scoudouc to Mont Joli landed for the purpose of refueling. F/O J.J. Harris (C.7136) and F/O A.M. Nicol (C.5530) appointed Acting Flight Lieutenants eff. Feb. 1st. 1943.

Feb. 14th Weather: Overcast with snow. F/L J.E.Riddell (C.2557) reported on posting from #9 AOS, St. Jean, Que. P/O G.M. Bruce (J.22583) and P/O R.F. Henders (J.22585) arrived on posting from #1 CNS, Rivers, Man. P/O L. J. Trapp (GB961493) and P/O P. Eaude (GB977542) departed on posting to No. 31 PD, Moncton, N.B.

Church services held for R.C. and Protestant personnel in the C.L.W.S. room at 0845 and 0925 hrs. respectively.

Feb. 15th Weather: Clear and very cold. P/O C.P. Wyman (C.14960) arrived on posting from #3 TC Hqs. F/L J.J. Harris (C.7136) proceeded on temporary duty to #9 B&G School, Mont Joli, Que., returning same date. Hudson a/c 356 landed this airport from Moncton en route to Goose Bay.

Feb. 16th Weather: Clear and cold. S/L A.S. Griffiths (C.1725) arrived on temporary duty from #3 T.C. Hqs. for the purpose of equipment inspection, and departed for Moncton the same day. Hudson a/c 356 departed for Goose Bay enroute to the United Kingdom. Beechcraft CF-CAA departed for Moncton.

Feb. 17th Weather: Clear and cold. Flying Officer Wheaten (C.6089) arrived on temporary duty from EAC as member of a board for sighting explosives storehouse. Pilot Officer H.S. Henry J.21552, Signals Officer, arrived on posting from #3 T.C.

Feb. 18th Weather: Cloudy with heavy snow. Kit Inspection for all service personnel held at 1830 hours. Flight Lieutenant F.T.A. Skelcher (C.2265) arrived on temporary duty from #3 T.C. as member of a Board of Officers for siting explosives storehouse, departed same date. Flight Lieutenant W. W. Beaton (C.10935) reported on temporary duty from #9 B. & G, Mont Joli, Que., member of a board for siting explosives storehouse.

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Feb. 19th Weather: Clear, Bright & Mild. Wings Parade held at 1400 hrs. for graduates of Course #62 Air Navs. B. Wings presented by Squadron Leader A.P. Blackburn, CSO (16 RCAF, 6 RAAF, 2 RAF). Flight Lieutenant W.W.Beaton (C.10935) departed for Mont Joli.

Feb. 20th Weather Cloudy and Mild. Flying Officer W. A. Wheten (C.6089) departed for EAC, Halifax, N.S. Flying programme washed out on account of weather.

Feb. 21st Weather: Overcast, very mild. Church services for R.C. and Protestant personnel held in the CLWS room at 0845 and 0925 hrs. respectively. Afternoon and night flights carried out.

Feb. 22nd Flight Lieutenant O.E. Armstrong reported from No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, Que. as Admin. Officer. Flight Lieutenant J.M. Morton reported from RCAF detachment, Suffield, Alta. as navigation Instructor. Weather excellent for day and night flying.

Feb. 23rd Flight Lieutenant J. H. Smyth left on posting to No. 3 T.C. Hqs. Movies shown during the evening in recreation room with the feature picture being "Maltese Falcon". Excellent flying weather for both day and night flying. Officers held a study group during the evening with a discussion of Orderly Room cases and Powers of Subordinate Commanders.

Feb. 24th Flying Officer P.F. Lee (C.21686), Command Trade Test Officer of Eastern Air Command, was here en route to Gaspé, Que. The visiting flight arrived during the day, and will be here for some days carrying out tests of pilots. Commanding Officer's inspection held on parade square at 1300 hrs. Night flying cancelled on account of bad weather. During the evening a dance was held in the recreation room under the auspices of the Canadian Legion.

Feb. 25th Regular Officers' Mess meeting held in the ante room at 1300 hrs. Day and night flying exercises carried out in clear weather, weather turned much colder at night.

Feb. 26th Flight Lieutenant K. M. Place of No. 8 S.F.T.S., Moncton, N.B. was here on temporary duty re audit of Officers' and Sergeants' Mess accounts. Good weather all day.

Feb. 27th Movies shown in airman's recreation room during evening. Good progress in day and night flying. During the night a search was conducted for a missing plane in Grand Lake District.

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Feb. 28th Usual R.C. church parade held in the morning, but no Protestant service, as the part time Chaplain was ill. Flying in morning with planes assisting in search for a missing plane, but the afternoon weather became unsuitable for flying. Visiting flight finished their tour of duty here. Flying Officer MacDonald from Moncton arrived on temporary duty to carry out tests and special instruction on recommendations of visiting flight. Pilot Officer Board departed on temporary duty to Mont Joli.

No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company: 38 Avro Anson Mk I.

Total Flying Time 2444:25

Personnel Strength of Station:	<u>1-2-43</u>	<u>28-2-43</u>
Officers	37	34
Airmen	119	156
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	NIL	NIL

Civilians	NIL	NIL
Trainees	194	156

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1/3/43 Regular Day and Night flying exercises carried out under ideal weather conditions. During the night, Hudson plane #902 from Debert, H.S., landed here when lost, taking off early the next morning. The Visiting Flight departed for Quebec in the morning in Lockheed #7837.

2/3/43 During the evening the picture "Tugboat Annie Sails Again" was shown by the Canadian Legion in the recreation room. Weather unsettled with snow flurries.

3/3/43 Weather stormy with steady fall of snow keeping up all day and evening. Weekly dance held in Canadian Legion Recreation room during evening while the Officers entertained the Senior Pilots in their Mess. This was done to show appreciation of the use made by the Officers of the Senior Pilots' Mess while their own was being renovated.

4/3/43 Weather unsettled but afternoon and night flights carried out. R.145437 LAC Biddle, F.C., of Course 64 training discontinued and posted to No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, for failure Navigation Course.

5/3/43 Wings Parade held at 1400 hours when S/L Blackburn presented wings to 19 graduates of Course 63. Of them 10 R.C.A.F. and one R.A.F, received their commissions. During the evening the school held a largely attended "March to Victory" dance in the Exhibition hall at Chatham, N.B. Snow flurries during the day and very cold.

6/3/43 School visited by W/C Corbould of No. 3 T.C, and G/C Hawtrey in connection with glue deterioration. S/L Baldwin arrived from A.F.H.Q. to give talks with regard to Operational work overseas. Weather good for day and early night flying exercises but becoming stormy later. F/L Jenks and F/L Hutchinson of Summerside arrived on a liaison visit for the week-end. F/O Wheten of E.A.C. was here re inspection of explosives and proceeded on to No. 3 T.C., Montreal.

7/3/43 The usual Protestant and R.C. Church parades were held during the day. Severe storm prevented all flying during the day.

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8/3/43 Advance agent of "Lifebuoy Follies Revue" was here completing arrangements for show to be held on March 20th. Commanding Officer's parade held late in the afternoon. Weather again clear but cold, excellent for flying and good progress made. Trains from Montreal finally got through after being enroute since

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8/3/43 Saturday, March 6th. New class No. 71 of 25 Navigators (B) arrived during the evening from No. 1 B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont.

9/3/43 Clear cold weather, excellent for flying. During the evening the moving picture "The Roaring Twenties" was shown in the Canadian Legion recreation room.

10/3/43 S/L Baldwin departed for Moncton, having completed 4 days temporary duty at the school. During the evening a dance was held in the Canadian Legion recreation room following a movie show. Weather rather unsettled with occasional rain and light snow flurries.

11/3/43 R.161551 LAC Pearson ceased training for failure in Navigation ground and below average in air work.
Rain and fog most of the day.

12/3/43 R.145940 LAC House, H.D., training discontinued for failure ground and air work. Air Vice Marshal Godfrey, Deputy Inspector General accompanied by Air Vice Marshal de Niverville, G/C West, W/C Sneath, S/L Canty and his aide S/L Aldridge inspected the station arriving about noon by motor from Moncton. A parade was held in the hangar at 1400 hours following which the station was toured for several hours, the party leaving by motor car at 1800 hours. Heavy fog and drizzling rain during the day prevented flying.
PO Wyman left on posting to No. 10 E.F.T.S., Pendleton while two new Navigation Officers arrived from Rivers, Man., P/O Mitchell and P/O Murdock. Movies shown by Canadian Legion in recreation room during the evening.

13/3/43 F/L Mac Donald of Signals Branch No. 3 T.C. arrived by train for a short visit. Some flying carried out under fair conditions.

14/3/43 F/L freeman of No. 3 T.C. arrived during the day by train from Moncton. Usual Protestant and R.C. Church parade held during the morning. Excellent flying weather during late afternoon and the evening.

15/3/43 Navigation and Bombing exercises carried out during the day but no night flying.

16/3/43 Movies shown in Canadian Legion recreation room during the evening. Course 64 which graduated this week held a farewell banquet during the evening, at which they entertained a number of the supervisory staff and instructors. A limited amount of flying carried out during the morning and afternoon.

17/3/43 Dance held during the evening in Canadian Legion recreation room. Bad weather with occasional freezing rain prevented all flying.

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18/3/43 F/Sgt. Thompson of No. 3 T.C. visited the school re accounting duties. G/C Hawtrey and S/L Motherwell arrived from No. 3 T.C. in connection with aircraft situation. During the evening a practice black-out was held here as well at all through the Maritime Provinces.

19/3/43 Wings Parade held at 1400 hours in the afternoon when Wings were presented to 22 graduates of Course 64 by Group Captain Hawtrey of No. 3 Training Command. Excellent flying weather for day and night flying. Five Anson planes ferried here from #9 A.O.S., St. Johns to relieve present shortage of serviceable planes.
Capt. Mignault, Dental clinic reported on posting. Movies shown during the evening in Canadian Legion recreation room the feature picture being "Flight Lieutenant."

20/3/43 Steady snowfall all day preventing flying. During the evening Lever Bros. "Lifebuoy Follies Revue Concert Party" put on an excellent show in the Chatham Opera House. A good house made up largely of R.C.A.F. personnel and civilian employees of the Operating Company saw the show which was greatly appreciated.
The members of the cast were afterwards entertained in the Officers' Mess.

21/3/43 Usual Protestant and R.C. Church Parades held during the day. Weather much improved and good progress made in day and night flying exercises. F/L T.M. Childerhose left for No. 1 G.R. School, Summerside, after being here since the early days of the school. Word received that 11 members of the graduating class of March 19th have been commissioned with one more under consideration.

22/3/43 R.154683 LAC Smith. C.B., of Course 65 ceased training for failure air work and posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto. P/O Board returned after three week temporary duty at Mont Joli. Good flying weather although temperature still remaining cool.

23/3/43 S/L Phillips of personnel branch No. 3 T.C. arrived by rail for a staff visit. Movies shown during the evening in Canadian Legion recreation room. Good flying weather.

24/3/43 S/L Phillips left by air for Moncton. P/O Crouch and six Sgt. Wags reported for duty from Mountain View.
Weather pleasant with snow flurries during the night. Good progress made in flying.
Usual Wednesday evening dance held in Canadian Legion recreation room.
Commanding Officer's Inspection held on the parade square at 1300 hours.

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25/3/43 In the late afternoon a regular meeting of the Officers Mess was held and a new slate of Officers elected as follows: Mess President - F/L Morton, Secretary - P/O Dichmont, Assistant Secretary - F/O Rutherford and Bar Officer - F/O Brown. Mess Dinner held during the evening in the Officer's Mess.
Weather still cool but good flying progress made.

26/3/43 Flying carried on during morning and afternoon but cancelled at night on account of bad

weather. Moving picture "Submarine Raider" shown in Canadian Legion recreation room during the evening.

27/3/43 R.166796 LAC Redya, J., of Course 69 ceased training and posted to No. 1 "M" Depot. Toronto, as temperamentally unsuited for aircrew training. Movies shown during evening followed by a dance in the Officers' Mess. Warm sunny weather and remaining snow and ice melting rapidly. Good flying progress made.

28/3/43 Usual Protestant and R.C. Church Parades held during the morning. Weather clear with some thawing during the morning but-cold again at night. Day and night flying carried out.

29/3/43 Ten Wags who have been here for some time and recently passed aircraft recognition exams were posted overseas. Good flying weather with the temperature remaining quite cold.

30/3/43 Day and night flying carried on under good conditions. School visited by numerous planes, nine Battles and one Dragonfly among them. Moving picture "Sgt. York" shown in Canadian Legion recreation room during the evening.

31/3/43 Moving pictures again shown followed by a dance in Canadian Legion recreation room during the evening. 13 planes mostly Farry Battles enroute from Moncton to Mont Joli landed here and 26 occupants put up for the night. Day and night flying, carried on under good flying conditions.

No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company. 45 Avro Anson MK1.

Total Flying Time 2475:55

Personnel Strength of Station:

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April 1st Visiting party from Mont Joli kept here on account of bad weather which prevented all training flights.

F/O L. E. Burkell & AC1 Burt of EAC, Halifax arrived on temporary duty to represent Public

Relations Dept. in connection with Wings Parade to be held tomorrow. In company with other Civilian operated schools we commenced drawing government rations for all personnel today.

April 2nd Wings Parade held on the parade square in afternoon when G/C H. R. Stewart of AFHQ, presented wings to 18 graduates of Course 65. Word received later that 15 members of above course had been granted commissions. Weather fine during the day, but became unsettled with snow flurries in the evening. The moving picture "Nice Girl" was shown in the Canadian Legion recreation room during the evening. R.154123, LAC, Stoker, P. M. of course 65, training discontinued, & posted to Trenton for failure in ground school.

April 3rd Lack of visibility and snow flurries prevented all flying during the day. Five trainees, as follows, all from Course 68, discontinued training:

R.52516, Sgt., MacSwan, for failure in ground & air work.

R.160389, LAC, Bly, K. E. for failure in ground work.

R.161091, LAC, Upper, B. P. for failure in air work.

R.160114, LAC, Dawson, A. P. for failure in ground work, below average in the air.

R.164557, LAC, Airsworth, G. W. for failure in ground & air work.

They were all posted to No. I B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont.

April 4th Usual Protestant & R. C. Church parades held during the morning. Weather greatly improved, afternoon and night flying exercises carried out. 20 members of new class No. 72 due during the day from Jarvis, Ont. the remainder to follow within a few days.

April 5th F/L J. N. Smyth of No. 3 T.C. visited the school in connection with auxiliary services. Some flying during morning but remainder of exercises cancelled due to bad weather and continued fall of snow.

April 6th Cpl. Leznoff, J. arrived from No. 3 T.C. in connection with audit of non-public funds. Some further arrivals for class No. 73, including ten Polish Officers. Movies were shown during the evening in Canadian Legion Recreation Room. Good flying weather experienced.

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April 7th Weather steadily improving and recent snow rapidly melting. Day and night flying exercises completed.

F/L Harris, Armament Officer, left on posting to No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, Que. Usual weekly dance held in Canadian Legion Recreation room.

April 8th F/L Jaronski, Polish Instructor & Liaison Officer, arrived on posting from Jarvis, Ont. Excellent progress in both day and night flying exercises. Eight Hurricanes and two Lodestar planes were here during the morning while en route from Dartmouth to Newfoundland.

April 9th P/O Westerman, a new Instructor, reported for duty from Rivers, Man. Movies were shown in the Canadian Legion Recreation Room during the evening, the picture being "The Wife

Takes A Flyer". Good flying for both day and night exercises.

April 10th No flying on account of bad weather. Movies followed by a dance held in the Officers' Mess during the evening.

April 11th The usual Protestant and R.C. Church Parades were held during the morning. Movies were shown in the Canadian Legion Recreation room during the evening. Practically no flying on account of bad weather, although a few planes were up for a short time in the morning.

April 12th F/L Heard, Chief Instructor, posted to No. 4 A.O.S., London, Ont., where he is to be Chief Instructor.

School visited by Aircraft Detection Corps Officer from Eastern Air Command, F/L Senes. Limited amount of flying in early afternoon, but soon stopped on account of bad weather.

April 13th Quite a heavy fall of snow overnight and continuing into the morning. R.160236, LAC, Honey, W.F., of Course 66, training discontinued for failure in Air Work. Weather improved during the evening and night flying carried out. S/L Lauer of No. 3 T C. was here in connection with non public funds.

April 14th Weather somewhat warmer with very heavy rains which melted snow about the station and dried it up. S/L Lauer returned to No. 3. Training Command. The following pupils discontinued training:

R.153844, LAC, Baskerville, N.G., of Course 69, for failure in navigation work for which he is too slow.

R.117460, LAC, Glover, W. A., of Course 69, for failure in air work.

R.139200, LAC, Oliver, J. of Course 69, for failure in ground & air work.

R.165173, LAC, Miller, H. L. of Course 69, for failure in air & ground work.

The were all posted to No. 1 B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont.

April 15th Mess dinner and farewell for F/L Heard, Chief Instructor, held in the Officers' Mess during the evening.

Good flying weather experienced, and day and night exercises carried out.

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April 16th Wings Parade held in the afternoon when Capt. Jameson, parent of one of the trainees, presented wings to 18 graduates of Course 66. 11 of the graduates were afterwards commissioned.

April 17th Heavy overcast with light snow, out quite mild. Morning flying washed out. No flying all day. W/C Goodspeed reported for Aircraft Detection Corps. Conferred with C.S.O.

April 18th Sunday. Partly overcast and quite mild. Flying programme carried out. Regular Protestant and R.C. church parades held in morning. Fire protection party arrived from Stanley N.S. S/L MacCallum, APM, arrived by plane from Moncton and was taken to Newcastle, en

route to Mont Joli. Night flying carried out under excellent conditions.

April 19th Perfect weather conditions. C.A.V.U. Flying proceeding on schedule. S/L MacCallum, APM, reported on temporary duty, departing 1530. F/L Christie reported from #8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, Que to assume duties of Chief Instructor. One member only of new course reported in - remainder arriving tomorrow.

F/O MacDonald, AFC, reported from #8 SFTS, Moncton, N.B. for checking civilian pilots. Night flying carried out as per schedule.

April 20th Completely overcast - low hanging and threatening rain-rather mild. Some flying going on, but only local. Wet snow at 1000 hrs. Flying stopped, Snow stopped it 1400, but conditions still unfit for flying. Course 74, including 2 new Polish Officer, reported from Mountain View to commence training. Weather clearing slightly at night, but still unfit for flying. Movies shown in C.L.W.S. theatre.

April 21st C.A.V.U. conditions - flying proceeding as scheduled. Clouding over somewhat after lunch, but flying proceeding - quite a strong wind blowing. S/L Blackburn admitted to hospital for approximately one week. F/L Christie assumes temporary command. Movies and regular weekly dance held in Canadian Legion Room. F/O Doyle (ARM) reported from #8 SFTS re Court of Enquiry in connection with a stolen bomb.

April 22nd F/L O.E. Armstrong, Administrative Officer, returned after attending Administrative Officers conference at No. 3 T.C. F/L Riddell left on posting to #3 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette to be Assistant Chief Instructor. Clear, bright weather and becoming much warmer. GB1791517, LAC, Hill, G.D., Course 70, training discontinued for failure in air and ground work.

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April 23rd General holiday for "Good Friday" with only skeleton staff on duty for day, Warm sunny weather, and many airman played baseball and walked about the countryside, Movies shown in the Canadian Legion recreation room during the evening, the picture being "40,000 Norsemen".

April 24th 2 Hudson planes with a total of 24 Officers and other ranks arrived as part of the Detachment which will be stationed here for Operations during the summer. Good flying weather experienced all day.

April 25th Usual Protestant and R.C. Church parades held during the morning, while large numbers of school personnel also attended Easter Services in town during the day. "Canso" plane with 12 Detachment personnel forced to remain here overnight while on route to Mont Joli. Good flying weather early in day, but became rainy in early evening. Efforts being made by Eastern Air Command to make sure that a supply of 100 Octane gas will be available in Chatham by tomorrow for Operational work.

April 26th A few more members of the Operational Detachment arrived during the day, S/L

Blackburn returned to duty after spending a few days in the Chatham Hospital. Good flying weather experienced for day and night exercises.

April 27th Movies shown in Canadian Region Recreation Room during the evening, the picture being "George Slept Here". Good flying weather although still quite cold. Full night flying exercises carried out.

April 28th Large number of school personnel attended dance in Chatham Exhibition Hall when movie was supplied by the Mart Kenney Orchestra Lt. Col Lantier, Command Dental Officer, visited the school, remaining over night. Good flying weather experienced, P/O Owens, new Armament Officer reported from St. Johns, Que.

April 29th Command Dental Officer & Dental Detachment left by air for Stanley, R.S. in Norseman plane sent from Montreal for them. In future it is planned to have the RCAF transport plane to call here on scheduled runs between Montreal and Moncton so that the Beechcraft called here en route to Moncton. Weather again suitable for day and night flying.

April 30th F/O Bradshaw left on posting to Summerside, P.E. Weather fine during the day but commenced to rain in the late evening. The moving picture "Siege of Leningrad" was shown in the Canadian Legion Recreation room during the evening.

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No. of aircraft on charge of civilian company. 39 Avro Anson MKI.

Total Flying Time 2457:05

Personnel Strength of Station:	<u>1-4-43</u>	<u>30-4-43</u>
Officers	40	45
Airmen	120	121
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	3	3
Civilians	NIL	NIL
Trainees	160	158

(A.P. Blackburn) Squadron Leader,
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

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May 1st F/O J. W. James departed on posting to No. 31 O.T.U., Debert, N.S. Bad weather prevented all flying during the day. Moving pictures shown in the Officers' Mess during the evening followed by a dance.

May 2nd Usual Protestant and R. C. Church Parades held during the morning. 24 members of new class No. 75 reported from Mountain View during the afternoon. Improvement in weather permitted day and night flying operations.

May 3rd S/L Black of Eastern Air Command visited the school in connection with Aircraft Detection Corps Organization. Bad weather again prevented all flying exercises. Mr. Bibby, Company Manager, left for Montreal to visit No. 3 Training Command and try to arrange for additional school buildings.

May 4th S/L Black, who was kept here by bad weather, gave a talk to some of the airmen re Aircraft Detection Corps during the afternoon and also to the Officers in the evening at their regular weekly study session. 9 more members of R.C.A.F. Detachment reported for duty from Sidney, N.S. No flying again on account of weather remaining unsuitable.

May 5th S/L Douglas and F/O Butler arrived from Sidney to join the R.C.A.F. Detachment stationed here. Still impossible to fly so S/L Black returned to Halifax by train leaving his plane and crew still grounded here. Splendid progress being made by the school in connection with war loan drive and congratulatory telegram received from the Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 T.C. During the evening the moving picture " Dangerous Passage " shown in Canadian Legion Recreation room followed by dance after which refreshments were served in the woman's recreation rooms.

May 6th The weather was still unsuitable for flying activities. The following trainees of Course 70 training discontinued and posted to No. 1 Re-selection Centre, Trenton, Ont. -

- G.B. 1560807 LAC Farley, B.M. for failure ground work.
- G.B. 1393094 LAC Flanagan, J.P. for failure A.O.S. Course.
- G.B. 1455207 LAC Irving, J.D. for failure air and ground work.
- R 160365 LAC Betta, H.J. for failure air and ground work.
- G.B. 1547337 LAC Johnson, D.M. for failure ground work.

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May 7th Night flying exercises started out as usual in the evening with 26 planes taking off, but when the weather changed.- suddenly heavy fog in this area caused following accidents:

"A" Crash, Anson 1, 6729, crashed near Port Elgin, N.B. 2 Polish Officer trainees F/L A. Markiewics, Pol. 183 and P/O Glod, Pol. 1983, killed, R.120034, Sgt. Hebert, J.P.E, pilot on leave without pay severely injured, & R.77084, F/S Roy, W. F. (WAG) slightly injured. The plane was very badly wrecked.

"A" Crash, Anson 1, 6689, force landed in river near Bathurst, N.B. R.145435, LAC. Marlowe L.K. trainee, was drowned, and remainder of crew uninjured. The plane was not badly damaged in landing.

"A" Crash, Anson 1, 6105 force landed off the coast near Bay du Vin. N.B. R.141691, Sgt. Stromberg, B. (WAG) was drowned but remainder of crew were uninjured. The plane was badly smashed and not salvageable.

"A" Crash Anson 1, 6469 force landed 7 miles south of Bathurst, N.B., but with no injury to personnel.

The plane landed near a woods between numerous trees but was not severely damaged.

In addition two other planes were able to land at No. 8 S.F.T.S., Moncton, N.B., and remained over night.

May 8th Flight Officer Nichol, Command Messing Officer visited the school, arriving by air via Moncton. Normal activities during the day were disrupted on account of the accidents. Searches ordered throughout area called off around 0830 hrs. when message received from F/O Redmond that they had reached shore after spending about 6 hrs. in their boat. There was some flying during the afternoon, but all night trips were cancelled. Moving pictures shown in Officer' Mess during the evening following an earlier show in the Canadian Legion Recreation Boom. With advent of better weather much interest is being shown in outdoor sports such as baseball, etc.

May 9th S/L Draper and F/O Poulln, Command Investigation Officers arrived to hold inquiry re fatal crashes. Regular R.C. & Prot church parades held during the morning with good flying weather exercises were carried out during the day and also at night. Around midnight forest fires were started at the bombing range, and it was necessary to send ever a fire fighting crew to keep it away from the houses in the surrounding district. There is a definite fire hazard there at this season of the year when grass, shrubs, etc. are dry and burn easily. Body of LAC Marlowe, accompanied by his widow and Sgt. Finklestein as escort left on Ocean Limited en route to Detroit for burial.

May 10th During the afternoon funeral for two Polish Officers held in Moncton, with the R.C. Padre, Chief Supervisory Officer, and Polish personnel from the school in attendance. The service was held in the Roman Catholic Cathedral there with a guard of honor and a large attendance of Officers and other ranks from the various units situated in Moncton, There was also a large turnout of civilians from Moncton & District.

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May 10th A forest fire which was started by flash bombs during the night flying exercises (Cont'd) burned all day in spite of strenuous efforts to subdue same by personnel from the school. It was finally put out at about 1800 hrs. It was decided to hold Court of Inquiry re accidents and W/C A.B. Searle arrived at the school regarding same. Good weather experienced all day and numerous exercises completed.

May 11th Memorial Mass in Chatham for two Polish Officers who had been buried in Moncton on May 10th was held in the morning with the R.C. personnel from the school attending. A considerable number of local residents also attended the service which was conducted by F/L Reinsborough, our part time Padre. Court of Inquiry investigating the four accidents commenced their duties, the composition being as follows: Pres. W/C A.B. Searle, Members, S/L Draper and F/O Poulin. During the day ward was received that the lost plane in which Sgt. Stromberg was lost had been found, and a crew went out to see if arrangements could be made to tow it ashore

for salvage.

School visited by W/C Corbould, W/C Sneath, and F/L Jenks of No. 3 T.C.

Considerable sports equipment arrived at the school for use in the sports field, and progress made in preparing baseball diamond for use. Movies shown in Canadian Legion Recreation Room in the evening. Weather suitable for both day and night flying.

May 12th F/O Hunt of Command Trade Test Branch arrived during the afternoon to carry out quarterly tests. W/C Corbould and F/L Jenks of No. 3 T.C. still here re Navigation Training. Flying carried out in morning only as weather then became unsuitable.

May 13th F/L Rice of No. 3 T.C. arrived at the school in connection with Works and Buildings matters. No flying during the day, but night flying exercises carried out.

May 14th Body of Sgt. Stromberg shipped to Montreal on Ocean Limited at 1535 hrs. S/L Dunlop, Command Chaplain (P) visited the school and spent some time with F/L MacPherson. F/L Schoefield of the Aeronautical Engineering Division at No. 3 T.C. visited the school in connection with maintenance matters. Good flying weather all day far a change.

May 15th Weather suitable for flying all day.

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May 16th Usual Sunday schedule with regular Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades. 26 members of Class 76 were TOS on reporting from Mountain View, Ont. Flying during the morning and afternoon only. During the evening a Canso plane from Yarmouth landed here and remained on account of bad weather.

May 17th Weather was very unsettled with heavy wind and rain in the morning. No flying carried out at all.

May 18th Visiting flight arrived in the afternoon. Good flying weather experienced all day and Canso plane departed during the night. F/L Christie, Chief Instructor, left in afternoon for Ancienne Lorette to give evidence at a Court Martial to be held tomorrow.

May 19th G/C Huggett of No. 8 S.F.T.S. visited the school during the morning. Visiting Flight left on account of posting of F/L Alcorn, but are to return shortly. Good weather experienced during the day, and Commanding Officer's inspection held on parade square at noon. Got very cool during the evening causing cancellation of night flying. Usual Wednesday evening dance held in recreation room following showing of movies.

May 20th S/L Blackburn, Chief Supervisory Officer, left in the afternoon for Montreal, accompanied by Mr. Clark, Operations Manager, to attend a conference of Commanding Officers and Civilian Company Managers to be held at No. 3 T.C. tomorrow. Weather cool, but

day and night flying carried out.

May 21st F/L Christie, Chief Instructor, returned after spending two days at Ancienne Lorette. Movies shown during the evening in Canadian Legion Recreation Room. Good flying weather for both day and night flying exercises.

May 22nd No flying carried out on account of unsuitable weather conditions.

May 23rd Usual Protestant and R. C. Church parades held in the morning. Finest Sunday weather of the spring experienced and numerous flying exercises carried out.

May 24th S/L Blackburn returned from attending conference at No. 3 T.C. Hqs. After fairly good flying weather during the day weather became unsettled and night trips cancelled.

May 25th F/L McKnight of AFHQ Works and Buildings was here in connection with roads and runways, remaining over night. No night flying, but some exercises completed during the day.

May 26th F/L Christie, Chief Instructor, left on two weeks annual leave, and is to be married in Montreal next Saturday afternoon. Flying exercises completed in morning and afternoon only. Movies followed by

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May 26th dance during the evening in the Canadian Legion Recreation room. Mr. Troop of (Cont'd) Canadian Pacific Airways and a party of friends arrived for a visit to Chatham.

May 27th P/O Provost, Command Canteen Officer, arrived for an inspection visit and went into the operation of the canteen here with the Civilian Company. All flying cancelled an account of uncertain weather.

May 28th F/L Chopin arrived on posting from No. 5 Manning Depot, Lachine to replace F/L O. E. Armstrong as Administrative Officer. During the evening the moving picture "Eagle Squadron" was shown in the Canadian Legion Room. No flying exercises completed.

May 29th Inclement weather still prevented all flying. Movies followed by social evening in Officers' Mess.

May 30th Usual Protestant and Roman Catholic Church parades held during the morning. Bad weather again prevented all flying. Course No. 77, consisting of 27 members, arrived during the afternoon from Mountain View. Ont.

May 31st Weather cleared up slightly during the day, and limited amount of flying carried out.

Number of aircraft on charge of civilian company; 34 Anson Mk. 1.

Total Flying Time 2385:30

Personnel Strength of Station:

	<u>1-5-43</u>	<u>31-5-43</u>
Officers	45	38
Airmen	121	123
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	3	NIL
Civilians	NIL	NIL
Trainees	158	227

(A.P. Blackburn) Squadron Leader,
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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

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Daily Diary - June, 1943.

No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

1. Please be advised that the Wings Parades mentioned under entries dated 11th and 25th of the June Daily Diary of the above mentioned Unit were graduates of Courses Nos. 68 and 69. The intake, wastage and disposition of graduates is outlined below for your ready reference:-

COURSE 68

Graduated

17 R.C.A.F.
1 R.A.F.

Disposition

8 RCAF - Summerside P.E.I.
5 RCAF - Vancouver, B.C.
4 RCAF - Pennfield Ridge, N.B.
1 RAF - #31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.

Wastage

6 R.C.A.F.

COURSE 69

21 R.C.A.F.

8 RCAF - Pennfield Ridge N.B. 5 R.C.A.F.

7 RCAF - Summerside, P.E.I.
6 RCAF - Vancouver, B.C.

(V.P Cronyn), W.C.,
for A.O.C., No.3 T.C.

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June 1st Routine flying schedule - weather good and clear - night flying carried out. Blackout practice for Chatham was very effective. At Unit the results were also good, considering no previous warning was given, the test lasted one half hour from 2200 hrs. to 2230 hrs. S/Ldr. Doyle, No. 3 T.C. Welfare Officer visited the station - Recreation Hall was discussed. F/O Baker, No. 8 SFTS accompanied him. Both proceeded to Moncton by Beechcraft. The need for a Recreation Hut is most urgent.

June 2nd C.O.'s parade was cancelled due to rain. Flying also was washed out for the day. Routine day. S/Ldr. Forbes reported T/D from Mont Joli, left for AFHO. Telephoned to No. 3 T.C. re Met. Charts for examination - F/L Boardman - to be mailed same day.

June 3rd Weather still bad - low ceiling - rainy and cold. F/L Armstrong SOS on posting to No. 5 M. Depot, left by afternoon train. Met. exams delayed - charts omitted - telephoned Command. No charts arrived yet. - Exam still in abeyance. F/O M.I. Baker W&B, Moncton, reported in re fire protection. Company officials & Armament Officer Owens interviewed. F/L Berthier, Organization, #3 TC re accommodation.

June 4th Flying carried out this A.M. and afternoon. Clearing sky. F/L Berthier and F/O Baker returned No. 3 TC by Beechcraft 1230 hrs. Charts for Met. exam did not arrive today.. Phoned F/L Boardman who stated they were despatched June 2nd by Command C.R.

June 5th Normal flights, weather fair, wind fairly strong,. First good day for over a week. P/O Fick reported for duty from #1 CNS, Rivers, Man. Night flying prospects good.. Canadian Legion show "My Sister Eileen" was well attended. The lack of a recreation hut is felt here.

June 6th Sunday - Routine church parade. R.C. & Protestant held. Regular flying schedule carried out. F/O Dunphy, test pilot, reported on Station from No. 8 S.F.T.S., also F/O Reid for contact training from No. 17 EFTS. Very quiet on station during the afternoon.

June 7th Another good day. Weather good. Flying normal. S/O Sweetwood and F/L's coneau and Dignan of Mobile Recruiting Unit visited station and stayed to lunch. F/O Gilday reported for duty on posting from No. 3. ITS, Victoriaville. Practice blackout was called. Eight aircraft from this Unit observed the results.

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June 8th Flying schedule carried out, weather seems to be settling down to really fine days. Good & clear.

F/O Roche from No. 3 T.C. came by air and spent the day with the Signal Section.

June 9th Normal dally routine, excellent flying conditions. F/L Flanagan, Command PT&D Officer reported for Temporary duty arrived by Air from Stanley, N.S., for inspection purposes. The C.O.'s parade was held at 0800 hrs - After Ensign raising was done prior to inspection - All flights available and officers were present (except a few who were new arrivals) - The turn out of Headquarters and Trainees was smart - Above average for Flying School.

June 10th Usual daily parades and flying routine - Weather clear and warming up. - Things very quiet - The behavior of the personnel at this unit is very good - With the exception of a few instances, misconduct is almost non existent. The graduating had a farewell dinner at the Golf Club last night. The C.O. and the Class Lecturers were guests - Very enjoyable time was had by all. S/L Blackburn addressed the Class. - Arrangements were satisfactorily made to supply beer to the Airmen's Canteen, Sergeants' and Officers' mess - Mr Birchall, President of the Co. was instrumental.

June 11th Weather conditions not very good - Cloudy, dull and drizzly. F/L Flanagan returning to 3 T.C., Via Mont Joli, left in Beechcraft 1100 hrs - New Met Civilian, Mr Craddock, reported for duty - Privileges of Mess and quarters were extended to him. - Regular flights were on duty - Wings parade was held. All personnel not on duty attended. A squadron of 3 flights took part in the parade, the 18 graduates forming an honour flight, led during the march past -

R159306 Sgt Ascah, R.W.L.	R151043 Sgt Burns, V.	R159253 Sgt Delf, W.H.
R150535 Sgt Dunn. G.R.	R158785 Sgt Eckertt, J.F.	R166701 Sgt Guiguet, M.
R162292 Sgt Holland, M.T.	R165317 Sgt Leonard, A.R.	R159317 Sgt Nash, W.R.H.
R129983 Sgt Penfold, G.E.	R159143 Sgt Reilly, F.R.	R157898 Sgt Ross, R.G.
R159246 Sgt Thorne, S.A.	R159163 Sgt Twitney, S.L.	R156221 Sgt Weiser, F.P.
R127208 Sgt Hills, H.E.	E 4094 Sgt Thorndycraft, R.G.	GB709553 Sgt Lwowski, S.A.

It was regretted that Brigadier A.J. Nash, Vice Adjutant General - Ottawa was unable to be present as his nephew Sgt Waller Nash R159317 lead the course and was presented with a gift by Capt. Bibby, Manager of the Civilian Northumberland Air Observer School Ltd donated to each Class Leader. S/L Blackburn presented the wings and F/L Jaronski, presented the polish trainee, Stanislav Lwowski, with the appropriate polish insignia - The salute was taken by the C.S.O., S/L Blackburn. The Senior Offioers, F/L Christie, C.I., F/L Morton, F/L Jaronski, Capt. Bibby and Mr Birchall, President of the Co., were at the reviewing base. The Adjutant, F/L Chopin read out the names. Many friends and visitors attended the ceremony and entertained to tea, by the Auxiliary Services Officer Mr Frazer - which was much appreciated by all - A few guests were invited to refreshment in the Officers' Mess. Vary satisfactory parade - F/L Jaronski, left for his new station. Malton, No. 1 A.O.S., after the ceremony.

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June 11th Work continued as usual - till 1700 hrs.

June 12th Weather poor - Routine work and classes. Commissions for Sgts Nash, W.R.H., Delf, W.H. Ross, R.G., Leonard, A.R., Aseah, R.W.L., Thome, R.A., Thorndycraft, R.G., Weiser, F.P., Guiguet, M., Twitney, S.L, Penfeld, G.E., Burns, V., of course 68 Navigators "B", effective 11th June - Afternoon sky looks promising - F/O Casley navigator, arrived by rail from No. 1 Y Depot, on temporary duty - 24 airmen for the new class arrived this evening - 2 were granted special leave and were reporting later. F/L Duffie, Navigator Instructor, reported in from Uplands, on posting.

June 13th Routine Sunday schedule - No flying - Rain all day - Cold, miserable day - Regular Church parades held. Days like these, emphasize the need of a recreation Hall - No distraction for the personnel - Evening, still raining.

June 14th Good bright day - flights out and normal work resumed - Good flying conditions. The morning parades are well attended and with prospect of good days, the drill and discipline will be improved. The general behavior and deportment of both officers and airmen is above average - Capt. Baribeau, C.D.C., reported for duty from No. 5 M.B., on posting.

June 15th Flying washed out - Bad day low clouds - Ground classes and other work brought up to date - Liberator landed from Gander on route to Mont Joli, with W/O Adamson, as Capt. - Stayed 20 minutes or so and took off - Bicycles received on the station for staff work (messages) around camp - Night flying took place as weather improved.

June 16th C.O. 's parade well attended, 34 officers and 135 airmen on parade, 2 night flights and 3 classes were excused to prepare for Examinations - the Ensign hoisting ceremony preceded the Inspection - The need of a bugler is felt at this unit - Normal flying was carried both morning and afternoon - The grounds are being landscaped - The recreation ground is being levelled off for baseball - This is a great improvement and will reduce accidents - The day was marred by a forced landing in the early hours of the morning - None of the occupants were injured and the aircraft not too seriously damaged - F/O C.S.W. Proctor Navigator, reported for Temporary Duty from No. 8 S.F.T.S. - 24 hr guard posted to guard damaged aircraft - Report sent out to Headquarters.

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June 17th Routine flying schedule - Good visibility and warm and promises to be a fine day. F/O Proctor intended leaving for Mont-Joli, which later was changed and proceeded to No. 3 T.C., on the 18th instead. Nothing unusual to report - F/L Skellcher, Armament, inspected the armament section, and was taken out to inspect Range and Bombing areas, for new site.

June 18th Weather fair - Flying Photography a.m. - No flying p.m. - Routine ground instructions carried out by classes.

June 19th No a.m. flying - Regular afternoon and evening flights - Normal day. F/O Judson arrived from Mont-Joli

Lockheed A/C 688 and pannel truck spent the day at Station. Normal schedule maintained.

June 20th Fair - A.M. Photography bad weather- Washout flying in afternoon routine day. F/O Leduc Med. reported as replacement for F/L- Darche, Med., on leave.

June 21st Good A.M. navigation - Afternoon navigation - Usual night flights- Normal routine carried out grounds improvements progressing - Seeding is done immediately - The grading is finished. Airport looks good from Air - Photo attached - S/L Blackburn, C.S.O., left for his annual leave - F/L Christie assumes command of the Station.

June 22th Another good - navigation flight A.M. and navigation afternoon and navigation night flight. F/L Jenks arrived by Air from No. 3 T.C., on Staff visit - Spent day with C.I., F/L Christie - F/L Senez visited Station re A.D.C., returned same day to Halifax, via Bathurst.

June 23rd C.O.'s inspection - Good turn out - 160 airmen and all available officers - Weather fair regular flights. Afternoon practice for Wings parade - Good show.

June 24th Weather perfect. Normal flights - Morning, afternoon and night.

June 25th Weather fine - Flying all day. A Wings Parade was held at 1400 hrs for the graduates course 69, (21 R.C.A.F.) D.L. Rumball, course senior, led the class. Wings were presented by Lt. Col. Leger, O.C., North Shore, New Brunswick Regiment. After the presentation, Lt. Col. Leger delivered a short address. Mr Bibby, Manager of Northumberland Air Observer School, presented the Company's prize of a cigarette case, suitably inscribed to D.L. Rumball. Among those presents were Mr & Mrs Birchall, Mrs Bibby, Mrs Carls Worsley, (wife and sister of the Manager) and Mrs Leger, wife of Lt. Col. Leger. A proud spectator, was Cpl Jones, who saw his son, J.L. Jones winged. Cpl Jones is serving with the R.C.A.F., at an East Coast station. After the ceremony, tea was sawed in the Airmen's Reading Room.

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June 26th Fine during day - morning and afternoon flights. Night flight washed.

June 27th Weather fair - flying in afternoon only. Usual Protestant and R. C. church services held in morning.

June 28th Weather bad - all flights cancelled. F/O A.G. Russell arrived at 0300 hrs. by rail from EAC Hqs, Halifax, N.S. in connection with Field Liaison Emergency.

June 29th Weather fair - flying in afternoon only. F/O Russell departed for Mont Joli by rail at 1700 hrs. F/L Townsend arrived by air from Montreal at 1430 hrs.

June 30th Afternoon flight carried out, other flights washed out. F/L Babb, Jewish padre, visited the station and held a service for Jewish personnel. He departed by rail at 1200 hrs.

Total number of aircraft on charge to Civilian Company 37 Anson Mk. 1

Total Strength of Station:	<u>June 1st, 1943.</u>	<u>June 30, 1943.</u>
Officers	38	37
Airmen	123	119
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	NIL	2
Civilians	NIL	NIL
Trainees	227	223

Total flying time 2,867:00 hrs.

(A.P. Blackburn) Squadron Leader,
C.S.O., No. 10 A.O.S.,
Chatham, N.B.

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July 1st Weather a.m. good. No Photo flight in morning. Afternoon flight washed out. Evening flight carried out. Routine, classes and parades were carried on with out anything special to note.

July 2nd Weather a.m. good. Photo flight, afternoon and evening flights carried out. F/O Hall (Accts.) reported for duty from N. Sydney - instructed to proceed to #3 T.C. for orders. Accommodation found to be inadequate - proposed to move Accts. Section to new quarters later to accommodate A/C Staff.

July 3rd Weather a.m. good. Photo flight, afternoon and evening flights carried out. In the forenoon. A/V/M deNiverville visited the station. The Chief Instructor (in the absence of S/L Blackburn, on leave), and Administrative Officer were interviewed and certain matters discussed in regard to the general efficiency of the unit. Suggestions for corrective measures were forthwith applied to improve the discipline on the station. The A/V/M left by air.

July 4th Weather a.m. good. No Photo flight in morning. Afternoon flight carried out. Evening, poor visibility, night flight washed out. The regular Church parades for R.C. and Protestants were held - fairly good attendance reported by both Padres. Accommodation for Church services is poor. The building of a recreation hall would improve conditions.

July 5th Weather a.m. good. Routine. Afternoon flight carried out. Evening flight washed out owing to rain. F/L Logie reported for duty from Summerside to replace F/L Evans posted to #9 A.O.S., St. Johns. Que. (NAV). F/O Labrish from #9 A.O.S. & #3 T.C. reported also for duty (NAV) Instructor. The Interest in the Station Base-ball league is growing. Trainees and staff utilize the 2 diamonds to the fullest extent - outside games are being arranged with local town and army teams.

July 6th Weather a.m. poor. No flying. C.O.'s parade cancelled till to-morrow morning.

Afternoon and evening flights carried out ok.

July 7th Good weather, normal working day. All flight's carried out during day. The courses are putting in good flying time. The C.O.'s Parade and Ensign Hoisting was carried out under ideal conditions, the attendance being good, all flights were personally inspected by the C.S.O.

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July 8th Flying carried out (Morning and Afternoon flights). Night flight washed out. S/L McEwen reported on temporary duty from Mt. Allison University, Sackville N.B. for Navigation Instructors course. Routine day. In preparation for Wings parade, installation of loud speakers and band music was tried out and found successful.

July 9th Flying carried out morning and afternoon. Night flight washed out. Wings parade held at 1400 hrs., for graduating course #70. Wings were presented by S/L Blackburn (C.S.O.). R.155032, LAC Groombridge led the class and was presented with the N.A.O.S. prize by Capt. Bibby. 13 Airman (2 R.C.A.F. and 11 R.A.F.) graduated. (7 R.A.F. and 2 R.C.A.F. washed out during the course). A large attendance of friends and relatives added to the success of the event. Refreshments were served in the library following the parade.

July 10th Photo flight in morning and Navigation flight in afternoon carried out. Night flight washed out.

Work for staff ceases at 13:30 but owing to lack of Clerk Stenos., the Orderly Room works every Saturday afternoon. This condition is not satisfactory or conducive to efficiency.

July 11th Sunday normal. Church parades, R.C. and Protestant held in Canadian Legion Room - good attendance is reported by F/L Reinsborough and F/L MacPherson. No flight scheduled for morning. Weather fine for afternoon flight but night flight washed out. The station was very quiet during the day.

July 12th Weather very warm. Morning and afternoon flights carried out. Night flight washed out. F/O Pfeffer reported in from Victoria B.C. to assume Flying Control duties. Survey of conditions was taken and A.O.C. in C. of E.A.C. informed of same - no actual control inaugurated yet as facilities are lacking. F/L Chopin (S.A.O.) left for Mont Joli (#9 B.& G.) to attend Court Martial.

July 13th Weather still warm. Photo flight in morning and regular Nav. flight in afternoon carried out, night flight washed out. Routine day. F/O Sterling (AIM) arrived by Air from #3 T.C. A/C recognition Instructor Staff visit spent the day with the Class Instructors.

July 14th Weather warm - morning and afternoon flights carried out - night flight washed out. S/L Lauer, #3 T.C. Non Public Funds Accountant Officer visited the Station for Audit Board and general survey. F/O Gilday acted as member of board. Officers' and Sergeants' Mess matters were discussed with F/O Hall. C.O.'s parade and Ensign Hoisting carried out - good turn out of all ranks. F/Sgt. Thomas, acting Station Sergeant Major posted to #6 S.F.T.S., Dunnville Ont.

July 15th Weather warm. Photo flight carried out during morning - remainder of flights cancelled, poor visibility. Routine classes, nothing of interest to report. On these days the lack of recreational facilities are badly felt, as the Staff and trainees have no other choice but to return to their Barrack Blocks. F/O Dessaulles arrived by rail from #3 T.C. re A/C Maintenance at unit. Visited Civilian Co.

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July 16th Weather clear and turned cooler - regular flying all day. All Class schedules and flights carried out. S/L Lauer left by rail for #3 T.C. F/O Dessaulles (Engineer) re. Aircraft Maintenance at unit departed to-day for #3 T.C. F/O Leduc (M.O.) left for #3 R.C., Montreal, on posting. WO2 Cunningham, new Station Sergeant Major reported for duty from Dunnville in exchange for F/Sgt Thomas.

July 17th Weather fine. Regular flying schedule adhered to and all flights carried out. Normal working day, quiet, nothing of special interest to report. Grounds look well, the newly seeded grounds around Barracks and Messes are progressing well and general appearance of the Station is excellent.

July 18th Rained intermittently all day - all flights cancelled. Another bad day - overcast and dull. Nothing unusual to report. Church parades well attended, many Airmen observed in local Churches. General attitude of Airmen toward church attendance is good.

July 19th Normal flying carried out. First early morning flight (0230 hrs.) carried out to catch up flying hours lost by bad weather. Usual routine.

July 20th Weather uncertain. Night flight and (0230 hrs.) early morning flight washed out. Other flights as usual. Routine day, nothing unusual to report.

July 21st Another poor flying day. Afternoon and Night flying carried out but morning (0830 hrs.) and early morning (0230 hrs.) flights were washed out.

July 22nd Weather conditions unsatisfactory. Photo flight in morning was carried out but all other flights during day were washed out. S/L Doyle visited the Station re. Canadian Legion work, matters taken up with Mr. Fraser and Adjutant principally re. building of Recreation Hut. The movie projector is out of order with the result that recreation for Staff and Trainees is practically nil.

F/O Skelcher (ARM) visited Station and inspected the Armament section and Range with P/O Owens.

July 23rd All flights completed except 0230 flight. Wings parade held at 1400 hrs., for graduating Course 71. Wings were presented by Brig. Gen. Musgrave (R.C.A.). R.166586, LAC Crute, N.M. was the honour student in class and was presented with prize, donated by the N.A.O.S. Ltd. by Mr. Bibby. 19 airmen (15 R.C.A.F. & 4 R.A.F.) were awarded badges. There were 6 washed out on the course (4 R.C.A.F. & 2 RAF).

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July 23rd The number of visitors and invited guests showed a considerable increase over (Cont'd) previous Wings Parades. S/L Thomas and F/L Rennie (ARM) visited Station arriving by air to survey the Armament section.

July 24th Normal flying carried out all day. The Staff ceased work at 1330 hrs., except where departments were not caught up with their work due to lack of staff. Station was very quiet. F/L Smith (NAV) arrived on posting from #3. I.T.S., Victoriaville Que.

July 25th Weather fine - all flights carried out. Usual Church parades held, F/L MacPherson being on leave, arrangements for Protesant service were made by the Canadian Legion Supervisor Mr. Fraser. All attendance good. Swimming in the local river appears to attract a large number of Airmen on the week-ends. S.P. town patrols report good behavior at the beaches.

July 26th Weather very good. Normal flying carried out all day. In taking off for night landing practice Anson 6138 ground looped after blowing a tire. R.132043, Sgt. Forbes, J.R. pilot, only occupant, was uninjured. Routine day otherwise.

July 27th Weather warm and fine during day. Morning, afternoon and evening flights carried out but sudden rain washed out the early morning (0230 hrs.) flight. A/V/M Shearer and another Staff Officer visited the Station arriving from Moncton by Air. Lunched in Officers' Mess after visit around station, departing 1530 hrs. by air for #3 T.C. F/L Jenks (NAV) #3 T.C. arrived by air to survey training programme and staff. Conferences were held with C.S.O., C.I. and inspection of classes was made, and considerable data gathered in this connection.

July 28th Weather dull and hazy. C.O.'s Parade cancelled at last minute. Ensign hoisted by Orderly Officer and duty flight. Rained in the morning washing out ths morning flight, however weather cleared later on, permitting rest of flying to be carried out. Capt. Baribeau (C.D.C.) left for Mont Joli on temporary duty. Routine day otherwise.

July 29th Weather conditions fairly good - good visibility. Morning and afternoon flights carried out but evening and early morning flights washed out owing to a close in. P/O's Munn and Ferguson (NAV) reported in from Rivers Man, on posting. S/L Griffith (Equip) from #3 T.C. visited Station, spent a considerable portion of time with Civilian Co. re. Equip. requirements and problems. Very satisfactory visit.

July 30th Weather forenoon good. Photo flight in morning carried out but remainder of flights washed out. F/O Dohson (ACCTS) reported for duty on posting from #9 R.D., St. Johns Oue. Owing to indisposition was admitted to hospital.

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July 31st Normal flying all day. All flights completed. Work ceased at 1330 for Staff. Normal week-end conditions prevailed.

Total number of aircraft on charge to Civilian Company 37 Anson Mk. 1

Total Strength of Station:	<u>July 1st, 1943.</u>	<u>July 31, 1943.</u>
Officers	37	45
Airmen	119	133
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	2	2
Civilians	NIL	NIL
Trainees	223	227

Total flying time 3,846:45

(A.P. Blackburn) Squadron Leader,
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 Air Observer School,
CHATHAM, New Brunswick.

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1/Aug/43 Secular Sunday schedule complete. R.C. parade well attended - Protestant Service not held. Airman permitted to attend Services in Chatham as Padre MacPherson was on Annual Leave.

2/Aug/43 Weather conditions morning good. Flights completed - 2200 hr flight washed out, had weather.

3/Aug/43 Good flying conditions - all morning & evening flights exercises completed. Regular classes and lectures. Course 72 held graduation dinner. CSO, Adm. & Class instructors invited. An enjoyable evening was had by all. As outside recreation is limited, the appearance of MacIntyre's Band USA, attracted a large no of officers' and airmen to the Exhibition Dance Hall - S. Police reports on behaviour were very good and gratifying.

4/Aug/43 Weather good - all scheduled flights completed - routine work day. AVM Bishop arrived by Air from Debert - Visited Officers Mess - attended Army - Air Force Ball game & proceeded to Bathurst by car. The visiting teams were given dinner prior to start of games. Two Ball games, 10 AOS Officers vs RCA Officers and Air Force NCOs vs RCA NCOs was played - Air Force NCOs winning and Air Force Officers were losers in two games played. Brigadier Musgrove and AVM Bishop were honoured guests - a large attendance of Army, Air Force & civilian witnessed the show. A informal dance was held in the officers Mess which was greatly appreciated by the visiting officers - the Sergeants Mess entertained the visiting NCO team.

5/Aug/43 Regular photo flights were carried out - the weather is dull but apparently good enough for flying. This morning the C.O.'s parade was well attended - 212 airmen & 28 officers were present - S/L Blackburn inspected No. 2 Flight and found the men were smartly turned out - Routine work schedules were carried out.

Class No. 72 are busy getting ready for the Wings Parade tomorrow - it is one of the largest classes to graduate there being only 6 washout - 3 RAF & 3 RCAF.

6/Aug/43 Weather excellent - all flying schedules carried out. No night flying was scheduled. Wings parade took place for course 72 at 1400 hours. S/L Blackburn presented Wings to the graduates. Original intake of course 26 plus one transferred from course 70. Ceased training 6, leaving 21 graduates. 4 RCAF graduates, posted 34 OTU Pennfield Ridge, N.B., 6 RCAF graduates posted WAC, Vancouver, B.C. and remainder posted to No. 1 GRS, Summerside, P.E.I. Prize for class leader was presented by Mr. Bibby, Manager, to Sgt Crump. Mr. Lloyd, father of LAC Lloyd was permitted to pin wing on his son.

7/Aug/43 Weather was poor - all flying washed out for both day and night flights - poor visibility - rain.

8/Aug/43 Routine flying - good weather - RC & Protestant Church parades well attended. Quiet forenoon - W/C Rodier & officer crew of the Digby arrived in time for lunch - AVM Bishop arrived by car from Bathurst and proceeded same afternoon to Goose or Gander, weather permitting of landing at either of these airports. P/O Macadam NZ WAG reported from Mossbank on posting.

9/Aug/43 Weather in morning good - Photo flights carried out - 1400 & 1430 hrs schedule washed out. Night flying carried out as weather improved.

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10/Aug/43 Weather good all day flights executed but owing to a heavy sea for the night schedule was washed out. Normal schedule of classes and lectures carried out.

11/Aug/43 Morning flights & routine work carried on till 1330 hours - Annual Sports day holiday approved by Command.

All flying washed-out - F/L McPherson, Padre, left for Conference of Educational. F/L Lockhart, Command P.T.&D. Officer reported on visit and witnessed field day. The Sports events (list attached) was carried out very successfully. Much of the credit for its success was due to the untiring efforts of F/Os Wells, Dickson & F/L Raensborough who devoted a considerable amount of time & thought to the organization & planning. The day concluded with a dance for the airmen which was held in the Exhibition Dance Hall in Chatham which was very well attended.

12/Aug/43 Commanding Officers parade - 168 airmen and 27 officers attended. Good flying weather - all schedules were carried out including night flying - normal school routine carried out.

13/Aug/43 Weather in morning and afternoon good - night flights washed out - rain. S/L Haddon AFHQ Mt. Pleasant visited station Liaison duties - departed same day by rail for Ottawa.

14/Aug/43 Weather bad all day not flying at all - no let up. F/L Elred and F/O Baker W&B arrived by air to inspect Fire fighting equipment and other problems relative thereto - apparently

satisfied with existing facilities and procedure laid down by Civilian Company.

15/Aug/43 Morning weather O.K. Flying carried out but night flying washed out. F/L Elred, F/O Baker left by rail for Ancienne Lorette., W&B Fire Section.- inspection of fire equipment made.

16/Aug/43 Good weather (A.M.) Flying was carried out - afternoon flights O.K. F/O Hurst T.T. Officer arrived by rail nothing further to report - night flying washed out.

17/Aug/43 Bad weather - flying washed out all day - normal school routine carried out - F/O Ricobovitch from EAC arrived with S. Documents for 119 Squadron (by rail)

18/Aug/43 Weather unfit for flying all schedules washed out. Normal classes and lecturers held. Nothing of interest to report. There was no night flying. F/O. Pfeffer reported back from Halifax Conference re institution of Flying Control of Station - much useful data was obtained.

19/Aug/43 Commanding Officers inspection - 170 airmen a 28 officers on parade. Good smart parade. Good flying weather. All schedules carried out - Photo flight. A night rattle of 18 craft was most successfully carried out -the bombing was especially good.- one craft returned with faulty Nav. Instruments - did not take part. 17 completed rattle.

20/Aug/43 Good day - warm & bright. All flying carried out - The graduation or class 75 was most successfully carried out - S/L Blackburn presented the graduates with their Navigator insignia - two fathers were permitted to present their sons with their wings. A very large turnout of visitors was observed, 100 or more. Capt Bibby presented the N.A.O.S. prize of a Silver Cigarette Case to Sgt Wood. Original intake 26 plus 4 transferred from course 74 number passed out 18 - 15 posted to No. 1 GRS Summerside, 3 posted to 34 OTU Penfield Ridge, N.B. Disposition of remainder of course: Ceased training 4 - killed 2 - transferred to 1 AOS, Malton, Ont. 6. Tea was served in the Airmen Library after the parade. The class instructors were F/L Morton & P/O Westerman, the latter was in charge of the Graduates flight - the former read out the names and acted as Master of Ceremonies.

21/Aug/43 Good weather - excellent visibility - all schedules flying carried out - no visitors or special items to note.

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22/Aug/43 Sunday, good, fairly warm weather - routine church parades were held - The portestant parade was not held owing to a misunderstanding - The R.C. Parade was well attended. Regular Sunday flying schedules were reported. A severe hail & rain storm closed the airport - fortunately all panes were safely landed -F/O E.C. Bradford, Aux Service 3 TC reported - discussion re Recreational Hall construction and needs pointed out - action promised to secure building before winter sets in.

23/Aug/43 Excellent flying weather in AM - though visibility was not very good during the afternoon - night flights were washed out - Photo flights were carried out - normal otherwise.

24/Aug/43 Poor flying weather AM - Flights were washed out - heavy rain and poor visibility - F/O Dundas, Navigator, reported from 1 CNS for duty. S/L Blackburn CSO left for Conference, Ottawa - Maritime Express, - Relinquished Command to F/L Christie.

25/Aug/43 Weather & visibility good morning & afternoon. Night flights carried out. At 0055 hrs Anson Mk I #2621 destroyed by fire, all occupants safe, caused by blow-out & explosion of parachute flare (presumed)
Telegraphic report rendered 25/Aug/43. F/L Jenks & F/O Stirling arrived by Air for inspection A QGH controlled descent was successfully carried out with one Anson which was the first controlled descent tried under CFR conditions at this unit.

26/Aug/43 Commanding Officers parade held, 175 Airmen and 20 officers present. Ensign hoisted but march past cancelled owing to rain. Poor flying weather, rain, fog. All flights washed out. Normal classes carried on. F/L Jenks Nav.T, 3 TC visited the various Sections and discussed matters with C.I. pertaining to Nav.T. F/O Stirling departed by rail for #3 T.C.

27/Aug/43 Good weather - visibility good - all morning flights carried out - 1430 & 2130 flights also carried out. F/O Gignac reported from No. 8 AOS to relieve F/O Leduc who is proceeding on leave. F/L Jenks departed by rail for No. 3 T.C., Montreal.

28/Aug/43 1400 hr Flight was washed out - 2130 flight took-off but due to bad weather had to land in Blissville. All aircraft returned safely the following day.

29/Aug/43 Weather fine - all navigation flights carried out successfully. Usual Protestant & R.C. church services in the morning with Duty Watch Personnel attending.

30/Aug/43 Morning & afternoon flights carried out successfully. Evening flight took off but was recalled due to bad weather.

31/Aug/43 Weather fine - all flights completed during day.

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Aug. 31/43

Total number of aircraft on charge of civilian company 39 Avro Anson MK I.

Total Strength of Station:	<u>Aug. 1st, 1943</u>	<u>Aug. 31st, 1943</u>
Officers	45	47
Airmen	133	135

Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	2	2
Civilians	Nil	Nil
Trainees	227	224

Total flying time. 3472:35.

(A.P. Blackburn) Squadron Leader,
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

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September 1st. Weather is overcast but clearing. Photographic flight was carried out in the morning and afternoon flying schedule was also completed.

Night flying was washed out owing to bad weather conditions. Routine day. S/L Lauer, Command Accountant visited Station for inspection of Non-Public Fund Matters, Section Officer H.J, Drew, Command Equipment and Messing Officer, made an inspection regarding matters effecting her speciality. W/O Muir, Senior Command Accountant, made the usual monthly inspection of pay and W/C Corbould, Command Navigation Officer, paid a staff visit regarding navigation and training.

September 2nd. Weather conditions good. All flying schedules were completed. Commanding Officer's Parade at 0800 hours was held. Very good turn out, 34 Officers and 157 airmen were reported present. Inspection of two flights was carried out by the Commanding Officer. Dress and general deportment was considered good. Normal routine day. The quarters for No. 119 Squadron (Airmen) was considered most unsatisfactory. Badly heated and lacks ordinary facilities. Complaints have been made and improvement promised in the near future. P.T. and Commando training facilities are being rapidly made available and it is hoped that the fitness program may be better carried out when the obstacles are built.

September 3rd. Weather has improved considerably. Flying conditions are good. All schedules, morning, afternoon and night flights were carried out.

Theo afternoon was devoted to Wings Parade. G/C Huggard very kindly presented the Wings to the Graduating class which fact was much appreciated by the graduates and their friends. The class senior, Sgt. G.W, Caldwell, was also presented with a silver cigarette case, gift of the Northumberland Air Observer School, by Captain Bibb, the manager. Many relatives and friends of the class were present. After the ceremony the visitors were entertained to afternoon tea in the Airmen's Library.

Course 74

Original intake 26 plus 1 transferred from Course 71. No. of graduates 14, 5 of which were posted to No. 1 G.R.S., Summerside, P.E.I., effective 17th September and 9 posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, effective same date. Disposition of remainder of class: 5 (Pollish personnel) transferred to No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont., 1 transferred to Course 75 and 7 ceased training.

R154759 LAC Caldwell, G.W. was honour student.

September 4th. Another good day. Morning Photographic flights and the afternoon and night flights were duly carried out. Visibility at all times was good. Nothing of special interest to note. Normal lectures and routines carried out. W/C N.K. Farlee from Examination Board at A.F.H.Q. visited the Station on a regular staff inspection.

September 5th. Weather conditions not very good. No Photographic flights made. Afternoon and night flying schedules were carried out. The regular R.C. and Protestant Church Parades were held and good attendances were reported by the respective Chaplains. Routine Sunday schedule.

September 6th. Very poor flying conditions this morning. Heavy over-cast. All flying was washed out due to rain and poor visibility. Regular classes and ground work carried out. On days like these the lack of Recreation and Drill Halls is badly felt. This condition, it is felt, will be improved when the Recreation Hall is built.

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September 7th. Owing to poor visibility the Photographic flight returned. In the afternoon, the regular training flights went out but night flying was washed out owing to poor visibility. Whince, from Pennfield Ridge, force-landed owing to bad weather conditions.

September 8th. No morning flight was carried out owing to rain which cleared in the afternoon permitting the flights to complete their afternoon schedule. Night flying was washed out owing to heavy over-cast. Nothing further of interest to report. Normal training ground routine carried out.

September 9th. Very good day. All flying schedules carried out. Commanding Officer's Parade was held at 0800 hours. 32 Officers and 147 men were reported on Parade. A very good turnout. An inspection of all flights was made. Normal routine carried out. F/L Tubby reported today to discuss Works & Buildings matters with the C.S.O. P/O E.J. Branch reported this Unit for lunch. He was engaged in target towing exercises. Departed same day.

September 10th. Weather poor. Photographic flights cancelled, however, afternoon and night flying schedule was completed. A matter of P.T. for all classes was discussed and provision has been made for all personnel to get the requisite number of hours per week called for in the Physical Fitness Program. AN Officers' fitness chart has been instituted whereby it is possible to check individual attendance, week by week. English football is becoming quite popular. Many games are played between classes and the Officers. These games soon to be a good influence as far as moral is concerned.

September 11th. Weather overcast and very poor. Only afternoon flights were carried out. Night flying was cancelled on account of low ceiling and drizzle. Routine day. Nothing special to note.

September 12th. Weather considerably improved. All flying schedules were completed. Very quiet day. Normal routine carried out. Protestant & R.C. Church parades well attended.

September 13th. Another clear and bright day. Morning, afternoon and night flights carried out successfully. Nothing unusual to report. S/L Hamel, R.C. Command Chaplain, visited the Station to discuss the posting of F/L Reinsborough when he is taken into the Service as a whole time Chaplain, The removal of F/L Reinsborough from this Unit is greatly regretted. He is very popular with the Officers and airmen and the Unit will suffer a loss.

September 14th. Weather is perfect. Photographic flights in the morning and the afternoon and night flying schedules were completed. S/L David AFC paid a staff visit to the Unit. G/C West, Command S.A.S.O., together with S/L Doyle, Auxiliary Services. visited the Station on a regular staff visit and later left by air for Mt. Pleasant.

September 15th. Weather moderate, Photographic flight carried out also afternoon flights completed. Night flying was washed out, however, owing to haze and low clouds. Normal routine day. W/C Crenyn and S/L Weaver, Command Organization Officers, paid a staff visit regarding organization matters and later left by air.

September 16th. Photographic flights were carried out in the morning but afternoon and night flying was washed out. Commanding Officer's Parade was held at 0800 hours. 33 Officers and 150 airmen were reported present. A good turnout. F/L Puddicombe arrived from Moncton to inspect Link Trainer.

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September 17th. Very good weather. All flying schedules were duly completed. The afternoon was devoted to Wings Parade. G/C Celp, Commanding Officer at Scoudouc presented the Wings. He was accompanied by Mr. Celp, which fact was greatly appreciated by the Graduating class and their relatives. Captain Bibby on behalf of the Northumberland Air Observer School presented Sgt. L. Webster with a silver cigarette case. The weather was ideal for the parade as it is usually spoiled by a shower in the midst of the presentation.

Course 75

Original intake 23 plus 1 transferred from Course 74. Number of graduates 22-6 posted to No. 34 O.T.U., Pennfield Ridge effective 1st October and remainder (16) posted to No. 1 G.R.S. Summerside effective same date. Disposition of remainder of class: 1 transferred to No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette and 1 ceased training. R162618 LAC Webster, L, was honour student.

September 18th. Ideal weather conditions. All flying schedules successfully carried out. P.T. is now in full swing and the Physical fitness Chart for Officer is producing result. Another football game was played between the Officers and the Airmen. A lot of enthusiasm for this sport is shown and would be even greater if a proper football field was available. Efforts are being made to obtain one. A "Saturday light at Home" was held in the Officers' Mess to which friends and

wives of the Officers were invited with a view to increasing the "esprit de corps" and getting people acquainted with one another. It was very successful.

September 19th. Another very good day. The unit must be catching up on any lost flying time as all flying schedules were duly carried out. Regular routine day. Nothing of interest to report. Protestant & R.C. Church parades well attended.

September 20th. Another perfect day. All flights carried out. W/C Emard, P.M.O., and F/L Townsend. Consulting Medical Officer from Command, paid a staff visit to discuss various matters with the Unit S.M.O. and departed by rail the same day.

September 21st. This makes the third fine day which permitted completion of all flying schedules. Normal classes and lectures.

September 22nd. Weather conditions not very good. No Photographic flight was carried out, though in the afternoon conditions improved and the flights went out. Night flying was cancelled owing to low clouds. F/L Kennedy, S.M.O., reported for duty from Halifax as a replacement for F/L Doyle who was recently posted. Overseas. Normal day.

September 23rd. Poor visibility and heavy clouds washed out all flying for the day. The Commanding Officer's Parade, however, was held in spite of bad weather though the ceremony had to be out short owing to threatening rain. 32 Officers and 146 airmen attended. Normal classes carried on. F/O Morris reported for duty from No. 13 S.F.T.S. by P.M.C. as Navigation Instructor.

September 24th. Weather conditions not very good. Photographic flight returned shortly after taking off. Afternoon flight was completed but night flight washed out owing to poor visibility. F/L Lockhart, Command P.T. & D. Officer, reported on Temporary Duty regarding Physical Fitness Program. P.T. and other training matters were thoroughly reviewed and suggestions made by him are being put into effect immediately.

September 25th. Heavy over-cast. No morning flying but as weather improved afternoon and night flights duly carried out. Routine classes and ground work carried on, P.O. Fleming reported for duty on posting from Eastern Air Command, Flying Control Branch.

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September 26th. Another bad day. Rain and heavy over-cast. All flights washed out. F/L Lockhart, P.T. & D. Officer, left for Moncton by rail. Protestant & R.C. Church Parade well attended.

September 27th. The morning Photographic flights carried out. Weather clear and good. A sudden over-cast caused afternoon flying to be cancelled. This condition later cleared and night schedules were duly flown. Normal routine day. F/L Jardine reported for duty on posting from No. 6 I.T.S. - Navigation Instructor.

not participating in Wings Parade.

Oct. 2nd Saturday - Another bad day. All flying washed out. Normal classes and ground work. Afternoon schedule, normal work carried out. P.T. & games were impossible due to weather. No covered space available suitable for carrying out training. F/O Branscombe & P/O Pattison, Equipment, AFHQ Service Auditors, left by rail for EAC.

Oct. 3rd Sunday - Weather improved - good visibility. Routine church parades, R. C. & Prot., attendance good. Very quiet on Station. Afternoon flights and night flights carried out. No visitors reported in on official visits or duties. Routine day.

Oct. 4th Monday - Clear and visibility good. No photo flight, but afternoon and night flying schedules completed by classes. The following officers reported in: F/O Dixon, Pilot, F/O Hall, Flying Control, F/O McNab, WAG, arrived by air from Pennfield Ridge, stopped for minor repairs to a/c, departed by air same day. Nothing serious.

Oct. 5th Tuesday - Misty and dull. Morning flying washed out, poor visibility. Classes held and regular lectures given. Afternoon, still no improvement. Normal ground work carried out. At late briefing the night flight was cancelled. No improvement in weather. F/L Letchford, New Zealand Air Mission visited Station re WAG matters, interviewed New Zealand WAGs and also F/O Henry, satisfactory visit.

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Oct. 6th Wednesday - A really good day. Flying schedules for the morning afternoon and night were duly carried out, making up a little of the lost time. S/Ldr. McClure, Nav., AFHQ., lectured the Instructors on advanced navigation. P/O Holden, Flying Control, reported for duty from course at #1 OTC. F/L Vye, W&B, EAC, visited unit re hutments for #119 (BR) Sqdn. After consultation with the Civilian company and CSO it was decided not to erect buildings as no plumbing facilities existed, the SMO would not approve the building. Housing was found for these airmen in Barrack Block #9 instead. F/O Smith returned from temporary duty at #6 SFTS, dental treatment. P/O Ferguson returned from temporary duty at #5 E.D. re instrument and navigation supplies.

Oct. 7th Thursday - Good flying weather. Commanding Officer's parade was held - 148 other ranks, and 34 officers on parade - good smart turnout. Photographic flights carried out, also afternoon and evening flying exercises were completed. Normal day otherwise. Drill and P.T. carried out in recreation field. S/Ldr. McClure left for Summerside to give his lectures to that school after a two day stay at this unit.

Oct. 8th Friday - Splendid flying weather, all flying exercises carried out throughout the day, flying time about normal. No visitors or news of interest to report. Normal work in classrooms, and P.T. carried out in the recreation field.

Oct. 9th Saturday - Weather uncertain, no photo flight, but clearing weather enabled the

afternoon flight to complete their exercises. Night flying was washed out owing to fog and close in around this area. Nothing further to report - Routine day otherwise.

Oct. 10th Sunday - No early morning flight - weather is much improved. R.C. and Protestant church parades held, good attendance reported by chaplains. Afternoon and night flying exercises were carried out successfully. Day very quiet. The lack of a recreation hall on holidays is much felt on this Station. Games such as ping pong and basketball could be indulged in by many who now have only football to fall back on.

Oct. 11th Monday - Weather conditions good - All flying schedules completed, both afternoon and night - The regular classes and ground work were duly carried out - P.T. and Drill periods were well attended. F/Ls Berthier & Smith visited the Station re organization matters - enlargement of class room space and hangar facilities and housing accommodation for officers and airmen, a Recreation hall and extra hangar accommodation were discussed. Otherwise fine day.

Oct. 12th Tuesday - Another fine day. Chances of keeping up with flying time look good. All flying exercises were carried out. Nothing unusual to report. Normal work day.

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Oct. 13th Wednesday - The weather continues to be good - photo flights and afternoon and evening flying were duly carried out. The new Flying Control branch is beginning to take shape. The section is being organized by F/O Pfeffer, and when in operations will be an asset to the Station and to plane movements in and around the area. P/O Scott, Flying Control, arrived off #1 OTC course for flying control duties. F/L Rice, W&B, #3 TC, spent all day with civilian company re W&B matters.

Oct. 14th Thursday - poor visibility - no morning flying done, afternoon flying exercises carried out. The flight was washed out after briefing. Nothing of interest to add. Very quiet, things appear to be running very smoothly. F/L Rice left by air for #17 EFTS Stanley, N.S. F/O Alguire, Flying Control, from #5 E.D., Moncton, N.B. visited Flying Control Officers re Lindholme rescue gear. He spent the whole day with Section. Things are shaping up nicely in this section. Lectures are being organized, and work of flying control is being understood by everyone.

Oct. 15th Friday - very bad day. No prospects of weather improving. All flying in forenoon washed out. Wings parade for Course #77 was ordered held in #3 hangar owing to inclement weather. Rev. Hon. F/L F.E. MacPherson, Protestant Padre, recited invocation after wings were presented. Mr. Burchall presented wings to class, Mr. Arnold, father of LAC Arnold, presented wings to his son. Capt. Bibby presented NAOS trophy to senior graduate, R.166254, LAC, Kooyman, B. S/Ldr. Blackburn, CSO, took the salute at the march past. F/O Mitchell was in charge of graduating flight, F/O Redmond, Class Instructor, read names as wings were presented. Fifteen graduates out of an original intake of twentyseven. Eight ceased training for failure in work, three were medically boarded, and one was transferred to another course. Five

graduates were posted to RAF Station, Pennfield Ridge, N.B., and the remainder were posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI.

Oct. 16th Saturday - Dull and drizzling - no ceiling - all flying washed out - developed into steady rain. Classes and ground work carried out during morning and afternoon. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Oct. 17th Sunday - Still weather bound, rain and mist, no flying possible. Sunday schedules as usual. Church parades, R.C. & Protestant, were better attended owing to bad weather, as R.C.'s are permitted to attend church in town. Everything very quiet on Station. F/O Alguire, Flying Control, left by rail for #5 E.D. , Moncton, N.B., F/O Coleman, Flying Control, reported for duty from Moncton.

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Oct. 18th Monday - Weather improved to the extent of sending out afternoon flights, but night flights were recalled owing to sea fog rolling in. No rattle, therefore, was possible. Nothing of special interest to report. All classes and extra lectures were given to fill in the time lost from flying.

Oct. 19th Tuesday - Another bad day, no ceiling, visibility poor, all flying washed out, flying times will certainly suffer if the weather does not improve, routine day otherwise. F/L Hendershot (Admin.) from AFHQ visited the school, and discussed matters with CSO and CI re training, left same day by rail for #6 SFTS, Moncton, N.B.

Oct. 20th Wednesday - weather still bad, mist and rain, no visibility - all flying for the day was washed out. This month promises to be a bad one unless weather conditions improve. Routine class work and lectures carried out. P.T. and Drill schedules are also badly interfered with on days like this. P/O Masters & P/O Krook from Air Bombers' School at Mountain View, Ont. reported to this Unit and were granted annual leave on reporting for duty.

Oct. 21st Thursday - weather worse, no signs of clearing. C.O's parade was cancelled at 0745 hrs owing to rain and fog. All flying exercises were cancelled as there was no improvement throughout the day. Normal classes carried out, classrooms and offices were very cold today, fuel economy, however, must be practiced.

Oct. 22nd Friday - Weather remains overcast and foggy. The aircraft have not been off the ground for the last 92 hrs. All flying again cancelled, class work carried out. Nothing of consequence to report.

Oct. 23rd Saturday - the same conditions prevail today as yesterday. All flying washed out. Normal classes held.

Oct. 24th Sunday - weather still bad, no changes, nil flying, R.C. and Protestant church parades as usual. F/L Goodenough, W&B, and S/Ldr. MacCallum, APM from #3 TC arrived by rail. The

former to arrange for a new power line, and the latter to carry out an Inspection of Station protection and discuss Service Police problems.

Oct. 25th Monday - Weather much improved, all flying schedules and exercises completed. Up to this time no search, was possible for the missing Liberator, much to the chagrin of the flying personnel. Routine day otherwise. S/Ldr. MacCallum left for #9 B&G. W/C Gillson and S/Ldr. Pilkington arrived by rail from AFHQ for periodic check and survey of the Navigation training syllabus in force. They are going into matters very minutely and thoroughly. All phases are being scrutinized. From observation it will take them a considerable time to complete their visit

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Oct. 26th Tuesday - weather conditions good. The search for the missing plane was began and continued throughout the day - Nil result reported in the area covered. All exercises were carried out, both in the air and in classrooms, also P.T. & Drill after about a week of consistently bad weather.

Oct. 27th Wednesday - morning probabilities promised a good day, photo flights and afternoon flying were duly carried out, but toward evening the pressure of an incoming front caused cancellation of the night flight. S/Ldr. Lauer, NPF, Accts. Officer, from #3 TC arrived for routine inspection of NPF and audit.

Oct. 28th Thursday - C.O.'s parade was once again cancelled at the last moment, owing to rain. All flying for the day was also cancelled.

Oct. 29th Friday - Another miserably wet day - No flying possible. Graduation of course #78 was held in #3 hangar.

Wings were presented by Mr. Maclean, Vice-President of Auxiliary Services. Capt. Bibby presented NAOS trophy of an engraved cigarette case to honor graduate, R.137974, LAC, Baillie, J.J. Graduates and friends entertained at tea in airmen's lounge room. Out of top strength of twenty eight, including two transferred from other courses, nineteen graduated as Navigators B, of whom five were posted to RAF Station, Pennfield Ridge, N.B., fourteen were posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI, and one was remustered to Navigator due to eye trouble, and posted to #1 Y Depot for reposting overseas. Of the remainder seven ceased training and were posted to Manning Depot or B&G, and one was transferred to course #79.

Oct. 30th Saturday - weather conditions improved, photographic flight and afternoon flight were carried out, though night flying was cancelled owing to fog. Routine day otherwise. Nothing of special interest to report.

Oct. 31st Sunday - Photo flight in morning washed out on account of weather, afternoon flight carried out, night flight cancelled. Regular R.C. church parade, S/Ldr. Dunlop, Command Chaplain, Protestant, #3 TC arrived from #3 TC, and took Protestant service, departed by rail same day for #6 SFTS.

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Total number of aircraft on charge to civilian company 44 Anson Mk. 1
2 Anson Mk. V

Total Strength of Station:	<u>Oct. 1st, 1943.</u>	<u>Oct. 31st, 1943.</u>
Officers	42	41
Airmen	116	128
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	24	31
Civilians	Nil	Nil
Trainees	232	266

Total flying time. 2590:15.

(A.P. Blackburn) Squadron Leader,
CSO, #10 AOS
Chatham, N.B.

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1/Nov/43 Monday. All flights carried out, routine day, all ground work and classes carried out. No visitors or postings in.

2/Nov/43 Tuesday forenoon washout. Afternoon flights O.K. Night flight washed out, poor visibility and ground mist. S/L Harvie and F/L Stevens NZ General Duties Officer, visited unit for Liaison inspection of NZ personnel. There was nothing of special interest to note or report. Routine day otherwise.

3/Nov/43 Wash out, overcast and rain. W/C Corbould informed S/L Blackburn of the award of Ministers Pennant for Efficiency. The Management of Northumberland Air Observer School entertained the officers and executive Civilians to refreshments in the Officers Mess which was much appreciated by all those able to attend.

4/Nov/43 Washed out flights and Commanding Officers Parade. Poor day with intermittent rain and sleet. Low ceiling. Routine day. Classes and extra lectures given to fill in the time. Station Dance held in Legion Hall - was well attended, 100 airmen were entertained. The Hall is of course inadequate.

5/Nov/43 Good clear weather - morning and night flights carried out. Letter and wire re Ministers Pennant and Cock of the Walk - 2nd place. Much gratification felt by all ranks at achieving this distinction. The Manager, Capt Bibby, gave a party in the officers Mess, to which the Departmental heads of the Civilian Company and the officers of the station were invited. The get to gather was appreciated by all.

6/Nov/43 Weather changed for the worse. Photo flight completed, but steady rain caused the cancellation of afternoon and night flights.

7/Nov/43 Weather still bad, all flights washed out. Church parades for R.C. and Protestants held. Fairly good attendance reported by F/L McPherson. R.C. parade was well attended - was taken by Father McInty who replaced F/L Reinsborough. Very quiet day otherwise.

8/Nov/43 No Change in weather - poor visibility and intermittent rain throughout day. All flying washed out to the detriment of the flying schedules. Time filled in with lectures and class work.

9/Nov/43 Third day in succession that the weather is unfit for flying. No sign of a change. All Photo, morning and afternoon and nights flights were cancelled after briefings. No PT or parades possible either as there is no Drill Hall or other accommodation in which these parades could be held. Routine day.

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9/Nov/43 F/L Puddicombe, #3 TC Link Trainer, paid visit re matters pertaining to his section. F/O Knck arrived from Mountain View (posting) temporarily for further posting.

10/Nov/43 Still no change - no flying possible - these conditions is seriously affecting trainees flying schedules, flying hours for the school. All flights washed out. F/O McLean, Educational Officer, No. 9 B&G arrived by rail for C.T. Test. All personnel were tested and marks placed on their records

11/Nov/43 The C.O's parade was held. A good attendance - 31 Officers - 145 other ranks reported. The appearance and department of men were good. Low ceiling and unfavourable forecast washed out Photo, morning and afternoon flights. No night flights were carried out either. W/C Higgins (A.E.) paid station visit from 10 B&G. F/L Tubby (W&B) arrived by air - staff visit with Company. S/L McMersey (Equip) Armistice was observed at this unit. 2 minutes silence was observed and a squadron of three flights paraded under command of F/L A.J. Chopin. The Flight commanders were: F/O Gilday, Bruce, Dichmont. F/O Henry acted as adjutant. The ceremony at Cenotaph was carried out by the B.E. Service Leage and F/L McPherson read the prayers.

12/Nov/43 No flights - all flying washed out - weather if anything, worse than yesterday, - heavy overcast - the 1400 hr flights were sent off but recalled owing to a sudden change and close in. The graduation ceremony for Class 79 was carried out in the hangar owing to inclement weather. Ce. J. Hart A/D.O.C. No. 7 M.D. presented the Wings to 26 graduates. One other received congratulations on successfully completing the course having previously earned his wings. A large gathering of friends and relatives were present. The innovation of a platform with a background of the Allied Nations flags which lent color to the Ceremony. This class was a record one as all the 26 graduates received their commissions. Tea was served in the Airman's library for the friends and relatives of the graduates. 8 graduates posted to .34 OTU Pennfield

Ridge eff. 26/Nov rep. 27/Nov. 19 graduates posted to No. 1 GRS Summerside eff. 26/Nov. rep. 27/Nov/43.

13/Nov/43 Flying exercises were carried out - weather fair - visibility good. Forenoon flights were sent off but recalled owing to clouding. The balance of the air exercises were washed out as weather was bad. Routine ground work and classes carried on. W/C Gardiner AAAF (Air Staff), W/C Corbett (Med) and F/L Burns (Flying Control) arrived by air - staff visit and left by air for Summerside same day. No other items of interest to report.

14/Nov/43 Weather cloudy - no morning flights. Afternoon and night flying exercises were successfully carried out, including early morning, 0100 hrs. RC & Protestant Church parades were held. Good attendance noticed. Fewer airmen attended Protestant parade than previous ones.

15/Nov/43 Better flying conditions - good ceiling - scheduled morning and forenoon flights carried out. More Mk V Ansons arrived and the prospects of better flying conditions and comfort of crews is anticipated. Tail wheel adjustments are not as efficient as in the Mk I Ansons - complaints of swerving on landing have been

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15/Nov/43 reported. Matter is being studied by Maintenance branch. Routine day otherwise. F/L Jenks (Nav) 3 TC visited unit and many matters were discussed with the C.I. and problems taken up. New class arrived and billeted by Company. Nothing further of interest to note.

16/Nov/43 All flying was washed out - weather unfit for flying - cloudy and drizzle. Night flight at 2030 hrs was recalled as it started to snow. Routine day and very depressing day for airmen without proper recreational facilities. It is regretted that the Recreation Hall was not built as it is a definite cause of inefficiency and leaves the airmen no alternative but to go into town to amuse themselves - no visitors or arrivals. Routine day.

17/Nov/43 Another bad day - no flying exercises were carried out at all. Weather conditions were very poor and flying time is suffering as a consequence. F/O Popkin (Nav) Instructor, reported in from 3 ITS for duty. Very quiet day - nothing unusual to report.

18/Nov/43 Weather perfect - good visibility - all schedule flights were carried out. C.O.'s parade, 21 officers 150 airmen, was held - mornings quite dark - decision to alter C.O.'s parade to 1330 hrs reached for Winter months. Routine ground and classes. P/Os Houghton and Huckle (NAV) reported for duty from Rivers, Man. Normal day otherwise. Canadian Legion weekly station dance was held and sandwiches and coffee served to about 70 airmen and their friends.

19/Nov/43 Morning flights carried out - weather fair. Afternoon schedules were cancelled on account of rain and fog. Normal day otherwise.

20/Nov/43 Weather improved - Photo and forenoon flying exercises carried out. Afternoon

cloudy and flights cancelled - no improvement at night so no night flying was done. No visitors reported in - normal routine day.

21/Nov/43 No Photo flight - 1400 hr flight carried out but owing to low clouds, two night exercises were washed out. R.C. and Protestant Church parades were carried out and well attended. The rest of the day was very quiet. Movie pictures were shown in officers mess - several wives of officers were present. S/L R. Carter Guest new CSO, arrived on the station and was accommodated in the Managers quarters till CSO quarters was made available.

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22/Nov/43 Miserable, dull and overcast. All possible chance of flying eliminated by forecasts. Rain and very low clouds. Flying time still behind average for month. F/L Joncas (Med) visited station from #3 TC for Hygiene Inspection. F/L Hurd, P/O Berrey and F/O Beers, pilot and crew landed due to bad weather and were taken care of, rations and accommandation. Routine day otherwise.

23/Nov/43 Another bad day - forecast for day uncertain - complete washout of all flying exercises. Routine ground work and classes. F/L Aselstyne (Photo) 3 TC, paid staff visit to Photo Section re departmental problems and saw F/O Wells. P/O Jones and P/O Atkinson (Nav) reported for Duty from Rivers, Man. by rail. F/L Gilliland (Accts) reported in from Moncton to audit sects prior to pending change of CSOs - everything found and certified in order by him.

24/Nov/43 Improvement in weather conditions was welcome. All flying schedules were carried out including early morning exercises at 0100 hrs. Otherwise normal working day.

25/Nov/43 C.O.'s parade was held, 28 Officers and 165 airman were inspected by S/L Blackburn. As this was the last C.O.s parade for him, a full Inspection was made of all present - turn out was smart and well groomed. Clear day. Routine Flying schedules all completed. No other items of interest to report.

26/Nov/43 Weather perfect - all flying exercises were carried out. Graduation of class 80 took place. S/L Guest presented the Wings and Capt. Bibby presented the honour graduate (Sgt Upward) with the Company's Trophy, an engraved silver cigarette case. The salute was taken by S/L Guest - Lt. Col. Lautier (CDC) Command S.D.0. visited the station, on routine staff visit and spent the day. Course 80 were posted as follows: 5 to No. 1 B&G Jarvis eff. 11/Dec rep. 12/Dec.; 6 to No. 34 OTU Pennfield Ridge eff. 10/Dec rep. 11/Dec. 9 to No. 1 GRS Summerside eff. 10/Dec/43 rep. 11/Dec/43.

27/Nov/43 Weather is again bad - forecast unfavourable for flying. Snow, sleet and drizzle were experienced throughout the day. Normal working day. The handing over ceremony was held. The new CSO S/L Guest took over the station from S/L Blackburn in accordance with regular procedure for such occasions. The handing over certificates were duly signed and the whole ceremony efficiently carried out. All personnel available were present without interfering with station routine. In the evening the Management of the N.O.A.S.

Daily Diary - No. 10 A.O.S. - November, 1943

1. As requested in your above referenced letter, this unit was asked to supply information regarding intake, graduates and wastage on courses graduating 12th and 26th of November.
2. The following is a copy of their statement:

Course #79

Graduated Nov. 12th. Intake 26. Graduated 26, plus one put back from Course #78. All members of original intake were commissioned on graduation.

Course #80

Graduated Nov. 26th. Intake 25. 20 Graduates. 3 ceased training, 2 transferred to Course #81.

(W. Sutherland) W.C.,
for A.O.C., No. 3 T.C.

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1/Dec/43 Excellent flying weather - all scheduled flights and exercises carried out. Nothing of unusual interest to report. Routine day. No visitors or special parades held. S/L Arman, F/L Smith & S/L Brown left for Montreal after a brief visit to the School.

2/Dec/43 The prospects of good weather lasting the day was doubtful and both the 0830 and 1400 hrs flying exercises were successfully completed. The rest were washed out. The new flagstaff was being installed in front of the Administration Building. It is intended to fly the Ensign here during the winter season, as the parade ground is closed for this period. There is talk of a new Mess for the Officers and more accommodation in living quarters. Great interest is being taken as to its equipment and furnishings. The places for the synthetic D.R. trainer is under consideration. This will be a great asset to facilitate training. Routine day otherwise.

3/Dec/43 Weather not good, sky overcast. Morning Photo flight carried out but other Flying exercises were cancelled. Nothing unusual. Routine classes and P.T.

4/Dec/43 Heavy overcast. Flying prospects poor. All flights were cancelled. Extra classes and lectures were given instead. Nothing of interest to report. The Flying Control Section is now well organized and functioning very satisfactorily. Preparations for Xmas are in the making and it is hoped to give those left in Camp a good time. The Civilian Company has granted the funds which were estimated by the Committee as being necessary. Barrack inspection by the

CSO was carried out - everything found very satisfactory. Recheck on some points to be made on Monday.

5/Dec/43 Sunday. Another bad day. No flying schedules flown. Regular R.C. and Protestant Church parades held. F/L McKendy, R.C. Chaplain, promises to be a splendid type and has the confidence of the airmen. Good attendance was reported by the respective padres. Once again it is reiterated that on inclement days the personnel (airman particularly) have no means of recreation - proposals have been given to converting barrack block (nine) by demolishing the wall between two sections one of which is occupied by Canadian Legion. This would be a great improvement. Routine day - very quiet.

6/Dec/43 Prospects looked good for weather. Photo and 1400 hrs exercises were accomplished. The weather closed in and all other flights were washed out. Regular CSO Barrack inspection carried out. Everything was found in order. Routine day otherwise.

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7/Dec/43 Heavy overcast. Photo flights washed out. 1400 hrs schedule flown but owing to poor visibility the rest of the exercises were washed out. Regular and extra classes carried out. Normal day. F/L G.R. Grimshaw (Arm) and F/O Sterling (A/C Recog.) paid staff visit and spent the day in F/O Owen's Section.

8/Dec/43 Weather looks good. Photo flight and afternoon exercises were carried out. Low ceiling and poor visibility washed out the remainder. There was a CSO inspection parade at 1330 hrs - 160 other ranks and 30 officers attended. Department and steadiness good - though with better facilities, there is room for improvement. Lack of Drill Hall is badly felt here during bad weather. Special Trade Test Board was held - F/O Hogan from #3 TC acted as a member. Some 26 airmen took tests for groupings. P/O McLean and P/O Bellerley RAF Pilot from 34 OTU had forced landing owing to bad weather.

9/Dec/43 Miserable day, dull, poor visibility and snow. Prospects of flying nil. All flights washed out. Normal and extra classes carried on. F/O Simard reported in from Rockcliffe for duty as Nav. Instructor. No further items of interest to report.

10/Dec/43 Weather fairly good - cold. Photo flight and 1400 hr take-off completed. Sudden close in washed out evening and late flights. Routine day. Graduation Class (Course 81) were presented with Wings at 1400 hrs by J.L. O'Brien, Member for Northumberland County, to 22 graduates and Capt. R. Bibby, Manager, presented the Company's prize, a silver cigarette case. A large number of visitors attended and refreshments were served in the Students Reading Room after. The ceremony was held in No. 3 Hangar. 4 graduates were posted to #34 OTU, 5 graduates posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot and 13 graduates posted to No. 1 GRS.

11/Dec/43 First real good day for some time. All air exercises were carried out and it is hoped that lost flying time will be caught up. Routine day otherwise. S/L Thom, EAC, arrived from Dartmouth on mission to visit a sick airman in Gaspé. Left next day by special train.

12/Dec/43 Morning flights nil. 2000 hr flight washed out. Late flight went out. The regular Protestant Church parade was held, fair attendance. Special R.C. Church parade was held at the Cathedral in Chatham. F/L Duffie in Command and F/O Ryan as Adjutant. One complete flight was marched from the station to Chatham and dismissed down town after the ceremony.

13/Dec/43 Poor flying conditions. Morning and afternoon flights cancelled. 2030 & 0100 exercises carried out. Very quiet normal day otherwise. CSO's inspection cancelled for reasons given by S.S.M. Admin Officer, F/L Chopin, warned for attendance as waiting member on Court Martial at Stanley. Arrangements to fly him were completed. Nothing unusual to report otherwise.

14/Dec/43 Photo flight washed out. Afternoon exercise flown, weather not too promising. The remainder were cancelled due to low ceiling and bad visibility. Owing to Influenza epidemic all theatres and pictures and shows were put out of bounds by SMO, F/L Chopin left by air to attend Court Martial at Stanley NS.

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15/Dec/43 Excellent weather conditions. All schedule flying exercises were carried out. The trainees are keen to fill in their time and all available machines were put into the air to make up lost flying time.

S/L Dunlop visited Station from #3 T.C. re Chaplains duties. Interviewed S/L Guest re Protestant Padre, F/L MacPherson. Matters discussed to be studied by Command Chaplain. F/O Grimshaw revisited the Unit for inspection of Armament Section. W/C Corbould also made a staff visit. Spent time with F/L Christie discussing Navigation matters. CSO also took up matters with W/C Corbould, all of which will, it is expected, be looked after in due course.

16/Dec/43 Good weather, clear but cold. All flying exercises scheduled were carried out. Routine day otherwise. CSO's inspection carried out at 1300 hrs. Owing to intense cold the parade was cut short. After a brief inspection a march past and short route march was carried out. The attendance - 138 airmen and 29 officers. F/O Troughton, Flying Control, reported for duty at 1745 hrs from EAC. Nothing further to report.

17/Dec/43 Weather not too good. Morning and late flights were cancelled. 1400 and 2000 hr exercises were carried out. Routine day otherwise. F/L Chopin reported back from Temporary Duty. No visitors or other items of interest to report.

18/Dec/43 Very bad weather conditions. All flights washed out. There is much anxiety at the loss of the flying time and unless weather conditions improve, there will have to be extra flying at night which is hard on Pilots and WAGS, The time was filled in as usual with extra classes and lectures. F/O Redmond appointed to investigate destruction to Dingy. Completed his report in record time as the suspected WAG owned up to having touched the bottle in error and ignorance of the consequences on air inflated dingy. Routine day otherwise. Officers dance and mess party.

19/Dec/43 Good clear morning. Morning and afternoon flights were carried out. The weather

however closed in and the night flying was washed out again. Regular Protestant and R.C. Church parades held. Both parades reported satisfactory attendance. Very quiet on camp today.

20/Dec/43 Weather improving. All but the 2030 hrs flight were carried out. Milder but not very constant. Routine day. Little of special interest to report. No visitors.

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21/Dec/43 Weather very poor. Photo flight was carried out. All others washed out, owing to low clouds. Usual classes and station routine carried out. P/O Laberge, WOI Smith, P/O Laughlan, F/L Staers W&B EAC, landed owing to poor weather from Dartmouth to wait for conditions to clear. F/O Morris reported back off T.D. from 31 OTU Debert.

22/Dec/43 Fine day - perfect weather conditions. All flying exercises carried out. Normal classes and station routine. The Xmas spirit is entering the whole Camp. F/O Wells as officer in charge of Airmens comforts and entertainment is certainly delivering things. Presents for all airmen on the station at Xmas were purchased and wrapped by Mrs. Wells and other officers wives in readiness for the great event. The airmen are decorating their Mess Hall and Legion room which look very attractive and the Caterer has planned a first class menu of Turkey for all. Things look good for everyone.

23/Dec/43 Fair weather conditions. Photo and late flight washed out. 1400 and 2030 hrs schedules carried out. At 1400 hrs, Course 82 graduated. The ceremony was held in No. 3 Hangar. A large gathering of relatives assembled. W/C Molson, C.O. No. 8 SFTS presented the wings to the class, except to Sgts. Lehman and Knudson, whose respective fathers pinned on their wings. The ceremony was one of the smartest and quickest that has taken place to date. Lack of proper music is felt at these ceremonies. Capt. R.H. Bibby presented the N.A.O.S. trophy to the Honour graduate Sgt Jamieson. Graduates posted to No. 1 GRS; 3 graduates posted to #34 OTU; 12 posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot. Those on Xmas leave ceased work at 1200 to catch their respective trains.

24/Dec/43 Good weather. Photo and afternoon flights carried out and the remainder were washed out owing to the none to good weather conditions, and also that it was Xmas eve. Normal classes were carried on and work ceased at 1630 hrs. There was a Xmas Eve party held in the Officers Mess which was well attended and enjoyed.

25/Dec/43 All flights washed out on account of bad weather. Officers served dinner to trainees in Airmen's Mess. Senior N.C.O.s invited over to Officers Mess in the morning. There was an open house all day. A few guests turned up. Picture show in Legion Hall in afternoon and dance at night.

26/Dec/43 Good weather all exercises flown. The usual R.C. and Protestant Church parades carried out with good attendance.

27/Dec/43 Morning flight flown. Afternoon and night flights washed out on account of

2nd Jan/44 Morning bright and clear, but started to snow later on in the day. Station on normal Sunday schedule. All flights carried out. Normal Protestant and R.C. Church parades carried out, which were well attended.

3rd Jan/44 Bright clear morning. Station under normal schedule as regards to classes. All navigation flights carried out. Three officers reported to this unit from Rivers Man., namely, P/O's Shepherd, Morris, and Blackett, as Navigation Instructors.

4th Jan/44 Bright clear morning. All flights scheduled, flown. Classes carried out as usual. Weather continued clear all day.

5th Jan/44 Very poor flying weather. All flights washed out. Classes held as usual in lieu of flying.

F/O Cliff (C.4391) Armament Officer posted this unit from #8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, arriving at 2110 hrs., 5th Jan/44. Scattered snow flurries early in evening.

6th Jan/44 Weather very cloudy, ceiling low. Morning, afternoon and evening Navigation flights washed out. C.O.'s Parade held at 1330 hrs., large turnout. Went for half hour route march, returning to station about 1420 hrs. Classes carried out as per schedule.

7th Jan/44 Weather cloudy, low ceiling. Flights washed out. Classes held as usual.

8th Jan/44 Flying washed out in morning, low ceiling. Flying washed out in the afternoon and evening. F/O Lintell reported in from #9 B.& G. School, Mont Joli, Que., as new administrative officer.

9th Jan/44 Station on normal Sunday schedule. Church parades carried out. R.C. and Protestant both well attended.

10th Jan/44 No flying all scheduled flights washed out for the day, and night. Classes held as usual. F/L Berube (C.13189), Medical Officer, reported from #8 A.O.S. to replace F/L Leduc, on T.D. at St. Annes Hospital, Montreal.

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11th Jan/44 F/L A.J. Chopin, (C.2766) Administrative Officer posted to #4 A.G.T.S., Valleyfield Que. Flying carried out as usual. Bright clear day. S/L Lauer, S/L Beaudin, Sr. Accts. Officers reported from #3 T.C., Montreal. F/L Peterson, W.A.G. New Zealand Officer, reported from A.F.H.Q, Ottawa.

12th Jan/44 Flying washed out in the morning. Afternoon exercises carried out. Normal classes carried out. Work ceased at 1630 hrs.

13th Jan/44 F/O Cannon reported from 10 B.& G. School, Mount Pleasant, on posting as Navigation Officer.

C.O.'s Parade carried out, and very well attended. Flying washed out for all day. Normal classes carried out.

14th Jan/44 Wings Parade, 1400 hrs. for course 83. Intake 26, number graduated 20. Mrs. Russell, from Winnipeg and Mr. Saguin from Montreal, pinned the wings on their sons. Weather cloudy this morning, cleared around 1200 hrs. Honour Graduate, Sgt. Steindel, J., was presented with the N.A.O.S. trophy by Capt. R. H. Bibby, Mgr., N.A.O.S. Ltd. Tea was served in the Airmens' library for guests and visitors of the graduates, under the supervision of Mr. Murray Fraser, C.L.W.S.

15th Jan/44 Bright clear day, all exercises carried out.

16th Jan/44 Church Parades well attended by R.C and Protestants. Weather clear and bright. All flights carried out. F/O Dessaulles and F/O Gowsell reported in on Temporary Duty from #3 T.C - Aircraft Storage.

17th Jan/44 All exercises carried out. Weather clear and bright. F/O Mcloughlin, #3 T.C Armament Officer, and F/L Robertson, #3 T.C. Staff Navigation Officer, reported in on T.D.

18th Jan/44 Weather bright and clear. All flying exercises carried out. Daily routine.

19th Jan/44 Weather cloudy. 1400 and 2030 hrs. flights washed out. P/O Adams reported from #1 C.N.S. on posting.

20th Jan/44 S/L Guest proceeded on T.D. to #3 T.C.H.Q. at 1600 hrs. All flights washed out. C.O.'s Parade held at 1330 hrs., well attended. After inspection, reoute march for three quarters of an hour.

21st Jan/44 Flying washed out. Classes carried out as usual. S/L Christie, Chief Instructor, assumed Temporary Command. F/L Calnek, Reselection Board A.F.H.Q. reported in on T.D., also F/O T.J. Greene, Code & Cypher Officer, from #3 T.C.

22nd Jan/44 Weather cloudy, flying washed out. Classes carried out as per schedule. Poor visibility for flying.

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23rd Jan/44 Church Parades well attended. Lieut. Auger, Dental Officer reported from #8 S.F.T.S., Moncton. Clear day. Classes carried out as per schedule.

24th Jan/44 Visit by A.O.C. #3 T.C., G/C Marani, F.H. W&B), G/C Watts, A. (S.A.S.O.), W/C Wood, B.F. (S.P.S.O) S/L Kirk, T.E. (Med.) and W/C Sutherland, (Organization), arrived at 1630 hrs., by air, left by air at 1720 hrs. F/O Hull, P.T.& D Officer, reported in on posting from #3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont. All schedules carried out.

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1/Feb/44 Bright clear day, all exercises carried out as per schedule. Lt. Col. Lanthir, Command Dental Officer reported on T.D. Normal routine.

2/Feb/44 Very cold windy day. Part of schedule carried out. Night flying cancelled. F/L MacPherson PT&D officer reported from #3 T.C. S/L Wilks, M.O. M.D.7 HQ, reported on T.D.

3/Feb/44 Commanding Officers Parade at 1330 hrs. All station personnel on parade except two classes who were flying. All exercises carried out. Very cold clear frosty day. Routine day.

4/Feb/44 All exercises carried out as per schedule. P/O Riley NZ WAG instructor posted to #3 R.D. for reposting. Station hockey team played Bathurst, game resulted in a tie 7 all. A large turn out from the station went to Bathurst. Weather cold and clear bright sunny day. Regular class room exercises carried out.

5/Feb/44 Weather very mild. All exercises carried out. Daily routine nothing much to report. No flying Saturday nights.

6/Feb/44 S/L A.F. McKillop #2 ANS on Temporary duty enroute to Charlottetown PEI as C.I. Rain early in the morning. Very mild. No classes, very quite day.

7/Feb/44 Beautiful clear day. All exercises carried out as scheduled. Routine day.

8/Feb/44 G/C Hawtrey, Engineering Officer reported from Moncton, by air, left for #3 T.C. by rail at 2359 hrs. Daily routine. Exercises carried out as scheduled. Commanding Officer's Barrack Inspection. A great improvement shown in condition of Barrack beds, etc.

9/Feb/44 Very cold morning. Morning exercises carried out as per schedule. Both night flights washed out. Hockey game with Bathurst team called off due to the Bathurst team not showing up til 2330 hours. Dance at Newcastle carried out.

10/Feb/44 Clear bright day. All exercises carried out as per schedule. Late flight carried out in very cold weather. Commanding Officer's Parade well attended. All went on route march for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour.

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11/Feb/44 Bright clear day. All exercises carried out as scheduled. Three visiting aircraft from Sydney N.S. Aircraft # 11879 ground-looped.

12/Feb/44 All exercises washed out. Commenced snowing at 0830 hrs. Continued snowing all day. Very quite day. Classes carried out as usual.

13/Feb/44 Regular Sunday schedule. R.C. and Protestant Church parades well attended. All flights washed out. Stormy day.

14/Feb/44 Morning and afternoon flights carried out. Night flights as per schedule, T.T.O. arrived P/O Slaughter.

15/Feb/44 Stormy all flights washed out. F/L Morton & F/L Rutherford posted to 2 ANS Charlottetown reporting 16/Feb/44.

16/Feb/44 Clear bright morning. All flights carried out as scheduled. F/L Morton left by air for #2 ANS. F/L Puddicombe reported from #3 T.C. Link Trainer. T.T.O., P/O Slaughter, left for Moncton. F/L Kennedy, M.O. posted to #2 ANS Charlottetown, left by air at 1400 hours.

17/Feb/44 F/O Alcorn arrived from #3 T.C. All exercises carried out as scheduled. Daily routine.

18/Feb/44 F/O Alcorn spoke to a number of the trainees. S/L Read reported from Bagottville.

19/Feb/44 Exercises washed out. Stormy windy day. Daily routine. No night flights Saturdays.

20/Feb/44 Both church parades well attended. Beautiful clear bright day. All exercises carried out.

21/Feb/44 Beautiful clear day. All classes and exercises on dally routine carried out. S/L Christie assumes Command for S/L Guest who is on T.D. to Command. F/O Lintell left to attend a Court Martial at #9 B&G Mont Joli, Que. F/O Henry took over as Admin. Officer.

22/Feb/44 Fairly decent day. Flew morning and afternoon flights, but night flight washed out due to had weather. S/L Beaudin C2372, Command Accounts arrived 2100 hrs for staff visit.

23/Feb/44 Weather very bad with very heavy snowfall. All flights washed out and personnel had difficulty in going and coming to airport. S/L Beaudin departed this unit at 1600 hrs for Montreal. S/L Pilkington, T/Nav #3 TC arrived this unit at 1530 hrs for staff visit.

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24/Feb S/L R.C. Guest returned from T.D. at #3 T.C. All flights washed out. Daily routine.

25/Feb/44 S/ll Kir (Medical) F/L Windsor, F/L Dalton reported on T.D. from #3 T.C. Headquarters. F/L Lintell returned from TD #9 B&G where he was attending a Court Martial. Beautiful clear bright day. Exercises carried out as scheduled. Wings Parade courses 85 & 86. 13 Students graduated Course 85 and 16 graduated course 86. Intake for course 85 was 26 students. Intake for course 86 was 25 students. Two graduates posted to No. 1 CNS Rivers; 13 graduates posted to #1 GRS Summerside; 9 graduates posted 31 P.D. Moncton, 3 graduates posted #1 AGTS, Maitland, N.S.; 2 graduates posted #4 AGTS Valleyfield, Que. Flying Officer H.J. Ryan was presented with Operational Wing by S/L R. Carter Guest for completing 45 Operational trips over enemy territory.

5/Mar/44 R.C. and Protestant Church Parades well attended. Flying carried out as scheduled. Beautiful clear bright day.

6/Mar/44 Bright clear day all flights carried out as per schedule. The general behaviour and department of both Officers and Airman is above average. S/L Carter Guest left on T.D, to #3 T.C.

7/Mar/44 Morning flights were carried out, however a blizzard blew up about noon, all aircraft arrived back safely. Heavy snow continued during the afternoon following with rain at night.

8/Mar/44 Bright clear day. Flying in full progress. A heavy snow storm blew in about 1600 hrs. S/L Carter Guest returned from T.D. at #3 T.C.

9/Mar/44 Stormy day. Flying washed out. C.O. Parade cancelled. General routine.

10/Mar/44 Wings Parade course 87 held at 1400 hrs. S/L Carter Guest presented Wings. Mr. R.H. Bibby, Manager of NAOS presented the honour graduate with the NAOS Trophy. Many guests and friends were present. Intake 28 Graduates 27. Twenty airmen received commissions. 21 posted to #1 GRS Summerside: 3 posted to #4 AGTS Valleyfield, Que. 1 posted to #1 CNS Rivers: 2 posted #31 P.D, Moncton NB. Beautiful clear bright day flying carried out as per schedule. Late flights washed out.

11/Mar/44 Bright clear day. All exercises carried out as scheduled. No. 6 Visiting Flight arrived from Trenton. S/L D.I. Macklln, F/L Detenbeck, F/O Hopkins were members of Visiting Flight. Saturday night flights washed out.

12/Mar/44 R.C. and Protestant Church Parades well attended. J29759 P/O R.C. Lockhart DFM WAG reported from #34 OTU Pennfield. All exercises carried out as scheduled.

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13/Mar/44 Mild weather, rained during afternoon and evening. S/L R. Carter Guest proceeded on T.D. to 31 P.D. Moncton for Court Martial. All flights washed out.

14/Mar/44 Bright clear day turned cold during afternoon. All exercises carried out as scheduled. Command Medical Board, C4032 W/C L.H. Emard; S/L Muckill; S/L Keishman: S/L Baxter; S/L Townsend; S/L McHugh arrived by air at 1300 hrs, left at 1430 hrs for PEI. A number of the Instructors took, part in the night flights at 2030 hrs and 2100 hrs.

15/Mar/44 Beautiful clear bright day. Flying in full swing. C1865 S/L Muckell J.W. Adm reported from #3 T.C. on T.D. S/L R. Carter Guest returned from T.D. at Moncton NB

16/Mar/44 Bright clear day. All exercises carried out as scheduled. C.21114 F/L MacPherson JH, PT&D reported on T.D. from #3 T.C. C.O. Parade cancelled due to icy condition of parade square. No. 6 Visiting Flight left for T&D, Rockcliffe, Ont.

17/Mar/44 Another St. Patrick Day, no O'Tooles or Flanigans on strength at this unit. F/O Henry, Signals Officer, takes over as Senior Administrative Officer vice F/O Lintell on Annual leave. Very mild day and foggy at night. All flights washed out. Classes carried on as usual.

18/Mar/44 Morning and afternoon flights flown. No night flight scheduled. Held a St. Patrick Party in Officers Mess which was well attended by Officers and their wives.

19/Mar/44 Sunday morning, bright clear day. All flights flown. Station under normal Sunday routine. Both Protestant and B.C. Church parades well attended.

20/Mar/44 Fine clear day. Flew all flights scheduled. Station carried on normal working day with no extenuating circumstances.

21/Mar/44 Beautiful clear day. All flights scheduled flown. Classes carried on as usual. P/O Parker DFM returned off leave and cleared this unit on posting to #5 OTU Boundry Bay, B.C., S/L R. Carter Guest proceeded on T.D. to #31 P.D. Moncton NB

22/Mar/44 Bright clear day. All flights scheduled carried out. Classes carried on as usual. S/L R. Carter Guest C.S.O., returned from T.D., Moncton NB. P/O Lockhart, DFM on T.D. to Command Medical Board. Party held for Course 88, graduating class. F/L Brown (Air Ministry, London Eng) F/O Dow, #9 R.D., St. Johns Que. reported this unit from #9 AOS St, Johns on T.D. also Mr. Carson & Mr. Brown of associated screens news.

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23/Mar/44 Fairly decent day. Flew day flights but evening flights washed out on account of weather. F/L Shapin, F/O Harris & F/O Messier reported in at 1215 hrs by air from #1 GRS Summerside and departed 1400 hrs for Summerside. Classes carried on as usual. F/L Brown & crew taking motion pictures, for Air Ministry.

24/Mar/44 Very poor day. Flying washed out all day on account of weather. Wings Parade held for course 88. Intake 27 Graduates 24. Wings presented by S/L A.M. Christie, Chief Instructor. 1 graduate posted 31 P.D.: 3 graduates posted #3 AGTS Three Rivers: 5 graduates posted #2 AGTS Calgary, Alta: 7 posted #1 GRS Summerside: 8 graduates posted to #1 AGTS Maitland NS. Classes carried on as usual. Late flights washed out.

25/Mar/44 Bright clear day. All exercises carried out as scheduled, during morning and afternoon. General routine day. Night flights washed out.

26/Mar/44 R.C. and Protestant Church parades well attended. Regular Sunday routine.

27/Mar/44 F/L Brown from Air Ministry & party completed taking of pictures etc. F/O Lintell SAO returned from Annual leave. Clear bright morning all air exercises carried out as scheduled. Morning parades for all trainees and staff at 0800 hrs.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Nat'l Defence for Air,
Lisgar Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Daily Diary - April/1944

No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

1. The information requested in your above
referenced letter is as follows:-

Entry 6 April/44 - Course 89.

No. Commencing course	26
Refresher Course	1
Transferred from Co. 85	1
Graduates	24

Transfers from course	NIL
No. ceased training	4
Disposition of wastage - 2 posted #5 M.D.	
2 posted #1 B&G.	

Entry 21 April/44 - Course 90.

No. commencing course	26
Transferred from Co. 97	1
Transferred from Co. 86	1
Number passed out	21
Transferred to Co. 93	1
Transferred to Co. 91	1
Transferred to Co. 90 #9 AOS	1
No. ceased training	3
C.T. Medical reasons	1
Disposition of C.T.	2 posted #5 M.D.
	2 posted #1 B&G.

(W. Sutherland) W/C.,
For AOC., #3 T.C.

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1/Apr/44 Morning and afternoon flights carried out. Night flights washed out. Beautiful clear day. General routine day.

2/Apr/44 R.C. and Protestant Church Parades well attended. Bright clear day. All exercises carried out.

3/Apr/44 Bright clear day. Flying in full swing. All ground school classes carried out as scheduled. F/O Pattison, R.A. Audit Group, Moncton, reported on T.D.

4/Apr/44 Flying in full progress. F/L Thomas reported on T.D. from Halifax Recruiting Centre. F/L Jenks, Nav, #3 T.C. reported on T.D. Weather clear and bright.

5/Apr/44 All exercises carried out as scheduled. General routine.

6/Apr/44 Bright clear day. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. All Flights except those on flying were present. Wings Parade at 1400 hrs S/L Carter Guest presented the Wings. Intake 28 Graduates 24. 6 posted 1 GRS; 3 posted 5 OTU; 2 posted 1 CNS; 4 posted 31 P.D.; 2 posted 3 AGTS; 1 posted 1 Y Depot; 1 held at 10 AOS account medical. 19 Commissions were given. Tea was served in the Airmen's Lounge after the Graduation. Many relatives and friends were present.

7/Apr/44 General holiday for "Good Friday" with only skeleton staff on duty for day. Very dull day. During ths afternoon a strong wind blew up followed with a heavy blinding snowstorm which lasted about an hour. The sun broke out about three o'clock and the roadways and streets became very slushy. Very quiet day. Picture show by W,A,S, named "The Life of a Soldier."

8/Apr/44 Morning and afternoon exercises carried out as scheduled. F/O Bouchard reported from Mountain View on Course 99. F/O Bouchard before remustering was Adjutant at 4 T.C. Hdqs, Calgary.

9/Apr/44 Special Services were held for the Protestant and R.C. in the Legion Services Hall. Both Church Parades were well attended. Beautiful clear day. Sun was very bright and warm. Many of the airmen attended a special Church Service in the United Church at Chatham, NB. H/F/L MacPherson the Part time Chaplain for the school officiated.

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10/Apr/44 Very dull day with a few light showers of rain during the day. All Flights washed out. General routine Classes carried out as usual.

11/Apr/44 Beautiful bright clear day. Flying in full progress. All exercises carried out as scheduled. P/O Peacock. Nav. Instructor, reported on posting from #3 T.C. Night flights carried out.

12/Apr/44 Dull day, Flying washed out. C.1916 W/C Emery H.J. (Admin) S.P.S.O. #3 T.C. reported at 1200 hrs from Charlottetown PEI by air, left by rail 2000 hrs for 31 P.D. Moncton. A very heavy snow storm blew in from the south east followed by hail during the night. All flights cancelled for the day.

13/Apr/44 Mr. J.L. Apedaile, Financial Adviser of A.O.S. in Canada and W/C Sharpe reported from AFHQ on Staff Visit. C.O. parade cancelled due to bad weather. All flights cancelled. Snow flurries during the day with a heavy wind blowing.

14/Apr/44 Flying carried out during the morning and afternoon. All night flights washed out. Clear bright day with very strong wind blowing. General routine day.

15/Apr/44 Beautiful bright clear day. Flying in full swing. All exercises carried out as scheduled. S/L Austin J.S. C.2610 Admin, reported on T.D. from #3 T.C. re Victory Loan Campaign.

16/Apr/44 Clear bright day. All flights carried out as scheduled. R.C. & Protestant Church Parades well attended. Some 20 airmen, ground-crew, reported to the Chatham Hospital as blood donors.

17/Apr/44 Clear day, Flying in full swing. S/L Hale, S/L Thomas, F/L Smith, Visiting Armament Flight reported on T.D. P/O Black reported from #10 B&G on posting. Late night flights washed out.

18/Apr/44 F/L Tett, DFC reported on T.D. from AFHQ on Leadership plan, returned to #9 B&G Mont Joli at right. Flying in full swing. All flights carried out as scheduled.

19/Apr/44 Clear bright day. Flying in full swing. Late night flight washed out. Visiting Armament Flight left by rail for #3 T.C.

20/Apr/44 Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Well attended only those on duty were excused. Bright clear day, flying in full swing. All exercises carried out as scheduled. S/L Doyle, M.L. DFC Admin, Auxiliary Services #3 T.C, reported on T.D. S/L R. Carter Guest, C.S.O., left on T.D, for #3 T.C. by air at 1400 hrs.

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21/Apr/44 Beautiful clear bright day. Wings Parade held on Parade Square. W/C Davis, R.C., O.C. Flying, Dartmouth, N.S. presented the wings. Mr. R.H; Bibby, General Manager of the N.A.O.S. made the presentation to the honour graduate. A large number of guests, friends and relatives attended the ceremony. Tea and coffee was served in the Airman's Lounge after the Wings Parade to all present. Intake 28 Graduates 21; 2 posted #42 AGTS; 1 posted #4 AGTS; 3 posted 31 P.D.; 14 posted #1 GRS; 1 posted 1 CNS; S/L McLatchey, AFHQ reported on T.D. regards to Flying time and records. S/L Christiwi assumes command as CSO in absence of S/L R. Carter Guest who is on T.D. at #3 T.C. F/L Ken Woodward report in from #9 B&G on his way to

U.S.A, to join the U.S.A.A.F. after serving 2½ yrs with the RCAF.

22/Apr/44 Clear bright sunny day. All day flights carried out as scheduled. Night flights cancelled. General routine day, nothing of importance to report. S/L McLatchey left by rail at 1500 hrs for #8 AOS.

23/Apr/44 R.C. and Protestant Church Parades well attended. S/L Rutledge, Australian Liaison Officer, AFHQ, reported on T.D. Bright warm sunny day. All flights carried out as scheduled.

24/Apr/44 Morning and afternoon exercises carried out as scheduled. Night flights washed out due to weather conditions. F/O Hunt, R.A, and F/O Cornick M.S. reported from #3 T.C., Trade Test Officers. F/O Forbes J.D. reported from #3 T.C. by air, on Nav. Examinations. S/L Rutledge, Australian Liaison Officer left by air for Moncton at 0800 hrs.

25/Apr/44 Heavy snow storm started during the night 24th & 25th continuing all day. All flying washed out. S/L Guest returned from #3 T.C. The Officers moved into the new Mess for breakfast. Anteroom not completed as yet.

26/Apr/44 Bright clear day. Flying in full progress. All exercises carried out as scheduled. S/L Beaudin, Accounts Officer, reported on T.D. Quarterly Audit N.P.F. Left for Moncton at 2040 hrs. G/C A Watts, C723, SASO #3 T.C., W/C G.G.W. Lewis (Equip), W/C W. Sutherland (Organization) #3 T.C. reported from Mt. Pleasant by air on Staff Visit.

27/Apr/44 Commanding Officer's Parade cancelled due to inclement weather. Morning, afternoon and night flights carried out. G/C Watts & party departed for #3 T.C. S/L Muckell, Reselection Board, arrived by air from #3 TC.

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28/Apr/44 Cloudy, dull day. Flying washed out. General routine carried out.

29/Apr/44 Bright sunny day. All flights carried out. General routine.

30/Apr/44 Bright, warm clear day in morning becoming cloudy in late afternoon. All Flying carried out. R.C. and Protestant Church parades well attended.

Total number of aircraft on charge of Civilian Company 39 Anson Mk. V

Total strength of Station:	March 31st,1944.	April 30th, 1944.
Officers	57	62
Airmen Staff	147	169
Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.	36	25
Civilians	Nil	Nil
Trainees	276	247

Total Flying Time. 3390:25.

(R. Carter Guest) S/L
(R. Carter Guest) S/L
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

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May 1st Flying in full swing. All exercises carried out as scheduled. F/O H.E. Henry, Signals Officer, posted to #6 AOS, Ancienne Lorette, Que for seventeen weeks, reporting May 5th. F/O Ryan speaking at Campbellton re Victory Loan.

May 2nd Good flying weather, day and night flights all carried out. Nothing of importance to report. Regular working day.

May 3rd W/C N.C. Trescowthick, RAAF, AFHQ, reported by air from Moncton at 1120 hrs. Staff Visit. Clear bright day, all exercises carried out as per schedule. Victory Loan drive exceeding the quota allotted to the Station. P/O Lockhart speaking tonight for Victory Loan Campaign.

May 4th S/L R. Carter Guest, Chief Supervisory Officer, posted to #3 TC Hdqs., rep. May 5th. S/L A.M. Christie, Chief Instructor, assumes Command as Chief Supervisory Officer. The handing over ceremony took place on the Parade Square in accordance with the regular procedure, after which there was a March Past. The Brass Band from #3 ITS, Victoriaville, Que. was in attendance. A dance was held in the Exhibition Hall, Chatham for all personnel of #10 AOS. The brass band from Victoriaville supplied the music. A beautiful clear day, all exercises carried out as per scheduled. F/O E. Fuger was in charge of the Victoriaville band.

May 5th Weather cloudy, flying carried out as scheduled. Wings, Parade held at 1400 hrs. on Parade Square. Lt. Col. Legier of the North Shore Regiment, Newcastle, presented the wings. An extra large attendance of relations, visitors, and friends were present. After the presentation the parade marched past, and Lt. Col. Legier took the salute. Tea was served in the airmen's library for all present. Capt. Bibby presented the honour graduate, R.101738, Sgt., Evans, J.R., with the NAOS trophy. The intake for this course, #91 Navs B., was twenty-six, with nineteen graduates. There were thirteen commissions. The brass band from Victoriaville was in attendance, and helped to make the Wings Parade the outstanding one of the Station this year. Over 100 Service personnel took part in a Victory Loan Parade at 1830 hrs. in Chatham. The parade was headed by the Victoriaville Brass Band. F/L Duffle was in charge of the parade. A small grass fire at the west side of the aerodrome was encountered at 2000 hrs., but no damage occurred. The Duty Watch personnel and others on the Station turned out, and extinguished the fire in a few minutes.

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May 5th The official opening of the officers' Mess took place at 2030 hrs. Many distinguished

(Cont'd) visitors vers present. Lt. Col. Legier and his officers from the North Shore Regiment, officials of the Civilian Company, as well as officers and their friends attended. The Victoriaville Band returned to Quebec City for an engagement.

May 6th Flying washed out, low clouds. Classes carried out as per schedule. Routine day. Nothing of special interest to report.

May 7th Protestant & R.C. parades well attended. Bad weather, all flights washed out. Very quiet day. Nothing of importance to report.

May 8th Showers during the early part of the day. Flying washed out. Routine day.

May 9th Bright clear day, flying in full swing. All exercises for day and night carried out as scheduled. F/L R.C. Keeler, Administration, reported in on Temp. Duty from #3 T.C. for personnel conference, left by air for #10 B&G at 1400 hrs.

May 10th Very dull, dreary day, very cold. All air exercises cancelled due to rain. Routine day. An informal party was held in the Officers' Mess for P/O T. Morris who is being married on Friday, May 12th.

May 11th P/O Kotofsky, P/O McCorquodale reported on posting from #1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. for staff duties. C.O.'s parade cancelled due to bad weather. Morning and afternoon exercises cancelled. P/O Down, P/O Mailman, P/O Duncan, WAGs, reported from Pennfield Ridge for staff duties. Night Flights carried out as scheduled.

May 12th All flying schedules completed, both afternoon and night. Regular classes and ground work were duly carried out. Bright clear day. Reception held in the mess for P/O Morris, who was married to Miss Helen Foley of Chatham at 1930 hrs in the United Church, Chatham.

May 13th Flights cancelled during the morning. Afternoon exercises carried out. Night flight cancelled. Cold bright clear day. Rained at approximately 2000 hrs. Two Naval nurses from Halifax paid a visit to the Station for the evening. F/L Pilon, Pilot Instructor, reported on posting from #3 T.C.

May 14th R.C. & Protestant Church parades well attended. Orderly Officer of the day was in charge. Very heavy wind blowing all day. A number of a/c were out during the afternoon in search of three missing a/c from Charlottetown which were lost on Saturday night.

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May 15th F/O D.R. Redmond & F/O C.O. Cavell returned from Temp. Duty at #1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Search was continued during the day for the missing aircraft from Charlottetown. Routine clauses carried out as scheduled. Air Commodore Ivan from #31 reported on the Station at approximately 0100 hrs, leaving by 0700 hrs again in the morning. The first ball league games of the season was held between the Pilots and Wags, with the Pilots winning. Headquarters played

Maintenance, Headquarters winning.

May 16th All air exercises scheduled for the day were carried out. Bright clear sunny day. Normal routine day. A/C from this school continued search for missing a/c from Charlottetown, PEI.

May 17th P/O Osterman, P/O Zwicker reported on posting from Mountain View. The search continued for a/c missing from Charlottetown. S/L W.S. Dunlop Command Chaplain (P) reported on T.D. by rail at 1600 hrs., ret. to Mont Joli at 0030 hrs. Heavy thunder and lightning storm during the evening. Ball game between officers and staff. Game called at the end of third period due to rain.

May 18th C.O.'s parade at 0800 hrs. cancelled due to rain. Dull day, light rain falling during morning. W/C Emard, PMO, #3 TC. reported from Moncton at 1400 hrs by air, returned to Moncton at 2000 hrs. W/C Pollock, C.O., RCAF Stn., Moncton, N.B. inspected the Air Cadet Squadron at Newcastle, and returned to Moncton by air at 2000 hrs. Night flights carried out as scheduled.

May 19th Search still continued today for missing a/c from Charlottetown. Cold clear day with heavy wind blowing. Wings Parade for course #92 was held at 1400 hrs. Major D.D. Russell of Fredericton, N.B. presented the Wings. Intake was twenty six. Number of graduates, twenty RCAF and 6 RAF. Twenty two commissions granted. R.205707, Sgt., KcKee, D.F. was presented with Civilian Companys prize by Mr. J. D. Shanahan, Assistant General Manager. After the presentation of wings tea was served in the airman's library.

May 20th Routine day, flying in full progress. Weather clear, bright with a heavy wind blowing. All exercises carried out during the morning and afternoon. Night flying washed out. F/L Henry, DFC, RNZAF, AFHQ, reported on T.D., on staff visit.

May 21st RC & Protestant Church parades well attended. First warm day for over a week. All exercises completed. F/L Davis, RAAF, reported on T.D. from Summerside, PEI, re trial of F/S Judge to be held in Newcastle on May 23rd.

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May 23rd Beautiful bright clear morning. All morning flights carried out as scheduled. F/S Judge, Australian WAG trial opened in Newcastle at 1100 hrs. Capt. Ch.rette, Dental Officer, #3 TC rep., on Temp. Duty. F/L Butchard, W.W. rep. on T.D. from #3 TC re organization. Usual routine day. F/O H.E. Henry reported on T.D. from #6 AOS for court case re F/S Judge.

May 24th F/L Nicol proceeded on Temp. Duty to #9 B&G, Mont Joli, Que. to attend a Court-Martial. Clear, warm day. Morning exercises carried out as scheduled. Small fire at the Bombing Range necessitated sending Duty Watch to put it out. F/L Butchard W.D. left for Maitland, N.S. Night flights carried out.

Total Flying Time 4192:40 hrs.

(A.M Christie) S/L
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Montreal, P.Q.,
23 August, 1944.

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The Secretary,
Dept. of Nat'l Defence for Air,
Lisgar Bldg., Ottawa, Ont.

Daily Diary - June, 1944.
10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.

1. The information requested in your above
referenced letter is as follows:-

Course 92 - Disposition: 5 posted 2 AGTS, 5 posted 1 AGTS,
8 posted 1 GRS, 2 posted 3 AGTS,
6 posted 31 P.D.

Wastage: 1 C.T. posted 6 B.&G.

Course 93 - Disposition: As stated in our diary return for
month of June.

Wastage: 3 C.T. - 2 posted 5 M.D. and 1 to
1 B.&G.

Course 94 - Disposition: As shown in our Diary return for
month of June.

Wastage: 4 C.T, - 2 posted 31 P.D. and 2
posted 1 B&G.

2. It is regretted that this information was not
embodied in the original Daily Diary.

(W. Sutherland) W/C.,
for AOC, #3 T.C.

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June 1st Commanding Officer's Parade cancelled due to rain. Weather cleared and sun came through around 1000 hrs. Afternoon flights carried out. Night flight washed out due to ground fog. F/L J.M. Stirling, (ADM) #3 T.C. reporting on T.D. re a/c rec.

June 2nd Bright clear morning. All morning exercises completed as scheduled. Group Captain H. Carscallen, C.O., RCAF Station, Dartmouth, N.S. presented wings. Course #92, intake was twenty six, twenty five graduated, sixteen commissioned on graduation, one more, U.213070, Antoft, K. commissioned later. Ten posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, nine posted to #3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que., two posted to #2 AGTS, Calgary, Alta., four posted to #2 AGTS, Maitland, N.S. Senior graduate U.199079, Welsh, D.N.J. presented with NAOS prize by Captain Bibby. After wings parade graduates & guests were entertained at tea in airmen's reading room. Night flights washed out.

June 3rd A terrific storm during the night with rain, snow, and hail. Weather poor, flights washed out. Ground work carried out as scheduled. Very quiet day, nothing of importance to report.

June 4th R.C. & Protestant church parades well attended. Bright clear day. All exercises completed as scheduled. Very warm during the afternoon. S/L Christie left for #8 AOS on T.D. by air at 1200 hrs.

June 5th Routine flying schedule - good visibility and warm, promising to be a fine day. Routine day. Class leadership programme being carried out by trainees in a successful manner. F/L F.E.T. Duffie left for Rockcliffe to attend a Counsellor Personnel Course for a month.

June 6th Cool bright morning, promising to be a warm day. G/C Trethewey, SAEO, #3 TC, reported from Mont Joli. F/O J. Dessaulles on T.D. from #3 T.C. re aircraft storage. W/C MacFarlane, CSO, #3 TC reported from Moncton by air at 1530 hrs. G/C Trethewey & F/O Dessaulles left by air at 1530 hrs. for Quebec. Night flights washed out due to weather conditions.

June 7th Cool dull day. No flying in the morning. Ground classes carried out as scheduled. Night flights washed out. S/L Christie returned from #8 AOS by rail at 1430 hrs.

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June 8th Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hrs., fifty officers and two hundred and twenty two men on parade. Dress and deportment of the men very high. P/O T.E. Murphy (J.44652) (SR (GL) arrived on posting from #1 CNS, Rivers, Man. Bright clear morning. Air exercises carried out as scheduled. Aircraft from Summerside, PEI, reported forced down about ten miles north of Tracadie. Guards were sent out at 1830 hrs. All night flights carried out as scheduled. Nine WOGs reported on the station to replace WAGs.

June 9th Bright clear morning, all exercises carried out as scheduled. Twenty five officers took part in an exercise as 1st and 2nd navigators. Flying continued for the day and night. Nothing of importance to report.

June 10th Clear day. All exercises carried out as scheduled, during morning and afternoon. Night flying washed out. Ground work classes carried out as scheduled.

June 11th Special Protestant and R.C. parades held during the day. Many Officers and airman attending both Services. Bright clear day. All exercises cancelled for the day due to search for missing Mosquito a/c from Greenwood. Night Flights cancelled due to bad weather. F/L A.M. Nicol & F/L H. J. Ryan Nav. Instructors left for Greenwood on T.D.

June 12th Flights continued in morning and afternoon for a/c missing from Greenwood. Very hot day with an exceptionally heavy storm during the afternoon at approximately 1500 hrs. Snow, hail, rain, and sleet continued for about an hour. All our aircraft returned to the station safely. P/O Slaughter, T.T.C., #3 T.C, reported on T.D.

June 13th Another fine day. All exercises carried out as scheduled. The AOC, #3 TC, A.V/M. A. Raymond, G/S F.H. Marani, W&B, S/L C.M.A. Stone Personnel Officer to AOS, Lt.Col. J.P. Lantier, Command Dental Officer, #3 T.C. reported by air at 1100 hrs. from Moncton, leaving for Mont Joli at 1200 hrs.

June 14th All exercises carried out as scheduled. Bright clear warm day. General Routine day. P/O Duncan, WAG, posted to #4 AOS, London, Ont. F/O Murdoch & F/O Redmond posted to #1 Y Depot.

June 15th Commanding Officer's parade at 0800 hrs. well attended, one hundred and eighty five men and forty officers on parade. Flying in full swing. All day exercises carried out as scheduled. F/O Downes assumed duties of SAO in the absence of F/O Lintell who is on leave.

June 16th Wings Parade for Course #94 at 1400 hrs. Wings presented by W/C Pollock, C.O., RCAF Station, Moncton, N.B. Intake was twenty six, with one transfer from course No. 91, twenty three graduated, twenty RCAF & three RAF, fourteen RCAF commissions & one RAF commission granted. R.220411, Foley, A.M., class leader, was presented with NAOS prize by Capt.R.H. Bibby. After Wings parade graduates & their friends were entertained at tea CLWS room. Eight graduates posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI, four were posted to

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June 16th RCAF Stn., Pennfield Ridge, N.B., three were posted to #31 P.D., Moncton, N.B. four were posted to #3 AGTS Three Rivers, Que., and four to #2 AGTS, Calgary, Alta.

June 17th Weather clear and bright. All air exercises carried out as scheduled. F/O Martin trainee officer reported in from Mountain View, Ont. Routine day.

June 18th R.C. & Protestant church parades well attended. Quiet day, only classes scheduled to fly were on the Station. Personnel enjoying the summer weather and country. S/L Christie, CSO, on T.D. at #3 TC & AFHQ, attending Navigation conference.

June 19th Dull, day, no flying, all ground work completed as scheduled. F/O Bean, J.H. Nav. Instructor from Moncton reported on T.D. General routine day.

June 20th Weather bad. No flying. Routine ground instructions carried out by classes.

June 21st Weather continues to be bad. All flights cancelled. Ground classes carried out as scheduled. Routine day.

June 22nd Morning and afternoon flights carried out. Night flights washed out. Quiet day. Nothing of importance to report. C.O.'s parade at 0800 hrs. well attended. One hundred and seventy men and all available Officers were in attendance.

June 23rd F/L Bunce, #3 TC, reported on T.D. re Link Training, departed by air for Moncton. Clear day, flying carried out during morning and afternoon. F/O Parr, Medical Officer, reported from Moncton to replace F/L Nichols.

June 24th Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Normal routine carried out. New tennis courts built by the Company are being used at all times. Saturday night flights commenced again due to loss of flying time.

June 25th Routine Sunday Schedule. R.C. & Protestant church parades well attended. Flying carried out as scheduled. Night flights washed out due to bad weather.

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June 26th S/L Christie, CSO, returned from T.D. at AFHQ. F/L Lintell returned from his leave. All flights washed out, rained nearly all day, miserable weather.

June 27th S/L Gwyther, S.R., W&B, #3 TC, reported in on T.D. Bright clear day. All flying exercises carried out. General routine day.

June 28th Bright clear morning. All flights carried out as per schedule. S/L Jenks, Nav., #3 TC, reported by air re navigation conference. Night flights cancelled due to bad weather. S/L Gilliland, Senior Accounts Officer, #9 B&G, on T.D. re Cash Inspection. Normal working day.

June 29th C.O.'s parade at 0800 hrs., one hundred and fifty men and all available officers on parade. Flying in full swing. Late night flight cancelled. Preparation for wings parade for tomorrow.

June 30th Bright clear morning. All flights off to a good start. Wings parade for Course #95 well attended. Original intake from Mountain View twenty four RCAF & two RAF. One RCAF

July 5th Bright clear day. Flying in full progress. All ground exercises and classes completed as scheduled. P/O T.C. Chapman, Navigation Instructor, reported on posting from #1 CNS, Rivers, Man. Routine day, nothing of importance to report.

July 6th C.O.'s parade held at 0800 hrs. All available Officer and 230 airmen attending. A few showers around 0700 hrs. cleared in time for the parade. Very warm day. All day and night flights completed. F/O McGrath, Halifax Recruiting Centre, reported to interview some of the civilian pilots.

July 7th Clear, bright, warm day.. All air exercises completed as scheduled. Ground work and classes well ahead of scheduled time. An aircraft groundlooped at approximately 1037 hrs. No one hurt. Routine day.

July 8th Weather warm, morning & afternoon flights carried out. Night flight washed out. F/O Downes, PT&D Officer, carrying out plans for Annual Field Day to be held July 20th. Routine day, nothing of importance to report. Search continued for missing a/c from Greenwood.

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July 9th Protestant and R.C. Church Parades well attended.. Search continued for missing aircraft. Approximately 1130 hrs. Aircraft taking off for Amherst, N.S. for modification crashed near and of runway. Pilot F/L Roberts of #124 Ferry Squadron, and crewman LAC Bradley, slightly injured. Aircraft caught fire and was demolished. Pilot and crewman flown to hospital in Moncton.

Heavy storm, lightning & thunder, around 2000 hrs continuing for sometime. Night flights washed out. Very heavy haze around the country due to forest fires.

July 10th Clear day, morning & afternoon exercises completed. F/O Seright, Navigation Instructor, reported from #3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, Que. on posting. F/L Stiriling, aircraft Rec. Instruction reported from #3 T.C. on T.D. F/L A.M. Nicol, Chief Instructor left on T.D. for #8 AOS, Ancienne Lorette, Que. re navigation wireless for Instructional purposes. Four WAG officers reported on posting from #1 B&G, Jarvis, Ont., P/O Edmsades, P/O MacDonald, P/O Baxter, P/O McIntosh. Night flights washed out due to rainstorm.

July 11 Cool morning, flying in full progress. All ground and air exercises carried out during the morning and afternoon. Night flights washed out. Routine day.

July 12th Weather cool, flying off to a good start. Morning and afternoon exercises completed. Night flights washed out due to bad weather.

F/L Cobb from Halifax EAC, reported on T.D. re investigation of aircraft accident July 9th. P/O Smith, graduate of course #95, awaiting posting, received a fracture of his right hand while playing soccer. One aircraft forced landed at Moncton due to weather conditions.

July 13th C.O.'s parade cancelled due to inclement weather. Bright clear morning, all flights carried out as scheduled. Afternoon flights washed out. Weather clear with heavy wind. Night

flights carried out.

F/L Fowler, DFC, reported in on posting from #1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

July 14th Weather warm, Clear bright day. All day and night exercises completed as scheduled. Wings Parade held at 1400 hrs. on the parade square. W/C L. Skee, DFC, Chief Instructor, #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI, presented wings. R.212374, Murray, F.N. was honor graduate and received NAOS prize from Capt. R.H. Bibby, General Manager, Civilian Operating Company. Course Intake was twenty six. Seventeen graduates commissioned. Seventeen posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI, three to #3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que., and one to #2 AGTS, Calgary, Alta. After Wings Parade tea was served to graduates and guests in the Airmen's Library.

July 15th Weather continues to be warm. Ground and air exercises schedules up to date. Routine day. Saturday night flight cancelled as flying caught up to date.

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July 16th Clear, bright, warm day. Morning and afternoon exercises completed. Night flight washed out due to weather conditions. R.C. & Protestant Church parades well attended. P/O O'Donnel, #124 Perry Squadron Moncton, N.B., reported in on T.D. re investigation of crash of July 9th.

July 17th All morning, afternoon, and night flights completed as scheduled. S/L Thompson, F.S., F/L McMahon, N.B. Accounts, #3 TC, reported on T.D. re audit of Non-Public Funds. Bright, clear, warm day.

July 18th Flying off to a good start, all ground and air exercises up to schedule. Warm sunny July day. Routine day. Nothing of importance to report.

July 19th Weather clear & bright, flying off to a good start. All exercises completed for the day. S/L Jenks, G.L., Navigation Branch, #3 TC, S/L Hines, S., Signals Branch, #3 TC, F/L Butchard, W., Organization #3 TC, reported on T.D. F/O Blackett, #10 B&G, reported for night flying Navigation Instruction.

July 20th F/O Flaherty, C.I. reported on posting from #2 AOS, Edmonton, Alta. Dull morning, with possibility of weather clearing for the afternoon. Annual Field Sports Day held. All work ceased at 1200 hrs. All personnel & employees of NAOS, with their wives and families attended. The day proved to be a great success. A dance was held in the Exhibition Pavillion, Chatham, in the evening for all Service personnel, civilian employees, and families, with Bruce Holder's orchestra from Saint John, N.B. in attendance. Evening was highly successful. C.O.'s parade was held at 0800 hrs in the morning. There were eight flights on parade, with approximately 250 officers and airmen present.

July 21st Flying off to a good start. All ground & air exercises completed as scheduled. Routine day.

July 22nd Clear, bright day. weather warm. Routine day. Flight off to a good start.

July 23rd R.C. & Protestant Church Parades well attended. Orderly Officer in charge. Morning, afternoon and night flights carried out.

July 24th Another fine, clear, warm day. All flights scheduled carried out. P/O Clark and P/O Sutherland WAG's newly commissioned reported for staff duties. All night flights carried out. Routine day. F/L Jonoas, Medical No. 3 T.C., reported on Temporary Duty re V.D. control.

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July 25th Bright clear morning. All flights off to a good start. Heavy rain storm with lightning and thunder around 1900 hours lasting about two hours. Night flights washed out.

July 26th Weather clear. Morning flights carried out, afternoon and night flights cancelled. Routine day. All class room exercises carried as scheduled. F/O McLoughlin, #3 T.C. reported on Temporary Duty re inspection Explosives.

July 27th Cloudy morning. C.O.'s parade at 0800 hours, some 225 Airmen and all available Officer being present. Flying washed out for the day. Weather Continuing to be dull with very low ceiling. F/Lt. Griffith, No. 10 B.&G. reported re Non-Public funds.

July 28th Rain with poor visibility. All flying washed out. Wings Parade being held at 1400 hours in the hangar. F/Lt. H. Ryan, Nav. instructor of the School, presented the Wings. F/L G. Fowler DFC was presented with his Operational Wings for completing 38 sorties. Intake course 97, 27, graduates 22. The honour graduate R.260779 LAC Riedel, B.E. was presented with N.A.O.S, award by Mr. Bibby, Manager of the Company. A very large crowd attended despite the miserable day. Tea was served in the Airmen's Library. Graduates were posted to No. 1 GRS Summerside, No. 3 AGTS, Three Rivers, No. 2 AGST, Calgary and No. 1 A.G.T.S., Maitland. Professor C.E. Christie, Professor of Engineering at McGill University, Montreal, was a guest at the Wings Parade.

July 29th Another poor day for flying, all flights being washed out. Four civilian Pilots recalled to the Service for posting to No. 1 Y Depot. Lord Beaverbrook, of England, and party of four arrived on the station at approximately 1330 hours by air from Washington, U.S.A. Honourable C.D. Howe, Minister of Munitions & Supply arrived from Ottawa at approximately 1400 hours by air with Senator Copp and three Members of Parliament. The party left the station shortly after their arrival. Lord Beaverbrook who was born in Canada and resided at one time in Newcastle, N.B. spent some time visiting a number of places in the district before proceeding to his destination.

July 30th Very dull day.. All flying washed out. R.C. & Protestant Church Parades well attended. Rev. D. MacDonald Presbyterian Church, Chatham was the preacher for the Protestant Service, F/Lt. F.E. MacPherson being on annual leave. Lord Beaverbrook and party left the station at

approximately 0645 hours, 31 July. Heavy rains during the afternoon and evening. Routine day.

July 31st The weather continues to be bad with showers all day. No flying. Ground work and classes carried out as scheduled. All personnel are busy preparing for visit of the Governor General and Princess Alice on August 1st. Routine day.

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Total number of aircraft on charge No. 10 A.O.S., CHATHAM, N.B. as at 2359 hours July/44 - 40 Ansons Mk. V, 1 Menasco Moth

Total flying time for the month of July/44 - 3186:10

<u>STRENGTH</u>	1 July 44	31 July 44
Officers	64	66
Airmen - Staff	190	161
Trainees	240	243
Personnel other than		
RCAF	7	13
Civilians	NIL	NIL

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August 1 Beautiful clear warm bright day, all flying off to a good start. A/C Delahage, Acting AOC #3 TC & Lt. Col. Lautier, Command Dental officer arrived by air from Moncton at 1000 hrs. At 1300 hrs the Governor General, Princess Alice and their party arrived by air from Ottawa. Lunch was served in the Officers Mess and then a tour of the Camp was made by the Governor General and party. The party left at 1530 hrs for Goose Bay, A/C Delahage & Lt Col. Lautier returned to #3 T.C, by air at 1600 hrs. W/C Vadboncoeur Chief Instr. #9 B&G Mont Joli, S/L H.W. Saunders, E.O., #2 ANS Charlottetown, F/L J.B. Roberts & F/L R Michaud, ferry pilots, 124 Ferry Squadron St. Hubert arrived for Court of Inquiry on Anson V 11797 which was destroyed by fire on July 9th.

August 2 Weather fair, morning flight carried out. Storm during afternoon, flight washed out. Night flight O.K. Routine day. F/O Sorensen, T.T.O, arrived at 1515 hrs by air from 31 P.D.

August 3 Weather continues to be good. All ground and air exercises completed for the day. Nothing of importance to report.

August 4 Weather warm and clear. Flying off to a good start. All ground and air exercises completed as scheduled. Fire at Loggieville. Loggieville mill was turned with a great loss of lumber. Chatham, Newcastle and station fire equipment were called to give assistance. Duty watch were sent out and helped considerably in stopping the fire spreading to nearby buildings.

August 5 Beautiful clear day. Flying in full swing. F/O Woof J.A. Navigator posted from #1 Repat Depot, Rockcliffe. P/O R.O. Mitchell, Flying Control posted from Halifax. F/L E.A.B. Hopkins arrived from 31 P.D. to replace F/L Nichols, Medical Officer who is on annual leave.

August 6 Regular R.C. and Protestant Church Parades held with Orderly Officer in attendance. Rev. J.A. Jardine of Tryon PEI conducted the Protestant Church parade in the absence of F/L MacPherson. Beautiful clear bright day. All flying exercises completed.

August 7 Flying in full progress. All ground and air exercises carried out as scheduled. Late night flights commencing tonight, due to the bad weather encountered in the past two weeks. Lieut. McIntyre, Dental Officer posted from #3 T.C. F/L J. MacPherson, PT&D Officer #3 T.C. and S/O M Bergsteinson, Messing #3 T.C, reported on T.D.

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August 8 Weather good, all scheduled flights completed. Routine work day. S/L Muckell, J.W. Reselection Board #3 T.C. reported on T,D. S/L Pownder E.R., S/L Langstaff, W.C. F/L Healop W.C., Navigation Visiting Flight arrived by air at 1500 hours from #10 B&G Mount Pleasant. A small fire at the Bobbing Range. All the Armament Section turning out with the Duty Watch to combat the fire which was under control by 2200 hrs. Late night flights continuing.

August 9 Weather continues to be very warm. Good flying conditions. All air exercises completed as scheduled. A number of potential pilots posted to #10 EFTS and 23 EFTS for further training. Duty watch was called out at 1800 hrs to report to the Bombing range to fight fire which had broken out again, A second duty watch was sent to scene of fire at 2359 hrs.

August 10 Very dull cloudy morning. Air exercises off to early start. C.O. parade was very small due to the number of classes flying late night flights and early morning flights, also the two duty watch parades which were fighting the fire at the Bombing Range. One flight of Officers on parade.

August 11 Cloudy morning. Flights washed out. The weather cleared by noon and the afternoon exercises were completed. Wings Parade for Course 98 held at 1400 hrs. S/L W.C. Langstaff DFC & Bar, presented the Wings to the graduating class. Intake 27 Graduates 20 Wastage 7. Fifteen commissioned, 8 posted to No. 1 GRS; U posted to #2 AGTS; 3 posted to #1 AGTS; 5 posted #3 AGTS.

August 12 Weather continues to be warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises completed. Night flying washed out. Routine day. F/O G. Downes, P.T.&D posted to Three Rivers.

August 13 R.C. & Protestant Church Parades well attended. O.O. of the day in charge of parades. Flying washed out for the morning and afternoon. Late night flight carried out as scheduled. S/L Moore trainee Officer reported on course 108 from Mt. View.

August 14 All Flying exercises completed for morning and afternoon. Night flights washed out due to the heavy smoke from the bush fires. Another very hot day. Officers continuing taking their P.T. from 1630 to 1730 hrs daily. Navigation Visiting Flight still on station.

August 15 All flights washed out due to weather conditions. Forest fires still raging in the vicinity causing flying to be cancelled. S/L G. Rutledge, Aust. L. Officer, AFHQ paid a visit re vote of Australian personnel on strength.

August 16 Flying carried out as scheduled for the morning, Afternoon washed out due to heavy smoke. Forest fires continue to be very bad. Weather continues to be very hot. S/L McClure, Nav.T, #3 T.C, arrived by air at 1500 hrs. A heavy thunder and lightning storm broke about 2000 hrs continuing for approximately two hours. Rain was heavy for a short time.

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August 17 C.O.'s parade held at 0800 hrs. Approximately 300 airmen on parade with all available officers attending. Weather continues to be warm and very close and cloudy. Flying washed out. S/L A.M. Christie, C.S.O, departed on annual leave for 14 days, F/L A.M. Nicol, C.I. acting C.S.O.

August 18 Another dull day, flying washed out. Night flight carried out. Routine day. F/L C. Griffith, Accounts arrived on posting to replace F/L Dobson who is posted to #2 STTS eff Aug 20.

August 19 Clear bright morning. All flying off to a good start. Routine day. Flying washed out on Saturday nights.

August 20 R.C. and Protestant Church parades well attended. Duty watch and all available personnel attending. Flying washed out during the morning. Afternoon and evening flight carried out. Another warm day. Sky cloudy and smoky due to forest fires.

August 21 Weather continues to be warm. All flights carried out for the day. F/O G. Bruce & F/O H. Henders promoted to A/F/L 1/Aug. All ground classes carried out as scheduled. The deportment and the morale of the station is very high. F/O G.C. Johnston, Armament Visiting Flight reported from RCAF Mt. View. S/L Z. Wilkinson, SAEO #3 T.C. reported on T.D.

August 22 Morning flights off on scheduled time. F/O Johnston, Armament Flight departed for #8 AOS. S/L Wilkinson, SAEO departed for #10 B&G. Canso arrived from Dartmouth at approx 1130 hrs departing at 1330 hrs, Lieut. McIntyre, Dental Officer posted to #3 T.C. Hdqs.

August 23 Flying carried out during morning and afternoon. Weather cloudy. Night flying cancelled due to weather conditions. G/C M.P. Fraser SASO #3 T.C., W/C A.M. Wilson AFC, S/L W.K. Gruger, SASO Branch #3 T.C. paid an official visit to the station arriving by air at 1000 hrs from Moncton NB, leaving by air at 1530 hrs for 9 B&G Mont Joli.

August 24 Dull, morning flying uncertain. Weather cleared in afternoon, flights carried out as scheduled. Ground work and classes up to schedule. The new Recreation Hall is progressing rapidly. Night flights cancelled. Routine day.

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August 25 Flying cancelled due to rain early morning. Weather cleared by noon allowing Wings Parade for Course 99 to be held on the Parade Square. A large crowd attended. After the ceremony, tea was served in the Airmen's Lounge to the friends and guest. F/O F. Bouchard, the first course Officer graduated as a Nav B reverting to a P/O at his own request. F/O R.C. Lockhart DFM, Signals Officer of the School presented the Wings. Intake 28 Graduates 23 Wastage 5; 5 graduates posted #1 GRS; 5 graduates posted #2 AGTS 5 graduates posted #1 AGTS 8 graduates posted #3 AGTS. One graduate posted #1 AGTS was remustered to Navigator. During the presentation of the Wings, three aircraft of the school flew over the parade square adding interest to the ceremony. After the graduation a heavy rainstorm blew up. F/O Smith PT&D Officer reported from #3 AGTS replacing F/O G. Downes who was posted to #3 AGTS.

August 26 Heavy rain during most part of the day. All flying washed out. Routine day, nothing of importance to report.

August 27 R.C. & Protestant Church parades well attended. O.O. of the day being in charge. Bright clear day. Flying carried out during afternoon and night. Last course of Nav B arrived from Mountain View.

August 28 Beautiful bright warm clear day. All flying off to a good start. W/C Labell, Equipment, #3 T.C. arrived by air at 1145 are from #9 B&G F/O Halloway 9 B&G, Personnel Councillor, arrived by air at 1145 hrs. Routine day.

August 29 No flying, rain commenced at 0800 hrs and continued during the day. F/O Mitchell returned from #1 CNS Rivers where he has been attending Staff Nav. Course. Normal routine.

August 30 Dull morning with all possibilities weather clearing. Morning flights off on schedule. Flights carried out in afternoon but washed out at night.

August 31 C.O. parade well attended. All available Officers and 250 other ranks on parade. Flying washed out in morning due to poor weather. Heavy low cloud. Afternoon and evening flights washed out. Routine day. Classes and ground work up to schedule.

Aircraft on charge No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B. as at 2359 hours 31/Aug/44 - 38 Ansons Mk. V
1 Menasco Moth.

Total flying time for the month of August/44 - 3221:35 hrs.

<u>Strength</u>	1 <u>Aug</u> 1944	31 <u>August</u> 1944
Officers	66	67

Airmen - Staff	161	145
Trainees	243	242
Personnel other than RCAF	13	7
Civilians	NIL	NIL

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Sept. 1st Low cloud, flying washed out all day. Classes and ground work carried out as scheduled. Routine day. P/O Smitten, W.A. Navigation Instructor Rivers, Man. reported on posting from #3 CNS, Rivers, Man.

Sept. 2nd Raining, flying washed out all day. Ground work carried out as usual. Routine day.

Sept. 3rd Clear bright day with flying off to a good start. Flying time about normal. No visitors or items of other interest to report. Normal working day in classrooms.

Sept. 4th Flying exercises were carried out, weather fair, visibility good. Routine ground work & classes carried out. Nothing of further interest to report.

Sept. 5th The C.O.'s parade was held at 0800 hrs. with a good attendance, all available officers and airmen being present. The appearance and deportment of the men were good. Weather good. Flying carried out as scheduled.

Sept. 6th F/L W.A. Servage, Command Link Officer reported on Temporary Duty. Clear morning with flying exercises off to a good start. Routine day.

Sept. 7th Quiet day, all flying and class room exercises carried out as scheduled. Routine day. F/O S.A. Mcintosh reported from #9 AOS on posting.

Sept. 8th Flying washed out during the morning. Wings parade at 1400 hrs. on parade square for course #100. During the presentation there were a few showers of rain, however not enough to wash out the parade. Course intake was 26, with 20 graduates. 20 commissions. 8 graduates posted no #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI, 2 to #1 AGTS, Maitland, N.S., 8 to #3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que., & 2 RAF (Belgian) graduates posted to #31 P.D., Moncton. 6 ceased training, of which 2 were for medical reasons and transferred to later courses, one remustered to Air Gunner, and one to his basic trade of Armorer (Bombs), 2 C.T.'d RAF were posted to #31 P.D. Senior graduate was K.254070, McBeath, A.G.

Sept. 9th Weather good. All flying exercises off to a good start. Night flights for Saturday commenced again. F/L F. Labrish, AFC, Navigation Instructor, here in 1943, paid a visit to the

Station. F/O A.S.Low, RNZAF, paid a visit on his way to Summerside after completing course at Mountain View. He was an instructor here from June 1843 to June 1944.

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Sept. 10th R.C. & Protestant Church parades well attended with Orderly Officer and Orderly Sergeant being in charge. All flying exercises carried out as scheduled. Quiet day, nothing of importance to report.

Sept. 11th Bright clear morning. Weather good. All ground and air exercises completed as scheduled. SWO. WO/2 Wicklow, E.F. posted to #1 M. Depot, Toronto, Ont. on compassionate grounds.

Sept. 12th Clear bright day, flying in full progress. Late night flight carried out at 2359 hrs. F/L S. Godinsky, Admin., F/O C. Couch, Pilot, and F/O N. Stanley, pilot, reported on Temporary Duty from #10 B&G re Court of Inquiry into low flying incident.

Sept. 13th Weather good. Morning, afternoon, and night flights carried out as scheduled. Routine day in classrooms.

Sept. 14th Heavy clouds, low ceiling. No flying. All flights cancelled for day. Routine day. S/L DuMoncean, Belgian Liaison Officer, AHFQ, reported on Temporary Duty re Belgian trainees. F/O MacDougall reported on posting from #9 B&G Mont Joli, Que. for refresher Navigation Course. F/O B. Blair, Educational Officer, #3 TC reported on Temp. Duty.

Sept. 15th All flying washed out due to heavy rains. C.O.'s parade cancelled. Routine day in classrooms. F/O R. Curtis reported on posting from #4 AOS, London, Ont. Late night flight carried out. Routine classroom exercises carried out.

Sept. 16th Weather fine, all exercises completed as scheduled. Saturday night flights in progress. Ground work and classes well ahead of timetable schedule. F/O R.R. Hawkins reported from #4 AOS, London, Ont.

Sept. 17th Special Church Parades and services were held for R.C. and Protestant personnel to commemorate the Battle of Britain. All services were well attended. Bright clear warm day, flying for the day carried out as scheduled. Search for a/c missing from Greenwood. Late midnight flight carried out.

Sept. 18th Search continues for missing a/c from Greenwood. F/O Young, C.M. reported on Temporary Duty from Moncton re audit board. Beautiful clear day. F/O H. Miller, Armament, #3 TC, reported on Temporary Duty. Late night flights continued owing to flying schedule being behind.

Sept. 19th Weather good, all morning and afternoon flights off to a good start. C.O.'s inspection of the Station shows personnel taking pride in their quarters and classrooms. S/L Stewart, C.C., #5

Audit Group, arrived by air from #1 G.R.S. Mess meeting in the Officers' Mess held at 1700 hrs., all available officers' attending.

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Sept. 20th Weather continues to be good. All exercises off to early start. F/O Crossman, DFC, reported on posting from #1 Repat. Depot. Night flights carried out.

Sept. 21st C.O.'s parade held at 0800 hrs. with a very large turnout, some 250 airmen and all available Officers, necessitating an Officer's flight on parade. Deportment and morale of the men being kept at a high standard. Weather good, day and night flights carried out as per schedule. Classroom work up to date.

Sept. 22nd Dull day with a few showers during the morning and afternoon. F/O Dillon, F. J., RAAF reported on posting from #8 AOS, Ancienne Lorette, Que. to be O.C. of course #111, Navs W. Wings parade for course #101 held in #3 Hangar with large attendance. Course intake 28, 22 graduates, 14 commissions, 8 postings to Summerside, to #1 GRS, 6 to #2 AGTS, Calgary, Alta., 8 to #3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que., 5 C.T.'d of whom 1 was remustered to Air Gunner and two to ground duties. R.221476, Wilson, T. was honor graduate. Late night flight at 0100 hrs.

Sept. 23rd Dull dreary cold day, flying in morning & afternoon flights washed out. S/L Cumming, A.E., APM, #3 TC reported on Temp. Duty, arriving at 0400 hrs & departing at 1600 hrs. for #9 B&G by rail.

Sept. 24th Usual R.C. & Protestant church parades held. Well attended. All scheduled flying carried out for the day, routine day.

Sept. 25th Weather turned quite cold. A heavy frost was visible. Good flying weather. S/L E.R. Jenks, Nav., #3 TC and Hon S/L E.L. Gagnon, Command R.C. Chaplain reported on Temp. Duty. Ground work schedules up to date.

Sept. 26th Weather continues to be cold. No heat in buildings. A large number of personnel suffering with head colds. All flying and ground exercises completed. Lieut. McIntyre, D., Dental Officer reported on posting. P/O H. Wright posted from #4 AOS, London, Ont.

Sept. 27th All flying exercises off to a good start. Weather fair. Heat turned on in buildings during part of day. S/L Gilliland, W. reported from #9 B&G re monthly cash accounts, W/C Walmsley, A. AFHQ, F/L Brown, D.J. #3 TC reported on Temp. Duty re Signals.

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Sept. 28th All flying washed out. C.O.'s parade held at 0800 hrs. A large turn out, 250 men and approximately 50 officers present. Light rains during day. Normal working day.

Sept. 29th Dull day, flying as scheduled. Late night flight carried out. Weather continues to be

cold. F/O G.O. Owens, CEB/ARM, #3 TC, rep. at 0900 hrs., dep. at 1500 hrs., for #9 B&G, Mont Joli, Que. P/O Hassell, Nav. B, reported on posting from #3 TC, routine day.

Sept. 30th Beautiful bright morning. Flying off to an early start. Night flying cancelled. A V/M Raymond. A., AOC, #3 TC paid a visit to the station accompanied by G/C Marani, W&B, W/C Buckell, S.S., arr. by air at approximately 1730 hrs. F/L O'Dell arrived from #1 AGTS, Maitland, N.S., replacing F/L Nichols who is posted to #4 ACH, Saraguay, Que.

Strength	August	30 September 1944
Officers	67	70
Airmen Staff	145	161
Trainees	242	238
Personnel other than RCAF	7	10
Civilians	Nil	Nil

Total flying time for the month of September, 1944 - - 3229:40

Aircraft Strength - Anson V - 40

Menasco Moth - 1

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Oct. 1st Weather bad, low clouds with no flying in morning, afternoon flight carried out, night flights washed out. Protestant & R.C. Church Parades well attended. Routine day.

Oct. 2nd Low ceiling, flying washed out for the morning, afternoon flight carried out, night flight washed out. Routine ground classes carried out as scheduled. Quiet day, nothing of importance to report.

Oct. 3rd Weather has cleared, promising good flying weather. All flights scheduled for the day completed. S/L F. Lorenzen, Accts, F/L A.L. Bell, Adm., AFHQ, reported on T.D. re Benevolent Fund.

Oct. 4th All flying scheduled for the day completed. Late night flight carried out. Bright clear day with sun showing all day. W/C Vadboncoeur, #9 B&G, S/L Saunders, #2 ANS, Charlottetown, F/L Roberts & F/L Michaud, #124 Ferry Sqn. reported on T.D. re Court of Inquiry.

Oct. 5th Weather continues to be bright and warm. All day and night flights completed as scheduled. Routine day.

Oct. 6th Morning flight completed. Afternoon and night flights washed out due to low ceiling. Wings Parade held at 1400 hrs on Parade Ground for Course #102. Brigadier Milton Gregg, VC,MC, President, UNB, presented wings. Tea and sandwiches were served in the Airmen's Library following the presentation. Brigadier Gregg left immediately after Wings Parade for Fredericton. Original intake was twenty six. One added from previous course, one put back to later course due to leave on compassionate grounds, one ceased training, leaving a total of twenty five graduates. Class leader was R198765, Sgt., Hayward, C. G., who remustered from trade of Clerk Accountant to aircrew. Eighteen commissions granted. Fifteen graduates posted to #1 GRS, Summerside, PEI, for training, one posted for AGTS training to #2 AGTS, Calgary, Alta, and subsequent posting to #1 CNS, Rivers, Man. for SNI's course, two posted to #2 AGTS, Calgary, Alta, for AGTS training, and seven posted to #3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que. for AGTS training

Oct. 7th Dull dreary morning, no flying, weather cleared by noon, afternoon flight carried out, night flights washed. Informal dance held in new Recreation Hall. A large crowd attended. This Hall promises to be a great asset to the Station.

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Oct. 8th Heavy rainstorm continued all day, commencing early in the morning. RC & Protestant Sunday church parades held. Very quiet day. Ten officers reported on posting to course #112 - Navs W. F/L Joncas, J.F. Med, #3 TC, reported on T.D.

Oct. 9th Weather continues to be bad. No flying, routine day, ground classroom work carried out as scheduled.

Oct. 10th No change in weather. Rain continues. All flights cancelled. F/O Waern, L.F., P/O Hill, F.V., RAF from England, arrived on Temp, Duty on visit re Navigation Matters.

Oct. 11th Weather continues to be bad. Morning & afternoon flights cancelled. F/L A.C.Weaver, Signals, reported on posting from #8 AOS, Ancienne Lorette, Que. Routine day, nothing of importance to report. Photo Detachment arrived from RCAF Stn., Rockcliffe in charge of F/O Stuart.

Oct. 12th Weather cleared. All flights scheduled for day completed. Night flight washed out.

Oct. 13th Bright clear morning, all air exercises off to an early start. Night flight washed out. Cpt. Warner Australian, reported, liaison visit re History, by air from #8 AOS. F/L Nicol, A, past Chief Instructor paid a visit to the School. Routine day.

Oct. 14th Weather bad, very heavy fog, all flying cancelled. Quiet day, nothing of importance to report.

Oct. 15th RC & Protestant church parades well attended. No flying morning or afternoon. Night flight carried out as scheduled. A soccer game was held in Chatham at the College with a team

made up from the Staff.

Oct. 16th S/L A.M.Christie, CSO, left by air for #2 ANS, Charlottetown, PEI, & #10 B&G, Mt. Pleasant, PEI to attend Court Martials on Oct. 17th & 19th respectively. F/L A.F. Evans, CI, assumes duties of CSO during S/L Christie's absence. Good bright day, flights carried out and normal work resumed. Good flying conditions. All trainees not on first flight on parade. Regular Headquarters roll call and morning parade at 0820 hrs. F/L W.N.M. Campbell, Special Services Officer, arrived from #3 TC re entertainment.

Oct. 17th Clear morning. All flights scheduled for day and night completed. CTTO, F/O G. R. Slaughter reported at 1645 hrs. by rail. Normal working day.

Oct. 18th Weather continues to be good.* All day and night flights completed. S/L W.K. Gwyer, S/L V. R Brown, SASO branch, #3 TC, and F/L J.D. Truscott, PT&D, #3 TC reported by air at 1400 hrs.

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Oct. 19th C.O.'s parade held at 0800 hrs. with all trainee officers taking part. And also all available staff officers taking part. There was a large turnout of other ranks. S/L D.White, F/L H. Dymond, #3 TC, ACCTS, arrived on Temp. Duty re inspection of accounts. Normal routine day. Morning flight washed. Afternoon & evening flights completed.

Oct. 20th S/L A.M.Christie, CSO, returned from T.D, at Charlottetown & Mt. Pleasant, PEI. Weather continues to be good. All flights scheduled for day and night completed. F/L Armstrong, Accountant Officer, #9 B&G, Mont Joli, Que. reported on T.D. to relieve F/L Griffiths who is on annual leave. Wings parade for Course #103 held on parade ground at 1400 hrs. Senior graduate was F/O V.Houghton, Can C.22929, who remustered Overseas from Radar. Sixteen graduates were granted commissions, six ceased training during course, including one trainee who had been put back from another course. Original intake was twenty six. No posting, instructions were received for this course, and graduates were granted a months leave, and will be advised of their postings.

Oct. 21st Flying off to a good start. Afternoon and night flight cancelled due to low ceilings and indications of rain. Ground exercises and class room work up to date.

Oct. 22nd RC & Protestant Church Parades carried out as usual. No flying in morning and afternoon. Night flight carried out as scheduled. Weather clear, bright and cool.

Oct. 23rd Bright clear morning. All air exercises off to a good start. The 7th Victory Loan Campaign opened with a meeting of the officers in charge of the Campaign, and all officers available. F/L A.E. Evans, CI, appointed Squadron Leader, and F/O G.S. Dundas appointed Flight Lieutenant, both eff. Oct. 1st.

Oct. 24th Mess dinner held in Officers' Mess at 1800 hrs., all available officers being present.

Weather clear, morning & afternoon flights completed. Night flight washed out. P/O Shuman & P/O Dunbar, Nav. Insts., reported on posting from #3 TC.

Oct. 25th All flying washed out. Heavy rain with to promise of good weather ahead. Routine day.

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Oct. 26th CO's parade cancelled. Light showers. All flying cancelled. Routine classroom work.
Oct. 27th Good flying weather although changing to colder weather ahead. Night flights completed. Routine day.

Oct. 28th Rain. All flights cancelled. Routine day. S/L R.E. Williamson, RTO, #3 TC, rep. at 0900 hrs on Temp. Duty re transportation matters, dep at 1500 hrs for #3 TC.

Oct. 29th RC & Protestant Church Parades held in classroom in GIS Bldg. Cold bright day, flying cancelled for morning & afternoon. Late night flight completed at 2130 hrs. Routine day.

Oct. 30th Weather cold & clear with prospects of good flying. Mosquito a/c from Debert crashed landed one mile above Upper Blackville. Guards placed at scene of crash. All scheduled flights completed. F/O S. Roman arrived from #2 ANS, Charlottetown, PEI, to fill establishment for Adjutant, Training Wing Hqs.

Oct. 31st Weather continues to be good. All air exercises for day and night completed. S/L H.J. Mitchell, T/Nav 1, S/L D. Gwyer Synthetic Training 1, S/L Ison, F.J.E. T/Sigs. 1, F/L France, J.R. AFHQ, rep. by air at 1400 hrs., on T.D., dep. at 1600 hrs.

Total flying time at end of month - 2999:55

A/C on strength - Anson V 52 - Menasco Moth 1

<u>Strength</u>	<u>30 September 44</u>	<u>31 October 1944</u>
Officers	70	57
Airmen Staff	161	124
Trainees	238	279
Personnel other than RCAF	10	6
Civilians	NIL	NIL

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Nov.1/44 All Saints' Day. Church Services for R.C. personnel in the A.M. Weather bad, no flying all day. Movies in Recreation Hall, featuring "Wing and A Prayer", 400 attending.

Nov.2/44 C.O.'s Parade & Inspection. 225 airmen and 65 Officers on parade. Flying cancelled in A.M. and night. Flying in P.M. only.

Nov.3/44 Course #104 graduated, consisting of 1 RCAF Officer, 17 RCAF airmen, and 2 RAF airmen. Presentation of wings by J. Leonard Apedaile, Esq, OBE, of the Department of National Defence for Air. Intake-for course was 26, 18 graduates, 10 commissions. #3 TC Visiting Flight with S/L J.H.Goodall (ADM) in charge reported on Temp. Duty. Flying details cancelled in morning and at night, flying in afternoon only.

Nov.4/44 24 RAF airmen arrived for inclusion in course #114. Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movies in Rec. Hall with an attendance of 350.

Nov.5/44 Sunday Church Services for both RC & Protestant personnel. All flying canceled due to bad weather. Rain. "Joe Boys" Entertainment Group entertained the personnel of #10 AOS.

Nov.6/44 RCAF"Joe Boys" again entertained the personnel of #10 AOS and guests. No flying due to bad weather. F/O D.F.R. Wilson (C.20796)(SR)(EDU) reported on posting as Station Educational Officer from #10 B&G, Mt. Pleasant, PEI.

Nov.7/44 No flying due to bad weather. #3 TC Visiting Flight left the Station today.

Nov.8/44 Dance held in Recreation Hall, 300 attending. Flying cancelled in A.M. only. F/L D.J.Brown (C.9210) #3 TC Hqs.(Sigs. Branch) reported on Temp. Duty, routine visit. Movies in Recreation Hall, 500 attending.

Nov.9/44 C.O.'s parade & inspection. Raising of Victory Loan Honour Pennant. Routine day. Excellent flying weather.

Nov.10/44 All flying cancelled due to poor weather.

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Nov.11/44 All flying cancelled due to rainstorm. Movies in Recreation Hall. 400 attending.

Nov.12/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Sunday Church Services for both RC & Protestant personnel. F/L A.C.Taylor (C.7183)(SIGS) reported in on posting from #3 W,S. for entry into course #114.

Nov.13/44 Routine day.

Nov.14/44 Flying carried out in morning, but cancelled for afternoon and night due to bad weather. Weekly C.O.'s inspection of Station.

Nov.15/44 Flying details carried out in the A.M. Flying cancelled for afternoon and evening due to bad weather. Dance held in evening featuring Station Orchestra, 400 attending. S/L J.K.Tett DFC, visited the Station on Aircrew Leadership duties, from A.F.H.Q.

Nov.16/44 All flying cancelled due to rain. Rain all day. Commanding Officer's parade also cancelled due to bad weather. Meeting of Station Entertainment Committee held at 1600 hrs.

Nov.17/44 Course #105 graduated today. Course consisted of 22 RCAF airmen and 2 RCAF Officers. Wings presented by F/O Smitten DFM, staff instructor. Intake of course was 24 RCAF airmen and 2 RCAF Officers. 20 commissions granted. W/C M. Johnston, Command Protestant Chaplain, visited the Station.

Nov.18/44 All flying cancelled due to bad weather. Routine day. Movie "National Barn Dance" shown in Rec. Hall. 400 attending.

Nov.19/44 Sunday Church Services for both RC & Protestant personn. Bingo party held in Recreation Hall in afternoon. Good attendance.

Nov.20th Excellent flying weather. Routine Day.

Nov.21st Weather conditions bad. Flying cancelled. Weekly C.O.'s inspection of Station.

Nov.22/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Regular weekly dance held in Recreation Hall, with 400 attending. S/L J.B. Phair, (C.3491), Senior Accounts Officer, #2 ANS, Charlottetown, PEI, visited the Station.

Movie "The Conspirators" shown in Rec. Hall, attendance of 450.

Nov.23/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather, C.O.'s parade and inspection.

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Nov.24/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Routine day.

Nov.25/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movie "Tarzan's Desert Mystery" in Recreation Hall. 100 attending.

Nov.26/44 Sunday Church Services for R.C. and Protestant personnel. Excellent flying weather. Bingo party in afternoon for Service Personnel and friends.

Nov.27/44 16 aircraft set out on exercises, due to bad weather all were recalled to base. Lieutenant N.B.Sproul, Canadian Dental Corps Officer reported on posting. Bowling alleys Officially opened. 1st game played between CSO, S/L A.M.Christie & Capt. R.H Bibby, Manager

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Nov.28/44 No flying in a.m. Flying exercises carried out in afternoon and evening.

Nov.29/44 Flying exercises carried out in morning and afternoon only. Movie held in Recreation Hall, "Mask of Dmitrios", dance held after movie, 500 attending

Nov.30/44 All flying cancelled due to bad weather. C.O.'s parade & inspection and route march carried out.

F/O M. Hecht (C.36770), arrived from #3 TC Hqs., Education Branch, and held a meeting with all Section Heads re "Discussion Groups".

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1/Dec/44 Routine day. Weather unfit for flying. S/L Christie presented Wings to 16 graduates of Course 106. Original Intake 27 RCAF; Wastage 11 RCAF, 4 remustered Air Gunner, 3 transferred Crse 107 medical reason, 1 remustered Clk Admin, 1 transferred Crse 109 medical reasons, 2 posted Release Centres for discharge. Three graduates received commissions. Graduates posted to Release Centres for transfer to Reserve.

2/Dec/44 Routine day. Movie "The Uninvited" held in Rec Hall - 400 in attendance.

3/Dec/44 Sunday Church services for R.C. & Protestant personnel. Routine day.

4/Dec/44 Morning exercises cancelled. Flying carried out in evening. F/O J.A. Galbraith (J26644)(Nav) and P/O E. Painchaud (J88024) (Nav) both DFC Repatriated Navigators reported on posting from #3 T.C. H.Q.

5/Dec/44 Flying details carried out. excellent weather. Bowling, games and hobby shop available to personnel.

6/Dec/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movies in Rec. Hall featuring "Bowery to Broadway" attendance 500. Dancing after movies.

7/Dec/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Bowling, games and Hobby shop available to personnel.

8/Dec/44 Feast of Immaculate Conception - Church Services for R.C. personnel. Flying details carried out in a.m. only. Flying cancelled in p.m. due to bad weather.

9/Dec/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movie "The Great Moment" in Rec, Hal. - 420 attending.

10/Dec/44 Sunday Church Services for R.C. & Protestant Personnel. Flying detail carried out in a.m. only.

11/Dec/44 Routine day. Bowling & Hobby shop available to personnel as usual. Four WAG officer graduates reported on posting for useful employment. S/L E.L. Jenks (C5282)(GL Nav) #3 T.C, Nav Branch visited the station.

12/Dec/44 Routine day. Flying cancelled due to bad weather.

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13/Dec/44 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movie in Rec Hall followed by Dancing featuring Station Orchestra. 400 attending.

14/Dec/44 Flying details carried out - good flying weather. Bowling and Hobby shop available to personnel.

15/Dec/44 Flying detail carried out all day. good weather. Bowling & Hobby shop available to personnel. Flying Officer J.A. Woof CAN. J16660 presented Wings to graduates of Course 107. Original intake 28 Wastage 11, 1 remustered Clk Acct, 2 transferred Course 109, 2 remustered AG, 1 remustered W/O/AG, 5 posted release centres for discharge; 17 RCAF graduated. Two received commissions. All graduates given special leave and posted Release Centres for transfer to reserve.

16/Dec/44 Flying detail carried out in p.m. only, bad weather in morning. Movie in Rec Hall 350 attending.

17/Dec/44 Sunday Church services for R.C. & Prot. personnel. Music appreciation hour held in Rec Hall, 100 attending. All flying cancelled due to bad weather.

18/Dec/44 Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

19/Dec/44 Flying detail carried out in a.m. and p.m. Christmas dance featuring Station Orchestra held in Rec Hall, 600 attending.

20/Dec/44 Flying detail carried out in a.m. & p.m. Night flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movie "Flemish Farm" in Rec. Hal with 400 attendance.

21/Dec/44 Flying detail carried out, all day. Routine day.

22/Dec/44 Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

23/Dec/44 Flying cancelled all day due to bad weather. Routine day. Half of station personnel proceeded on Christmas leave. Movie "Double Indemnity" in Rec Hall. 300 attending.

24/Dec/44 Sunday Church services for both R.C. & Prot. personnel. Flying details carried out all day.

25/Dec/44 Christmas day. Church Services for both R.C. & Prot personnel in morning. Christmas dinner for all airman - Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s serving. No flying all day due to bad weather.

26/Dec/44 Flying detail carried out in a.m. and p.m. only. No flying at night due to bad weather. Routine day.

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27/Dec/44 Flying details carried out all day - excellent weather. Routine day. Movie "The Gentle Sex" held in Rec Hall. 300 attending.

28/Dec/44 Flying cancelled all day due to bad weather. Routine day. Personnel on Christmas leave returned to duty today.

29/Dec/44 No flying all day - aerodrome unserviceable due to heavy snowstorm. Routine day. Half of personnel proceeded on New Years leave after duty today.

30/Dec/44 No flying all day - aerodrome unserviceable due to snowstorm. Routine day.

31/Dec/44 Sunday church services held for R.C. & Prot. personnel. No flying all day due to bad weather. New Year's Eve parties held in all messes.

Total flying time at end of month - 2614:40 hrs.

A/C on strength - Anson V - 42 Menasco Moth - 1

Strength	1 December 44	31 December 44
Officers	61	65
Airmen Staff	146	153
Trainees	243	239
Personnel other than RCAF	25	24
Civilians	Nil	Nil

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Jan.1/45 New Year's Day - Church Services for both R.C. and Protestant Personnel. Flying cancelled due to bad weather.

Jan.2/45 Routine day - Flying details carried out at night only - No flying during day due to bad weather.

Jan.3/45 Routine day - Flying detail carried out in A.M. and P.M. only

Jan.4/45 Flying details carried out in A.M. and P.M. Flying cancelled at night. Routine day.

Jan.5/45 Mr. W.G.Clark, AFHQ, Met. Visiting Flight, visited the Station. Aerodrome u/s due to bad snow conditions. Graduation of course #108. Original Intake of course 27 from #6 B&G, Mountain View, Ont. 6 graduates granted commissions. 8 ceased training. Original strength increased by one transfer from previous course. Graduates posted to various Release Centres for transfer to Reserve. NAOS prize of silver cigarette case presented to senior graduate, R283267, LAC, Craig, E. K.

Jan.6/45 Flying details carried out all day. Church services for R.C. personnel - Feast of the "Epiphany".

Jan.7/45 Sunday Church Services for R.C. & Protestant personnel. Flying details carried out in A.M., cancelled in P.M.

Jan.8/45 Routine day. Flying cancelled all day. Navigation Refresher course commenced with 12 recently graduated navigators taking course of one month's duration.

Jan.9/45 Routine day. Flying cancelled all day due to bad weather

Jan.10/45 Flying details carried out all day. Movie in Recreation Hall for all Station personnel, followed by dancing. Attendance of 400.

Jan.11/45 Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

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Jan.12/45 Flying cancelled all day due to bad storm. F/L W. Gordon (C48301), Hebrew Chaplain from AFHQ interviewed Hebrew personnel. Hobby shop open as usual.

Jan.13/45 Flying cancelled due to bad weather. Movie in Rec. Hall in evening, 300 attending.

Jan.14/45 Sunday Church Services for R.C. & Protestant personnel. Flying cancelled all day due to snowstorm.

Jan.15/45 Flying details carried out in P.M. and night only. Routine day. Hobby shop open as usual. Skating rink available to all personnel.

Jan.16/45 Routine day.

Jan.17/45 No flying all day due to bad weather. Movie "Dark Maters" shown in Rec. Hall, followed by dancing, 300 attending.

Jan.18/45 No flying all day due to snow storm.

Jan.19/45 Flying, detail carried out all day, excellent weather. Graduation of course #109. Thirteen commissions granted. 4 transfers from previous courses nullified four C.T.'s or transfers to other courses, enabling course to graduate number that commenced, i.e. 26 students. R. 113900, F/S, Patterson, S.D., was Class Senior and received NAOS trophy of silver cigarette case. Graduates posted to various Release centres for transfer to Reserve.

Jan.20/45 Flying details carried out all day. Movie and Dance in Rec. Hall, 350 attending.

Jan.21/45 Sunday Church services for R.C. & Protestant personnel. Five officers recently graduated as Navigators reported in for Refresher Course #2.

Jan.22/45 Flying detail a carried out in A.M. and P.M. Hobby shop open to all Station personnel as usual. Refresher Course #2 commenced, consisting of five officers and seven sergeants, all recent graduate Navigators.

Jan.23/45 Flying cancelled due to bad weather.

Jan.24/45 Flying details carried out all day. Good weather. Movies and dancing to Station Orchestra in Rec. Hall in the evening. 300 attending.

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Jan.25/45 Flying details carried out all day. Good weather. Hobby shop open to personnel as usual.

Jan.26/45 Flying details carried out all day. Hobby shop open to all Station personnel.

Jan.27/45 Flying details carried out all day. Movie held in Rec. Hall. Skating party held on rink. 200 attending.

Jan.28/45 Sunday Church Services for R.C. & Protestant personnel. Music appreciation Club in evening. 50 attending.

Jan.29/45 Flying details carried out all day. F/L R.H.Cochrane (Can J.18827), pilot, reported on posting from #1 A.C. Hobby Shop open to station personnel as usual.

Jan.30/45 Flying cancelled all day due to snowstorm. Routine day. Skating on Station rink in evening.

Jan.31/45 Flying details carried out all day. Excellent weather. Movie in Rec. Hall featuring "Laura", followed by dancing to Station Orchestra, attendance of 450.

Total flying time at end of month - 1960:45

A/C on strength - Anson V 35 Menasco Moth 1

<u>Strength</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
Officers	65	66
Airmen Staff	153	141
Trainees	239	138
Personnel other than RCAF	21	25
Civilians	NIL	NIL

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Feb. 1st Flying cancelled due to bad weather, routine day. Bowling alley and hobby shop available to all personnel.

Feb.2nd Flying details carried out in A.M. only. Hobby shop available to all personnel in evening.

Feb.3rd No flying all day. Movies and dancing in Recreation Hall with three hundred attending.

Feb.4th Sunday Church services for RC and Protestant Personnel. No flying all day. Music Appreciation Hour held in afternoon with fifty personnel in attendance.

Feb.5th Flying details cancelled due to bad weather. Refresher course #3 commenced this date; eight sergeants and three officers comprising the course. Bowling alley available to all personnel in the evening.

Feb.6th Flying details carried out in A.M. and P.M. only. Routine day.

Feb.7th Flying details carried out all day. Stage Show sponsored by Chatham CYC held in Recreation Hall in evening followed by dancing, five hundred attending.

Feb.8th Flying details carried out in A.M. only. Movie held in Recreation Hall, two hundred attending.

Feb.9th Flying details cancelled all day; Sowling as usual.

Feb.10th Flying details carried out all day. Excellent weather. Movie "Heavenly Day" held in Recreation Hall with three hundred and fifty attending.

Feb.11th Sunday Church Services for R.C. and Protestant personnel. Flying details carried out at night only.

Music Appreciation Hour in the evening with sixty attending. District Court Martial held for the purpose of trying R.66685, LAC, Marceau, J.W.J.J. of #3 FCU, attached to #10 AOS, for discipline.

DCM convened by AOC-in-C, EAC

Feb.12th Flying details carried out all day. Good flying weather.

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Feb.13th Flying details carried out all day. Routine day. S/L J.M.Cruikshank (C5658) & F/L W.R. Wilson (C11165) (MED) rep. on Temp. Duty from #1 ACHQs. for Med. Inspection.

Feb.14th Flying details carried out all day. Movie and dancing in Recreation Hall with three hundred attending.

Feb.15th Flying details carried out all day. SQ/O's J.F. Brown (V30104) & H.J. Clark (V30193) rep. on Temp. Duty for Messing Inspection from #1 ACHQ.

Feb.16th Flying cancelled all day. W/C E.H. Howard (C.1813)Command R.C. Chaplain, visited this Station. Graduation of course #110. Fourteen graduates; two commissions granted. Original intake twenty six; twelve C.T.'s remustered to WAGs. R.197823. Sgt., R.J.Young was class senior and was presented with NAOS Trophy of a silver cigarette case. All graduates granted two weeks special leave on authority of DAPS - To return to this unit on expiration of this leave.

Feb.17th Flying details carried out all day. Routine day. Graduation of refresher course #2. Course intake five officers & seven sergeants. All personnel graduated & posted to #1 RANS, Summerside, PEI.

Feb.18th Sunday Church Services for RC & protestant personnel. Routine day.

Feb.19th Flying details carried out all day. Graduates of course #109 returned this date for further navigation training, thirteen officers and thirteen sergeants resumed training. Bowling alley & hobby shop available to personnel as usual.

Feb.20th Flying details carried out in A.M. only. Routine day.

Feb.21st Flying details carried out all day. Excellent weather. Movie, "The Suspect" in Recreation Hall with 300 attending.

Feb.22nd No flying all day. Routine day.

Feb.23rd Flying details cancelled all day. Routine day.

Feb.24th Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

Feb.25th Sunday church services for RC & Protestant personnel. Music Appreciation Hour held in evening with forty attending. Hobby shop available to all personnel.

Feb.26th Flying details carried out all day. Routine day. S/L E.L. Jenks (C.5282) (Nav) Command Navigation Branch rep. on Staff Visit, F/L D.J. Brown (C.9210)(SIGS) rep. on Temp. Duty from #1 ACHq.

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Feb.27th Flying details carried out all day. Routine day. F/L J.M. Stirling (C.11693)(ADM) rep. on temp.duty from #1 ACHQ for staff visit (A/C Rec).

Feb.28th Flying details carried out all day. Movie and dancing in Recreation Hall, with four hundred attending.

Total flying time at end of Month - 1959:25 hrs.

A/C on strength - Anson V - 35 - 29 Serviceable, 5 Storage, 1 U/S (Engine Change)
Menasco
Moth - 1

Strength as at 2359 hrs., Feb.28th,

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Officers	67	67
Airmen Staff	141	125
Trainees	138	91
Personnel Other than RCAF	25	22
Civilians	NIL	NIL
	<u>370</u>	<u>305</u>

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1st March Flying details carried out all day. F/Lt. R.G. Dale DSO DFC (CAN/J.15042) (3 tours)

assumes duties of Chief Instructor vice S/L. A.E. Evans (C.6921) who is being retired. Movie in Recreation Hall, and Hobby Shop available to all personnel in evening.

2nd March Flying details cancelled due to bad weather. Graduation of course No. 111. Wings presented by T/L H.A. Ryan (CAN/J.23105) tour completed. Nav. Instructor. Twelve graduates; two commissions granted. Original intake twenty-seven. Fifteen C.T.'s remustered W.A.G.'s. R. 284310 LAC Grant, B.W. was class senior and was presented with NAOS Trophy of a genuine silver cigarette case. All graduates were granted two weeks special leave. S/L R.H. Standing (C5274) (Edu) visited the Station from No. 1 A.C. re trade improvement.

3rd March Flying details carried out all day, excellent weather. Movie held in Recreation Hall in evening with 300 in attendance.

4th March Sunday Church Services were held for both Protestant and R.C. personnel. Flying details carried out all day. Music Appreciation Hour held in evening with 50 in attendance.

5th March Flying details carried out in A.M. only, weather adverse in P.M. and night. F/Lt. H.P. Justason C.979I (Accounts) reported on temporary duty for quarterly audit from Moncton, N.B. Hobby Shop and Bowling Alley available to all station personnel.

6th March No flying all day, bad weather. Routine day.

7th March Flying details carried out all day - good weather. Members of course 110 (14 graduates) returned from Special Leave for useful employment. Resumed short Refresher Training. W.C. T.E. Kirk (C4050) (Med) No. 1 A.C. PMO visited the Station on temporary duty. Movie and dance in Recreation Hall in evening - 350 attending.

8th March Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

9th March Flying details carried out all day - good weather. Routine day.

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10th March Flying details carried out all day. Movie in Recreation Hall in evening - 200 attending. Routine day.

11th March Sunday Church Services for both Protestant and R.C. personnel. Routine day.

12th March Flying details carried out all day - excellent weather. Routine day. Bowling Alley and Hobby Shop open to all personnel.

13th March All flying details cancelled due to bad weather. Routine day.

14th March Flying details cancelled all day - adverse weather. Routine day. Movie and Dance in Recreation Hall in evening with 400 attending.

15th March Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

16th March Flying cancelled all day. Graduation of course 112. Fourteen graduates of whom 7 were officers. Two commissions granted. Class senior was F/O E.W. Pierce (C.28398) former Signals Officer. He was presented with the NAOS prize. Original intake 28. Fourteen C.T.'s, 13 of whom remustered to W.A.G.'s one posted to R.C. for discharge. All graduates posted to No. 1 IFS Deseronto reporting upon completion of two weeks leave. G/C M.P. Fraser (C.733) No. 1 AC SASO visited the Station on temporary duty.

17th March No flying all day - bad weather. Routine day.

18th March Sunday church Service for both R. C . and Protestant personnel. Routine day.

19th March Flying details carried out all day. Routine day.

20th March No flying all day. No. 1 A.C. Disbandment Unit reported on temporary duty respecting closing of No. 10 A.O.S.

21 March Flying details carried out all day. Course 111 returned from Special Leave for useful employment. Commenced short navigation refresher course. G/C G.M. Ritchie (C.2039) visited the Station from AFHQ. on temporary duty regarding aerodrome facilities. Movie and dance in Recreation Hall in evening - 350 attending.

22nd March Flying details cancelled all day. Routine day.

22rd March No flying all day. Routine day.

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23rd March S/L A.M. Christie (CAN/C.2235) attended the Commanding Officers' Conference in (continued) Montreal today. It was held at Officers' Mess, 4450 Sherbrooke St., Montreal, Que.

24th March Flying details cancelled all day. Routine day.

25th March Sunday Church Services held for both R.C. and Protestant Personnel. Routine day.

26th March Flying details carried out in AM only. Bowling Alley open to all Station Personnel in evening.

27th March Routine day.

28th March Gala graduation of courses 113 and 114. Wings presented by Dr. Percy Burchill, President of the Northumberland Air Observer School, Limited. Course 113 graduated 13 of whom three were commissioned. R.147018 LAC LaJambe, G.A. was senior graduate and was presented with the NAOS prize by R.H. Bibby, General Manager. Original intake 26, there being

13 C.T.'s remustered to W.A.G. Course 114 graduated 16, 15 RAF and one RCAF. The RCAF graduate was F/Lt. A.C. Taylor (C.7183) former Signals Officer. GB1410584 LAC Hurst, R.E. was senior graduate was presented with the NAOS prize. Original intake 25. 9 C.T. 's of whom 7 remustered to W.A.G. and 2 for medical reasons. Farewell Dinner held in Officers' Mess with all Officers and Civilian personnel of officer status attending, to mark the closing of the School. A dance was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening, 600 attending. This was the Farewell Dance at which all Station Personnel (Service and Civilian) were present. The dance featured No. 5 E.D. Station Orchestra.

29th March Flying ceases this unit. All training discontinued on authority No. 1 ACHQ, pending disbandment. Graduates of course 113 posted to RCAF Station St. Hubert, Que. Graduates of course 114 posted to No. 1 Y Depot, Moncton, N.B. Graduates of courses 110 and 111, who returned to this unit after graduation leave for useful employment were all posted to RCAF Station, St. Hubert, for holding and ultimate disposition.

30th March Good Friday, Statutory Holdiday for all personnel. Skeleton staff maintained in all sections.

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31st March 10 WOGS's posted to RCAF Station Moncton, N.B. eff. this date. Routine day. Approximately 89 courses passed through this School, and approximately 1500 personnel graduated. These included Air Observers, Air Navigators, Air Navigators B, Air Navigators W and Air Bombers.

Total flying time at end of month - 732:00

A/C on strength - Anson V 28 - Menasco Moth 1

2 Anson V's serviceable - 8 awaiting transfer - 18 being prepared for transfer - 1 Moth serviceable

<u>Strength</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Officers	67	22
Airmen Staff	125	60
Trainees	138	1
Personnel other than RCAF	22	Nil
Civilians	Nil	Nil

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April 1st, 1945 to April 30th, 1945, incl.

NIL

Total Flying Time at End of Month - 67:50

Number of Aircraft on Charge to civilian Company - 2 Anson Mk.V

<u>Strength</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Officers	22	7
Airmen Staff	60	40
Trainees	NIL	NIL
Personnel other than RCAF	NIL	NIL
Civilians	NIL	NIL

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