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No. 2 Elementary Flying Training School, Virden, Manitoba.

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#19 E.F.T.S. Virden

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ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 110

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FORMATION OF NO. 19 ELEMENTARY FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL

APPENDIX "A": Personnel, Aircraft, Aerodrome Maintenance and M.T. Establishment.

INFORMATION

1. In order to provide elementarily trained pilots for S.F.T.S. due to open early this summer, it has become necessary to open No.19 E,F.T.S. This school will be operated by a civilian company using aircraft provided by the R.C.A.F. There will also be a R.C.A.F. supervisory staff. It should be noted that this school will operate at double capacity of a normal Elementary Flying Training School.

INTENTION

2. It is intended to form No. 19 Elementary Flying Training School at Virden, Man.

EXECUTION

Formation

3. No.19 Elementary Flying Training School to open at Virden, Man., on May 16, 1941, and will be operated by the Virden Flying Training School

Limited, under 'the supervision of an R.C.A.F. supervisory Officer.

Personnel

4. (i) R.C.A.F.

A.M.S. is requested to post supervisory staff in accordance with the establishment (Appendix "A"), effective 14-4-41. 70 pupils are to be available to begin training on May 16th, 1941.

(ii). Civilian

The operating company will supply clerical and accounting staff and all personnel for the operating and maintenance of aircraft and equipment. They will in addition supply all instructional staff.

Mechanical Transport

5. A.M.S. (D.P.A.) Is requested to supply transport in accordance with Appendix "A" on May 16, 1941, or as soon thereafter as possible. All other transport will be provided by the operating company.

Aircraft

6. A.M.S. (D.P.A.) is requested to arrange for aircraft in accordance with Appendix "A"

Training

7. No. 2 Training Command is to arrange that the Company's instructors are passed as competent, and that careful check of each individual's references and antecedents is made.

Command

8. An Officer will shortly be appointed as Chief Supervisory Officer and Officer Commanding R.C.A.F. personnel. The School will be placed in No. 2 Training Command, by which it is to be controlled in all matters relating to training and administration, *subject to the terms of the Contract under which the Civil Operating Company is working.*

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## ACCOMMODATION

9. (i) All necessary accommodation for the operation of the School has been provided by the R.C.A.F. All R.C.A.F. personnel will live in.
- (ii) No. 2 Training Command is to arrange that buildings are taken over from the contractor as soon as completed and are handed over forthwith to the Virden Flying Training School, Limited. This will enable the company to organize its facilities and the training of its personnel in the buildings as soon as possible.
- (iii) Accommodation for both Service and Civilian personnel has been provided by the R.C.A.F.

## Maintenance

10. (i) Technical

The operating company will be responsible for the efficient maintenance of all technical equipment, when it is handed over to them.

- (ii) Buildings

When buildings here been handed over to the operating company in accordance with Para. 9 (ii) the latter will be responsible for their maintenance and safeguard and will supply personnel and material necessary for this purpose.

## Equipment

11. The R.C.A.F. will supply all necessary aircraft; also equipment including office and barrack: furniture (excepting cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery) for Service and company's personnel, as listed in C.A.P. 69, latest edition. No. 2 Training Command is to advise Air Force Headquarters, also No. 7 Equipment Depot, as soon as the contractor is ready to receive consignments of equipment.

## Publications

12. (a) An initial issue of publications will be made by Central Publications Section in accordance with the approved scale.
- (b) Air Force Headquarters will make arrangements with the Printing and Stationery Branch for issue of the initial supply of printed forms.

Accounting

13. (i) Stores

The operating company will be responsible to the Inspector of Accounts Civil Flying Schools, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, for organizing and maintaining proper accounts and records in regard to all stores and equipment supplied by the R.C.A.F.

The Chief Supervisory Officer, R.C.A.F., stationed at Civilian Flying Schools is to be solely responsible for the stocks of R.C.A.F. clothing issued to the School for replacement purposes

(ii) Pay

The payment of all R.C.A.F. personnel is to be carried out under arrangements made by the Command Accountant, No. 2 Training Command.

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Address

14. The address of No. 19 Elementary Flying Training School will be:-

(i) For all R.C.A.F. correspondence:- .

The Chief Supervisory Officer, R.C.A.F.  
No. 19 Elementary Flying Training School,  
Viriden, Man.

(ii) For Civil Operating Firms:-

The Manager,  
Viriden Flying Training School, Limited,  
Viriden, Man.

Telephones

15. The operating company is to provide adequate telephone facilities for R.C.A.F. Supervisory Staff.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE

*F.C. Seavill W/C*  
*for (F.W. Long)*  
Group Captain,  
For Chief of the Air Staff.

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16-5-41 Strength of School - 70 airmen pilots. Strength of Aircraft - 26

1420 Seventy student pilots arrived at Virden today at 1420 hours and were marched to this school.

As they were the initial class a short march was ordered around the main business section of the town of Virden. This was well received by the local residents. Following allotment of beds, blankets, etc., they were given short lectures by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Assistant Supervisory Officer, Chief Flying Instructor, Chief Ground Instructor and the manager. Six Tiger Moth Aircraft arrived from Winnipeg today.

17-5-41 Six Officers and six Airmen taken on strength, total strength 82. 76 Airmen and six Officers.

Weather fine - -flying all scheduled time and ground lectures began.

18-5-41 Sunday - - Normal flying schedule.

19-5-41 The Chief Supervisory Officer called the first RCAF staff meeting at 0900 hours at which routine matters of interest to all were discussed. It is planned to have similar meetings weekly for the present at least. Flying and Ground school classes followed normal routine.

20-5-41 Class routine normal. Flying bumpy. A & C Flights had their first P.T. under F.O. Algate.

These classes will become regular parades daily - Monday to Saturday.

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21-5-41 Class routine normal. Flt. Lt. Cleghorn from No. 2. Training Command visited here, inspecting hygiene and sanitation of the station.

22-5-41 Flying washed out until 1700 hours by 35 m.p.h. wind. First fencing class started under Professor Halladay. There is a keen interest shown in this sport. The sitting of the Board of Officers to take over was postponed until 23-5-41.

23-5-41 Flying training began at 0400 hours. Wind was quite high even at this hour.

A Board of Officers assembled at 0930 hours to take over Buildings and Works. Sqn. Ldr. A.R. Knight, No. 2 Manning Depot, President; Flt Lt. D.D. Atkinson, No. 19. E.F.T.S., Virden; Flt.Lt. A.C. MacPhee, No. 19. E.F.T.S., Virden; F.O. J.F. Sexton, No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry; F.O. G.W. Rowe, No. 33. S.F.T.S., Carberry, were members.

24-5-41 Normal routine all day.

25-5-41 Sunday - Flying routine only.

26-5-41 Normal flying time. No. 19. E.F.T.S. took part in their first parade at Virden, Man. in connection with the Victory Loan Campaign. Every Officer and airman on the station paraded. The Chief Supervisory Officer acted as Marshall of the parade which was led by the Air Force, followed by the local Dragoons, the Manitoba Volunteer Reserve, Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

The rear was brought up by Decorated cars and our Crash Wagon and Ambulance. Following the parade dismissal a programme of pictures, short talks etc. was held in the Auditorium at which the Air Force was complimented on their fine display of marching. Transportation for the men

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26-5-41 both ways was arranged by local residents.

27-5-41 Flying was washed out at 0900 hours due to rain which prevailed for the balance of the day.

We had three visitors from No. 2. Training Command on inspection: Flt. Lt. Pafford T.F.2. F.O. Leitch, Sigs; and F.O. Anderson, P.L.O.

28-5-41 Flying from 15:55 hours to 1810 hours only. Wind very high. Ground School Normal.

29-5-41 Normal Programme.

30-5-41 Flying Ideal today. The Chief Supervisory Officer, Administrative Officer and Flight Sergeant attended the Elkhorn Manitoba School district Annual Field Day exercises. Flt. Lt. Atkinson gave the school children an interesting talk on the British Empire and the War. F.O. Algate and Flight Sergeant Darlington judged the Schools in the parade and their P.T. exercises. Their choice of winners proved very popular. The committee in charge was very grateful to the R.C.A.F. for their assistance.

31-5-41 Normal Routine. We had our first accident at 1520 hours today when L.A.C. Kertson, R.A. (R84533) had the misfortune of nosing his plane over when landing. Kertson was uninjured, but the plane - Tiger Moth 4314 had considerable damage done. Strength of Station 66 Trainees. Six Airmen on staff and Six Officers. Aircraft - 41.

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- 1-6-41 Sunday, flying routine Only. Strength of Station: Officers 6 Staff. 7 Trainees. 66.
- 2-6-41 Flying began at 0900 hours due to low ceiling. The average number of flying hours was obtained. 29 Students received their 20-hour tests.
- 3-6-41 Normal routine to-day.
- 4-6-41 Weather dull and intermittent rain throughout the day. Number of flying hours recorded was normal.
- 5-6-41 Flying washed out until 1600 hours as the field was unserviceable due to the heavy rain.
- 6-6-41 High winds all day. Flying from 0450 hours to 0730 hours and 1335 hours to 1500 hours.
- 7-6-41 Normal routine. Record flying day:- 115 hours in morning and 121 in afternoon. The School had its first solo party in the recreation hall this evening. It was well attended by the students and their guests, the instructors. Festivities lasted into the small hours as flying was washed out until 1400 hours the next day.
- 8-6-41 Sunday and flying only in the afternoon due to solo party last evening. 70 Students arrived this afternoon in the charge of F.O. Milsom of No. 1. I.T.S., Toronto. The airman were marched to the camp and in the evening they attended Church Parade in the town of Virden.

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- 8-6-41 This was a Victory Loan Campaign Parade.
- 9-6-41 Normal routine with the new class being given their first flying sequence.
- 10-6-41 No flying -- rained all day. 14 additional students arrived from No. 1. I.T.S., Toronto.
- 11-6-41 Major Coons C.D.C. H.Q., Ottawa and Major Steele C.D.C. H.Q. Winnipeg visited our station on an official inspection tour.  
Flying in the afternoon only due to the wet field from heavy rains.
- 12-6-41 Normal Routine.
- 13-6-41 Normal routine. The contractor completed pouring the cement for the floor of the swimming pool.
- 14-6-41 Normal Routine.
- 15-6-41 Normal flying routine.

16-6-41 We had our first game of softball against the town of Virden to-night and although some good ball was played, the team of Virden was no match for our boys. The score was RCAF 19, Virden 6. We also had our first picture show in the camp.

17-6-41 Normal routine. A sudden wind storm of very high velocity blew up in the early evening and had it not been for the quick work of the ground crew assisted by the students, instructors and officers there might have been some considerable damage to planes. The entire personnel are to be congratulated for their quick action.

18-6-41 Final preparations are being pushed to have everything in readiness for the official opening.

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18-6-41 to-morrow. Rain started to fall in the late evening. R.C.A.F. boys lost 2-3 in a baseball game against Virden.

19-6-41 Last night and early this morning we had one of our heaviest rainfalls of the season. One and one half inches of rain fell. Everywhere one looked there were small lakes and rivers. However the sun came out bright and a good wind aided by pumps here and there, the grounds rapidly became fit to walk over. Air Commodore A.B. Shearer, A.D.C. and party arrived at 1215 hours by plane to officially open the school. R.F. McWilliams K.C., Lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, also graced us with his presence and took part in the ceremony. The programme was run off on schedule and the school was highly complimented by the A.O.C. for the fine display by the personnel. The civilian staff was also complimented on their efficient work. The public was admitted to the grounds and they were all highly elated at the fine display of ceremonial parade and flying. An estimated crowd of 3,000 people attended and conducted themselves in an Orderly manner. The Programme was as follows. 2:30 p.m. Gates open to public: 3:25 Official Party arrives: 3:30 Air Commodore Shearer inspects pupils: 3:40 Mr. A.E. Sellers (President), introduction of A.O.C.: 3:45 Air Commodore Shearer, A.D.C.

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19-6-41 officially opens station: 3:55 Lieut. Governor of Manitoba speaks. 4:10 Bouquet presentation to Mrs. McWilliams. 4:15 March past - A.O.C. Takes Salute. 4:30 Parade dismissed. 4:30 Official party inspects Buildings etc. Chief Flying Instructor and Flight Commanders put on flying demonstration. The Assistant Supervisory Officers put on a demonstration of formation flying. 5:00 Pupils instructional flying commences. 5:00 Official party has tea in Civilian Officer's Mess. 6:30 Station cleared of general public and gates closed.

20-6-41 Air Commodore A.B. Shearer, ADC, A.O.C. No. 2. Training Command departed 0930 hours for Winnipeg via plane. The A.O.C. spent the night in Virden following the official opening of this school.

Routine normal. All personnel given 48 hour pass after duty to-day.



21-6-41 All routine cancelled to-day due to 48 hr. pass.

22-6-41 All routine cancelled to-day due to 48 hr. pass.

23-6-41 Normal routine. This evening the airmen enjoyed a fine moving picture show. This was held in the recreation hall and was well attended.

24-6-41 Normal Routine.

25-6-41 Normal Routine. This evening the airman played hardball against a picked team from Virden on the exhibition grounds. The Virdenites proved to be just a little better than our boys and came out on top of a rather loose ball game 11-10. It is hoped that in future games more airmen will come out and roost for their team.

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26-6-41 Normal Routine.

27-6-41 Normal Routine.

28-6-41 Normal Routine.

29-6-41 Sunday, normal flying routine.

A small fire broke out in the main kitchen at 1905 hours. It broke out in a wall separating the water heating unit and the main kitchen. A great deal of credit is due to Link Trainer Instructor F. Madore for his directions until the arrival of the Chief engineer. Some bitter trouble was had in getting the water on. However the fire did very little damage and will serve a good end in being fully prepared in case of a big fire.

30-6-41 Normal Routine.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., VIRDEN, Man.

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#### ADDENDA TO DAILY DIARY NO. 19.E.F.T.S., VIRDEN, MANITOBA.

27-6-41

#### LOG OF CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT

June 27th to June 29, 1941 inclusive. Route:- Virden - Regina - Saskatoon - Prince Albert - and return via Moose Jaw - Regina - Broadview.

On Friday June 27th, 1941 five Tiger Moth Aircraft piloted by A/Cpl. G.A. Swan and L.A.C.'s Machan, S.F.; Lynch, F.E.; Wilson, M.C. and Foster, W.D. under the leadership of T/Sgt.

Stevens left Virden at 0935 hours on the first 171 miles of a cross country flight. The first leg was plotted by A/Cpl. G.A. Swan who also lead the flight. From take-off to landing the flight was concluded in 21:35 hours under excellent weather conditions.

Starting at 15:10 hours the same day the flight proceeded to Saskatoon led by L.A.C. Lynch, F.E. Arrival at No. 4. S.F.T.S. was made in an estimated time of 2:15 which was the estimated time at the take-off. Too much cannot be said of the efficient and courteous service rendered by F.O. Brown Flight Commander of E Flight, N.C.O.'s and men.

The flight proceeded at 18:30 hours for Prince Albert led by L.A.C. Wilson, M.C. and arrived there on time at 20:15 hours. The management of No. 6 E.F.T.S. provided quarters & rations for the pupil pilots which accommodation was very much appreciated. The

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#### LOG OF CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT (continued)

Assistant Chief Engineer Mr. Lapine provided excellent service for the aircraft, arranging a Daily Inspection for each as well as a few minor repairs.

The next day the flight left Prince Albert for Saskatoon at 10:25 hours led by L.A.C. Foster, W.D. and upon arrival there at 11:45 hours propmt service was given in getting the aircraft gassed up for the next leg of the trip to Moose Jaw.

For the trip to Moose Jaw, L.A.C. Machan, S.F. plotted the course and led the formation. Landing was made at the Municipal Airport at 14:30 hours just ahead of approaching storms. However after taking on gasoline it was decided to proceed to Regina in view of better weather reports from that point.

Taking off at 15:30 hours for Regina, heavy head-winds and rain were experienced most of the way but pupil pilots acquitted themselves in a very excellent manner and landing was made at Regina at 16:30 hours. Time was lost at this point waiting for a possible improvement of weather conditions ahead that would allow a direct trip to Virden but this improvement did not materialize.

At 18:20 hours take-off was made for Broadview, Sask. and practically the entire trip to that point was made through thunderstorm conditions and very heavy rain. Landing was made at Broadview at 20:05 hours, in heavy rain and in view of the weather being reported worse ahead, an enforced overnight stay was made. With considerable help from the staff of the Radio Range station the aircraft were all picketed securely. Transportation was arranged over

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#### LOG OF CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT (continued)

27-29-6-41 eleven miles of bad road to Broadview, but it was almost 01:00 hours before rations and quarters could be secured.

Leaving the emergency field at Broadview at 07:50 hours the last leg to Virden was completed at 09:15 hours in good weather.

This experimental Cross Country Flight provided valuable experience to the Pupil

Pilots and most certainly gave them a better appreciation of the accuracy of maps and the method of fixing position by observation of ground subjects.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., VIRDEN, Man.

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30-6-41 Total Personnel Strength as at June 30th, 1941 - - Trainees - - 140 Supervisory Staff - Officers - 6 Airmen - 7. Total Aircraft on Strength - - 46.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., VIRDEN, Man.

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1-7-41 Normal Routine. All students on duty. Examinations started to-day for Course 28. Subjects written:- Navigation - Theory of Flight.

2-7-41 Normal Routine Class 30. Class 28 finish examinations on Airmanship - Airframes and Aero Engines.

3-7-41 Normal routine Class 30. Class 28 final examination on Signals.

4-7-41 Normal routine Course 30. Class 28 final examination on Armament (Oral). Tiger Moth plane 4954 destroyed by fire at 1800 hours. The aircraft was piloted by R98124 L.A.C. Huffman, B.M. who noticed fumes coming from motor and immediately attempted a forced landing. The landing was successfully made and plane almost immediately broke out in flames. The pilot was uninjured. The accident took place on the south-east quarter section # 33 township 8 range 24.

5-7-41 Normal Routine. Flt.Lt. Kircaldy and party from No. 12 S.F.T.S. arrived at 1400 hours to investigate fire of Tiger Moth 4954. Six forced landings to-day due to fog closing in suddenly and no planes damaged.

6-7-41 Sunday. Flying routine only. The swimming pool was a very popular place to-day with most of the boys taking advantage of the cool dip on a hot day.

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7-7-41 Normal Routine. First graduation exercises of this school was held this evening for

Course 28. The banquet and refreshments were supplied in their honour by the Virden Flying Training School Ltd. Refreshments were had in the recreation rooms at 1830 hours and the banquet was served in the Dining room at 1900 hours. Short addresses were given by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Mr. Morgan and several of the instructors. Mr. A Madore, Chief Flying Instructor presented the trophies to the winners: - - The Madore trophy for general proficiency was presented to A/Cpl. G.A. Swan - The Murphy Flying Award to LAC F.E. Lynch and the Murphy Ground School Award to L.A.C. L.E. Gardiner. Following the banquet a dance was held in the Recreation Rooms and was very much appreciated by everyone. The girls were transported to and from the station by the Officers. One group of 16 coming from Elkhorn. The balance from Virden.

8-7-41 No flying this morning, otherwise normal routine.

9-7-41 Normal Routine. Mr. Morgan, Manager of the school gave a banquet to the staff in honour of Flt.Lt. D.D. Atkinson's promotion to Squadron Leader. Mr. Morgan congratulated the guest of honour on behalf of the school and Squadron Leader D.D. Atkinson replied in a few well chosen words in which he thanked all for their kind co-operation in all the affairs of the school.

10-7-41 Normal Routine.

11-7-41 Normal Routine.

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12-7-41 Normal Routine.

13-7-41 Sunday - Flying routine only.

14-7-41 Normal Routine. Wing Commander Pleasance, No. 2. Training Command arrived at 1100 hours for further investigation of fire of Tiger Moth No. 4954.

15-7-41 Normal Routine. Course 33 arrived from No. 2. I.T.S., Regina. 61 of the 70 are Americans.

Wing Commander Chalk and Squadron Leader Blane arrived from No. 2. Training Command for the purpose of Medical and Navigation respectively.

16-7-41 Course 33 had their first flying to-day. Pilot Officer J. Watts reported on temporary duty from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon as an exchange instructor in navigation. Our softball team played against Virden in a special game at Montgomery and lost the game 8-10.

17-7-41 Normal routine in ground school. Flying washed out in afternoon due to high winds.

18-7-41 Normal routine.

19-7-41 Normal routine.

20-7-41 Flying Routine only.

21-7-41 Flying washed out this afternoon due to high winds. Flt. Lt. J. Gray reported from No. 2.

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21-7-41 I.T.S., Regina in connection with link trainer instruction.

22-7-41 Normal Routine. The Chief Supervisory Officer called a staff Meeting at which routine matters were discussed. These meetings are most welcome and all take part in the round table discussions. All staff were present.

23-7-41 Normal Routine. All class seniors attended a meeting to discuss a sports day. July 30th was the day set with a tabloid form of sports in the morning with water and flying sports in the afternoon.

24-7-41 Normal routine.

25-7-41 Normal routine. Course 30 began examinations.

26-7-41 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather.

27-7-41 Sunday - flying only - due to fog conditions flying did not begin until 0900 hours and continued right through to 2030 hours.

28-7-41 Normal routine for class 33. Class 30 in examinations.

29-7-41 Normal routine. Trade test officers arrived.

30-7-41 Normal routine in ground school but flying washed out in afternoon due to sports day programme.

Class 30 held their graduation party this evening and were hosts to their instructors and the Staff. Refreshments were had in the recreation rooms. The banquet was held in the Mess Hall with Squadron Leader D.D. Atkinson acting as Chairman. Prize Winners in the various events were awarded their trophies. Included in these the winners in the sports were awarded their

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30-7-41 prizes. The Madore Trophy for General Proficiency was won by L.A.C. Meldeau, L.H. The Murphy Flying Award by L.A.C. Carr, G.R. and the Murphy ground school award by L.A.C. Henry, R.W.

Following the banquet a very enjoyable dance was held in the recreation rooms.

31-7-41 Flying washed out in morning, following graduation party otherwise normal routine.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Viriden, Manitoba.

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ADDENDA

1-7-41 Total Strength: Officers - - 6 Supervisory Staff - - 7 Trainees: 147.

31-7-41 Total Strength: Officers - - 6 Supervisory Staff - - 10 Trainees: 146.  
Total Aircraft on Strength: 50 Tiger Moths: Serviceable 46. "B" 3 "C" 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Viriden, Manitoba.

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1-8-41 Total Strength - - Officers -- 6 Supervisory Staff -- 11 Trainees 146. No. of Aircraft  
on strength - - 50. Normal Routine.

2-8-41 Normal Routine.

3-8-41 Flying routine only.

4-8-41 Normal routine. Supplemental exams started for Course 30.

5-8-41 Normal routine .

6-8-41 Normal routine.

7-8-41 Normal routine. The follwoing officer visited this unit on a Medical inspection - - Air  
Commodore R.W. Ryan and F.O. G.A. Friesen, H.Q. Ottawa. Wing Commander S.G. Chalk and  
Wing Commander M.D. Lister, No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg. They arrived at 1425  
hours and departed 1600 hour for Saskatoon.

8-8-41 Normal Routine.

9-8-41 Normal Routine.

10-8-41 Flying routine only. Flt. Lt. Ditto, No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry landed here in Anson No. 8724 with 3 students at 2100 hours. They were enroute from Calgary and forced down due to heavy electrical storm. A little difficulty was had in regards to blankets but was eventually overcome and they had a pleasant sleep.

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11-8-41 Normal Routine.

12-8-41 Normal routine. Sqn. Ldr. Bouchier - Sqn. Ldr. McKnight and Flt.Lt. Herring from No. 2. Training Command inspected the Armament section.

13-8-41 Normal routine despite a slight rain most of the day.

14-8-41 Normal routine.

15-8-41 Normal routine for junior class. Flying washed out for seniors due to inoculations. F.O. Whimster inspected the Buildings and equipment.

16-8-41 Normal Routine.

17-8-41 Flying washed out due to adverse weather. Church parade at 1000 hours. The two softball games were cancelled due to weather and it is expected they will be played one week from this date.

18-8-41 Normal routine.

19-8-41 Normal routine to 1600 hours when flying was washed out due to wind storms. Wing Commander R.C. Gordon from No. 12 SFTS visited us today in connection with training.

20-8-41 Normal routine except for a short time when flying was washed out due to a very heavy rain, (time approx 1440). Flt.Lt. Cleghorn, No. 2. T.C. arrived at 1000 hours on "hygiene inspection".  
Departed 1400 hours.

21-8-41 Normal routine.

22-8-41 Normal flying routine. Aircraft 4259 piloted by L.A.C. Dean, G.M. solo turned over on aerodrome owing to landing out of wind.

23-8-41 Final ground school examinations for Course No. 33. With the exception of seniors

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23-8-41 course and officials supervising exams the school was closed down for the usual monthly 48. Majority of the pupils left for Winnipeg on Friday evening.

24-8-41 Normal Sunday routine. Juniors on 48 hour pass.

25-8-41 Normal routine. Course No. 33. on ground examinations.

26-8-41 Normal routine. Course No. 33. on ground examinations.

27-8-41 Normal routine. Flt.Lt. Reid reported from Central Flying School, Trenton to re-categorize instructors. F.O. Hurlbut reported for duty.

28-8-41 Normal routine. Eight Oxfords landed to refuel en route from Halifax to Medicine Hat (RAF)

Ten members of Course No. 33 sat for supplemental ground examinations and all passed satisfactorily.

29-8-41 Normal routine. Flt.Lt. Reid left station having recategorized nine instructors from Class II (Temp) to Class II (Perm).

30-8-41 Normal routine - course 33 on 48 hour pass prior to reporting to new unit.

31-8-41 Flying routine for course 35. All students on Course No. 37. reported in to-day and received addresses and instructions. Class total 84. The Virden golf club challenged the personnel of this unit to a golf tournament today. F.O. W.L. Algate was winner of the championship flight by a small margin. Members of the civilian staff also won several prizes in the secondary flights. Mr. Pace 1st in "A" flight, Mr. Hillcoat 2nd in "A" flight,

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31-8-41 Mr. Abernathy 1st in "B" Flight . We were challenged to a team competition at a later date.

Strength: Officers - - 7 Supervisory Staff 11 Trainees -- 131. Total Aircraft - - 53.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-9-41 Strength of Personnel - - 7 Supervisory Staff - - 11 Pupil Pilots - - 152  
Aircraft Strength - 53.

Normal Routine with Course No. 37 taking their first instruction.



2-9-41 Flying Washed out from 0845 hours to 1300 hours. Otherwise normal routine.

3-9-41 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather.

4-9-41 Flying washed out all day due to aerodrome unserviceability (wet)

5-9-41 Flying washed out all day due to aerodrome unserviceability (wet)

6-9-41 Flying washed out all day due to aerodrome unserviceability (wet)

7-9-41 Normal Routine

8-9-41 Normal Routine

9-9-41 Normal Routine

10-9-41 Normal Routine

11-9-41 Flying washed out part of day due to high winds.

12-9-41 Flying again washed out in p.m. due to squalls and high winds which resulted in one aircraft going over on nose at aerodrome and damaging airscrew. A second plane piloted by I.A.C. Luse J.E. forced down near Oak Lake, Man. and caused considerable damage to plane. The pilot was slightly injured.

13-9-41 Normal Routine

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14-9-41 Special church parade in morning. Flying in afternoon.  
Two Accidents today. LAC Watson, S.H. slightly injured, Tiger Moth Aircraft 4950 damaged slightly- - LAC Fowler S.J. slightly injured and aircraft 4965 damaged considerably.

15-9-41 Routine Normal

16-9-41 Examinations for Course 35 began today. Junior routine normal.

17-9-41 Examinations Course 35. Juniors Normal Routine.

18-9-41 Examinations Course 35. Juniors Normal Routine.

19-9-41 Normal Routine for Juniors. Course 35 held their graduation banquet followed by a dance in the recreation hall. Speakers at the Banquet were Sqn. Ldr. D.D. Atkinson, Mr. J.R. Morgan - Mr. A. Madore and Mr. B. Stephenson. Two short skits were put on for entertainment

and were enjoyed by all. The following trophies were awarded - The Madore Trophy for general proficiency to R.101149 LAC LIDSTROM, A.G. The Murphy Flying award to R.101323 LAC DARBY, L.J. The Murphy ground School award to R.94902 L.A.C. CLEMENTS, H.A. The dance that followed was one of the most enjoyable to date.

20-9-41 Flying washed out in morning, following graduation party - Flt.Lt. A.C. MacPhee was the recipient of a gold watch at a party given in his honor by the officers and instructors. Sqn. Ldr. Atkinson presented the gift and spoke highly of Dr. MacPhee in regards to his valued work with the students. Mr. Morgan the School Manager also spoke highly of his services given to civilian staff. In replying Dr. MacPhee expressed himself as having enjoyed himself and was definitely disappointed at hearing that he was to be posted away.

21-9-41 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather.

22-9-41 Normal routine for Course 37. R.106147 LAC McIntosh, D.J. was slightly injured at 1130 hours today when he overturned aircraft 4151 in attempting to land. Considerable damage was done to the above mentioned aircraft.

23-9-41 Normal Routine

24-9-41 Normal Routine. Supplemental Examinations for Course 35 were written - one airman failed.

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25-9-41 Normal routine Course 37. Course 35 all posted to Nos. 10 and 12 S.F.T.S. s and the new class, course 39 of 84 airmen reported in from No. 2. I.T.S., Regina, Sask. They received the usual addresses of welcome and were also given all the necessary instructions as to what was expected of them. The first snow fell today at this unit but was so slight that only a few noticed it.

26-9-41 Course No. 39 had their first flying instruction today. Flying was washed out at approximately 1420 hours and was resumed again later. Snow flurries and poor visibility were the cause.

27-9-41 Normal Routine

28-9-41 Normal flying routine only. Visiting Flight No. 1. from Trenton arrived today.

29-9-41 Normal Routine.

30-9-41 Flying washed out at 0845 hours due to high winds. Strength on this date as follows:  
Officers - 6 Supervisory Staff - - 13 Pupil Pilots - - 156 Aircraft - - 50.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-10-41 Strength of Supervisory Staff Officers - 7, Supervisory Staff Airmen - 13 Student Pilots 155. Aircraft Strength - 49. Normal routine.

2-10-41 Flying washed out all morning, otherwise normal routine.

3-10-41 Normal routine.

4-10-41 Normal routine.

5-10-41 Flying routine only. This school was highly honored to-day by a number of Air Force dignitaries from Headquarters Ottawa and No.2 Training Command on an official inspection and will terminate in a few days shooting ducks, chickens, etc. The Virden Flying Training School Ltd. acted as hosts at a banquet in their honor and will also act as their hosts during their short shooting holiday. Members of party included Mr. S.L. de Carteret, Deputy Minister for Air, Air Vice Marshal L.S. Breadner, C.A.S., Air Vice Marshal H. Edwards, A.M.P., Air Commodore A.B. Shearer, A.O.C. No.2 Training Command, Group Captain R. Collard, W.& B., Ottawa, Wing Commander R.M. Smith, C.O. No. 1 Wireless School, Wing Commander T.C. MacFarlane, P.A. to C.A.S., Flight Lieutenant P.A. Cumyn, P.A. to A.M.P., Flight Lieutenant W.G. McLellan, P.A. to A.O.C. No.2 Training Command, Flight Lieutenant

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5-10-41 A.F. Castellotti, Flying Officer E.H. Pritchard, Flying Officer F.R. Hasker and Flying Officer B.G. Smith, pilots from Ottawa.

6-10-41 Flying washed out in the morning due to adverse weather conditions. The official guests had their first shoot to-day and reported a good bag. F/O Algate attended a meeting of the newly formed Brandon District Service Athletic Association at No. 12. S.F.T.S. to-day. The purpose of this association is to foster inter-unit competitions in the major sports. It is felt that this is a splendid project and it is hoped that this school may take an active part. More information will be had following a further organization meeting on 20-10-41.

7-10-41 The Mobile Fingerprint Unit aimed to-day to complete this part of the registration of officers and airmen. Normal routine.

8-10-41 Normal routine. F/Lt. G.E. Huff No.2 Training Command arrived on an inspection trip of fire fighting equipment.

9-10-41 Normal routine.

10-10-41 Normal routine, for morning. Entire school granted leave from 1200 hours to 0600 hours 13-10-41. At 0915 hours student pilot R114763 LAC Olson, J.C.W. was slightly injured when he crashed Tiger Moth 4264. The accident happened on the south-east corner of the aerodrome and the aircraft was an almost complete washout. The official inspection party departed for Ottawa at 1200 hours to-day. While at this Unit, the Deputy Minister for Air, S.L. de Carteret, C.A.S. Air Vice Marshal Breadner, A.M.P. Air Vice Marshal Edwards and the

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10-10-41 Director of Works and Buildings, Air Commodore Collard, were guests of the Civilian Manager J.R. Morgan at his cottage in Virden and enjoyed 4 days of excellent shooting, getting a bag of about 150 Hungarian prairie chicken and also a few ducks. The weather started poorly but ended with brilliant sunshine and all said it was one of the finest shoots in their experience.

Officers of the station accompanied the party on occasions including 4 pilots, F/Lt. Castellotti, F/O Pritchard, F/O Smith and F/O Hooker. They hunted from early morning to late at night. Moving pictures and cameras were sent out with them and the hunt is now a matter of R.C.A.F. Records.

11-10-41 Entire school on special pass.

12-10-41 Entire school on special pass.

13-10-41 The 19 E.F.T.S. Ladies Auxiliary are to be congratulated on their efforts in having the No. 33 S.F.T.S. concert party "The Rip Chords" presented to this community. They played to an almost packed house in the local theatre and was enjoyed by all. The ladies report a net profit of \$50.00 which is quite commendable on their effort of this nature.

14-10-41 Dual only for Course 39 and flying had to be washed out at approximately 1130 hours due to

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14-10-41 high winds. Course 37 sat the first of their final examinations.

15-10-41 Normal routine for Course 39. Course 37 sitting final examinations.

16-10-41 Normal routine for Course 39. Course 37 sitting armament examinations.

17-10-41 The Command Chaplain S/Ldr. McFarlane arrived at 1420 hours to-day on an official visit.

He attended Course 37 graduation banquet. Final results in Course 37 examinations were made known, with ten students getting supplements, six had two and four had one supplement. This Course had their graduation banquet in the Airmens' Mess and were hosts to the R.C.A.F. Staff, Instructors and School Management. They were addressed by the Chief Supervisory Officer S/Ldr. D.D. Atkinson. Mr. J.R. Morgan presented the Madore Trophy to LAC Rue, D.R.M.

This is presented for general proficiency and the envy of all students. The Murphy Flying Award went to LAC Patterson, B.D.C. and was presented by the C.F.I. F/O A. Madore. The Murphy Ground School Award was presented by the C.G.I. Mr. B. Steffansson to LAC Blackie, J.S.

Following the banquet a dance was held in the airmens' lounge and was enjoyed by all personnel of the station.

18-10-41 Normal routine.

19-10-41 Normal flying routine.

20-10-41 Heavy fog caused flying to be washed out for part of the morning, but otherwise routine was normal. No. 2 Training Command Trade Test Board assembled here at 1430 hours to 1545 hours.

21-10-41 Normal routine.

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22-10-41 Normal routine.

23-10-41 Supplemental examinations were written by Course 37 students with one student failing.

F/Lt. Cleghorn and W.O.1 Corbett, H.V. reported in to-day on their periodical Hygiene Inspection tour.

24-10-41 Normal routine for Course 39. Course 37 being practically all cleared. A general 48 hour was given after duty to-day for all but the draft to St. Hubert and Composite Training School, Trenton.

25-10-41 Nil programme, general 48 hour pass. Draft departed for St. Hubert and Composite Training School, Trenton.

26-10-41 Nil programme, general 48 hour pass.

27-10-41 Course 41 reported in to-day with 83 students from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina and one from

Composite Training School, Trenton. They received the usual address of welcome also the necessary instructions from all concerned. The big majority of this class are still in khaki drill.

28-10-41 Course 41 were measured for blue uniforms this morning and an urgent call sent to No.7 Equipment Depot. Normal routine.

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29-10-41 Flying washed out for a short period in the morning, otherwise normal routine.

30-10-41 Normal routine.

31-10-41 Normal routine. R105754 Simons, H.L. had a forced Landing in Tiger Moth 4256 causing slight damage to aircraft. The accident was caused by fuel shortage and brushing a fence in attempting to land.

Strength of Supervisory Staff Officers - 7, Supervisory Staff Airmen 12, Student Pilots -151.  
Aircraft Strength - 55.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-11-41 1140 Normal Routine. A "White" casualty occurred six miles east of the airport this morning at 1140 hours. T/Sgt. Butchart, C.E. and L.A.C. Grant, R.G. were uninjured. The motor failed while practicing forced landing approaches and in the resultant forced landing the instructor applied the brakes and the plane turned over on its back.

2-11-41 A church parade was held today. Flying was washed out all day due to adverse weather.

3-11-41 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather.

4-11-41 Flying partly washed out due to adverse weather. Flight Lieutenant D.J. Thomson (C.1280) departed today on posting to No. 2. Wireless School, Calgary, Alberta.

5-11-41 Normal Routine. Flying Officer G.R. Youngs (J.3106) reported, on posting from No. 6. S.F.T.S. Dunnville, Ontario to act as Assistant Supervisory officer.

6-11-41 Flying held up for short time this morning due to mist. Mr. A.W. Morely, No. 2. T.C. Morse Examiner arrived on an inspection.

7-11-41 Considerable loss of flying time this morning due to early morning mist.

8-11-41 Only one hour fit for flying today.

9-11-41 Church Parade this morning for all personnel. The Anglican service was conducted by Hon. Flt. Lt. W.A. Osborne and the Catholic service by Rev. Father Lynch. The Chief Supervisory Officer, Squadron Leader D.D. Atkinson took the march past salute. Adverse weather in the afternoon allowed only one hours flying. At 1515 hours Pilot Officer B. McCaskill and two airmen were forced down due to heavy snow storm. They were flying Delta No. 667 from Patricia Bay operational unit to No. 4. Bombing and Gunnery School at Fingal, Ontario.

10-11-41 Routine Normal. The Inspector General's party arrived at 1200 hours today. The party included A.V.M. Croil, Air Commodore A.B. Shearer - Wing Commander B.M. Aronson, Flt.Lt. Dymond and Flt. Lt. W.G. McLellan. The Commanding Officer and Officers were hosts at dinner to the visitors. After dinner the party accompanied by Sqn. Ldr. D.D. Atkinson, F.O. W.L. Algate and Mr. Morgan, manager of the school inspected the station and departed at 1600 hours for No. 12, S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba.

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11-11-41 Course 39 commenced their final ground school examinations.

12-11-41 Flight Lieutenant H.J. Emery, Field Liaison Officer arrived at 1500 hours for consultations.

The first attempt at Night Flying started to-night with the Chief Supervisory Officer and Assistant Supervisory Officers in charge. About five hours were flown by instructors and Officers.

13-11-41 Course 39 completed ground school examinations. Twelve students were required to write supplementals. Two pupils failed and their training was discontinued.

14-11-41 Flying was washed out nearly all day. The graduating class had their graduation party. The winners of the prizes were as follows: The Madore Trophy - - L.A.C. Wilson, D.R.L. The Murphy Flying Award - - L.A.C. Plumer, B.E. and the Murphy Ground School Award - - L.A.C. Currie, A. A.

15-11-41 Adverse weather interfered with the flying program, practically the whole day being washed out.

16-11-41 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather.

17-11-41 Normal Routine.

18-11-41 Flying washed out practically all day.

19-11-41 Storm of almost blizzard proportions all day.

20-11-41 Weather good for flying. All tests for Course 39 completed.

21-11-41 Snow storm practically all day - no flying. A draft of sixteen men under Cpl. Nolan left for No. 2. S.F.T.S., Ottawa at 1348 hours. Twenty airmen were posted to No. 12. SFTS, Brandon, and the remainder of the graduates (twenty two) were granted "in between course leave" and posted to No. 11. S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Saskatchewan. F.O. J.W. Stephen, No. 2. Training Command arrived at 1400 hours on M.T. Inspection and departed 2200 hours.

22-11-41 Tiger Moth 4964 was involved in an accident. The aircraft became stuck in the heavy snow and the student pilot, L.A.C. Podwyssocki, J.T. opened the throttle and temporarily lost control. The aircraft collided with Tiger Moth 5046 parked on the opposite line. Category "C".

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23-11-41 Course 43, arrived today from No. 31 RAF Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B. This is the first class of R.A.F. personnel. Tiger Moth No. 4958 piloted by R.11A600 L.A.C. McKENZIE, H. was involved in a "C" category crash. The pilot undershot the field and landed in deep snow turning the plane over on its back. The pilot was not injured.

24-11-41 Normal routine. Course A3 was unable to commence flying training due to the fact that they were not equipped with flying clothing. Flt.Lt. Ward and F.O. Logan of Central Flying School visiting flight, Trenton arrived today in order to make a few re-categorization tests.

25-11-41 No flying due to high winds. Sqn. Ldr. McKnight, No. 2. Training Command arrived to inspect night flying. Course 43 is still without flying clothing.

26-11-41 Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent arrived from Boundary Bay to assume command of No. 19. E.F.T.S.

Flight Lieutenant Boardman, No. 2. Training Command Educational Officer arrived on an official visit.

27-11-41 Flying all day. Course 43 still awaiting arrival of flying clothing.

28-11-41 normal Routine. Course 43 equipped with flying clothing and took the air this morning.

Flt. Lt. J.F. Cork, No. 2. Training Command Medical Officer arrived on official visit.

Sergeant J.H. Duncan of Command Accountant Office reported on temporary duty in connection with RAF Pay for course No. 43. The Brockie Concert party from Brandon entertained personnel of this unit tonight.



29-11-41 Routine - normal. R.114673 L.A.C. Alberts, E.J. piloting Tiger Moth 4307 while on solo practice was turning aircraft on ground during strong wind and opened throttle to assist in turn. Simultaneously applying brakes causing aircraft to nose over and break airscrew. The pilot was not injured. Time of accident 1040 hours.

30-11-41 Normal Routine.

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30-11-41 Total Strength: Aircraft - 60. Personnel (Officers) - - 8.(Supervisory Staff) 13.  
(Pupils) 151

1-11-41 Total Strength: Aircraft - 54. Personnel (Officers) - - 7 (Supervisory Staff) 12 (Pupils)  
151

(A.J. Vincent) Flight Lieutenant,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-12-41 Total Strength of Personnel as at beginning of month: Officers - - 8  
Supervisory Staff - - 13  
Trainees (a) RCAF - - 67  
(b) RAF - - 84

31-12-41 Total Strength of Aircraft and Personnel as at end of month: Aircraft - -63  
(a) Serviceable - - 61  
(b) Under 21 days - - 1  
(c) Over 21 days - - 1

Personnel: Officers - - 9  
Supervisory Staff - - 13

Trainees:  
(a) RCAF - -94  
(b) RAF - - 66

Chief Supervisory Officer  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-12-41 Instructor H. Skear and student LAC O'Connel, D.S. had a forced landing in Tiger Moth No.4260 at 0945 Hours. The landing occurred 9 miles west and 1 mile south of town of Virden as a result of student becoming ill and opening coupe top to get air. In doing this, the coupe top blew off track and lodged in tail plane causing difficult control. A successful landing was made, however, with only slight damage to the plane. Instructor and student were uninjured.

At approximately 1350 hours the first fatal accident occurred 3 miles west and 11 miles north of aerodrome. R114625 LAC Greer, Robert Lewis, a student pilot on solo practice, was instantly killed and the aircraft, Tiger Moth 4266 was a total loss. Next of kin, Headquarters and No.2 Training Command were informed by wire as soon as sufficient details were known.

2-12-41 A Court of Inquiry was convened to-day by the A.O.C. No.2 T.C. in connection with the fatal accident which occurred yesterday. The Court was composed of Wing Commander R.C. Ripley, No.3 Bombing & Gunnery School, MacDonald. who was President, Flying Officer G.R. Youngs, No.19 E.F.T.S., Virden and Pilot Officer D. Sigler of No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg who were the two members.

3-12-41 A Committee of Adjustment re the accidental death of LAC Greer, R.L. was appointed and convened by the Chief Supervisory Officer, No.19 E.F.T.S. This Committee was composed of; President: Flight Lieutenant R.J. Dooley; Members: Flying Officer C.D.J. Bricker and Flying Officer W.L. Algate.

4-12-41 Normal routine on Station. Court of Inquiry completed investigation into the accidental death of LAC Greer, R.L.

5-12-41 Normal routine on Station. Flying Officer Jones D.A.P.M. of No.2 Training Command and Flying Officer W.J. Burgess of No.12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, D.A.P.M. arrived on official visit.

6-12-41 At 1000 Hours, LAC Halstead, W.T.D. GB999346 while on initial solo flight had the misfortune to cause considerable damage to Tiger Moth 4211. Damage consisted of broken undercarriage, fuselage, airscrew and possible damage to wings. The airman concerned was uninjured.

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7-12-41 Sunday and Church Parade with Flying Officer C.D.J. Bricker in command. Flying started 0800 Hours but had to be washed out at approximately 1230 hours due to adverse weather conditions.

8-12-41 Flying washed out in mid-afternoon due to snow storm.

9-12-41 Course No.41 began first of final examinations.  
R53620 Cpl. R. Grubb of No.7 Equipment Depot and R71127 LAC Smith of No. 8 Repair Depot reported on Temporary Duty in connection with parachute inspection.

10-12-41 No flying due to adverse weather conditions.

11-12-41 Normal routine class 43 - Class 41 writing final examinations.

12-12-41 Class 41 held their graduation party this evening and were hosts to the Staff, Instructors and Company officials. Refreshments were had in the Recreation Rooms and were followed with a banquet and presentation of awards at 1900 hours. The regular graduation dance was held in the Recreation Rooms and was enjoyed by all personnel. Mr. J.R.Morgan, Manager of the School, presented the Madore Trophy to R107984 LAC Watkins. A.A. The Murphy Flying Award was presented to R92621 LAC McKay, R.A. by the Chief Flying Instructor, Mr. A. Madore. Mr. Stefansson, the Chief Ground Instructor, presented the Murphy Ground School Award to R114763 LAC Olson, J.C.W.

13-12-41 Flying and Ground School washed out in forenoon following graduation party held last night.

14-12-41 Flying Routine only.

A "C" Category crash occurred at 0920 hours on aerodrome when GB1318601 LAC Rowland, G.R. in approaching to land levelled off too high and stalled in from approximately 40 feet and landed heavily on right wheel causing damage to Tiger Moth #4318. The pilot was uninjured.

15-12-41 Routine normal.

16-12-41 Supplemental examinations for Class 41 are being written to-day.  
R103993 LAC Carder, R.H. had a forced landing in Tiger Moth 4047 at 1345 hours to-day. Accident occurred near the town of Two Creeks, Manitoba. Damage to aircraft was very slight, pilot being uninjured.

17-12-41 Flying was washed out all day due to rain and high winds.

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18-12-41 Sixty hour tests on Course 41 completed this P.M. Twenty-five students were posted to No.2 S.F.T.S., OTTAWA, (Single Engine) and the balance of course to No.12 S.F.T.S., BRANDON, (Twin Engine).

19-12-41 Course No.41 departed to-day for their respective Stations. Flying routine only for Class 43. The Management of the School were hosts to the children of employees and R.C.A.F. Staff in a Santa Claus party. Ninety-three children, all under 16 years of age, attended and witnessed Saint Nick approach by plane. They all received Christmas presents as well as lunch,

candy, nuts, fruit and ice cream.

The ladies Auxiliary assisted with lunch and entertainment.

Pilot Officer R.P. Airey (J4917) reported in to-day on posting from No.2 S.F.T.S. UPLANDS, Ottawa.

20-12-41 Flying routine only for Course 43.

Flying Officer E. R. McGill (J4249) reported in from No.4 S.F.T.S., SASKATOON, Sask.

The Ladies Auxiliary were hostesses to class 43 at a dance and social evening in the Recreation Room.

21-12-41 Due to adverse weather, flying routine lasted only about one hour. Course No.45, consisting of ninety Airmen, reported in from No.2 I.T.S., REGINA, Sask.

22-12-41 Flying all day for Class 43. Due to the late hour at which Course 45 reported in yesterday, reporting in procedure was deferred until today.

23-12-41 All student personnel given five days' Christmas leave from After Duty today to Reveille 29-12-41.

The Chief Supervisory Officer and skeleton Orderly Room Staff remained on duty.

24-12-41 Nearly the whole personnel and student body took advantage of the Christmas leave, to there being a few exceptions due to the fact that it was impossible for some to get home and return within the five day period. Course 43 "R.A.F. Students" were all the inclusive guests of people in Winnipeg. The Ladies Guild of Saint Agnes Church took about two thirds of the class and the remainder were the guests of Mr. J.R. Morgan and friends. These students were house guests for the full five days and reported a most wonderful time, much exceeding their expectations. Telephone calls and letters have been received full of thanks for sending such a fine bunch of boys to be their guests and expressing the thought that they were most happy to have been able to make Christmas a little more merrier for Airmen so far from home.

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24-12-41 Class 45 were not looked after in the same manner as was Class 43 due to the fact to that Class 45 was composed entirely of Canadian and U.S.A. boys who went to their 28-12-41 respective homes while on leave.

However, those who were left on the Station on Christmas Day were entertained by Virden families as arranged for by Honorary Flight Lieutenant Osborne, the Station Padre.

29-12-41 Christmas leave over, the Station resumed normal activities. The weather has been exceptionally good lately and if it keeps up we will have no trouble catching up on lost time due to Christmas leave.

30-12-41 Routine Normal.

31-12-41 Flying washed out in forenoon, otherwise routine normal. The weather is considerably colder but generally clear and bright.

(C.D.J. Bricker) Flight Lieutenant,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN Manitoba.

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1-1-42 Flying all day. Normal routine. Due to the fact that all personnel had their five day's leave at Christmas, and being under quarantine for measles, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day was just another day in Camp. Strength - Officers 9; Supervisory Staff 13; Trainees (a) RCAF 94 (b) RAF 66

2-1-42 Flying washed out at 0930 hours due to adverse weather. A meeting of class seniors was called to discuss hockey plans and the Junior Class "No.45" entered two teams in League. The league will now consist of a team from "A - C" Flights, "B - D" Flights. Instructors, Supervisory Staff and Hangar and town.

3-1-42 Normal routine all day. By permission of No.2 Training Command, Class 43 wrote their first examination this morning at 0630 hours. Due to adverse weather and the Christmas leave, this class are far behind in flying time and it was felt that an extra effort must be made to write their exams when the opportunity presents itself, as all flying time must be taken advantage of.

4-1-42 Flying in the A.M. only. No church parade on account of measles quarantine.

5-1-42 Dual flying only for most of the day. R93060 T/Sgt. Newhouse, L.R. (Flying Instructor) was recalled to service to-day and posted to No.2 Manning Depot, effective this date. Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent resumes command on returning from Temporary Duty at No. 2 Training Command.

6-1-42 Intermittent flying to-day with one forced landing at 1430 hours. GB1334802 LAC Chatterton, E.F., after completing two solo spins, had the front right roller slip off the runner of the coupe top of his aircraft. The landing was successfully made. No damage or injury being sustained, either to pilot or aircraft, Tiger Moth #4138.

7-1-43 Normal routine.

8-1-42 Normal routine. Two students who were under quarantine for measles were discharged from hospital to-day.

9-1-42 Flying all day and the weather has taken a considerable change for the better. Flight Lieutenant C.D.J. Bricker & Flying Officer W.L. Algate attended the Brandon District Services Athletic Association meeting in Brandon. A Station team was entered in the Hockey League which will be composed of #12 SFTS

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9-1-42 #33 S.F.T.S. , #2 Manning Depot, the A.T.C. and No. 19 E.F.T.S. The league begins (Cont'd) on 14-1-42, and our first game will be on 21-1-42.

10-1-42 Flying for Senior Class only.

11-1-42 Flying all day with dual only in the afternoon.

12-1-42 Normal routine.

13-1-42 A wind of about 50 M.P.H. velocity blew up suddenly this morning and caught a large number of planes still flying. Many of these were students on solo practice. The wash-out flag went up at 0915 hours and fortunately all planes were landed safely and wheeled into the hangar by 1010 hours. The boys are to be congratulated on their fine showing. W.O.1 Clemens, J.L. reported in at 0300 hours, this morning, on an inspection of water pump and then departed for No.2 Training Command, at 1342 hours.

Flight Sergeant R.I. McLeish arrived from No.12 S.F.T.S., to give personnel the M.M.M.T. drivers' test, reported in at 1500 hours, departing 1700 hours by Motor Transport.

A party of seven arrived by air at 1800 hours on a training inspection visit. The party consisted of: Group Captain Bonham-Carter of No.2 T.C., Squadron Leader J.W.D. McKnight of No.2 T.C., Wing Commander S. Blaine of A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, Mr. J.L. Apedaile, Ottawa, Major Seymour, President Canadian Flying Clubs Association, Mr. Peter Troop of Dominion Skyways, Mr. C.W. Nichol of No. 14 E.F.T.S., Portage la Prairie.

14-1-42 Normal routine. All the visiting party of 13-1-42, with the exception of Group Captain Bonham-Carter, departed at 1530 hours to-day.

15-1-42 Normal routine. Group Captain Emmett, Commanding Officer No.41 S.F.T.S., & Squadron Leader Hancocks, Chief Instructor No.41 S.F.T.S., arrived for the graduation party of Class No. 43. The party was a big success, and all very complimentary of the results achieved by our first R.A.F. class. Refreshments were served in the Recreation Room at 1830 hours. The banquet was held in the Airmen's Mess at 1900 hours and a dance followed at 2100 hours, finishing at 0100 hours.

15-1-42 Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent, our Chief Supervisory Officer, spoke very highly of Class No. 43, and stated that they had set a high standard for future classes to aim at in all phases of the routine here.

The next three speakers, Mr. Morgan, the Civilian Manager; Mr. Madore, Chief Flying Instructor; and Mr. Stefansson, the Chief Ground Instructor, were also very complimentary in their remarks. The chief guest-speaker was Group Captain Bonham-Carter who gave the boys a general outline of flying training, which was appreciated by all present. Group Captain Emmett & Squadron Leader Hancocks made a few remarks of encouragement to the boys.

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16-1-42 Normal routine from 1230 hours all classes washed out in A.M. following graduation party. Group Captain Bonham-Carter and other visitors departed at 0900 hours. R115894 Cpl. Winter, W.W. & R71206 AC1 Edwards arrived from No.2 Training Command in connection with repairs to Hangar.

17-1-42 Normal routine. Flying Officer W.L. Algate attended the Hostess Club meeting in town this P.M. and it is quite evident they are now making an honest attempt to get their club going. Three Recruiting Officers arrived to-day as per organization order #32. The party included Flight Lieutenant C.P. Leaney, Flying Officer C.C. Conover & Flying Officer S.M. Brock.

18-1-42 Flying routine only.

19-1-42 The Clerical Establishment is now completed in the posting of a Clerk Stenographer, AC2 Phillips, G.F.W., from K.T.S., Trenton, Ontario. Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent, Chief Supervisory Officer, was granted leave on compassionate grounds, due to the serious illness of his father.

20-1-42 W.O.1 R. Marshall of No.2 Training Command educational section arrived at 1050 hours on Temporary Duty, regarding examination papers, insofar as marking is concerned.

21-1-42 Flying and lectures continued throughout the day. W.O.1 Marshall returned to Command Headquarters on conclusion of his inspection. The first hockey game was played by this Unit in the Brandon and District Hockey League schedule. The result of this game was a win for No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon. This Unit has a wide selection of players to choose from and has numerous opportunities for them to practise during the day and evening.

22-1-42 This Unit is fortunate in having a visit by the A.O.C. No.2 Training Command, Air Commodore A.B. Shearer. However, his visit was brief for he departed in the afternoon. The establishment of the Station Hospital was discussed with the A.O.C. #2 T.C. by the Medical Officer, with a view to increasing it to include a Clerk Stenographer Medical.

23-1-42 Fourteen Tiger Moth aircraft with R.A.F. Trainees piloting were led by one of the flying instructors and navigation instructors on a cross-country flight to Winnipeg. Otherwise normal flying and ground school routine was carried out.

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24-1-42 Flying and lectures continued all day. Seventeen Tiger Moth aircraft proceeded on a cross-country flight. These craft were piloted by R.A.F. Airmen of the Senior Course and led by one of the flying instructors.

Seven of the Tiger Moths remained in Brandon and one at Rivers due to fuel running low.

25-1-42 Flying washed out for greater part of day due to low ceiling. Flying Officer W.L. Algate reported back from Deer Lodge Hospital, where he had been since 21-1-42.

26-1-42 Normal routine. The hockey game between the staff and the instructors had to be cancelled as the condition of the ice would not permit game.

27-1-42 Flying was washed out at 1415 hours to/day. Ground school normal for Class 45. Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent reported back to-day from Toronto where he had attended the funeral of his father. The Staff & Students extended their deepest sympathies to him and other members of his family in their recent bereavement.

28-1-42 Flying washed out all day. Our hockey team, proceeded to Brandon to play the scheduled game against the Artillery Training Centre but, due to a heavy fall of snow that fell while the team was enroute, the game had to be cancelled.

29-1-42 Ground school only to-day and all personnel granted a 48 hour pass after duty to Reveille 1-2-42. Class 45 took advantage of this pass, practically to a man. Flying Officer Whelan of No. 2 Training Command, P.T. & D. Officer, paid an official visit to this Unit. He arrived by train at 1420 hours and planned to leave at 0329 to-morrow for Carberry. The visit was short but enjoyable and instructive.

30-1-42 Class 45 left to-day on a two week leave prior to reporting to Brandon for Service Flying Training. This class is composed of R.A.F. boys and they planned to make the most of their leave and see more of Canada and the United States if at all possible.

31-1-42 Students on forty-eight hours passes.  
Strength - Aircraft 63 - Trainees 181 - Supervisory Staff, Airmen 16, Officers 9.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer, for Chief Supervisory-Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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1st Feb. Flying Officer R.W. Biggar and Flying Officer A.L. Glenn from No. 6 Recruiting Centre reported in to-day on a Duty Tour. Class No. 48 reported in from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., but due to late trains, they did not receive the usual addresses. Strength - Aircraft 63; Trainees 181; Supervisory Staff - Airmen 16 Officers 9.



2nd Feb. Class No.48 was officially greeted to-day and had their first class lectures in the  
1942 afternoon. Normal routine for Seniors.

3rd Feb. Dual flying only, otherwise normal routine.  
1942

4th Feb. No flying due to adverse weather. Our hockey team took a 4 - 10 beating from the  
1942 Brandon Manning Depot Team. This team had a strong array of talent who were  
formerly professional & Senior League players. The game was fast and clean and the spectators  
thoroughly enjoyed it.  
LAC Docking, L.R.C. M.T. driver reported in from No. 3 Wireless School.

5th Feb. Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather.  
1942

6th Feb. Flying all day. Ground school normal.  
1942

7th Feb. Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent, Chief Supervisory Officer, departed to No.2 Training  
1942 Command this P.M. and Flight Lieutenant C.D.J. Bricker assumed temporary  
command. Routine normal.

8th Feb. Flying Routine only. An accident occurred approximately 0920 hours which involved  
1942 Tiger Moth Aircrafts 4318 & 4962, both machines were a total loss. From  
information received, one plane collided with the other in such a manner that the tail fin was  
severed on one and the propeller smashed on the other machine. The first plane mentioned  
became uncontrollable and the pilot jumped. The pilot of the second plane evidently soared for a  
short time and then jumped. Both pilots landed safely The pilots were R124125 LAC Terriff,  
T.P. & R121393 LAC Sheen, R.J. This the first case of a parachute jump at this School and the  
boys can consider themselves very lucky to have been able to bale out. The accident occurred five  
miles west and six miles north of Elkhorn.

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9th Feb. The Assistant Principal Chaplain Squadron Leader W.E. Cochran and Command 1942  
Chaplain Squadron Leader H. McFarland arrived at 1345 hours on an official visit and  
departed at 1415 hours for Rivers by PMC.  
Routine normal.

10th Feb. Flying .washed out this morning only due to ground fog otherwise normal routine.  
1942 Flight Lieutenant A. J. Vincent reported back from Temporary Duty at No.2 Training  
Command. Flying Officer W. McCreary reported in on Command Accountant Officer's  
Inspection Tour.

11th Feb. Flying was washed out at approximately 1030 hours due to fog, etc. Flying Officer W.  
1942 McCreary departed for No.2 Training Command to-day after having completed his inspection for the C.A.O.

12th Feb. Squadron Leader J.M.D. McKnight and Flight Lieutenant D.C. Chapman from No. 2  
1942 Training Command arrived at 1545 hours by air on temporary duty in connection with training. Flying routine in the afternoon only.

13th Feb. Flying washed out for the afternoon due to adverse weather. The Hockey Team  
1942 played at Reston to-night in a game sponsored by the Ladles Auxiliary of that town. The proceeds are going to buy cigarettes etc. for the boys of the district who are on overseas service. No. 19 came out on the long end of a 16 to 4 game. Following this game, the players were entertained at a dance and luncheon.

14th Feb. Flight Lieutenant F.C. Eagleshame reported on temporary duty from No. 3 B. & G.  
1942 School to relieve our M.O. Flight Lieutenant Dooley who has been granted his annual leave.

15th Feb. Flying was intermittent due to mist and fog resulting in several forced landings and  
1942 all landing without damage to aircraft or injury to pilot.

16th Feb. Flying washed out all day due to severe and stormy weather. The Senior Class wrote  
1942 their first of final examinations to-day. The being one day ahead of schedule but due to flying being washed out and being behind schedule in flying, it was considered to be to good advantage to start writing one day early.

17th Feb. Flying washed out in early forenoon. The Senior Class wrote more final 1942  
examinations.

18th Feb. Routine normal with flying all day. The hockey team played their home game 1942  
against the Artillery Training Centre of Brandon and beat them 7-3 in a fast clean game. Our team is steadily improving, but we will be losing several players within the next few days due to postings on graduation.

19th Feb. Normal routine. Squadron Leader C.J.S. Nichol, C.G.I. from No.2 I.T.S., REGINA,  
1942 arrived to-day on a duty tour of ground school activities in relation to the follow up of students from No. 2 I.T.S. This School lost the No.19 E.F.T.S. curling challenge shield to No.12 SFTS Brandon in a close match.

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19th Feb. No. 19 had had two previous challenges and retained custody of this shield, but, the  
1942 two rinks from No.12 SFTS were a little too strong for us. This shield is creating considerable interest in inter-unit curling.

20th Feb. Flying was washed out this morning due to bad weather, otherwise routine was 1942  
normal. Flying Officer W. C. Guest (Medical Branch) arrived to-day from No. 2  
Training Command to take on duties as assistant to Flight Lieutenant Dooley. Flying Officer  
Guest is a newly commissioned officer and this is his first posting. (Hockey - No. 12 S.F.T.S. vs  
No.19 E.F.T.S. - No.19 winning 6 - 2)

21st Feb. Squadron Leader C.J.S. Nichol, C.G.I. from No. 2 I.T.S. departed for his home Unit  
1942 at 0230 hours after having been on temporary duty here. Our hockey team played at  
Moosomin to-night in the first of a home & home series. The games resulted in a win  
for No. 19 EFTS with a score of 8 to 2. The Moosomin. Sask., team were runners-up for the  
Saskatchewan Intermediate Champion ship.

22nd Feb. Flying in forenoon only.  
1942

23rd Feb. Routine normal. Class 45 taking 60 hour tests.  
1942

24th Feb. Flying all day, weather fine. Flying Officer Algate attended the Brandon District  
1942 Services Athletic Association meeting at No. 12 S.F.T.S. to-day. The basketball  
team played at No. 12 S.F.T.S. and were defeated by score of 53 to 22.

25th Feb. Routine for class 48 normal with the 60 hour tests for Class 45 almost completed.  
1942 Our hockey team played at home against the Moosomin Intermediate Team and beat  
them nine to two. This is the team's sixth straight win but with several players  
graduating it is felt that unless we get several new players from the incoming class, we will not  
be so fortunate with the remaining games.

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25th Feb. At 0945 hours L.A.C. Cooke, G.H. R122227 while taxiing aircraft #4049, failed to  
1942 see aircraft #4593 parked, and collided, causing damage to wing tips and airscrews  
of both planes.

26th Feb. Flying all day. Class 45 had their graduation party and dance to-night. A large  
1942 crowd attended. Prize winners of awards were:-  
Madore Trophy LAC O'Hair, H.H. R109982  
Murphy Flying Award LAC Bugbee, J.N. R125353  
Murphy Ground School Award LAC Andrews, J.E. R128552  
LAC DeWitt acted as Chairman of the banquet. Following this the Airmen and friends  
enjoyed the dance and social evening. Most of the boys took advantage of Reveille  
Pass.

27th Feb. Class 45 cleared to-day to their respective Stations. They have been granted two 1942

weeks' "In Between Course Leave". No flying to-day due to adverse weather.

28th Feb. Flying all day for Class 48. Flight Lieutenant W.P. Graham and Flying Officer R.C. 1942  
Wilde reported in on temporary duty from No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg on a duty tour.

Officers - 10; Airmen, Trainees - 187; Airmen, Supervisory Staff.- 18; Aircraft strength as at 2359 Hours, 22-2-42 - 63 Tiger Moth; 1 Stinson "105"

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory-Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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1st March Strength: Officers 10. Airmen - Trainees 187, Airmen - Supervisory Staff 18, 1942  
Aircraft - Tiger Moths 63, Stinson "105" 1.

Due to high winds, flying was washed out at noon to-day. Class #50 reported in from No.7 I.T.S., Saskatoon.

The class consisted of 10 Americans and 80 Canadians. Flying Officer B.J. Gorby and Sergeant Nolan, J. D.P. were in charge of the draft.

2nd March Routine normal. Class #50 had their first instructions to-day in both ground school 1942  
and flying. Flight Lieutenant W.P. Graham and Flying Officer R.C. Wilde of No.6 Recruiting Centre departed by M.T. for No.12 S.F.T.S., BRANDON, after having been here three days on Duty Tour. The weather has been quite warm the last few days and what snow we have had is fast disappearing.

3rd March Flying washed out at noon to-day due to rain and icing conditions. Flight 1942  
Lieutenant R.J. Dooley our Medical Officer returned to-day from leave in the east.

4th March Normal routine.  
1942

5th March Flying all day and ground school normal.  
1942

6th March Flying washed out all day. Ground School lectures for all flights doubled.  
1942

7th March Normal routine.  
1942

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8th March Sunday and flying routine only for the day.  
1942

9th March Flying all day. LAC Lake, G.E. Medical Orderly reported in from No.7 B.&G. 1942  
School. The Billiard room opened to-day. Two curling rinks motored to Brandon to compete against the Artillery Training Centre for the curling challenge trophy and lost by a margin of four points. The rinks consisted of T/Sgt Burke, A., Armstrong, W., T/Sgt Moore, P. and Flying Officer W.L. Algate, LAC McKay, LAC Fulcher, Flight Lieutenant C.D. Bricker. The Artillery Training Centre Rinks composed of Staff/Sgt Tracey, Staff/Sgt Hay, Captain Marantz, Major McIntosh and Captain Williams, Colonel English, Lieutenant Hough, Lieutenant Harris. All rinks are named in order of positions. i.e. Skip, Third, Second & Lead. Flight Lieutenant S.E. Roulace, D.A.P.M. from No.2 T.C. arrived on this Unit at 1430 hours on Security Inspection.

10th March No flying to-day due to the heaviest snow storm of the year. Flight Lieutenant A.J. 1942  
Vincent, Chief Supervisory Officer & Mr. J.R. Morgan, Manager, left Winnipeg by plane prior to the storm and were fortunate in being able to land at No. 12 S.F.T.S. before the storm reached its height. Flight Lieutenant D.H. Leitch of No.2 T.C. Signals Officer arrived on signals inspection.

11th March Routine normal. Wing Commander J.A. Sifton, P.M.O. and Flight Lieutenant 1942  
Cleghorn from No.2 T.C. arrived by air at 1500 hours on Medical inspection and departed after a short visit.

12th March Flight Lieutenant J.A. Saylor of A.F.H.Q. arrived by air on canteen inspection. 1942  
Routine normal.

13th March Routine normal. Flight Lieutenant J.A. Saylor departed at 0930 hours by air. 1942

14th March Wing Commander J. A. Kent from Air Ministry London, England arrived to-day on 1942  
a lecture tour. A Station Parade was held. Wing Commander Kent gave a fine rambling talk on his experiences and conditions generally on active service in the British Isles. His talk was exceptionally well received and following his lecture he answered many questions asked by students and supervisory Staff. Fire Drill was held to-day and hose reel crews had water on in ninety seconds which was considered fast time. No flying in forenoon to-day due to inclement weather.

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15th March Sunday and flying routine only.  
1942

16th March Flying half day only. The senior class had their first final exam to-day.  
1942

17th March Routine Normal. Senior class writing final exams.  
1942

18th March Flight Lieutenant H.J. Emery, Field Liason Officer for A.M.P. of A.F.H.Q., arrived  
1942 to-day by air at 1210 hours on his periodic visit to this Unit. Several matters of  
interest were discussed with him and his visit was enjoyed by all who came in  
contact with him.  
Flying intermittent to-day.

19th March Flying washed out during mid-day only. Flight Lieutenant Emery of A.F.H.Q. 1942  
departed for Rivers at 1600 hours.

20th March All routine normal.  
1942

21st March Squadron Leader R. Hanton, the Chief Instructor from No.35 S.F.T.S. , R.A.F.,  
1942 Neepawa, reported on Temporary Duty for a few days. Routine normal.

22nd March Church Parade for flights not flying. The Aerodrome was in a sloppy state to-day.  
1942 The slush was several inches deep.

23rd March No flying to-day due to adverse weather. Class #48 writing supplementals.  
1942

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24th March Due to icing conditions and poor visability, flying was practically all washed out.  
1942 A/Cpl Taylor, Service Police, was posted to No.6 Recruiting Depot and was  
replaced by LAC Harris from that Unit.

25th March The weather to-day was very bad with snow falling the greater part of the day.  
1942 Ground School normal for Class #50. Class #48 completed their supplementals.

26th March Class #50 were granted a forty-eight hours pass, after duty to-day. A snow storm is  
1942 raging to almost blizzard proportions and motor transportation was continually  
becoming stalled.

Class #48 had their graduation banquet but no awards were given out as the tests by the  
flying awards could not be given. The usual dance and other entertainments were also cancelled.

27th March A blizzard raged all day and tied up all traffic. Sleigh teams were the only means  
1942 of transportation and few farmers or draying companies wished to be out at all.

Snow plows etc., have been trying to keep roads passable, but they had to give up for a greater part of the day, as they too could not negotiate. Flight Lieutenant A.J. Vincent resumed command on returning from leave.

28th March The storm has abated and the roads to some extent have been opened up to allow  
1942 traffic to and from town. Class #48 were all cleared off on "Between Course Leave". Some students had not quite completed their flying training, but due to a new course reporting-in, accommodations for them had to be made.

29th March Course #52 reported in to-day coming from I.T.S. at Regina and Saskatoon.  
1942 Dual flying only and all planes are equipped with skis as compaction has not been sufficient as yet for wheels.

30th March Class #52 began their normal routine. Dual flying only and planes are using skis as  
1942 yet.

31st March Routine normal. The weather has taken a definite change for the better and the  
1942 snow is going fast. We had a "White" casualty to-day when R119972 LAC EAGER, W.H. Attempted to land and he undershot the serviceable portion of the aerodrome and landed in heavy snow, turning the aircraft, Tiger Moth #7118, over on its back. The pilot was uninjured. Time of accident 1050 hours. STRENGTH - OFFICERS 9, AIRMEN - TRAINEES 269, AIRMEN - SUPERVISORY STAFF 17, AIRCRAFT AS AT 2359 HOURS, TIGER MOTHS 63, STINSON "105" 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN MANITOBA.

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1-4-42 STRENGTH: Officers - 9; Airmen, Trainees 269; Airmen, Staff 17; Aircraft - Tiger Moths 63; Stinson "105's" 1.  
Flying and ground school normal.

2-4-42 Routine normal, but aerodrome practically unserviceable except for a very small portion.

3-4-42 Aerodrome unserviceable and due to fact that to-day is "Good Friday" all Students were given a pass until Reveille 6-4-42.

4-4-42 All Students on forty-eight hour pass. Flight Lieutenant J.J. White, No.2 T.C. W.&B., reported on Temporary Duty.

5-4-42 All Students on forty eight hours pass. Flight Lieutenant J.J. White, W.&B., departed for No.2 T.C. by rail at 0330 hours.

6-4-42 Ground school classes have doubled up due to flying being washed out. The aerodrome will evidently be unserviceable for some days yet. F/S Prince, A.E.M."A" & F/S OLDHAM, A.F.M, "A", reported in at 1430 hours from No. 2 T.C. on maintenance inspection.

7-4-42 Flying began on the South East corner of aerodrome this afternoon. Due to the irregularity of terrain only dual instruction was given.

8-4-42 Flying continued all day on the South East corner and on Western boundary of aerodrome. Dual only.

9-4-42 Flying was washed out at approximately 1000 hours due to poor visibility and later to high winds. F/L S.C. McLeod reported on Temporary Duty from No.2 T.C.

10-4-42 Normal routine with the weather gradually improving. The aerodrome is also gradually improving with flying routine over a greater portion.

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23-4-42 Flying all day. Final flying tests are gradually being completed and class 50 will graduate with reasonably good flying times despite much poor flying time.

24-4-42 F/L A.J. Vincent relinquished command on posting to A.F.H.Q. The reins of office being turned over to F/L W.J. Wood. We are all sorry to see F/L Vincent leave, but all wish him the best of success at Headquarters.

Class No.50 held their graduation party to-night with refreshments at 1830 hours. Banquet at 1900, and ended up with a dance from 2100 hours to 0100 hours. During the banquet the prize winners were announced and presented with their awards. LAC Scaman, B.R., won the Madore Trophy for general proficiency. The Murphy Flying Award was presented to LAC Duda.G.M. and the Murphy Ground School Award went to LAC HEATH, C.E.

F/L Vincent was presented with a token of esteem by the Civilian Staff. In his remarks, he paid tribute to the co-operation of all the personnel and asked that they give the same cooperation to his successor, F/L W.J. Wood, whom he introduced at this time.

Music for the dance was supplied by LAC Gillies of the graduating course and four members from No.2 Manning Depot Band.

25-4-42 High winds prevented flying to-day, but class 52 had normal ground school lectures. S/L L. Laurie, No.2 T.C. A.P.M., arrived on a short inspection tour.

26-4-42 Class No. 54 reported in to-day. This class numbered 120 Students. Flying washed out for Class 52 due to high wind.



27-4-42 Normal routine - Class No. 54 were initiated to E.F.T.S. Routine to-day.

28-4-42 Flying washed out in A.M. due to adverse weather conditions, but continued from 1400 hours to dusk. Representatives from this Unit attended the Brandon District Service Athletic Association meeting at Brandon. This Association is very active in promoting inter-Unit sports. A successful winter programme has been completed and plans are under way for summer schedules, challenges, etc.

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29-4-42 Routine Normal.

30-4-42 Routine Normal.

STRENGTH: Officers - 8; Airmen, Trainees 283; Airmen, Staff 17; Aircraft - Tiger Moths 64; Stinson "105's" 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN Manitoba.

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1-5-42 STRENGTH: Officers - 8; Airmen, Trainees 283; Airmen, Staff 17; Aircraft - Tiger Moth 64, Stinson "105" 1.

Flying washed out in afternoon - otherwise normal duties.

2-5-42 0710 A Crash occurred at approximately 0710 hours to-day in the vicinity of Hargrave, Manitoba. The accident, a "Blue" casualty resulted in a broken leg for Flying Instructor P. Petrie and the Student, L.A.C. Warriner, F.E. getting away with minor injuries to his face. The Aircraft, Tiger Moth No. 4018 being an almost total writeoff. Cause of the accident is at present obscure and there were no witnesses. The Chief Supervisory Officer appointed F/O R.P. Airey to investigate, pending advise from Command Headquarters.

3-5-42 Sunday and Flying Routine only.

4-5-42 Routine normal. Squadron Leader J.W. D. McKnight and Flying Officer J.A. Whyte reported in from No. 2. Training Command on staff visit, by air at 1130 hours and departed for No. 2. Training Command by air at 1530 hours.

5-5-42 Routine Normal.

6-5-42 Flight Lieutenant E.W.C. Sharpe, No. 2. Training Command Investigation Officer reported in at 0230 hours in connection with the accident to Tiger Moth No. 4018. He was accompanied by Sergeant A.G. Morris "Clerk B".

7-5-42 Routine Normal. Flight Lieutenant E.W.C. Sharpe and Sergeant Morris, No. 2. Training Command Investigation Officer departed by rail for No. 2. Training Command at 0330 hours. Flying Officer D.W. McWhirter, No. 2. Training Command Physical Training & Drill Officer reported in at 1430 hours by rail for his first official visit and it is hoped that we will have gained considerable from his visit to this unit in respect to physical training.

8-5-42 Flying Officer D.W. McWhirter departed by air for No. 2. Training Command at 1430 hours. Flight Lieutenant E.T. Malec from Air Force Headquarters and Flying Officer C.W. McLeod, No. 2. Training Command reported in on Temporary duty at 1130 hours and departed by rail at 1430 hours for Regina, Saskatchewan.

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9-5-42 Flying Routine only.

10-5-42 Flying Routine only with dual only from 1500 hours to 1700 hours due to gusty winds.

11-5-42 R.123637 Cpl. Turbovsky, G, L., our new disciplinarian reported in from No. 4. Personnel Holding Unit at Fingal, Ontario.

12-5-42 Mr. A.W. Morley, No. 2. Training Command Morse Examiner reported in on his periodic inspection.

Routine normal. The sports committee met this evening to draw up a schedule for a softball league which will include all personnel on this unit. Twelve teams are entered.

13-5-42 Flying was washed out at approximately 1100 hours due to a 35m.p.h. wind. As a result of this wind which was gusty R.117413 L.A.C. Clark, D.J. Student pilot overturned aircraft No. 5098 at approximately 1105 hours resulting in a "C" category crash. The student was uninjured.

Reasons given were that the aircraft got out of wind while attempting to land and the brakes were applied while trying to turn into wind, causing the aircraft to overturn.

14-5-42 Pilot Officer R.D. McLeod, our new Assistant Supervisory Officer reported in from No. 14. E.F.T.S. on posting. Pilot Officer McLeod was a student in the first class to graduate from this school. This class started training May 16th, 1941. The first scheduled softball game was played tonight. The league consists of twelve teams which takes in civilian staff as well as service personnel.

15-5-42 Flying in afternoon only due to inclement weather.

16-5-42 No ground school today and one flight of Seniors and Juniors given a 48-hour pass as the instructors of these flights were away on their monthly 48-hour pass.

17-5-42 Sunday and flying routine only.

18-5-42 0745 An "A" Category crash occurred at 0745 hours this morning. R.70798 L.A.C. Walker, L.A. the pilot of the aircraft being seriously injured. He was on solo flight and the cause is at present not known. He was flown to hospital at No. 12. S.F.T.S., Brandon. The Aircraft, Tiger Moth No. 4049 Will be a complete write off. The accident occurred about 3½ miles south east of Maryfield, Saskatchewan.

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18-5-42 R.80394 Cpl. Sanderson, W.G. reported in for duty from No. 3. Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man.

19-5-42 Routine normal. Class No. 52 began writing their final examinations. Quarantine for Mumps lifted today at 0930 hours.

20-5-42 R.106009 L.A.C. Dozar, R.M. (Nursing Orderly "C") reported in for duty from No. 12. S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba. Heavy rain at 1700 hours washed flying out for the balance of the day.

21-5-42 Flight Lieutenant H.J. Emery, Field Liaison Officer for A.M.P. arrived for a short visit today. All routine normal.

22-5-42 Flight Lieutenant A.C. Duggan, Air Force Headquarters, arrived today in connection with advance instructions regarding the release of American citizens in the R.C.A.F. to the United States armed forces. Everything was in order here excepting a further form required to be filled by all instructors.

23-5-42 Flying washed out in the afternoon due to adverse weather.

24-5-42 Church Parade of all students excepting A. & D. Flights, Class 52; who were detailed for flying.

25-5-42 Flying washed out all day due to high winds. Ground School normal.

26-5-42 Normal Routine. All American personnel requesting transfer to United States Armed Forces reported to the Special Board at Brandon Manitoba. All were accepted.

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27-5-42 No flying today due to one of the heaviest rains on record. Group Captain Bonham-Carter arrived by air at 1930 hours and stayed overnight.

28-5-42 Group Captain Bonham-Carter departed by air for No. 2 Training Command at 0715 hours. Flying was washed out until 1800 hours due to the field being generally unserviceable.

29-5-42 Flight Lieutenant W.J. Wood - Flying Officer W.L. Algate and Corporal G.L. Turner attended the Elkhorn School district field day and judged their marching and drill exercises. The people there were very appreciative and expressed their thanks for our help. Routine normal.

30-5-42 Routine normal. Mr. George Young and Mr. Leslie Bishop, Manitoba Free Press photographer and Reporter respectively visited this unit with the permission of No. 2. Training Command to take pictures and news of interest. It is understood that they are making up a story or stories regarding life in the R.C.A.F. The supervisory staff assisted them in getting any data they required.

31-5-42 Church parade today. All present except one flight of Seniors and Juniors who were on a 48-hour pass.

STRENGTH: Officers - 8; Airmen, Trainees 173; Airmen, Staff 18; Aircraft - Tiger Moth 68; Stinson "105" 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flying Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-6-42 Strength: Officers - 8; Airmen, Staff - 18; Trainees - 173. Aircraft - Tiger 68 Stinson, "105" - 1.

No. 19. EFTS was honoured in having several high ranking officials visit us to-day in connection with training problems. The party included Air Marshal A.G.R. Garrod, A.P.M., and Group Captain G.S. Oddie from Air Ministry London, England, Air Vice Marshal R. Leckie, A.M.T., Ottawa and Air Commodore A.B. Shearer, Group Captin S. Bonham Carter, Flight Lieutenant W.G. McLellan from No. 2 T.C. Following the conference and luncheon the party departed for No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, by air.

Training Routine for the day was normal.

2-6-42 Training Routine Normal

3-6-42 Training Routine Normal

4-6-42 Flying and ground school normal in forenoon. In the afternoon this Unit held its first Tabloid Sports Meet of the season. Six events were run off and were won by "A" & "C" Flights of Class 52. Following the sports, the Flying Instructors played softball against Class 54 with the Instructors winning. In the evening Class 52 held their graduation party. Refreshments were served at 1830 hours, Banquet at 1900 hours and was followed by a dance. Six musicians from No.12 S.F.T.S., BRANDON, supplied the music. This was one of the best dances to date. Flight Lieutenant M.M. Putnam reported in on a navigation inspection visit from No.2 T.C. Squadron Leader B. J. Bouchier was also a guest at the banquet.

5-6-42 Flying & Ground Schools, as usual, was washed out during the morning following Class graduation party. Routine for the afternoon was normal. Squadron Leader Bouchier departed by air for Dafoe & Flight Lieutenant Putnam left by rail for No. 2 T.C. Class 52 departed on in between course leave and will report to No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton on 21-6-42.

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6-6-42 Flying Routine only. Class No. 57 reported in to-day from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon. This is the first class of 45 to report here and all subsequent classes will be 45 Airmen every two weeks instead of the previous intake of 90 each four weeks.

7-6-42 Flying routine only. The Virден Golfers challenge the Airport to a match which was played this afternoon. Our players won by a large margin. It was an ideal day for play and was thoroughly enjoyed.

8-6-42 Routine normal. No. 1 A.N.S.' Softball team played here this evening against No. 19 E.F.T.S. It was a fast game resulting in a score of 6 - 1 for No.19 E.F.T.S. This is the first game played by the home team in the B.D.S.A.A. League. A reception was held in the Officers' Mess in honor of Flying Officer and Mrs. E.R. McGill, a bride and groom of recent date. Several couples from Virден, as well as Officers & members of Civilian Staff were invited. The bride and groom were toasted by the President of the Mess Committee and each of the newlyweds responded to the welcome.

9-6-42 Flying was washed out during the afternoon due to light winds and rains. Ground school normal.

10-6-42 Heavy rains last night and early this morning made the aerodrome unserviceable. Every effort was made to drain the water away so that flying could be resumed late this afternoon. Flying Routine began at 1800 hours.

11-6-42 Due to adverse weather flying was washed out at mid-afternoon. Ground School normal.

12-6-42 Normal routine. The weather is very cold for this time of year and is generally felt we might have a fall of snow.

13-6-42 Flying Routine only.

14-6-42 Flying routine only. This afternoon all personnel not flying paraded in the Canadian Legion Decoration Day Ceremonies held in the town of Virден. A wreath was placed by this Unit on the Cenotaph.

15-6-42 The Deputy Inspector General made his annual inspection to-day. He and his party arrived from No.2 T.C. by air at 1000 hours. Immediately on arrival, the inspecting party got down to work and completed the inspection of the Administration Bldg, Class Rooms, Barracks, Garage, Mess Halls, Stores and Canteen before dinner. Following dinner a station parade was held with Air Commodore Godfrey taking the salute.

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15-6-42 Following the march past the D.I.G. gathered all personnel around him for an informal chat which was of particular interest to the Trainees as he dealt chiefly with matters pertaining to their training and welfare, both here and abroad. After dismissing the parade the party inspected the hangar area and returned to the Administration Building where a round table discussion took place between the D.I.G.'s party and the Manager and the Supervisory Staff. The official party consisted of Air Commodore A.E. Godfrey and Squadron Leader F. Aldridge A.F.H.Q. and Wing Commander E.M. Mitchell from No.2 T.C.

16-6-42 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather. Hail fell during the late afternoon.

17-6-42 Class 54 began writing their final exams. Class 54 completed their written examinations to-day. Flying was washed out all afternoon due to adverse weather.

18-6-42 Classes all had normal routine. Three Airmen reported in from No. 2 T.C, on Temporary Duty to instal underbody blade on the four-wheel-drive truck.

19-6-42 Wing Commander J.R. Brown, Principal Chaplain, R.A.F. for O.D. than C. of E. paid us a short visit. He arrived and departed by air in company with Wing Commander E.G.H. Moncrieff, the Commanding Officer of No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon. Wing Commander Brown has consented to return at a later date to be guest speaker at an open air church service in Virден. We had another rainfall from 1200 to 1330 hours. However, flying was resumed as scheduled.

20-6-42 Dual flying only in A.M. and was washed out completely in the afternoon due to high winds.

21-6-42 Flying washed out all day due to adverse weather. Class No. 58 reported in for training to-day. Twenty five from No.2 I.T.S., Regina and nineteen R.A.F. Students from No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, P.Q. The party from was in charge of Sgt. N.S. Darlington, former disciplinarian of this Unit, who has re-mustered to Aircrew. The Lieutenant Governor R.F. and

Mrs. McWilliams landed here this afternoon and departed by motor for Mineota, where his Honor will take part in Decoration day ceremonies. They were piloted here by Air Vice Marshall A.B. Shearer, who returned to Winnipeg almost immediately. A station church parade was held this morning.

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22-6-42 Normal flying to-day. Ground school lectures doubled.

23-6-42 Normal routine. Nine students wrote supplemental exams on navigation.

24-6-42 Normal routine.

25-6-42 Flying Washed out in forenoon with normal routine in afternoon.

26-6-42 No flying during A.M. and dual only for P.M.

27-6-42 No flying again to-day. This past week the weather has been very poor for flying and still no indication of improvement. Our Junior Course on 48 Hour Pass.

28-6-42 Church parade to-day for those not on flying duties.

Tiger Moth #4023 was seriously damaged during landing. In attempting to land during high winds, the plane was turned over on back causing damage to propellor, rudder, fuel tank and cowling. The Instructor T/Sgt. E.F. McFadden and Student R1133812 LAC Willard, W.R. were uninjured.

29-6-42 Normal routine for Classes 57 & 58. Class 54 are being pushed to bring flying time up to normal. This has been a difficult class in regards to flying time due to having had so much bad flying weather.

30-6-42 Dual only for Junior Classes this forenoon. Flying washed out for them in the afternoon. Dual only for Class 54 in the P.M. High winds again the cause of loss of time.

STRENGTH Officers - 8; Airmen, Staff - 18; Trainees - 184. Aircraft;- Tiger Moth - 66  
Stinson "105" - 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Chief Supervisor;- Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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1-7-42 Strength - Officers 8, Airmen Supervisory Staff 18, Trainees 184; Aircraft - Tiger Moth 66, Stinson "105" 1.  
Routine normal all day.

2-7-42 At approximately 0120 hours this morning, while on, night flying operations, R95453 T/Sgt Cox, H.K. was killed and his student, R123639 LAC Parker, J.A., was slightly burned while attempting to release Cox from the burning plane. The aircraft, Tiger Moth 3878 was completely destroyed. The cause of the accident was evidently a line squall causing wind shift and poor visibility. The pilot evidently tried to let-down through the mist and struck the ground while doing so. The plane overturned and was completely destroyed by fire. Location of accident was, Section 18, Township 10, Range 25, which is about two miles S.E. of Aerodrome. F/L E.W.C. Sharpe arrived at 1720 hours from No. 2 Training Command to investigate this accident.

Class 54 had their graduation party and dance this evening. During the banquet a two minute silence was observed in respect to the late H.K. Cox.

3-7-42 S/L McFarlane, Command Padre, arrived via air from Brandon and after a short visit, departed via Tiger Moth for Rivers. Class 54 left to-day with ten students going to No.2 S.F.T.S., 39 to No.12 S.F.T.S. and the balance on leave pending postings at a later date.  
Routine normal for the day.

4-7-42 Flying routine only in the forenoon, due to poor visibility.

5-7-42 Sunday with flying routine only. Forty Five Airmen from No.2 I.T.S., Regina, and one from K.T.S., Trenton, reported in for Course 59. This class received the usual welcome and instructions on arrival.

The concert scheduled for this evening has been cancelled due to the party having to travel from Winnipeg and the possibility of playing to a small house at this time.

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6-7-42 Normal routine with class 59 receiving their first instructions. Flight Lieutenant Wood assumed command on returning from leave. F/L Wood, while on leave, was married to Miss Doreen Marion McKenzie of Vancouver, B.C. and the couple were the guests of honor at a reception in the Officers' Mess this evening.

7-7-42 F/L A.J. Vincent, the former C.S.O. at this Unit, reported in on Temporary Duty from AFHQ, in respect to flying training.

8-7-42 Normal routine.

9-7-42 Normal routine.

10-7-42 Weather conditions for flying have been ideal for the last several days. Having lost



so much time previously, this good break in the weather, has helped considerably in catching up some lost time.

11-7-42 Normal routine in A.M. and due to high winds, in P.M.. there was dual flying only.

12-7-42 Flying normal until 1000 hours and between this hour and 1100 hours, dual only. During the early afternoon, the wind rose to around 50 M.P.H., grounding all aircraft in the area and did not abate until late evening.

13-7-42 Normal routine. Three Fairchild "Cornells" landed here at 1130 hours for gas. They were in charge of three Sgt. Pilots from #124 Ferry Squadron, enroute to Claresholm. This flight took off at approximately 1330 hours and #FH656, piloted by Sgt. C. Maurer, immediately developed engine trouble and a successful forced landing was made about three miles N.W. of the Aerodrome. The Chief Engineer dispatched a crew immediately to the scene of the landing and subsequently towed the aircraft back to the hangar to investigate the trouble.

14-7-42 Routine normal. The engine trouble to Cornell FH656 was located and repaired with the flight proceeding on their way at approximately 1100 hours.

15-7-42 F/L D.R. Allen, from No.4 Recruiting Centre, reported in on temporary duty relieving F/L Guest of our Medical Staff who has been granted and proceeded on leave. W/C John A. Sifton from No. 2 T.C. reported in on temporary duty in connection with Medical inspections and departed by air to No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon at 1930 hours

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16-7-42 Flying was washed out in forenoon to-day due to poor visibility but normal routine was resumed during the afternoon.  
F/L Wood & F/O McGill attended the meeting of the Brandon District Services Athletic Association at No. 12 S.F.T.S. at 1430 hours.

17-7-42 Flying proceeded normally to-day as did ground School. The Station Administrative Officer F/L W.L. Algate proceeded on leave. The hard surfacing of the roads on the station was started to-day and quite some progress was made.

18-7-42 A small fire occurred this morning on the tank trailer which is part of the hard surfacing equipment. However, the hard-surfacing crew had the fire under control in short time and no damage resulted. Wing Commander Stibbs from AFHQ accompanied by a representative of the DeHavilland Aircraft Company visited the Station this morning, in connection with Aircraft & Engines. They arrived at 0400 hours and departed 1420 hours by rail.  
Flying Routine normal.

19-7-42 A Church Parade was held this morning. Flying normal in morning, washed out at 1700 hours in afternoon. No Ground School.

Course 60, consisting of 45 Airmen from No. 2 I.T.S. , reported in at 1420 hours. They were given the usual lectures, etc., and allotted to Flights. Flying training will commence tomorrow.

20-7-42 Flying training proceeded normally throughout the day and night flying was carried out. Ground School proceeded normally. Course 60 commenced their training to-day. Most of the students got up in the air for their first familiarization flight.

21-7-42 Flying and Ground School normal. Course No. 57 commended their final ground school examinations. Subjects written were Navigation & Armament.

22-7-42 Routine normal with Night flying being carried out. Course 57 wrote Airmanship, Signals, and Aircraft Recognition.

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22-7-24 Routine normal with Night Flying being carried out. Course 57 wrote Airmanship, Signals & Aircraft Recognition.

23-7-24 Ground School routine normal. Flying was dual only until 1700 hours. From 1700 hours, flying was washed out due to storm conditions. F/L W.J. Wood proceeded on temporary duty to the R.A.F. Ferry Command at Dorval, P.Q. Flying Officer E.R. McGill assumes command of No.19 EFTS while F/L Wood is on temporary duty. F/L Wood departed by air for Winnipeg at 1330 hours. From Winnipeg to Dorval he will travel via rail.

24-7-24 Flying & Ground School Routine normal. The Airmen played a baseball game today against Hargrave, result was Hargrave 7, Air Force 6.

25-7-24 Flying routine normal. G/C Bonham-Carter and party visited the Station arriving at 1100 hours, departing at 1500 hours by air for Winnipeg.

26-7-24 Drumhead Service was held in Virden Victoria Park this morning at 1100 hours. The Air Force was represented by two flights. The 12th Manitoba Dragoons and Canadian Legion were also represented. F/L Lowery of No.12.S.F.T.S., Brandon delivered the sermon. F/L Osborne, our own Padre, conducted the service. A large number of the local towns people were also present. The Band from No.2 "M" Depot led the parade to the Park, followed by the 12th Manitoba Dragoons, the Air Force & Canadian legion in that order. The Parade was under the leadership of F/O E.R. McGill, acting C.S.O. in the absence of F/L Wood who left on temporary duty 23-7-42. It had been hoped to have W/C Rossie-Brown deliver the sermon, but due to his being called to Ottawa he was unable to attend.

27-7-24 Flying & Ground School Routine normal. F/O E.R. McGill, proceeded to No.7 Equipment Depot on temporary, duty departing at 0430 hours returning at 1900 hours by air.

28-7-24 Flying washed out in morning due to rain. Ground School normal all day. Flying in

afternoon.

29-7-24 Flying washed out until 0930 hours due to fog conditions and from 1700 hours on due to rain.

The Graduation Party for Course 57 was held tonight. The banquet was very successful, the winners of the prizes being as follows: Madore Trophy - LAC Fox, C.L. Murphy Flying Award LAC Anderson, A.E.F. Murphy Ground School Award - LAC Donnelly, J.N. The banquet was followed by a dance in the Recreation Room which was highly successful. The Orchestra from Brandon helped the evening's entertainment. Course 57 will start their clearances tomorrow.

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30-7-42 Flying & Ground routine normal. A "A" Category crash occurred at approximately 0900 hours involving R110831 T/Sgt. Wareham, flying instructor and GB532969 LAC PEARSON, J.L.W.

The scene of the crash was 7 miles west of Rivers, Manitoba. T/Sgt. Wareham was killed in the crash & LAC Pearson died as a result of injuries received, time of death being 1210 hours. Action was commenced in getting the effects of the deceased inventoried, etc. F/L G. Terrill of No.35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, arrived by air at 2100 hours for the purpose of investigating the accident.

31-7-42 Flying & Ground School Routine normal. Course 57 graduated to-day. This course is the first to graduate under the new system of reduced intake. There were 39 graduates, of these 30 were posted direct to No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Man., and the remaining 9 were granted leave pending posting instructions. All the airmen on this course were cleared on July 30th, a system which prevented much confusion. F/L Terrill of No.35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, departed this Unit at 1330 Hours.

STRENGTH: Officers - 8, Airmen, Supervisory Staff - 19, Trainees - 164.  
Aircraft, Tiger Moths - 62, Stinson "105" - 1.

(E.R. McGill) Flying Officer,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.3., R.C.A.F. ,  
VIRDEN Manitoba.

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1-8-42 STRENGTH: Officers, Staff - 8. Trainees - Nil; Airmen, Staff - 19, Trainees - 164;  
Aircraft, Tiger Moth - 62, Stinson "105" - 1.

Flying routine only Course 59 - one flight on forty-eight hour pass.

2-8-42 Flying washed out in afternoon due to high winds. Funeral services for R110831 Sgt. Wareham, A. and GB1532969 LAC Pearson, J.L.W., were held at Rivers, Manitoba. All R.A.F. Students at this Unit were present. The escort and firing party were supplied by C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba. From all reports this was quite a long procession. Class No. 61 reported in from No. 2 & 7 I.T.S.

3-8-42 Routine normal with class 61 receiving their familiarization flights. Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell reported in from No. 35 E.F.T.S., in connection with fatal accident to Sgt. Wareham, A. and LAC Pearson, J.L.W. Flight Lieutenant G.A. Bryce arrived from No. 2 Training Command for Trade Test Board.

4-8-42 Class 58 began writing their final exams to-day at 0830 hours. R143237 LAC Sutherland, W.K. while on a solo training flight became lost and in attempting to force land, evidently stalled and crashed heavily. The student was only slightly injured but the plane was an almost total wash-out!

5-8-42 Flight Lieutenant A.E. Henderson reported in on temporary duty in connection with I.T.S. & E.F.T.S. training from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina. He arrived and departed by air this date. Sgt. Davies, U.P., Equipment Assistant "A" reported from No. 2 T.C. to give us some instructions re equipment procedure. Training normal.

6-8-42 Routine normal. Class 58 completed ground examinations and have the distinction of being the only class to have graduated without having a supplementary paper.

7-8-42 Routine normal. "B" Flight from Class 60 receiving 48 hour passes after duty to-day.

8-8-42 Routine normal.

9-8-42 No flying during forenoon due to heavy fog.

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10-8-42 Cpl. Blackie, J.H.A. reported in from No. 2 T.C. to supervise construction of water tank.

Flying was again washed out in A.M. due to heavy fog.

11-8-42 Flying conditions normal. Wing Commander J.A. Sifton of No. 2 T.C. and Squadron Leader G.L. Adamson of No. 2 I.T.S. reported to this Unit in connection with Medical Selection Board problems.

12-8-42 Normal routine.

13-8-42 Dual flying only in forenoon and flying was washed out in the P.M. due to weather conditions. Class 58 had their graduation banquet and party this evening. The luncheon and

presentations were held in the Airmen's Pining Room and the dance was held at the Armouries in Virden. The trophy winners were: LAC Walker, P.J.W. - Garfield Madore Trophy - an award for General Proficiency. Sgt. Walley, B.C. - Gerald Murphy Memorial Award - an award for the most promising Pupil Pilot. LAC Bollen, J.A. - Murphy Ground School Award - an award for the highest ground school marks.

LAC Walker and Bollen are members of the R.A.F.

14-8-42 Flying washed out all day due to rains. Class 58 departed on posting and leave, six students getting leave as no postings were available. "C" Flight were given a forty-eight hour pass after duty to-day.

15-8-42 Flying routine only.

16-8-42 No flying all day due to heavy smoke rolling in from the North West. This is evidently general throughout Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the North Eastern section of Alberta. Eighty-one students reported in to-day to make an extra large class of Course No.62. Forty-five is the normal intake per course.

17-8-42 Flying was washed out again this morning due to heavy smoke in the air. In the afternoon dual flying was resumed. F/L Algate & F/O McGill attended a meeting in Brandon of the Brandon District Service Athletic Association to discuss matters chiefly pertaining to a track and field day planned for September 16th.

18-8-42 Normal routine.

Flight Lieutenant J.E. Vellett reported in from No. 2 T.C. re Drainage of Aerodrome.

19-8-42 Squadron Leader J.E. Hansen of No. 2 T.C. Equipment, and Flying Officer D. Eshelman, Pilot, arrived in at 1035 hours via Tiger Moth, on Temporary Duty. They departed at 1200 hours for No. 12 S.F.T.S.

The A.O.C., No.2 T.C, Air Vice Marshall Shearer and Flight Lieutenant McLellan arrived at 1200 hours on a visit from No.2 T.C. Wing Commander McLaren and party arrived at 1700 hours in connection with Air Cadet Organization.

Routine normal.

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20-8-42 Air Vice Marshall Shearer and Flight Lieutenant McLellan departed at 0940 hours for No. 2 T.C. Routine was normal for the day.

21-8-42 Flying consisted of dual only this forenoon and was washed out in the afternoon due to rain.

22-8-42 No flying during the forenoon due to high wind. Dual only in afternoon.

23-8-42 Flying all day. Sixty-eight students paraded to the Anglican Church in Virden. Flight

Lieutenant W.L. Algate was in charge of the party.

24-8-42 Normal routine for A.M. but due to high wind flying was washed out during the afternoon and evening.

Cpl. Stevenson reported in to-day from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon to become a member of our Armament Staff.

25-8-42 Normal routine.

26-8-42 Flying routine this morning but was washed out in afternoon due to rain. Group Captain Bonham Carter arrived at 1800 hours to present wings to T/Sgt. King, W.A. and T/Sgt. Angus and also to take part in the graduation exercises for class 59. The party as usual consisted of refreshments in the Recreation Room at 1830 hours.

Banquet at 1900 hours and dancing in Recreation Room from 2100 hours to 0100 hours, 27-8-42. This was one of the best graduation parties to date. During the banquet hour awards were presented with LAC Laycock receiving the- Garfield Madore Trophy for General Proficiency, LAC Walton winning the Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for best flyer and LAC Brownlee won the Murphy Ground School Award for highest Ground School average. Squadron Leader L.A. Nickolls from A.F.H.Q arrived late in the evening for an official visit.

27-8-42 Flying this morning was washed out as usual following a graduation party and normal routine in P.M.

Group Captain Bonham Carter departed for NO. 2 T.C. and Squadron Leader Nickolls left for No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan.

28-8-42 Flying washed out again this morning due to heavy rains in early morning but was resumed in the afternoon. Class 59 was posted to their respective stations to-day. Twenty-three students will report to No.12 S.F.T.S. and five students to No. 2 S.F.T.S. One student was granted leave pending posting instructions.

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29-8-42 Flying routine normal. Armament classes only in ground school.

30-8-42 Due to heavy rains last night the aerodrome was unserviceable this morning, but flying was resumed in afternoon. Fifty-two pupils reported in for Course 63. They represent rather a cosmopolitan group, coming from widely separated points.

Five students coming from No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, P.Q.

Ten students coming from No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta.

Twenty-five students coming from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask.

Twelve R.A.F. Students coming from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.

31-8-42 Normal routine. Course 63 had their familiarization flights and attended their first ground school lectures.

STRENGTH Officers, Staff - 7, Trainees - 1; Airmen, Staff - 13, Trainees - 221;  
Aircraft, Tiger Moths - 66, Stinson "105" - 1.

(E.R.McGill) Flight Lieutenant,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN Manitoba.

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1-9-42 STRENGTH; OFFICERS, Staff - 7, Trainees - 1; Airmen, Staff - 19, Trainees 221  
AIRCRAFT, Tiger Moth - 66; Stinson "105" - 1.

F/L J.E. Kellett, No.2 Training Command, and F/O R.C. McKnight, A.F.H.Q., reported in from  
No.2 Training Command on road and aerodrome inspection. Following their inspections they  
departed via air for No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask.

Routine normal all day.

2-9-42 The A.C.C., No. 2 T.C, Air Vice Marshal Shearer, accompanied by Squadron Leader  
W.G. McLellan and Flight Lieutenant E.C. Herring arrived at 1130 hours on an official visit.  
Flight Lieutenant E.C. Herring inspected the armament section and was then flown to No. 38  
S.F.T.S. by Flying Officer Airey.

The A.CC and his P.A. departed for No.2 Training Command at 1600 hours.

3-9-42 Normal routine all day.

4-9-42 Normal routine. A fair number of students and staff are training for the sports meeting to  
be held in Brandon on the 16-9-42. This Unit will be represented in most of the events and we  
hope they will give a good account of themselves on that day.

5-9-42 No forty-eights granted this week-end due to so much flying time lost due to bad  
weather.

6-9-42 Special Church Service was held to-day with all personnel not on flying duty attending.  
Honorary Flight Lieutenant Osborne conducted the Service.

Flying routine only.

7-9-42 Sgt. Robertson, H.R. and LAC FOGEL, L. arrived to-day on parachute inspection.  
Routine normal.

8-9-42 Normal routine.

9-9-42 Mr. O.E. Glendenning, the Canadian Legion War Services Officer, reported in to-day on

duty as Sports & recreation supervisory. Mr. Glendenning is filling this important position here and we all wish him every success, and will receive all the co-operation possible.  
Routine normal.

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10-9-42 Class No. 60 held their graduation party this evening with thirty-two Students graduating out. As usual refreshments were served in the Recreation Room at 1830 hours, banquet was held in the Airman's Mess Hall at 1900 hours and followed by a dance sponsored by the Canadian Legion in Virден. During the banquet, an enjoyable programme was presented by the Students. The Madore Trophy for general proficiency was presented to R.70323 Cpl. McKilligan, A.W. The Murphy Flying award went to R.139586 LAC Free, H.M. and the Murphy Ground School Award went to R.138081 LAC Blackford, W.A. This class will all be cleared off to-morrow with twenty-three going to No.11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton and nine being given two weeks' leave pending posting instructions.

11-9-42 Flying and Ground School were washed out this morning following the graduation party held last evening for Class 60.  
Routine normal for the afternoon.

12-9-42 Normal routine.

Fourteen members of our Flying Instructor Staff were recalled to the Service and departed for No. 5 "M" Depot at Lachine, P.Q., prior to reporting to Dunville to complete their S.F.T.S. training. (D.R.O. #110, dated 14-9-42)

13-9-42 Flying routine only.

Twenty students from No. 4 I.T.S. and twenty-six from No.7 I.T.S. reported in to-day for Course No. 64. The usual addresses and lectures given by our personnel.

14-9-42 The Dental Clinic under Captain Clarke reported in on Temporary Duty to-day. Class 64 had their familiarization flight and initial ground school classes. This Class has eight remusters from other trades, six of whom are Sergeants.

15-9-42 Routine Normal.

Wing Commander W.R. McCann, Squadron-Leader McKnight and Flying Officer McWhirter reported in on Temporary Duty from No. 2 Training Command.

Flight Lieutenant H.W.C. North reported in from No.10 S.F.T.S. on posting. Flight Lieutenant North replaces Flight Lieutenant Dooley, Senior Medical Officer, who has been on the strength of this Unit for the last year.

16-9-42 Flight Lieutenant Dooley departed on posting to No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. LAC Lake, G.E., Nursing Orderly "C", left to-day on leave prior to reporting to No. "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S., on 30-9-42. A party of athletes under Cpl. Turner and Mr. Glendenning (Can. Legion Auxiliary Services Officer) competed in the Brandon District Services Athletic



Association Sports' meet at the Brandon Exhibition grounds. Our athletes, despite the little training they were able to get in, made a very good showing.

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16-9-42 Notable were the results of the tug-of-war in which our team pulled their way to second place against much heavier teams. Flight Lieutenant W.L. Algate was director of the meet. The day generally was a success with a large gallery of spectators in attendance but due to rainfall the previous evening and the weather being a little on the cold side, the times for many events were not as low as they might have been under more ideal conditions.

17-9-42 An "A" Category crash occurred at 1600 hours to-day when Tiger Moth 4159 failed to respond to the throttle following a forced landing demonstration and caused the engine to stall at low altitude. Sgt. King, W.A., the Instructor, and 2137 Sgt. Hampton, R.B., the student, were uninjured.

18-9-42 Routine normal.

Group Captain Bonham-Carter, Wing Commander D.R. McLaren and Flight Lieutenant H.V. Bell arrived to-day in connection with the organization of an Air Cadet Unit in Virден. They will stay here for the night and return to No.2 T.C. to-morrow.

19-9-42 A "B" Category crash, affecting Tiger Moth 4265 occurred at 1000 hours on the aerodrome. R.142366 LAC Kennettle J.H. on initial solo bounced the aircraft on landing and in attempting to recover the aircraft was turned over on its back. The student was uninjured. Mr. Ape daile and party from the office of the D.M., Ottawa, arrived on a tour of duty to-day.

20-9-42 Sunday and flying routine only.

21-9-42 Normal routine throughout the day.

22-9-42 Normal routine all day.

23-9-42 Due to high winds, flying exercises were washed out for the full day.

Flying Officer W.G. Bailey and Cpl. Whittaker from No. 7 Equipment Depot reported here to-day on Temporary Duty regarding pre zero expenses with the Civilian Company.

Flying Officer E.J. Black reported in from A.F.H.Q. in connection with refrigeration.

Class No. 61 held their graduation party this evening. The programme was similar to previous parties in that cocktails were served in the Recreation Room at 1830 hours, the banquet was held in the Airmen's Mess

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23-9-42 at 1300 hours and the dance at 2130 hours. During the banquet the trophies were

awarded to LAC Denham, D.N.D., the Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency, LAC Scott, T.S., the Gerald Murphy Memorial Award as the most promising pupil pilot and LAC Jackson, W.J., receiving the Murphy Ground School Award for the highest ground school average.

24-9-42 Normal routine in the afternoon following Class 61's graduation party.

25-9-42 Class 51 departed on posting to-day with fifteen students reporting to No. 10 S.F.T.S. on 27-9-42 and thirteen students getting two weeks' leave and reporting to No. 11 S.F.T.S., on 11-10-42.

26-9-42 Flying routine only.

27-9-42 Flying routine only. Church Service was held for those not flying in the forenoon. Forty-six students reported in on Class 65. This class came from four different I.T. Schools and included one Officer P/O M.C. Hearne (C.6297) formerly at A.F.H.Q.

28-9-42 Normal routine with class 65 receiving their initial flights.

29-9-42 Squadron Leader Hugh McFarlane, Command Chaplain, arrived via air from No. 12 S.F.T.S. at 1600 hours for his periodical visit which was very much enjoyed by all who came in contact with him. At 1600 Hours he departed by air for No. 2 Manning Depot. P/O L.A. Dove (J.9181) reported in on porting from No 11 S.F.T.S. as Assistant Supervisory Officer.

30-9-42 Routine normal throughout the day.

STRENGTH: OFFICERS, Staff - 7, Trainees - 2; AIRMEN, Staff - 18, Trainees - 210.  
AIRCRAFT, Tiger Moth - 73, Stinson "105" - 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN Manitoba.

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1-10-42 Strength - Officers - staff 7 - trainee - 1 Airmen Staff 13 Trainee 210 - Aircraft - Tiger Moth 73 - Stinson 105 - 1.

Squadron Leader M.K. Parlee and Squadron Leader McKnight arrived on station in connection with Examination Board function - Routine for day - normal.

2-10-42 Wing Commander L.S. Russell, Commanding Officer, and Squadron Leader A.L. Lapin of No. 7. Initial Training School, reported on temporary duty regarding the Medical Selection

Board at No. 7. Initial Training School. This visit was to follow up students selected as pilots. Air Commodore T.A. Lawrence and party arrived from No. 2, Training Command in connection with the Relief aerodrome. Flying was washed out at 1600 hours due to high winds.

3-10-42 Normal Routine. At 1140 hours today R.152890 LAC Dingle, J.T. while on solo side-slipping practice apparently stalled his aircraft and was unable to recover properly before striking the ground heavily causing an "A" category crash to Tiger Moth 4210. The pilot received a slight bruise only on the forehead.

4-10-42 Sunday and flying routine only.

5-10-42 Normal routine. Flight Sergeant H. Buckley (Disciplinarian "C") reported in from No. 2. Manning Depot replacing Sgt. S.A.E, Shead (Disciplinarian ("C") who has been posted to No. 2 Manning Depot.

6-10-42 Routine Normal.

7-10-42 Mr. Leslie Bishop, reporter and Mr. George Young photographer from the Winnipeg Free Press arrived today to get material for an article on No. 19. E.F.T.S. This has the permission of No. 2. Training Command. Flight Lieutenant W.C. Guest was posted to No. 2. Training Command effective 7-10-42 reporting 8-10-42 and will be replaced by Flying Officer D.B. Stewart effective and reporting the same dates.

8-10-42 Class 62 held their graduation party tonight. They had one of the best programmes to date. Guest speaker of the evening was Group Captain Bonham-Carter, S.A.S.O., No. 2. Training Command, who gave a very interesting resume of his early days with the Royal Air Force.

The trophy winners were:- (1) Garfield Madore Trophy - Sgt. Lutes, H.A. (2) Gerald Murphy Memorial Award - L.A.C. Ridge, R.C. (3) Murphy Ground School Award - L.A.C. McWhannel, J.D.

Following the banquet the boys were guests of the Canadian Legion at a dance in Virden.

9-10-42 Flying was washed out this morning following last night's graduation party - B. & C. Flights departed on a 48-hour pass after duty to-day. Class 62 graduated today with 40 members departing on posting with the remainder going on two weeks leave prior to posting to their new units.

10-10-42 Flying routine only today with one class having graduated and two flights on a 48-hour pass it seemed so quiet that some thought they should go to church.

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11-10-42 Sunday and flying routine only until 1500 hours when it was washed out due to high winds. Class 66 reported in with 24 coming from No. 4. Initial Training School, Edmonton and

23 from No. 7. Initial Training School, Saskatoon. Flying Officer E.S. Rippon escorted draft of 24 from No. 4. Initial Training School and spent one day on Temporary duty in connection with Signals classes.

12-10-42 Class 66 received their familiarization flight and began ground classes.

13-10-42 Class No. 63 wrote the first of their final examinations this morning - Routine normal.

14-10-42 Squadron Leader H.J. Emery - A.M. P. Field Liaison Officer arrived at 1700 hours via air on his periodic visit and spent the night here as he was unable to continue on to Rivers today as scheduled. Routine normal.

15-10-42 Flight Lieutenant S.C. McLeod, T.F.3. from No. 2. Training Command reported in on temporary duty in respect to Link Training. Squadron Leader 20-10-42 Emery departed at 0930 hours for No. 1. Central Navigation School, Rivers, Manitoba via air. Routine - normal.

16-10-42 Flight Lieutenant S.C. McLeod departed via Rail for No. 2 Training Command. Two flights of trainees left on a 48-hour pass after duty today.

17-10-42 Flying Routine only.

18-10-42 No. 2. Visiting Flight arrived at 1030 hours via air and is composed of:-Squadron Leader G.A. Folkins, Flight Lieutenant J.W. Weis, Flight Lieutenant D.H. Puddicombe, Flying Officer J.S. Davis, Flying Officer I.B. Croll and Cpl. C.A. Wood -crewman. Flying was washed out at 1200 hours today to permit all students to participate in the Third Victory Loan Parade in Virden. Flight Lieutenant W.L. Algate headed the parade and also represented No. 19. E.F.T.S. at the ceremonies following the aforementioned parade.

19-10-42 Normal Routine.

20-10-42 A real gale blew all day resulting in all aircraft being grounded. Classes 64,65 and 66 had extra lectures. Those having supplemental examinations in course 63 began writing this morning.

21-10-42 Some snow fell this morning and flying was restricted to dual only. Class 63 held their graduation banquet with refreshments at 1830 hours - Banquet and Presentations at 1900 hours. Dance in the Recreation Room at 2130 hours. The trophy winners were:- (1) The Garfield Madore Proficiency Trophy - Sgt. D.E. Roberts (2) The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for "Most promising Pupil Pilot" - Sgt. J.W. Kettlewell. (3) The Murphy Ground School Award for "Highest Ground School Average" - L.A.C. V.S. Skinner. The guest speaker Wing Commander A.L. Bocking DFC was unable to arrive from No. 41. S.F.T.S. due to adverse flying conditions.

22-10-42 As usual flying and Ground School exercises were washed out in forenoon following graduation party - Flying was also washed out in the afternoon due to high winds. Flight

Lieutenant R.W.R. Day, a former Assistant Supervisory Officer went through Virden today on his way to Embarkation Depot. He was very pleased with his overseas posting. Flight Lieutenant W.A. McCallum reported in at 1530 hours via rail for Fire Prevention Services from No. 2 Training Command.

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23-10-42 Dual flying only during morning - afternoon normal routine. Class 63 completed training and have departed on posting and on leave.

24-10-42 Normal Routine.

25-10-42 Sunday and flying routine only with the dual only flag up most of the day. Church Parade was held at the usual time - Flight Lieutenant W.A. Osborne conducted the service. Visitors were welcomed today from 1400 hours to 1700 hours but due to weather being on the cold side not many appeared. It is estimated that above 200 people took advantage of the invitation. All buildings, equipment etc, were suitably placarded as suggested by Training Command. The boxes which were placed in conspicuous places inviting donations to the RCAF Benevolent Fund received the small sum of Eighty-seven cents. Class 67 reported in. One airman failed to report due to his having the Mumps.

26-10-42 Normal routine - a Signal from No. 2. Training Command informed this unit that Flight Lieutenant A.F. Madore has been awarded the Air Force Cross. Flight Lieutenant A.F. Madore has been our Chief Flying Instructor since the inception of this school. This is a very popular award.

27-10-42 Flight Lieutenant G.E. Bryce - Flying Officer G.L. Hobson and W.O.II Bailey - Command Trade Test Board arrived and departed by P.M.C. today. Class 64 began final ground school examinations.

28-10-42 Normal routine for the greater part of the day but due to snow flying was washed out at 1700 hours.

29-10-42 Flying was washed out for a short time due to adverse weather - otherwise normal routine.

30-10-42 Dual only in afternoon due to high winds.

31-10-42 Normal routine. A slight snow storm this morning but not serious enough to wash out flying.

Strength: - Officers - staff 7, Trainee 1. Airmen - Staff 17 - trainees 175.  
Aircraft - Tiger Moth - 74, Stinson 105 - 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S. , RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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1-11-42 Strength - Officers, staff - 7; Trainee 1 Airmen, staff 17 - trainees 174  
Aircraft - Tiger Moth 74, Stinson 105 - 1.

Normal Routine.

2-11-42 Normal Routine.

3-11-42 Class No. 64 wrote their supplemental examinations today. Dual flying only this morning and was washed out completely in the afternoon due to high winds.

4-11-42 We had our first heavy snow storm today resulting in flying being washed out all day including night flying.

5-11-42 The Dental Clinic reported in today for their periodical tour of duty. Class 64 held their graduation party this evening - cocktails were served at 1830 hours; banquet and presentations at 1900 hours and a dance in the armouries at 2000 hours. The dance was sponsored by the Canadian Legion. The scheduled guest speaker, Wing Commander Bocking from No. 41 S.F.T.S. was unable to be present but Mr. Glendenning, Auxiliary services Officer had a very good programme lined up for our entertainment. The trophy winners were:- L.A.C. Hurford, F.W. - The Madore Trophy for General Proficiency. L.A.C. Pridmore, R.E. won the Murphy Flying award as the most promising pupil pilot. In the Murphy Ground School Award for the highest Ground School average, L.A.C. Reeson, M.L. and L.A.C. Tunnacliffe, M.E. were tied. Each received an award.

6-11-42 All routine cancelled this morning following Class 64's graduation party and flying was washed out for the greater part of the afternoon due to snow storm.

7-11-42 Seventeen R.A.F. students reported in today from No. 31. P.D., Moncton, N.B. and ten from No. 2. I.T.S., Regina. These students are in Course 68. An "A" category crash occurred today at 1455 hours which resulted in Tiger Moth 5822 being an almost complete washout. The Instructor Pilot Officer P.R. Daoust (J.20027) received a broken leg and severe scalp wounds and shock - the Student L.A.C. Brown, E.(R.157930) receiving several small cuts over eyebrows and a bruised shoulder and right knee. The accident occurred eight miles South and one mile west of the Town of Crandall, Manitoba. The Instructor was demonstrating spins and evidently did not come out of it in time and spun into the ground.

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8-11-42 Fifteen students reported in from No. 7. I.T.S., Saskatoon and one from No. 3. I.T.S., Victoriaville. This completed Class 68. The visiting Navigation Flight reported in today and was composed of Squadron Leader E.R. Pounder and Flight Lieutenant B.W. Power.

9-11-42 Routine Normal.

10-11-42 Flight Lieutenant W.J. Wood, our Chief Supervisory Officer who has been attached to the RAF Ferry Command on temporary duty since July 23rd, 1942 reported back today only to be cleared off the station on posting to No. 2. Training Command. He reports having a very enjoyable period away from this unit and all the staff are sorry that he has been posted to Command on return to Canada. Mr. Owen Glendenning our Auxiliary Services Officer (Legion) has been posted overseas and departed today for a few days leave prior to reporting to his headquarters for duty. All personnel wish him the best of luck at his new unit wherever it may be. Mr. H.W. Mouldin of the Canadian Legion succeeds Mr. Glendenning.

11-11-42 Remembrance Day - Routine Normal. No special services were held but all students and personnel observed the two minutes silence period.

12-11-42 A Board of Officers convened to take over two 50,000 gallon concrete water storage tanks from the contractors Macaw & Macdonald & Company of Winnipeg, Manitoba. They were then turned over to the Civilian Operating Company. The Board consisted of Squadron Leader J.R. Welsh C2014 - President; Squadron Leader A.D. Williams C3986, Medical Officer; Flight Lieutenant R.G. Hamilton C1726 - Equipment Officer and Flight Lieutenant H.F. Peters C3805, Works & Buildings Officer.

Flight Lieutenant G.H. Warren - No. 2. Training Command Educational Officer reported on temporary Duty in connection with Ground Instruction Problems. Squadron Leader J.L. Dyte, A.F.H.Q. and Flying Officer D.H. McWhirter, No. 2. Training Command reported in on Temporary Duty yesterday and departed at 1400 hours today for No. 2. Training Command. While here Squadron Leader Dyte inspected all phases of drill and P.T. This is our first inspection in this branch from A.F.H.Q. Due to high winds flying was washed out all day. However conditions were ideal for night flying.

13-11-42 Normal routine. Two flights went on a 48 hour pass after duty today.

14-11-42 Flying routine only.

15-11-42 Flying routine only.

16-11-42 Squadron Leader E.C. Herring, No. 2. Training Command Armament Officer reported in today via air on his periodical inspection. Dual flying in afternoon due to high winds.

17-11-42 Dual flying only for the greater part of the day and again due to high winds.

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18-11-42 Normal routine. Mr. R.W. Blackwell our new Auxiliary Services Officer (Canadian Legion) reported in for duty today.

19-11-42 Claps 65 held their graduation exercises today. This party was a little unusual in that the awards were presented at the Auditorium Theatre in Virden during the Lifebuoy Follies show. Refreshments and the banquet were held as usual on the station. The Madore Trophy for General Proficiency went to L.A.C. Campbell, J.C. - - The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for flying was won by L.A.C. Mills, J.P. and the Murphy Ground School Award was won by L.A.C. Morrison, J.D. The Lifebuoy Follies was thoroughly enjoyed by a packed theatre. Honored Guests for the evening were Group Captain E.C. Emmett and Squadron Leader A.L. Bocking from No. 41. S.F.T.S. and Squadron Leader H.M. Robertson of No. 33 S.F.T.S. Each of the honored guests presented an award to the winners. Two other guests at the graduation party were Flying Officer J.B. Lawrence and Flying Officer J.L. Knowlton who graduated from the first class to go through this school. Flying Officer J.B. Lawrence is on embarkation leave.

20-11-42 Class No. 65 departed on posting today. One student going to No. 11. S.F.T.S. - three to No. 12. SFTS and the balance to No. 10. S.F.T.S.

21-11-42 Flying Routine Normal.

22-11-42 Church Parade for those not on flying duties. Flight Lieutenant Croteau reported on temporary duty from No. 4. I.T.S., Edmonton in connection with Navigation Syllabus. Forty students reported in for Training in Class 69.

23-11-42 Normal Routine - Flight Lieutenant W.J. Wood reported in from No. 2. Training Command via Air to inspect the proposed relief Aerodrome. Flight Lieutenant W.J. Wood is former Chief Supervisory Officer of this Station.

24-11-42 Normal Routine.

25-11-42 Normal Routine. Mr. A.W. Morley, No. 2. Training Command Morse Examiner arrived today in connection with signals training.

26-11-42 Normal Routine.

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27-11-42 The Chief Supervisory Officer's weekly parade was held this morning in the Hangar. The Parade was well turned out and students proceeded immediately afterwards to ground school and flying duties.

28-11-42 Normal routine in respect to flying.

29-11-42 Flying routine today only. Church Parade at 0930 hours.



30-11-42 Normal Routine.

Strength - Officers - Staff - 6, Trainees - Nil. Airmen - Staff -18, Trainees - 174  
Aircraft - Tiger Moth - 72 Stinson 105 - 1.

(W.L. Algate) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 19. E.F.T.S. , R.C.A.F.,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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December 1, Strength - Officers - 9; Trainees - Nil. Airmen - Staff - 69 - Trainees 174.  
1942. Aircraft - Tiger Moth -72 Stinson 105-1. Normal Routine - All service personnel on Leave of Absence without pay were recalled to service today in accordance with D.A.P.S. Information Bulletin No. 186. This recall affected all Flying and Link Training Instructors with the exception of three men; two of which are Link Instructors and one flying instructor who are civilians.

December 2. Normal Routine.

December 3. Class 66 graduated today with 40 students passing their final tests etc. The banquet at 1900 hours was followed by presentation of awards. The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency went to L.A.C. J.M. Newman. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot was won by L.A.C. S.J. Joplin and the Murphy Ground School award was presented to L.A.C. J.J. Sprout for the highest ground school average. Following this a very enjoyable dance was held on the station for all personnel and their friends.

December 4. Flying was washed out. for part of the day due to low ceiling but otherwise routine was normal.

December 5. As there are no more 48-hour passes to be printed this month all classes were normal. Course 70 composed of 40 R.A.F. Trainees reported in from No. 31. P.D., Moncton, N.B. today.

December 6 Sunday and flying routine only.

December 7 Normal Routine,

December 8 Normal routine; course 67 began writing their final examinations.

December 9 Flying was washed out all day due to snow and icing conditions. Extra ground

school classes were called to fill in the extra time.

December 10 Flying was washed out again today due to adverse weather. However night flying conditions were ideal.

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December 11. Normal Routine. During night flying operations R.158173 L.A.C. Swinburnson, J.M. received slight injuries when attempting to land while on solo flight. Apparently while approaching to land he was cut off by another aircraft and instead of going around the circuit again he dove down in an attempt to land and struck telephone wires. The plane struck the ground hard and cartwheeled over on its nose, causing considerable damage to the aircraft, Tiger Moth No. 3876.

December 12 Flying was washed out all morning due to adverse conditions but was resumed in the afternoon and night flying schedules.

December 13 Flying washed out from 1130 hours for balance of day due to ground fog and snow. All flights had extra ground school lectures.

December 14 Normal Routine. The dental clinic arrived for duty from No. 2. Manning Depot today for their periodical tour of duty.

December 15 Flying was washed out this afternoon due to fog and icing conditions.

December 16 Flying was again washed out due to icing conditions and low ceiling. In the later afternoon a real storm started which lasted nearly all night. The Maintenance section were busy all night on snow compaction.

December 17 Flying was washed out all morning due to snow conditions on aerodrome but was resumed in the afternoon. Air Vice-Marshal A.B. Shearer ADC and Squadron Leader W.G. McLellan arrived for a visit at 1620 hours today. This will be the Air Officer Commanding's last visit in that capacity. Course 67 had their graduation party this evening as is usual cocktails and banquet were held in the recreation rooms and the dining hall. Following the banquet the Canadian Legion sponsored a dance in the Armouries for the students and friends. During the banquet Air Vice-Marshal Shearer was guest speaker and he gave a very interesting commentary on his early days of flying and flying training. Following this address he presented the Garfield Madore Trophy for General Proficiency to L.A.C. Bredt, P.W. Flight Lieutenant A.F. Madore AFC presented the Murphy Flying Award to L.A.C. Crookes, B.D. and Mr. Stefansson the Chief Ground Instructor presented the Murphy Ground School Award to L.A.C. Sernyk, A. for the highest Ground School Average. Mr. Blackwell, the Auxiliary Services Officer had an enjoyable entertainment to offer. One of the most popular numbers was a duet by the A.O.C. and the Manager.

December 18 Air Vice-Marshel Shearer and party departed at 0930 hours for No. 12. S.F.T.S., Brandon. Flight Lieutenant W.B. Scarth and Stenographer arrived today in connection with taking of a Summary of Evidence into the alleged low flying in tiger moth 4144 on December 5th, 1942. All members of Course 67 departed on In - between course leave and Christmas Leave.

December 19 Normal Routine.

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December 20 Flying was washed out to-day at 1145 hours. However conditions were favourable for night flying.

Church service was conducted by Hon. Flight Lieutenant W.A. Osborne in the morning.

December 21 Flying Training continued all day. Twenty-two members of Course 71 reported intoday from No. 31. P.D. Moncton, N.B. The balance will report from No. 7. I.T.S. on the 28th of December and will have had Christmas Leave.

December 22 No flying again today due to bad weather. This has been a very poor month for flying and will require constant plugging on the available flying days to complete Course 68.

December 23 No flying again today but night flying was resumed. Courses 69 and 71 and flying instructors of these courses left on Christmas leave after duty today.

December 24 Ground School in forenoon. Flying exercised for short time only in afternoon.

December 25 No ground School classes today and flying was washed out due to poor flying conditions. The Adjutant and flying Instructors served dinner to the trainees at 1200 hours and all enjoyed the change very much. In the evening most all student personnel had invitations to dinner at homes in Virden.

December 26 Flying routine in afternoon only.

December 27 Flight Lieutenant W.A. Osborne conducted church service and Holy Communion this morning. Flying exercises were carried out in the afternoon.

December 28 Flying routine in the afternoon following ground school classes in the morning. The balance of Course 71 reported in off leave today from No. 7. I.T.S. in Saskatoon.

December 29 Course 68 Graduation Party and Dance was held tonight with refreshments in the recreation Room at 1830 hours. The banquet and presentations at 1900 hours followed by a dance in the recreation room which started at 2100 hours. The Award Winners were - - The Garfield Madore Trophy - (General Proficiency) - L.A.C. Newton, J.B.; The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award (Most Promising Pupil Pilot) - LAC Hodgson, E.D.;



7<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with fog. Flying washed out both in morning and afternoon on account of fog. F/L Taylor (W. & B.) Officer, arrived from No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg on inspection of sewerage and water.

8<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear. Dual flying in morning with solo for advanced students. Dual with some solo for advanced students in afternoon. Flying washed out 1700 hours on account of gusty weather. The C.S.O.'s Parade was held in the morning and went off successfully. Twenty students reported in from No. 31 P.D., R.A.F., Moncton, N.B.

9<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather gusty. Flying washed out in morning on account of high wind. Dual flying only until 1400 hours. Flying for balance of day normal.

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10<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather gusty. Flying - dual only until 1000 hours, washed out for balance of day on account of high winds. Draft of 20 Trainees arrived in afternoon from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon - F/L W. Morginson (C2306) in charge of draft. F/L W.L. Algate (C.3177) reported back from Temporary Duty at A.F.H.Q., Ottawa.

11<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather gusty - flying washed out all day on account of high wind. F/L H.W.C. North (Med. Branch) admitted to Virden Municipal Hospital with broken leg, received in hockey game.

12<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear- Normal flying routine all day.

13<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 F/L S. Bellan (Med. Branch) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 23 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Davidson, Manitoba, as a replacement for F/L H.W.C. North. S/L Ansted (Equip.) reported in from No.3 B. & G. School MacDonald, Manitoba. Weather cloudy. Flying washed out all day on account of sleet and high wind.

14<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear. Dual flying only until 1000 hours. Solo flying from 1000 hours until 1200 hours, balance of morning dual. Normal routine in afternoon. S/L Henderson (C.2312), C.G.I. NO.2 I.T.S, Regina, Sask., reported in on visit.

15<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather foggy in morning. Flying washed out in A.M. Normal routine for afternoon.

16<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed out until 1030 hours, balance of morning dual only. Flying washed out on account of snow in the afternoon and at night.

17<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear. Normal flying routine. F/L Algate (C.3177) (Adm.) proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

18<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather clear and cold. Normal flying routine.

19<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather clear and cold. Normal flying routine carried out inspite of bitterly cold weather.

20<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather clear in morning, ground fog in afternoon. Flying routine normal.

21<sup>st</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear. Flying normal all day then washed out at 1700 hours for graduation party.

Class 69 graduation party and dance was held to-night with refreshments in the Recreation Room at 1850 hours, and then the banquet and presentations were held in the Dining Hall. A dance, sponsored by the Canadian Legion, was held in the Canadian Legion Hall, Virden, Manitoba. In making his address to the graduating class, the C.S.O., F/L McGill, stated that all flying personnel and ground crew deserved great credit for completing the class training schedule on time inspite of the bitterly cold weather.

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21<sup>st</sup> JAN/43 S/L E.A. Weaver from A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, was the guest speaker and described some of the phases of training at Service Flying Schools.

The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency went to LAC Searle, S.H. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award fro the most promising pupil pilot was won by LAC Pollock, K.L., and the Murphy Ground School Award was presented to LAC Paxton, T., for the highest ground school average.

22<sup>nd</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed out in morning on account of snow. Normal flying routine in afternoon.

23<sup>rd</sup> JAN/43 Weather clear in morning and cloudy in afternoon. Normal flying routine in morning. Flying washed out at 1400 hours on account of snow storm.

24<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy. Flying washed out until 1000 hours. Dual only from 1000 hours until 1100 hours normal flying routine for balance of day.

Thirty-four Airmen reported from No.2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Man., pending posting to an I.T.S. for aircrew training. Five trainees reported from No. 31 P.D., R.A.F., Moncton, N.B., twenty-five from No.2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., and nine from No.7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask., and one from No.5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ontario.

25<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather foggy then clearing. Dual flying only until 1100 hours. Balance of morning normal flying routine. Flying washed out 1630 hours on account of gusty weather.

26<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear in morning, normal flying routine in A.M. Flying washed out in afternoon due to stormy weather.

27<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed out all day.

28<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed out in morning. Flying routine normal from 1400 hours on.

29<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Dual flying only in morning and afternoon. Night flying washed out on account of snow.

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30<sup>th</sup> JAN/43 Weather cloudy with snow in the morning. Flying washed out in the morning, normal the balance of the day.

31<sup>st</sup> JAN/43 Weather fair and clear. Normal flying routine all day.

STRENGTH: Officers; Staff - 10; Trainee - Nil: Airmen; Staff - 104; Trainee - 160:  
Aircraft; Tiger Moth 82C - 71; Stinson 105 - 1.

(H.D. Baker) Flying Officer,  
For The Manager,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1751

1<sup>st</sup> Feb/43 Strength - Officers (a) Staff 10 (b) Trainee - Nil Airmen (a) Staff - 104 (b) Trainees (160) Aircraft - Tiger Moth 82C - 71: Stinson 105 - 1.

Weather fine and clear. Normal flying Routine all day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear - normal flying routine all day.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy - dual flying all day. By order of the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2. Training Command a District Court-Martial was held at this unit. The following officers were detailed to assemble: President - Wing Commander H.G. Malcomson (C.515), No. 7. Air Observer School - Portage la Prairie, Man. Members: Flight Lieutenant C.H. Mussels (C1639), No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba.  
Flying Officer H. Gilbert, MC (C7157), No. 1. Central Navigation School, Rivers, Manitoba.  
Waiting Member: Flying Officer E.J. Roberts (C.3020), No. 2. "M" Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.  
Prosecutor: Squadron Leader W.B. Scarth MC (C2417), No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Defending Officer: Flying Officer H.D. Baker (C.6471), No. 19. E.F.T.S., Virden, Manitoba.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed out in the morning on account of snow

and icing. Dual flying only in the afternoon. Course No. 70 graduation party and Dance was held to-night with refreshments in the recreation room at 1830 hours. The banquet and presentations were held in the dining hall. The dance was held on the station in the Recreation Room.

In making his address to the graduating class, Flight Lieutenant E.R. McGill congratulated all personnel on their achievement in completing the training schedule successfully. He also introduced the guest speaker of the evening - Squadron Leader Kennedy DFC with bar, RAF. Squadron Leader Kennedy had just come from operational duty in England and gave a graphic account of experiences which he had been through in actual combat. He also gave the class sound advice in regard to how they should approach their future training.

The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency was presented by Mr. J.R. Morgan, The Manager to L.A.C. Arkless, L.N. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to L.A.C, RIST, C.A.A. The Murphy Ground School Award was presented to L.A.C. Paine, J.W. for the highest ground school average.

5<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed-out in the morning on account of snow. Dual flying in the afternoon until 1530 hours and balance normal. W/C Rossie-Brown, Staff Chaplain (RAF) visited the Unit.

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6<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Full flying operations all day. 18 airmen reported in from No. 7. I.T.S., Saskatoon and 2 airmen reported from No. 3. I.T.S. Belleville, Ontario. Flight Lieutenant D. Sigler (C.7718) Administrative Branch reported from No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg to take a Summary of Evidence in the case of Tiger Moths 4265 and 4006.

7<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather - snow and fog. Flying washed out all day. 20 RAF Airmen reported in from No. 31. P.D. (RAF) Moncton, N.B. to commence training with Course 74. A Church Parade was held with full attendance. Wing Commander Rossie-Brown - Staff Chaplain from A.F.H.Q. preached the sermon.

8<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather - snowing with fog and icing. Flying washed out all day. Ten new officers and 5 Sergeant-Pilots reported in, to assume duties as flying instructors.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Dual flying only until 1130 - washed out on account of snow. Air Commodore A.L. Paxton - A.F.H.Q. and Group Captain Bonham-Carter from No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg, visited the station and departed by air.

10<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Full flying routine all day.

11<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy with snow. Flying washed out to 1530 hours - balance of day - dual only.



12<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather - windy with snow - Flying washed out all day.

13<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Normal flying routine all day.

14<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy. Normal flying routine to 1430 hours. Washed out on account of snow. Flight Lieutenant J.M. Newstone (C.9706) Medical Branch reported on Temporary duty from No. 2. Manning Depot, Brandon, Man.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear - normal flying routine all day.

16<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather cloudy with fog. Flying normal to 1200 hours then washed out on account of ground fog. Dual flying only 1300 to 1400 hours - balance normal.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather overcast with fog. Flying washed out all day.

18<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear - full flying routine all day.

19<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear - full flying routine all day. Course 71 graduation party and dance was held tonight with refreshments in the Recreation Room at 1830 hours. The Banquet and presentations were held in the Dining hall. The dance was held in the Canadian Legion Hall sponsored by the Canadian Legion.

IMAGE 1753

19<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 (Cont) In making his address to the graduating class Flight Lieutenant A.F. Madore AFC gave them sound advice on the proper attitude to adopt towards their future training. He also congratulated the course on successfully completing their training on schedule. The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency was presented to L.A.C. Chapman, B. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to L.A.C. Connor, B. The Murphy Ground School Award for the highest Ground School average went to L.A.C. Hougestol, G.E.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Full flying operations all day. 25 trainees - Course 75 reported in from No. 2. I.T.S., Regina. Sask.

21<sup>st</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Full flying operations all day. A church parade was held at 0930 hours this morning.

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Full flying operations all day.

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb/43 Weather overcast with fog. Flying washed out all day.

24<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather fair and clear. Full flying routine all day.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather - snow and high wind - flying washed out all day.

26<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather gusty. Dual flying only to 0930 hours - balance normal. A District Court-Martial convened at this station to-day as ordered by the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2. Training Command. The President was Squadron Leader W.B. Scarth MC (C2417) of No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. Members: Squadron Leader J.S. Nutt (C1073) - No. 7. Air Observer School, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. Flight Lieutenant G.R. Youngs (J.3106) No. 12. S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba. Waiting Member: Flight Lieutenant G.W. Salter (RAF41325) - No. 33. S.F.T.S., RAF, Carberry, Manitoba.

Prosecutor: Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford (C.5261) - No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Defending Officer - Flying Officer H.D. Baker - (C.6471) No. 19. E.F.T.S., Virden, Manitoba.

The airman under trial was R.110958 Sergeant (Acting Flight Sergeant) Brown, F.N.

27<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather gusty. Flying washed out all day.

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28<sup>th</sup> Feb/43 Weather overcast - Dual flying only to 1500 hours - balance of day washed out

Strength: Officers (a) Staff - 28 (b) Trainee - Nil  
Airmen (a) Staff - 108 (B) Trainee - 178  
Aircraft (a) Tiger Moth 82C - 69  
(b) Stinson 105 - 1

(A.F. Madore) Flight Lieutenant,  
for "The Manager"  
No. 19. E,F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
Virden, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1755

1<sup>st</sup> Mar/43 STRENGTH: Officers (a) Staff - 28 (b) Trainee - Nil  
Airmen (a) Staff - 108 (b) Trainee - 178

Aircraft (a) Tiger Moth 82C - 69  
(b) Stinson 105 - 1

Normal flying routine in the morning. Dual flying only in the afternoon on account of high gusty wind.

S/L W.J. Wood (C.1168), No. 2 Training Command, arrived on staff visit.

2nd Mar/43 Weather fair and clear. Normal flying routine all day.

3rd Mar/43 Normal flying routine till 1500 hours. Balance of day, dual flying only on account of snow flurries. S/L W.J. Wood (C.1168) departed for No. 2 Training Command. S/L A.J. Vincent (C.1056), arrived from A.F.H.Q. for discussion on Training. Departed for Neepawa.

4th Mar/43 Flying washed out all day.

Course 72 graduation party and dance was held to-night with refreshments in the Recreation Hall at 1850 hours. The banquet and presentations were held in the Mess Hall. The dance was held on the Station in the Recreation Room.

In making his address to the graduation course, F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, Chief Flying Instructor, gave them sound advice on the problems they would encounter at Service Flying School.

The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency was presented to R.163816 LAC Grass, H.R. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to R.176286 LAC Cameron, J.M.

The Murphy Ground School Award for the highest ground school average went to R.167817 LAC Dunville, C.E.

5th Mar/43 Full flying routine all day.

6th Mar/43 Full flying routine all day. Course 76 reported in, consisting of: 20 pupils from No.31 P.D., RAF, Moncton; 20 pupils from No.2 I.T.S., RCAF, Regina; and five pupils from No.7 I.T.S., RCAF, Saskatoon.

7th Mar/43 Dual flying only till 1030 hours. Balance of day normal routine.

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8th Mar/43 Full flying routine all day.

9th Mar/43 Full flying operations all day.

10th Mar/43 Full flying routine all day.

11th Mar/43 Weather cloudy with snow flurries. Flying washed out till 1530 hours. Balance of day dual flying only.

12th Mar/43 Normal flying routine all day. F/O O.M. Hall (C.11760), No. 2 Training Command, reported in on Temporary Duty.

F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, the Chief Flying Instructor; Mr. Morgan, the Managing Director; Mr. R. W. Blackwell, Canadian Legion War Services Supervisor; F/L W.A. Osborne, Station Padre and F/O H.D. Baker, Administrative Officer, attended the annual meeting of the victory Club in Virden. This is a Service Men's Club operated by the ladies of Virden. The annual report of the club shows a splendid job done during the year 1942, with well over 4,500 signatures shown on

the Visitor's Book. The Sunday night sing song and lunch has become a recognized feature of the club every Sunday evening. Finances are in good shape and the club will continue to operate in it's efficient manner during 1943. Co-operation between the club and the School is splendid, Mr. J.R. Morgan, Managing Director, Virden Flying Training School, assists greatly in the matter of furnishings, etc., whenever called upon. A good supply of Legion Stationery is kept in the club room at all times.

13<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Full flying separations all day.

14<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Flying washed out all day due to snow and wind.

15<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Weather overcast with snow. Flying washed out all day.

A meeting was called by the Manager to organize educational and recreational facilities for the coming spring and summer. Committees were formed to supervise this work.

16<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Flying washed out all day due to snow.

17<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Flying was washed out all day and the Station isolated by a blizzard. The civilian staff were forced to remain on the Station for four nights. Excellent work was done by the Legion Supervisor, Mr. R.W. Blackwell, in keeping personnel occupied with indoor sports and recreation during their enforced period of inactivity due to the blizzard.

18<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Flying washed out in the morning on account of drifted snow on aerodrome. Dual flying only in the afternoon.

IMAGE 1757

19<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Dual flying only in the morning on account of difficulty in clearing the aerodrome, balance of day normal routine.

F/L S.C. McLeod, (C.3851, No. 2 T.C., and F/O J. S. Hughes (C.10905) of No. 2 Training Command, reported in on Temporary Duty.

Course 73 graduation party and dance was held to-night with refreshments in the Recreation Room at 1830 hours. The banquet and presentations were held in the Mess Hall. The dance was held in the Canadian Legion Hall, sponsored by the Canadian Legion.

F/L A.T. Madore, AFC, (C.2851) in making his address gave the graduating class sound advice in regard to their future training.

The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency was presented to R.177508 LAC Peterson, A.

The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to R.109463 LAC Rasmussen, R.B.

The Murphy Ground School Award for the highest ground school average was awarded to R.163656 LAC Klein, P.E.

20<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Approximately twenty aircraft, equipped with skis, were in use. The condition of the aerodrome did not permit the use of any other aircraft. However, flying operations were carried out inspite of the consequent difficulties.

21<sup>st</sup> Mar/43 Flying washed out till 1000 hours on account of fog at 200' and icing. For the balance of the day, normal flying conditions prevailed.

Course 77 reported in with students coming from the following Schools:

1 from No. 1 G.R.S., Summerside, P.E.I.

1 from No. 2 F.I.S., Vulcan, Alta.

1 from K.T. S., Trenton, Ontario.

10 from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask.

32 from No.31 P.D., RAF, Moncton, N.B.

Of the 32 students from No.31 P.D., 26 were quarantined at No. 12 SFTS, Brandon, due to an outbreak of Scarlet Fever enroute from Moncton to Virden.

Flying Officer C.E. Dingle, DFC, (J.3598), who is already in possession of Observer's Wing reported in from No.1 G.R.S. to undergo training as a Pilot.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mar/43 Normal flying routine carried out all day.

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar/43 Routine normal all day.

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24<sup>th</sup> MAR/43 Dual flying only till 1000 hours on account of ground fog, balance of day normal flying routine.

A bowling tournament to be held in Virden Bowling Alleys was organized. There was an entry of 16

5 men teams and the tournament will start immediately. Teams were drawn from Officers, Department Heads, Ground Instructors, Maintenance Crew and Hangar Crew and Orderly Room Staff.

Owing to the change in flying time, student teams could not be included in this series but will be handled at the close of the tournament.

25<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Dual flying only until 0945 hours, flying washed out for remainder of day due to high winds. F/L J.J. Gaschler (C.6980) and P/O W.H.M. Waddell (C.21779) Armament Visiting Flight reported on Temporary Duty.

26<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Dual flying only in the morning - Course 74 writing final examinations. Dual flying till 1830 hours.

27<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Normal flying routine till 1230 hours, balance of day washed out due to snow.

28<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Flying washed out all day on account of low ceiling. 29 A.C.2's reported in from

Saskatoon, to be usefully employed at this Unit, until such time as they could be posted to an I.T.S. for their Aircrew training.

29<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Normal flying routine all day.

30<sup>th</sup> Mar/43 Normal flying till 1100 hours. Balance of day washed out on account of low ceiling and limited visibility.

31<sup>st</sup> Mar/43 Flying washed out in the morning due to high winds. Dual flying only in afternoon till 1745 hours and from then on normal flying routine.

STRENGTH: Officers (a) Staff - 30 (b) Trainee - 1  
Airmen (a) Staff - 88 (b) Trainee - 191

Aircraft (a) Tiger Moth 82C - 69  
(b) Stinson 105 - 1

(A.F. Madore) Flight Lieutenant,  
for The Manager  
No. 19. E,F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1759

1<sup>st</sup> Apr/43 STRENGTH: Officers (a) Staff - 30 (b) Trainee - 1  
Airmen (a) Staff - 88 (b) Trainee - 191

Aircraft (a) Tiger Moth 82C - 69  
(b) Stinson 105 - 1

The following contributions were received from this Unit, in connection with the local Red Cross drive: No. 19 EFTS, Civilian Employees - - \$832.31; No.19 EFTS, RCAF Personnel - - \$611.00; No.19 EFTS, Ladies Auxiliary -- \$25,00.

Normal flying routine all day.

Course 74 graduation party and dance was held to-night with refreshments in the Recreation Room at 1830 Hours. The banquet and presentations were held in the Dining Hall. The dance was held on the Station in the Recreation Room.

Group Captain A.J. Ashton (C.59)(GL), O.A., #2 Training Command and Squadron Leader Corkill (GB.80907), #2 Training Command (R.A.F. "P") were guest speakers. F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, (C.2851), C.F.I., congratulated the graduating class.

The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency in EFTS course was presented to R.171556 LAC Feeney, C.A.P.; The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to R.68503 CPL Stirrett, G.D.; The Murphy Ground School Award for the highest ground

school average went to GB1398311 LAC Pell, E.E.

The Fernie Hockey Trophy was presented to the Hangar Crew for winning the Station Hockey League.

2<sup>nd</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day. Arrangements for station personnel to play in the Virden Golf & Tennis Clubs were made by the Canadian Legion Officer, Mr. Blackwell.

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

The Staff of No.19 EFTS, honoured the Manager, Mr. J.R. Morgan, for his two years' leadership with a presentation at a staff dinner. F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, C.F.I., in making the presentation, related the early history of the Virden Flying Training School and the difficulties that were overcome under Mr. Morgan's able leadership. Major Bjorn Stefansson, C.G.I.; F/L E.R. McGill; F/L W.A. Osborne, Station Chaplain, all added words of commendation in their addresses.

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4<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Flying washed out all day on account of high wind and field conditions. Course 78 reporting in. 41 Trainees from No.31 P.D. (RAF) Moncton, N.B.; 5 Trainees from No.2 I.T.S., (RCAF), Regina, Sask.

5<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day. The final games of the Station bowling tournament were placed in Virden and prize money amounting to \$11.00 was distributed among the winning team.

6<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Flying carried out from Hartney Air Field, on account of the condition of our own field. The trainees were transported to the field by Bus. Sports equipment for students flying from the field was provided by the Canadian Legion Supervisor, Mr. R.W. Blackwell.

7<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Flying carried out from Hartney Air Field. This required travelling approximately 75 miles by bus, but it prevented loss of valuable flying time which would have resulted from the unserviceable condition of our own field.

8<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine at Hartney Air Field in the morning. Flying washed out till 1500 hours - high wind. Balance of day normal.

9<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine in the morning, washed out in the afternoon - high wind. The Canadian Legion Supervisory, Mr. R.W. Blackwell, tried the equipment for showing the film in the Hospital for the patients with great success.

10<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

11<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine till 1300 hours, washed out for balance of day - high wind.

12<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine till 1100 hours, balance of day dual only - on account of high

wind.

13<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine till 1530 hours, washed out for balance of day - on account of high wind.

14<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

15<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying till 1300 hours, washed out for balance of day - high wind.  
Course 75 graduation party and dance held do-night with refreshments in the Recreation Room at 1830 Hours.

The banquet and presentation were held in the Dining Hall. A dance, provided by the Canadian Legion, was held in the Legion Hall, Virden, Manitoba. S/L N. S. Edgar (C.1460), No.10 SFTS, Dauphin, Manitoba, was guest speaker. The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency in EFTS course was presented to R.57596 SGT Stephen, J.E.; The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to R.57510 SGT Glen, C.E. The Murphy Ground School Award for highest ground school average went to GB1802887 LAC Catty, M.A.

IMAGE 1761

16<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

17<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day. New Course arrived, Class No. 79. 40 Trainees from No.31 P.D. (RAF) Moncton, N.B.; 10 Trainees from No. 7 I.T.S., RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask.  
F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, spoke at a rally at Oak Lake in support of the Fourth Victory Loan drive.

18<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine.

19<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine till 1430 hours, balance of day dual only. F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, Mr. T. Caddick, Chief Engineer, #19 EFTS, and F/O C.E. Dingle, DFC, (J.3598), ut Pilot Course 77, spoke at a rally at Hargrave in support of the Fourth Victory Loan drive.

20<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

21<sup>st</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine. Mr. J.R. Morgan, Managing Director, Virden Flying Training School; F/L A.F. Madore, AFC; F/O C.E. Dingle, DFC, spoke at a rally at Sinclair, Manitoba, in support of Fourth Victory Loan drive.

22<sup>nd</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine. F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, spoke at Cromer, Manitoba, in support of Fourth Victory Loan.

23<sup>rd</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

24<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Flying washed out all day on account of high wind. F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, spoke at Reston, Man. , in support of Fourth Victory Loan drive.



25<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day. Church Service for all personnel with Communion held.

26<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 New flying schedule adopted.

A Victory Loan rally was held on the Station for both RCAF and Civilian personnel. Mr. A.W. Klieforth, American Consul, spoke to both RCAF and Civilian personnel outlining his experiences in Nazi Germany, and urging support of the Victory Loan. F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, also outlined to the RCAF what was expected of them in the Victory Loan drive.

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27<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day.

Mr. J.R. Morgan, Managing Director, Virden Flying Training School, F/O L.W. Hannta, (J.16392) DFM, spoke at McAuley, Man., in support of the Fourth Victory Loan Drive.

F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, Major B. Stefanasson, C.G.I., and R.50782 SGT Lipsett, L.R. ut Pilot Course 78, spoke at Pipestone in support of the Victory Loan drive.

28<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Normal flying routine all day. Major B. Stefanasson, C.G.I. , spoke at Manson, Man., in support of the Fourth Victory Loan drive.

Course 76 graduation party and dance was held to-night with refreshments in the Recreation Room. The banquet and presentations were held in the Dining Hall. A dance was held in the Recreation Room. W/C A.S. Goulding (C.1980) MC, DFC, was the guest speaker. G/C Emmett, RAF, & S/L J.C. Binnie (C.1768) were also guests. The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency in EFTS course went to R.172227 LAC Palmer, T.C.; The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot went to R.177794 LAC Stuart, J.A.; The Murphy Ground. School Award for the highest ground school average went to R.166358 LAC GRIEVE, J.L.

29<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Flying washed out all day - high wind.

Thirty two graduates in Course 76 posted to No. 11 SFTS, RCAF, Yorkton, Sask.

30<sup>th</sup> Apr/43 Mr. J.R. Morgan, Managing Director, No.19 EFTS, RCAF.; F/L A.F. Madore, AFC, spoke at Elkhorn in support of the Fourth Victory Loan drive.

Major B. Stefanasson, C.G.I., spoke at Woodnorth, Manitoba.

Normal flying routine all day.

The following is a summary of purchases in the Fourth Victory Loan drive as at 30th April, 1943.

1. Purchases through Assignment (a) Number 68 (b) Amount - - \$10,800.00
2. Cash Purchases (a) Number - - 16 (b) Amount - - \$4100.00
3. Purchases by employees of Civilian Operating company (a) Number - - 50 (b) Amount - - \$7,850.00

STRENGTH: Officers (a) Staff - 38 (b) Trainee - 1  
Airmen (a) Staff - 70 (b) Trainee - 163

Aircraft (a) Tiger Moth 82c - 70  
(b) Stinson 105 - 1

The Manager  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.  
Virден -- Manitoba.

IMAGE 1763

1<sup>st</sup> May/43 There was normal flying and ground school routine today until 1115 hours at which time the flying routine had to be washed out due to high wind and rain.

2<sup>nd</sup> May/43 There was dual flying only from 0800 hours until 1200 hours today. A Parade in support of the Fourth Victory Loan was held in Virден during the early evening. No. 2 Manning Depot band assisted in the parade. The airmen presented a good appearance on this Parade and the civilian turn-out was quite good. After the parade Flight Lieutenant W.A. Osborne, our Station Chaplain held a service in the town Auditorium.

3<sup>rd</sup> May/43 Flying was normal during the morning hours, but due to rain had to be washed out during the afternoon. Course 80 commenced flying training this date, the intake being as follows: 49 airmen from No. 31. P.D. (RAF) Moncton, N.B. and one Officer from Annette Island, Alaska. Flying Officer L.H.J. Shebeski arrived from Alaska to commence training on this course. The following is an item published in the station Paper "The Tiger Rag" Course 80 provides another navigator, the second to train here for pilot. He is Flying Officer L.H.J. Shebeski, originally from Arborg, Man. F.O. Shebeski spent a year in Alaska as Navigator on bombing trips against the Japs in the Aleutians. Another member of this course wears N. Ireland on his shoulders; he is LAC D.M.B. Fitzgerald from Turlough Park, Castlebae, County Mayo, Eire. An American LAC A. Boase, is also one of the RAF trainees and Wales provides another. He is LAC A.M. Thomas from Ffrwd Vila, Glamorganshire, Wales. Englishmen, three Scots and re-mustered Canadians from Overseas make up the remainder of the course."

Flight Lieutenant G.M. Stephens (C.13906) (Medical Branch) reported on temporary duty from No. 7. I.T.S. Saskatoon today, replacing Flight Lieutenant S. Bellan (C.8879) (Medical Branch) who departed on temporary duty to 7 I.T.S. Saskatoon 2<sup>nd</sup> May/43.

4<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying was carried out in the usual manner during the morning but in the afternoon low ceiling and rain made it impossible to continue and flying was "washed out" for the balance of the day. Captain J.P. Malloy - Dental Officer reported on temporary duty from No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Manitoba.

5<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying training could not be carried out this morning due to rain, however it stopped raining during the latter part of the morning and it was possible to carry out full flying during the afternoon. During the evening the station had its first showing of Educational films. These films were supplied from the Canadian Legion Educational Board and will be tried out for a month, and, if attendance and interest warrant

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5<sup>th</sup> May/43 (Cont) will be continued regularly. Regular shows are being run Monday and Friday evenings and are free to all station personnel.

6<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying was "washed out" this morning due to wind and snow. Dual flying was carried out from 1500 hours to 1715 hours and solo flying from 1715 hours until 2100 hours. A meeting was held today to appoint a Recreational Committee. This Committee consists of the following members: President - Mr. W.A. SMITH Secretary - Mr. R.W. BLACKWELL (Canadian Legion Services Officer) Members - Mr. J.P. Morgan (Manager) Major B. Stefansson (C.G.I.) F.L. W.A. Osborne (Chaplain) F.L. H.D. Baker (Administrative Officer) Flight Sgt. G.L. Tunner (Disciplinarian) and Flight Sergeant C.B. Bean (Flying Instructor). The "Commando" course is nearing completion; this course is 200 yards long and contains nine obstacles and will be used as part of the physical training schedule. This course is not intended to be extremely difficult, the main purpose being to exercise all the muscles in the body. At the meeting of the Recreational Committee Mr. Morgan suggested that the station provide bicycles for loan to personnel. This was well received and 15 bicycles have been ordered (two of which will be ladies' bicycles). These will be rented out to personnel at the nominal fee of .25¢ per hour. For the tennis enthusiasts Mr. Blackwell has made arrangements with the Virden Tennis Club to take members from the station at four dollars per season. In the event a player is posted from the station he will get a refund according to the time he has played with the Club.

7<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying routine was carried out all day. The Fourth Victory Loan is progressing very satisfactorily the station having reached almost one-third of its quota. Flight Lieutenant H.D. Baker (C.6471) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 12. S.F.T.S. Brandon to carry out the duties of Defending Officer in a Court Martial held at that unit. The Bird Construction Company started today preparing for the construction of the new hangar, stores, recreation and other buildings for the station. The positions have been staked out and the next job will be the pouring of the cement cushions for the buildings. The level of the land will then be raised before the actual building starts. It is planned to raise the whole level of the station 18 inches by filling.

8<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying training was carried out all day today. This unit passed its quota by over six thousand dollars in the Fourth Victory Loan today. The breakdown of the subscriptions is as follows: by RCAF personnel \$20,150.00 Civilian Personnel - \$16,700.

9<sup>th</sup> May/43 Due to rain conditions and a low ceiling - flying was "washed out" all day. Those scheduled for flying duties were given ground school lectures.

10<sup>th</sup> May/43 Due to snow, flying was again "washed out" during the morning with dual only being carried out during the afternoon. The station was inspected by the Deputy Inspector-General today. The Deputy Inspector-General Air Vice-Marshal A.A.L. Cuffe (C.23) was accompanied by Wing Commander B.M. Aronson (C.78). The Deputy Inspector-General

expressed himself as pleased with the station and general cleanliness and appearance. A Wing March Past was held in front of the hanger. A.V.M. A.A.L. Cuffe took the salute.

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11<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying routine was carried out all day today.

12<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying routine was carried out all day. Course 77 Graduation Party was held this evening in the Airmen's Mess followed by a dance in the Recreation Room. The trophy winners were: (1) The Garfield Madore Trophy for General Proficiency - L.A.C. ODDY, T.M. (2) The Gerald Murphy Flying Award for the most promising pupil Pilot - L.A.C. SHANNON, M.K. (3) Murphy Ground School Award - for the highest Ground School Average F.S C.E. DINGLE DFC. The Graduation Banquet and the dance following were both successful.

13<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying routine all day. Flying Officer J.S. Hughes from No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg arrived to inspect the Virden Air Cadet Squadron. Mr. J.R. Morgan - Manager of the School and F.L. H.D. Baker accompanied Flying Officer J.S. Hughes on the inspection. Flying Officer J.S. Hughes expressed himself as well satisfied in the general proficiency of the Air Cadets.

14<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying routine was carried out all day. Course No. 77 departed from the station on posting today. There were 23 graduates on this course, all being posted to No. 10. S.F.T.S., DAUPHIN, Manitoba. Twenty two members of this course were discontinued flying training and the remaining nine transferred to other courses.

15<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying was "washed out" all day due to rain. Course No. 81 reported for flying training - 40 airmen coming from No. 31. P.D. (RAF) Moncton, N.B. the remaining 10 from No. 7. I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask.

16<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying did not commence until 0800 hours this morning due to low ceiling. However from 0800 hours until 2100 hours the normal schedule was followed. Flight Lieutenant H.D. Baker (C.6471) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba to attend the Unit Educational Officer's Conference. Many people from the surrounding district took advantage of the special visiting day at No. 19. E.F.T.S. today and looked over the entire station. Guides escorted parties through barracks, recreation hall, workshops, stores, parachute room and the hangar and then through the administration buildings.

17<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying routine on the station all day. Course No. 81 commenced their training both in Ground School and flying today.

18<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying and ground school routine all day. Squadron Leader H.H. McFarlane (C.2757) Command Chaplain (P) visited the station on one of his regular visits.

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19<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal Flying Routine all day - Station very quiet.

20<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal Flying and Ground School Routine - Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill (RAF80901) RAF F reported on Temporary Duty today. Problems concerning RAF personnel were discussed.

21<sup>st</sup> May/43 Normal Flying and Ground School Routine Carried out today. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held this morning. The Salute was taken by the Chief Flying Instructor F.L. A.F. MADORE (AFC).

22<sup>nd</sup> May/43 Ground School continued today in the normal manner. However flying had to be "washed out" at 1530 hours due to rain conditions.

23<sup>rd</sup> May/43 Flying training washed out during afternoon due to high wind.

24<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying training washed out all day due to high wind.

25<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying training again washed out all day due to high wind. All airmen not on Ground School duties were paraded to the recreation room. Much interest was shown in an electric-eye anti-aircraft gun furnished by the Civilian Operating Company and set up in the Recreation Room.

26<sup>th</sup> May/43 The weather being satisfactory - full flying duties were carried out today. Course No. 78 held their Graduation Banquet in the Airmen's Mess followed by a Dance in the Station Recreation Room. Prize winners in this course were: The Garfield Madore Trophy - for general proficiency - L.A.C. HACK, D.E.; The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award - for the most promising pupil pilot - L.A.C. YOUNG, R.M.; the Murphy Ground School Award - for the highest Ground School average - L.A.C. CAMPBELL, E.R.

The Recreational and Educational Committees held meetings today. Further planning and organization of the new Recreation Hall, now under construction was carried out.

27<sup>th</sup> May/43 Flying Training - Normal. A schedule for the Station Softball League was completed by Mr. R.W. BLACKWELL (Canadian Legion Auxiliary Services Officer). There were seven teams entered including all station personnel and civilian personnel. The opening game in the Brandon District Service Athletic Association Softball League was held at this unit tonight - No. 17. S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. defeating our local team by a score of 5 - 3.

28<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal Flying Routine. Course No. 78 departed today - There were 28 graduates, ten being posted to No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Saskatchewan and the remaining 18 to No. 17. S.F.T.S. Souris, Manitoba. Twenty one members of this course failed to graduate and their flying training was discontinued. Seven RAF students were transferred to later courses., due principally to hospitalization.

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29<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal Flying Routine All Day today. Course No. 82 reported in today - the intake being Ten Officers, 25 N.C.O.'S and 30 Airmen all from No. 31. P.D. (RAF) Moncton, N.B. This course includes one Army Officer seconded to the RAF for flying training.

30<sup>th</sup> May/43 Normal flying today until 1600 hours. From that time on dual only until 2100 hours.

31<sup>st</sup> May/43 Flying was "washed out" all day today due to rain. The final Victory Loan Results as shown by an analysis read as follows: Quota \$30,000 - Number of subscribers - 279. Total Sales \$37,650.00. Percentage per capita - \$74.00

PERSONNEL STRENGTH                      OFFICERS   AIRMEN   OR OTHER RANKS   CIVILIANS

STAFF - R.C.A.F.    41                      49                      2

PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.C.A.S.C.    1

CIVILIANS

Engineer i/e Construction    1

Civilian Inspector of Construction    1

TOTAL STAFF    41   TOTAL STAFF   50    2

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.    1                      24

R.A.F.    10                      172

TOTAL TRAINEES    11                      196

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

TYPE	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE
Tiger Moth 82C	68	1
Stinson 105	1	

FLYING HOURS   TOTAL NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY WAS 6238:25 HOURS.

(A.F. MADORE) FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
FOR MGR. 19 EFTS, VIRDEN, MAN.

IMAGE 1768

1 June/43. Dual flying only in the morning. Normal routine in the afternoon. Flying washed-out at night due to overcast weather. The station softball team defeated No.12 SFTS, Brandon, in a closely contested game, the final score being 5 - 4. Anson #8543 from #38 S.F.T.S. attempted to land and crashed on the outskirts of the aerodrome, cause of the crash was caused by failure of one engine followed by flap failure, causing over-shooting and nosing over in a ditch. The occupants of the plane were uninjured.

2 June/43 Normal flying until 1000 hours. Balance of morning and afternoon, dual only. S/L W.E. Hobbs (C.6129) W. & B. Officer from No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, visited the station. S/L C.M. Turner (C.3086), Signals Officer from No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg, reported on Temporary Duty.

3 June/43 Flying washed-out all day on account of rain and high wind. The Legion Supervisory, Mr. R. Balckvell, arranged for fencing classes for Airmen interested.

4 June/43 Dual flying only in the morning. Normal flying routine for balance of day. S/L G.R. Rogers (C.1228), Auxiliary Officer No. 1 T.C., visited the Station.

5 June/43 Normal flying routine all day. W/C J.B. Stockbridge (C8132) and F/L I. James (87346) reported on a liaison visit to discuss the calibre of Instructor posted from No. 3 F.I.S., Arnprior, to this Unit.

6 June/43 Normal flying routine throughout the day.

7 June/43 Normal flying routine all day, washed-out at night on account of low ceiling

8 June/43 Normal flying until 1000 hours, balance of morning washed-out. Dual only in afternoon.

9 June/43 Normal flying routine all day. Course 79 had their graduation party. 1830 Hours - Cocktails; 1900 Hours - banquet; 2000 Hours - Presentations of Awards - General Proficiency - GB.1684746 LAC Watson, E. Most Promising Pupil Pilot - GB.1581154 LAC Cheyne, R.N. Highest Ground School Average - R.177990 LAC McDowell, C.J. 2130 Hours a dance in the Legion Hall, Virden, Man.

10 June/43 Normal flying all day. Night flying washed-out - rain.

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11 June/43 Normal flying until 0930 Hours, washed-out until 1030 Hours. Balance of morning, dual only on account of fog. Normal flying routine in afternoon. Course 79 officially graduated today with 31 pupils. 15 posted to No.10 SFTS, Dauphin, Man. 12 posted to No.12 S.F.T.S., BRANDON, Man. 4 posted to No. 32 S.F.T.S., Moose Jaw, Sask. All postings effective 12th June/43, reporting 13th June/43. Original intake - 50. Transfers to Course - 9.

Transfers from Course 10. Adjusted Intake - 49. Wastage -18. 3 posted No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto, Recommended for Ground Trade. 5 Remustered to Air Navigator "B", posted to No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon. 4 Remustered to Air Navigator, posted to No.2 "M" Depot. 4 Remustered to Air Bomber, posted No.2 "M" Depot. 2 Posted No. 1 Reselection Centre, Trenton, Ontario.

12 June/43 Normal flying routine all day.

13 June/43 Flying washed out until 0800 Hours, balance normal.  
S/L Bawlf (C.1633) (Admin.) reported on liaison visit from No.7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask.

14 June/43 Dual flying in the morning until 0900 hours, balance washed-out on account of rain. Dual only in the afternoon. Course 83 commenced training - 65 pupils in all. 54 from No.7 I.T.S., Saskatoon; 10 from No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta; 1 from RCAF Station, Rockcliffe, Ottawa, Ontario.

15 June/43 Normal flying routine all day.  
A league softball game was played with No.17 S.F.T.S, Souris, Man.

16 June/43 Normal flying routine. This Unit was visited by a Winnipeg Free Press reporter and photographer, who wrote up the station from a sports angle. A number of officers and airmen from Overseas were interviewed

17 June/43 Normal flying until 0950 hours, balance of morning washed-out due to overcast. Normal routine in afternoon until 2000 hours, balance washed-out due to rain. A league softball game played with No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Man.

18 June/43 Flying washed out in the morning until 0830 hours. Dual flying only until 1030 hours. Balance of day normal.

19 June/43 Normal flying routine all day. Washed-out at night - rain.

20 June/43 Flying washed-out in the morning - rain. Dual flying only in afternoon. Flying washed-out at night - rain.

21 June/43 Normal flying routine until 1000 Hours - balance dual.

22 June/43 Normal flying routine G/C D.H. MacCaul (C.76), No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man., reported in on an inspection visit. F/L H.F. Peters (C3805) reported from No.12 SFTS, Brandon, Man., on Temporary Duty - Board Of Officers taking over buildings, Lenore, R.1 to No.19 EFTS, Virden, Man.

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23 June/43 Normal flying routine. Course 80 held their graduation party. 1830 Hours - Cocktails. 1900 Hours - Banquet. 2000 Hours - Presentations. General proficiency - GB.1604631 LAC Runkel, D.W. Most Promising Pupil-Pilot - R.59788 Sgt. Smiley, J.R. Highest Ground School Average - GB.1587408 LAC Pritchard, J.H.A. 2130 Hours - Dance in Recreation Hall, No. 19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Manitoba.

24 June/43 Normal flying routine all day.

25 June/43 Normal flying routine until 1600 Hours. Dual only until 1845 Hours. Balance normal. Course 80 Officially graduated today. Original Intake - 50; Transfers to Course - 5; Transfers from Course - 13; Adjusted Intake - 42. Graduates - 36. 10 Posted No.4 SFTS, Saskatoon, Sask, eff.26 June rep.27 June/43; 16 posted to No.11 SFTS, Yorkton, Sask., eff.26 June, rep. 27 June/43; 7 posted No.19 SFTS, Vulcan, Alta., eff.26 June, rep.27 June/43; 3 posted No.17 SFTS, Souris, Man., eff.27 June, rep.28 June/43. Wastage - 6; 1 posted No.23 SFTS, Davidson, Sask., for Elementary training on Cornell Aircraft; 1 Remustered to Air Navigator, posted No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon; 3 Remustered to Air Bombers posted to No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Man.; 1 Recommended for Ground Trade, posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto, Ont.

26 June/43 Normal flying routine all day.

Tiger Moth 82C #5060 was involved in an accident two miles north-East of Cromer, Man. This accident was caused by disobedience of Station Standing Orders, in that the Pilot, R. 1220436 F/S Metcalf, E.F.B., Instructor, came down through the overcast and misjudging height from ground, the aircraft crashed, causing "A" category damages. Neither Instructor nor pupil, F/L F.C. Brown (RAF78680) suffered injuries. Case dealt with summarily by Commanding Officer, F/S Metcalf being awarded a Severe Reprimand and penal deductions of \$56.00.

27 June/43 Normal flying routine in the morning. Flying washed-out in the afternoon and at night on account of high winds. Course 84 reported in.

28 June/43 Normal flying routine until 0930 Hours, dual only for remainder of morning. Balance normal.

Course 84 officially commenced training today. Total number of Trainees - 51; 5 from No.2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask.; 22 from No.4 I.T.S., Edmonton, A ta.; 24 from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask.

The Canadian Legion Officer's Report submitted on this date, mentions the following points: Organized recreation well under way in the form of regular parades to the playing field every day.

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28 June/43 Arrangements of horseback riding, cycling and tennis are proving their worth, and the swimming pool is now in general use.

29 June/43 Normal flying routine all day.

W/C H.H. Langford (C.466), No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, Man., reported in on Temporary Duty to discuss training problems.

30 June/43 Normal flying routine all day.

D.H. Tiger Moth 82C #4302 was involved in an "A" category crash 1 mile north-east of main aeordrome when R.197690 LAC Moloney, J.V., pupil pilot course 83, while engaged in routine daytime solo practice, let the aircraft get out of control at approximately 900 feet. In swerving to avoid another aircraft, LAC Moloney stalled Tiger Moth #4302, and was unable to fully regain control before aircraft hit the ground. A few second; after crash, aircraft burst into flames. LAC Moloney sustained severe injuries - burns and lacerations. S/L E.W.C. Sharpe (C.2797), Investigating Officer from No.2 Training Command is to conduct inquiries as to the cause of the accident.

In this accident, F/O J. Muir(J.23085) Squadron Commander #2 Squadron, No.19 EFTS, Virden, showed great heroism and presence of mind. F/O Muir saw aircraft #4302 crash and burst into flame's, he immediately side-slipped down, effected a landing beside the burning aircraft, and inspite of great personal danger, dragged LAC Moloney from the flaming aircraft. The Medical Officer and other witnesses confirm that, without doubt, this action surely saved LAC Moloney's life.

F/O A.W. Munroe (C.6889) P.T. & D. Officer, No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, Man., reported in on Temporary Duty to discuss matters of discipline, drill, etc.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff R.C.A.F.</u>	49	53	X
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Construction Engineers & Inspectors			2
TOTAL STAFF	50	54	2
<u>Trainees R.C.A.F.</u>			
		119	
<u>R.A.F.</u>	11	105	
TOTAL TRAINEES	11	224	

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30 June/43 AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
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D.H. Tiger Moth 82C	72	5
Stinson "105"	1	NIL

### FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of June - 8891:00

(A.F. Madore) Squadron Leader,  
 Commanding Officer, RCAF Personnel,  
 N0.19 Elementary Flying Training School, RCAF,  
 VIRDEN, Manitoba..

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1 JULY/43 Dual flying until 0800 hours. Balance of day flying washed out due to rain and low ceiling.

2 JULY/43 Flying washed out during morning due to rain and mist. Normal flying was carried out during the afternoon. Squadron Leader Sharpe, Investigating Officer from No. 2. Training Command visited the unit in connection with accident to Tiger Moth # 5060 on 26th June, 1943.

3 JULY/43 Normal flying and Ground School routine carried out all day.

4 JULY/43 Flying was washed out until 0800 hours, the balance of the day was normal.

5 JULY/43 Normal flying routine until 1130 hours, when flying was washed out due to squalls. Afternoon flying was normal. The Station Softball team defeated the Brandon Artillery unit A.4 by a score of 8 - 2.

6 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day. Tiger Moth 4135 piloted by GB1615695 LAC SULLIVAN, M.J. forced landed at 1600 hours approximately 15 miles north-west of the Main Aerodrome. Engine was found on examination to have low compression. No damage to field and no injury sustained by pilot. Flying Officer H.C. Manly (C.8236) (Admin.) reported on temporary duty from No. 2. Training Command, Winnipeg to discuss aircraft recognition training.

7 JULY/43 Day and night flying schedule normal. Tiger Moth 4071 with pupil R.188771 LAC Blyth, K.K. (Course 84) was involved in an accident. The student levelled off too high and stalled on first solo flight. Serious damage to aircraft. The accident occurred on the main aerodrome - No injury was sustained by the pilot.

8 JULY/43 Day and night flying schedules normal. Tiger Moth 4257, pupil GB.1601556 LAC White, G.D. (Course 82) while night flying overshot flare path, bounced and stalled to the ground causing serious damage to the aircraft, but no injury to the pilot. Location - Main aerodrome. Course 81 graduation party was held this evening. 1830 hours - cocktails: 1900 hours - Banquet - Presentations of Awards - General Proficiency -GB.1494413 LAC WILD, H. - Most Promising Pupil Pilot -GB.1802394 LAC GOAD, K.H. - Highest Ground School AVERAGE - GB.1398631 LAC LLANWARNE, D.G. - Dance in Recreation Room at 2130 hours.

9 JULY/43 Flying schedule normal until 1700 hours then washed out for low ceiling. Tiger Moth 253, student R.206111 LAC Patterson, G.W.H. (Course 84) on coming in to land on the Main aerodrome overshot field, bounced and stalled causing serious damage to aircraft. No injury sustained by pupil pilot. Time 1645 hours.

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9 JULY/43 (CONT) Flight Lieutenant N.M. Fowler (C.2008) reported on temporary duty regarding photography and publicity.  
See Appendix "A" for postings etc. Course 81.

10 JULY/43 Normal flying day and night schedules.

11 JULY/43 Flying washed out in morning on account of rain and low ceiling afternoon period normal. No night flying carried out. Course 85 reported in for flying training - 39 pupils coming from No. 2. I.T.S., Regina, Sask. and 21 from No. 7. I.T.S. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Total - 60.

12 JULY/43 Flying washed out this morning due to fog moving in and out. Normal flying during afternoon. Course 85 commenced training with "D" Flight.

13 JULY/43 Flying schedule normal all day. Weather good - ceiling unlimited. No, 1. A.N.S. Rivers defeated our Station softball team 13-12 in a closely contested game which went one extra inning. Tiger Moth 5874 piloted by GB.1615695 LAC SULLIVAN, M.J. (Course 83) was involved in a flying accident which caused serious damage to that aircraft - the pilot was uninjured. This accident took place 2 miles east and 2 miles north of Elkhorn, Manitoba at 0615 hours.

14 JULY/43 Normal flying schedule all day. Weather C.A.V.U. Normal night flying carried out.

15 JULY/43 Normal flying all day but Night flying washed out due to increased winds.

16 JULY/43 Flying period for morning normal. Afternoon period dual due to high wind. Night flying normal. Tiger Moth 4119 landed out of wind, bounced, stalled and struck the ground causing an "A" category crash. No injuries were sustained by R.197777 LAC Smith, E.F. the

student pilot. Tiger Moth 258 levelled off too high landing at night causing serious damage to the aircraft - the pilot GB1652052 LAC Harris, L.V. was uninjured. This accident took place at 2345 hours on the Main Aerodrome.

17 JULY/43 Flying training normal all day. No night flying carried out.

18 JULY/43 Weather C.A.V.U. Normal flying all day.

19 JULY/43 Flying normal in morning, washed out during afternoon to 1800 hours - balance normal.

20 JULY/43 Flying normal in morning, washed out during afternoon due to high wind. Squadron Leader W.J. Wood (C1168) and Squadron Leader Milne (C.2676) reported from No. 2. Training Command Headquarters on a Staff visit.

21 JULY/43 Normal flying all day. Course 82 held their graduation party tonight - 1830 hours - cocktails: 1900 Hours - Banquet - Presentation of Awards - General Proficiency - F/L. L.S. DOWNES (RAF78683) : Most Promising Pupil Pilot - F/L F.C. BROWN (RAF 78680) - Highest Ground School Average - GB.574262 SGT. L.M.

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21 JULY/43 MARSHALL. 2130 Hours - Dance In the Legion Hall, Virden, Manitoba.

22 JULY/43 Normal flying and Ground School Routine all day.

23 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day. Squadron Leader H.H. McFarlane (C.2787) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 2. Training Command Headquarters. Course 82 graduated this date. This course consisted of an original intake of 65 trainees, all reporting from No. 31. P.D. (RAF), Moncton, N.B. on 29 May, 1943. The course was completed 23rd July, 1943 and there were 53 graduates. Posting of graduates was as follows: 49 to No. 4. S.F.T.S. RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask. effective 24 July/43 reporting 25th July/43. 3 to 38 SFTS RAF Estevan, Sask. effective 24th July/43 reporting 25th July/43 and one to 41 SFTS RAF Weyburn, Sask. eff. 24th July/43 reporting 25th July/43. There were 13 ceased training on this course and 7 pupils were transferred to later courses due to illness. Tiger Moth 1264 was involved in a flying accident - Category C.2. Pilot was uninjured.

24 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day - 43 members of Course 86 reported in from No. 2. I.T.S. Regina, Sask.

25 JULY/43 Normal flying from 0800 hours throughout day. Flying washed out until 0800 hours due to weather conditions. 4 pupils from No. 2. I.T.S. Regina, 10 pupils from No. 4 I.T.S. Edmonton and two pupils from Repatriation Pool at Rockcliffe arrived for flying training with Course 86. 12 new bicycles have arrived and activity in this form of Recreation has been greatly

increased.

26 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day - Course 86 commenced flying training.

27 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day - F/L. W.A. McCallum (C.3652) - Fire Prevention Officer reported on Temporary duty from No. 2. Training Command Winnipeg, Man.

28 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day.

29 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day. F/O. H.F. Hall (C.14585) Auxiliary Services Officer reported in on Temporary duty for the purpose of inspecting Auxiliary Services at this unit.

30 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day.

31 JULY/43 Normal flying routine all day. This unit took part in a Decoration Day Parade and Service in the Municipal Park in Virden. S/L. A.F. Madore AFC was in command and placed a wreath on the cenotaph.

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31 JULY/43	<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen &amp; O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
	<u>Staff R.C.A.F.</u>	54	42	Nil
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>	-	-	-
	<u>Civilians</u>	-	-	-
	Construction Engineers & Inspectors	-	-	2
		<u>54</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>Trainees R.C.A.F.</u>	1	215	xx
	<u>R.A.F.</u>	-	13	-
		<u>1</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>229</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
D.H. Tiger Moth 82C	83	5

Stinson "105"

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FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of July 9636:55

(A.F. Madore) Squadron Leader,  
Commanding Officer, RCAF Personnel,  
No.19 E.F.T.S., RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba..

IMAGE 1778

APPENDIX "A"

COURSE NO. 81 GRADUATED THIS DATE: COURSE COMMENCED: 17TH MAY/43 -  
COURSE GRADUATED 9TH JULY/43

ORIGINAL INTAKE - 50 PUPILS - 40 from NO. 31. P.D. (RAF) Moncton, New Brunswick  
- 10 from NO. 7 I.T.S. (RCAF) Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

TRANSFERRED TO COURSE 81 - 16 pupils

ADJUSTED INTAKE - 66

GRADUATES - 43 - Posted as Follows: 20 - 12 S.F.T.S., R.C.A.F. Brandon, Manitoba.  
20 - 35 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., North Battleford, Sask.  
3 - 17 S.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Souris, Manitoba.

CEASED TRAINING - 15 Pupils - Reselected at Unit and Posted according to regulations.

TRANSFERS: 5 Transferred to Course 83 due to Illness. Summary: Original Intake 50  
2 Transferred to Course 82 due to Illness. Trans, to Crse. 16 66  
1 Transferred to Course 84 due to Illness.  
Graduates 43  
Ceased Training 15  
Transfers 8 66

COURSE NO. 82 GRADUATED THIS DATE: COURSE COMMENCED 31st MAY/43 -  
COURSE GRADUATED 23RD JULY/43

ORIGINAL INTAKE - 65 pupils from No. 31 P.D. (RAF) Moncton, New Brunswick.  
TRANSFERRED TO COURSE 82 - 6 pupils.

ADJUSTED INTAKE - 73

GRADUATES - 53 - POSTED AS FOLLOWS: 49 - 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.  
3 - 38 S.F.T.S. RAF, Estevan, Saskatchewan.  
1 - 41 S.F.T.S., RAF, Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

CEASED TRAINING - 13 Pupils - Reselected at Unit and Posted According to Regulations.

TRANSFERS; - 7 Transferred to Course 83 due to Illness on Course.

Summary: Original Intake	65
Trans. to Cres.	<u>8</u> 73
Graduates	53
Ceased Training	13
Transfers	<u>7</u> 73

IMAGE 1779 DUPLICATE of IMAGE 1778

IMAGE 1780

1/Aug/43 Flying was washed out until 0800 hours. Balance of the day was washed out because of high winds.

2/Aug/43 Normal Flying and Ground School Routine carried out all day.

3/Aug/43 Day and night flying schedule normal. Brandon A.4 Artillery Unit defeated our Station Team 3-1 in a closely contested game.

4/Aug/43 Day and night flying schedule normal. Tiger Moth 4022 piloted by R.189432 LAC Davidson, J.H. underestimated the height above ground and levelled out too soon during landing. The pilot failed to throttle on time and aircraft landed heavily damaging the undercarriage. The accident occurred on the main aerodrome - No. injury was sustained by the student.

5/Aug/43 Normal Flying and Ground School routine carried out all day. Course 83 Graduation party was held last night at 1830 hours - Cocktails 1900 hours - Banquet 2000 hours - Presentation of Awards - General Proficiency - R.185896 LAC Evans, A.L. - Most Promising Pupil - R197888 LAC Strange, C.E. - Highest Ground School Average - R.155180 LAC Bowers, J.L. The evening was wound up with a most enjoyable Dance in the Legion Hall in Virden, Man. This unit had the honour of a Staff visit from Air Vice Marshal Lawrence C.7, C.171 G.C. G.P.



Dunlop, C.2044 G.C. Taunton, C.1768 W.C. Binnie, C.12111 F.L. J.R. Alexander, C.3770 F.L. D. Eshelman from No. 2 T.C.

6/Aug/43 Flying was washed out until 0800 hours. Balance of the day was normal. Course No. 83 Graduated this date. Course commenced 14th June, 1943, Graduated 6th August, 1943. Original Intake - 65 Pupils, 54 from 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask. 10 from No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta. 1 from RCAF Stn. Rockcliffe, Ont. Transferred to Course 83 -11 Adjusted Intake - 76. Graduates - 58 - Posted as follows: 20 to 7 SFTS, MacLeod, Alta. - 38 to 19 S.F.T.S., Vulcan, Alta. Ceased training - 9 pupils - Reselected at Unit and posted according to regulations. The following were transferred to other Courses due to illness - 3 to Course 85, 5 to course 84 and 1 to course 86., a total of 9 transfers.

SUMMARY	Original Intake	65
	Trans to Course 11	<u>76</u>
	Graduates	58
	Ceased Training	9
	Transfers	<u>9</u> 76

IMAGE 1781

7/Aug/43 Flying was washed out in the morning on account of a heavy fog. Course 87 reported in today for Flying training, 9 pupils coming from 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask, 20 from 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta. and 30 pupils from 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., making a total of 57.

8/Aug/43 Flying was washed out up to 0800 hour's. Balance of morning was normal flying routine. Dual Flying only in the afternoon

9/Aug/43 Normal Flying and Ground School routine until 0915 hours. Dual flying to 10.30 hours. Balance of day washed out because of high wind. Course 87 commenced training today.

10/Aug/43 Day and night flying schedule normal. The Station Softball team was defeated by Souris EFTS 4 to 1.

11/Aug/43 Flying and Ground School routine normal for the day. C.2582 F.L. G.H. Warren, Education Officer, paid us a visit from No. 2 Training Command.

12/Aug/43 Flying routine was normal up to 1600 hours but the balance of the day was washed out due to high winds.

13/Aug/43 Dual flying was carried out up to 1030 hours. Balance of the day was washed out due to high winds.

14/Aug/43 Flying and ground school routine was normal in the morning. All flying washed out in the afternoon due to prevailing winds.

15/Aug/43 Flying routine was washed out all day due to high winds.

16/Aug/43 Normal flying and Ground School routine carried out all day.

17/Aug/43 Normal flying and Ground school routine carried out all day.

18/Aug/43 Day and night flying schedules normal. Course 84 Graduation party was held tonight, which began with cocktails in the Lounge, 1900 hours, Banquet at 2000 hours. The Presentation of which the following were the winners. General Proficiency - R.181480 LAC Morrison, G.R. - Most Promising Pupil Pilot. R.225172 Sgt. Kowk - Highest Ground School Average there were two pupils tied for this, R.195280 LAC Thomson, L.M. and R.176791 LAC Dunn, C.J. The evening ended with a Dance in the Recreation Hall which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

19/Aug/43 Flying was washed out up to 1830 hours on account of a high wind. Tiger Moth 5145 piloted by R.186630 LAC Stenger, F.J. whilst practicing night circuits rounded out very high and stalled the aircraft and dropped in, causing the undercarriage to collapse. The aircraft also nosed over on its back. This happened on the main Aerodrome. No injury was sustained by the student.

IMAGE 1782

20/Aug/43 Flying and Ground School routine was normal for the day. Course no. 84 Graduated today. Course commenced 28th June, 1943. Graduated 20th August, 1943. Original Intake 51 . Pupils, 5 from 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., 22 from 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta. and 24 from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask. Transferred to Course 84 - 6 - Adjusted Intake 57 - Graduates 38 - Posted as follows, 20 to 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask. 15 to 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. and 3 to 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask. Ceased training, 9 pupils, re-selected at Unit and posted according to regulations. The following were transferred to other courses due to illness - 9 to Course 85 and 1 to Course 87, a total of 10 transfers.

Summary	Original Intake	51
	Trans, to Course	<u>6</u> 57
	Graduates	38
	Ceased training	9
	Transfers	<u>10</u> 57

21/Aug/43 Day and night Flying Schedules normal.

22/Aug/43 Normal flying routine was carried out in the morning. During the afternoon dual flying was carried out.

23/Aug/43 Flying and Ground School routine was normal for the day. Course 88 Commenced Training consisting of 1 from Repatriation Pool, Ottawa, Ont. 1 from 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, P.Q., 8 Pupils from 2 I.T.S. Regina, Sask., 20 from 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alt . and 28 from 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask. making a total of 58 to commence course.

24/Aug/43 Normal flying routine in morning. Washed out unit 1800 hours but the balance of the day was normal. C.14295 F.O. K.B. Myers, P.T.& Drill Officer reported on temporary duty from No. 5 A.O.S., Wpg, Man.

The Station Softball team played one of their best games of the Season when they played No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon to a 3 all tie.

25/Aug/43 Normal flying routine to 1300 hours. The balance of the day was normal flying routine.

26/Aug/43 Flying and Ground School routine was normal for today.

IMAGE 1783

27/Aug/43 Flying and Ground School routine was normal for the day. In the evening Course 85 played a Softball game against the Officers, the game being won by the Officers.

28/Aug/43 Normal flying routine was carried out all day.

29/Aug/43 Flying and Ground School routine was normal for the day.

30/Aug/43 Morning Flying and Ground School routine was normal. Dual flying only up to 1700 hours.

31/Aug/43 Flying was normal up to 1030 hours. The balance of the day was devoted to dual. The Station collected \$440.80 for the Chinese War Relief Fund.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen &amp; O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff R.C.A.F.</u>	59	42	Nil
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>	-	-	-
<u>Civilians</u>	-	-	-
Construction Engineers & Inspectors	-	-	2
	<u>59</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Trainees R.C.A.F.</u>	1	233	-

<u>R.A.F.</u>	3
<u>R.N.Z.A.F.</u>	1
	2
	236
	-

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
D.H. TIGER MOTH 82C	77	4
STINSON "105"	1	

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of August, 1943. - 8347.05

(W.M.. Steeves) F.L.  
 Commanding Officer - RCAF Personnel  
 No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.  
 Virden, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1784

1 Sept/43. September started with all courses on Schedule and a promise of fine flying weather during the month. Normal flying, routine was maintained all day.

Tiger Moth 82C #1131, piloted by R.182761 LAC Leard, E.R., on a solo cross country trip, became lost when the weather closed in, when fuel supply was nearly exhausted Student Pilot made successful forced landing one and a half miles north of Langford, North Dakota, U.S.A. Student was later checked by Squadron Commander on map reading.

Tiger Moth 82C #4959, piloted by R.205375 LAC Johnston, F.A., on routine solo practice - steep turns, made a forced landing when safe endurance of aircraft was up. Aircraft landed in a summerfallow field ten miles east of Brandon, Man. Student did not show very good choice of landing field, as aircraft nosed over when the wheels touched down in heavy dirt. The pilot was uninjured, and was given more dual instruction by Flight Commander on pin pointing and choice of field for making forced landings.

Course #85 held their Graduation Banquet tonight. Cocktails were served in the Recreation Hall at 1830 Hours, followed by the banquet at 1900 Hours in the Airmen's Mess, immediately after awards were made to the outstanding pupils in this Course. The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, going to R.205096 LAC Furgala, M. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot, going to R.186622 LAC Nicol, C.M. The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average, going to R.20890 LAC Ewacho, M. Speeches by the winners of the awards and by the Commanders of the various sections wound up the schedule of events on the Station. The graduating class and staff personnel then proceeded to a dance sponsored for them at the Legion Hall in Virden.

2 Sept/43. Normal flying routine all day.

3 Sept/43. Formal flying routine all day. Course #85 officially graduated this date. Disposition

see App. "A".

4 Sept/43. Normal flying routine in the morning, dual instruction only in the afternoon.

5 Sept/43. High, winds all day caused flying, to be washed-out, students given extra ground school periods or P.T. & Drill.

6 Sept/43. Again high wind, caused flying to be washed-out all day.

Course 89 commenced training this date with 60 Students in all, 45 posted from No.2 ITS Regina, Sask., 12 from No.7 ITS Saskatoon, Sask., and 3 coming from Repatriation Pool, Rockcliffe, Ont. The Station Track Team competed at the Brandon District Meet. The team consisted of 12 men who entered in eight events.

IMAGE 1785

7 Sept/43. Flying was washed-out all day at a result of a high wind combined with rain.

8 Sept/43. Flying was washed-out at 0945 for the duration of the morning on account of a high wind, normal flying routine in the afternoon.

F/O A. Monroe (C.2891), Command P.T. & D. Officer, arrived to drill test a number of Officer flying instructors, who all passed successfully.

9 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal all day.

10 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal all day.

11 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal during morning, but flying completely curtailed in afternoon on account of rain.

12 Sept/43. There was a heavy ground fog this morning and flying was washed-out until 1230 on account of this.

Normal flying routine was maintained in the afternoon.

13 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal in the morning and most of the day, but a high wind rose in the late afternoon and flying was washed-out at 1715 Hours.

A daily physical training program for Officers & Airmen was put into effect and is being carried out under the supervision of the Administrative Officer, F/L H.D. Baker (C.6471).

Tiger Moth 82C #4187, piloted by R.198916 LAC Phillips, A.T., on a routine solo practice, was involved in an accident on the main aerodrome at approximately 1540 Hours. Both aircraft and engine were seriously damaged, although the Student was uninjured, when the aircraft after leveling-off to land was struck by cross-winds and gusts, causing one wing tip to drag on the ground and the aircraft to cart-wheel over on its back. Student was given more dual instruction before being allowed to go solo again.

14 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal until 1030 hours, and then on account of high winds, dual only until 1630 Hours, due to wind increasing in velocity, flying was washed-out for remainder of day.

S/L W.E. Hobbs (C.6129), Command Works & Buildings Officer, arrived on Temporary Duty today.

15 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

16 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

A/V/M T.A. Lawrence (C.7), A.O.C. #2 TC, and party, consisting of the following, G/C H.H. Atkinson (C.966) S.P.S.O. #2 TC, S/L W.J. Wood (C.1168), T.F.I. #2 T.C., F/L J.R. Alexander (C.12111), P.S.O. to A.O.C. #2 TC, and, S/O Raynor, C.M.O. #2 TC, arrived by air from #2 TC, Winnipeg, at 1120 Hours. The A.O.C. and party inspected the Station and reviewed the regular C.O.'s inspection parade. The A.O.C. expressed himself as being pleased with both the condition of the Station and the parade.

IMAGE 1786

16 Sept/43. Course #86 held their Graduation party, commencing with cocktails at 1830 Hours, served in the Recreation Hall, followed by a Banquet at 1900 Hours in the Airmen's Mess and presentations of Awards at 2000 Hours.

The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency, was presented to R.198686 LAC Stanley, R.F. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot, was presented to R.185673 LAC Gibson, R.E. The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average, was presented to R.205164 LAC Murray, E.L.

At 2130 Hours, the Recreation Hall was cleared of tables, chairs, etc., to make room for a dance which topped off the evening.

17 Sept/43. There was a high wind today, on account of which flying was washed-out completely all day.

Course #86 Officially graduated to-day, with an output of 45 students, 5 of which were posted to No.17 SFTS RCAF, Souris, Man., and 40 to No.4 SFTS RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask. See App."B". The Original Intake of this Course was 59, the Adjusted Intake was 53. Ceased training 8 and transferred to later courses 14.

18 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal until 1100 hours, flying completely washed out for balance of day on account of high winds.

19 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal all day.

Tiger Moth 82C #5833, piloted by R.221629 LAC Parsons, L.S., on a solo flight - routine circuits and landings, when touching down to land struck Tiger Moth 82C0 #3872, piloted by R.221832 LAC Moles, G.H., who had just landed, both airframes were seriously damaged, with nil damage to the engines and LAC Parsons being slightly injured and LAC McKee uninjured. LAC Parsons

did not look around sufficiently before coming in to land and consequently was given more dual instruction and chocked out by both the Flight Commander and Assistant C.F.I. before being allowed to go solo again.

20 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

Course #90 commenced training this date, with an intake of 60 pupils, 50 posted from No.7 ITS Saskatoon, Sask., and 1 from Repatriation Pool, Rockcliffe, Ont.

Tiger Moth 82C #1264, piloted by R.196678 LAC Floyd, H.E., on initial daytime solo flight, levelled-off too high in landing and struck ground heavily, bounced and due to lack of correction on part of student, one wing tip struck ground and aircraft nosed over on its back. Airframe seriously damaged, nil damage to engine and student uninjured. Student checked out by both his flying instructor and flight commander before going solo again.

IMAGE 1787

21 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal until 1030 hours, balance of day washed-out on account of high winds.

22 Sept/43. Flying routine was normal all day.

1020 Hrs. Tiger Moth 82C #4966, piloted by R.210990 LAC Errington, W.F., on daytime routine solo practice - forced landing sequence, went into a spin from a gliding turn and crashed to the ground. The airframe was totally damaged, the engine seriously damaged and the student moderately serious injuries. The aircraft had almost recovered from the spin when it struck the ground. LAC Errington and all other students have again been warned of the dangers of not properly executing a gliding turn. Site of accident 1 Mi. E. 1½ Mi. N. of Hargrave, Man.

1450 Hrs. Tiger Moth 82C #4160, piloted by R.204727 LAC Hankinson, E.L., on initial solo flight, went into a spin from a gliding turn and crashed to ground. Both airframe and engine were totally damaged, the pilot receiving minor injuries. LAC Hankinson apparently cross-controlled while attempting a gliding turn into wind prior to landing. The site of the accident was a field adjoining the aerodrome and ½ a mile to the southeast of the Hangar. The aircraft burst into flames soon after landing, but the student was thrown clear at the time of the crash. Again students have been warned concerning the dangers of improperly executed gliding turns.

1515 Hrs. Tiger Moth 82C #5927. piloted by J.22999 F/O W.S. Heaton with student R.215847 LAC ELLS, R.C., on routine dual instruction, had landed and was taxiing back to leeward side of field preparatory to take-off when, F/O Heaton apparently failing to look around sufficiently, it struck Tiger Moth #3862, piloted by R.131389 Sgt. Judd, C.C. with R.191404 LAC Breckon, B.A., which was parked preparatory to take-off. Both airframes were seriously damaged with nil damage to engines and no injuries sustained by occupants of each aircraft.

A summary of evidence was taken, which resulted in advice from No.2 T.C. that F/O Heaton's Log Book was to be endorsed and that Instructor to be paraded before the A.O.C. #2 T.C. on his next visit to this Unit.

23 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

24 Sept/43. Flying routine normal until 0815 Hours, when due to a ground fog, flying was washed-out until 1100 Hours. Balance of day normal routine.

25 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

26 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

27 Sept/43. On account of a ground fog, flying was washed-out until 0800 Hours. The fog having lifted, normal flying routine was maintained for the balance of the day.

F/O Smith (C.12787)(Equip.Branch) arrived on Temporary Duty from No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, to assist in the proper equipping of Staff and Students with Winter Clothing.

115 Hrs. Tiger Moth 82C #5094, piloted by R.208732 LAC Sayman, J.J., on routine solo circuits and landings, touched down wheels first on the main aerodrome, bounced and, Student failing to make corrective recovery, one wing stalled and struck the ground, causing aircraft to cart-wheel and overturn, resulting in serious damage to airframe, slight damage to engine and nil injury to Student. Student was checked by Flight Commander before being allowed to go solo again.

IMAGE 1788 DUPLICATE of IMAGE 1787

IMAGE 1789

28 Sept/43. Flying routine normal all day.

F/L J.C. Steacy Fair (C.3046), Education Officer from A.F.H.Q. and F/L G.H. Warren, (C.2582) Command Education Officer from Ho.2 TC, Winnipeg, arrived on Temporary Duty for a Staff visit.

29 Sept/43. Normal flying routine all day.

Course #87 held their Graduation party, commencing with cocktails served in the Recreation Hall at 1830 Hours, followed by a Banquet in the Airmen's Mess and the usual presentations of Awards. The Garfield Madore Trophy, for General Proficiency, was presented to R.297856 LAC Johnston, E.H. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, for The Most Promising Pupil Pilot, was presented to R.191058 LAC Lyons, M.G. The Murphy Ground School Award, for the Highest Ground School Average, was presented to R.192387 LAC Boyczuk, F.P.

The evening was finished off by a dance sponsored by the Legion Hall in Virden.

30 Sept/43. Normal flying routine in the morning, but all flying washed-out in the afternoon on account of high winds.

The new buildings are practically ready for use, these include Officers' Quarters, Airmen's Barracks and a new Recreation Hall.

Course #87 graduates tomorrow with a total output of 48 students. Ten of these are posted to No.3 EFTS Calgary, Alta., 15 to No. 12 SFTS Brandon, Man., and 23 to No. 18 SFTS RCAF Gimli, Man. See App. "C". The original attached intake of the Course was 61 and the adjusted



intake being 68. Ceased training 20 and transferred to later courses 6.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff R.C.A.F.</u>	61	38	
<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>	NIL	NIL	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Engineering Officers.			2
Part-Time Padre (RC)			1
<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	<u>61</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>3</u>

IMAGE 1790

30 Sept/43

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Trainees</u>			
R.C.A.F.		221	
R.A.F.		3	
<b>TOTAL TRAINEES</b>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>224</u>	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
TIGER MOTH 82C	75	6
STINSON "105"	1	NIL

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month - - 7614:10

(W.M.. Steeves) F.L.  
C. O., RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.

VIRDEN            Manitoba.

IMAGE 1791 DUPLICATE of IMAGE 1790

IMAGE 1792

APPENDIX "A",  
No. 19 EFTS, RCAF,  
1st October, 1943.

DISPOSITION - COURSE #85.

Course #85 officially graduated 3 September/43 with a total output of 57 students. Of these, 3 were posted to No.10 SFTS, RCAF, Dauphin, Man., 21 to No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Man., 8 to No.17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man., and 25 to No.18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man. The Original Intake for this Course was 60, the Adjusted Intake being 67. Ceased training 10 and 6 transferred to later courses.

IMAGE 1793

DISPOSITION - COURSE 85

Authority for all Postings - DAPS Letter 202-11-15/19 (AP3B4) d/28 August/43.

No. 12 SFTS, RCAF, BRANDON, MAN.  
EFF. 4th Sept/43 Rep.5th Sept/43.

No. 18 SFTS, RCAF, GIMLI, MAN.  
EFF. 4th Sept/43, REP. 5th Sept/43.

R.191386 LAC ARCHER W W  
R.196480 LAC ARNOTT A V  
R 196327 LAC CHISHOLM R K  
R.191149 LAC CHRISTIANSEN R K  
R.196353 LAC CLARK R T

NZ.40615 F/O ANDREWS M R  
R. 191216 LAC BOLES L D  
R. 191129 LAC CANFIELD G S  
R. 193706 LAC DUNCAN G R  
R.186576 LAC EDWARDS B C

R.184956 LAC CRERAR J M  
R.191088 LAC FISHER R A  
R 185392 LAC HINDLE R E  
R.205284 LAC LEPPERT S E  
R.203421 LAC MURRAY K A

R.208888 LAC ELIDOROS T  
R.208907 LAC EWACHO M  
R.196499 LAC FREEMAN A L  
R.205096 LAC FURGALA M  
R.186727 LAC GEDDES J M

R 184391 LAC NEILSON R F  
R.193609 LAC PHAIR A  
R. 206111 LAC PATTERSON G W H

R.208915 LAC GREENT A K  
R.210021 LAC JACOBSON B A  
R.192426 LAC JOHNSON O C

R.191655 LAC ROWE W C  
R.192344 LAC SCHETTLER W H G

R.208975 LAC KENNEDY D J  
R.208600 LAC LANGRELL E S

R.172796 LAC SHOEMAKER A E  
R.191662 LAC SINIBALDI A  
R.163191 LAC SMITH I F  
R.192663 LAC STELP A K  
R.184455 LAC SWALWELL D E

R.208635 LAC McINTOSH N A  
R.186855 LAC NICKLE M R  
R.186622 LAC NICOL C M  
GB.1582221 LAC SCORER H G C  
R. 205290 LAC SEDO G H

R. 205111 LAC FULCHER J S S

R.191094 LAC SLATTERY J G  
R. 186630 LAC STENGER F J  
R. 208900 LAC UNWIN D S  
R. 205299 LAC WAGNER H  
R. 205139 LAC WILSON R H

#### AWAITING POSTINGS

R.188260 LAC BELLAMY L A  
R.183210 LAC BROWN R F  
R. 202202 LAC DESREUX D  
R.192532 LAC GRAHAM C C  
R.209005 LAC HARE P

R.193371 LAC HOARE F T  
R. 76622 LAC LERIGER A L  
R.197157 LAC McGRATH E M  
R. 200011 LAC MERCHANT P J H  
R.163049 LAC ORETO G J

R. 92873 LAC YOUNG S J (Eq. Ass't "A")

#### DISCONTINUED

R.205123 LAC COTTE D W  
R.167706 LAC FERGUSON G O  
R.192377 LAC FREDERICKSON H J  
R.191393 LAC GRIFFITH C W  
R.198184 LAC HARRISON D M

R.205041 LAC HEUCHERT H R  
R.196377 LAC PETLEY R W  
R. 82646 LAC PURDY S O (AFM "A")  
R.208881 LAC STEVENS G W  
R.206017 LAC YEMEN D J

#### TRANSFERS

R. 184446 LAC ALEXANDER A M - 86  
R. 187869 LAC BOTSFORD W J - 86  
R.163438 LAC CUTHBERT J - 86  
R.191623 LAC MOORE J J - 86  
R.182169 LAC ROBINSON F W - 86  
R. 205272 LAC SIMPSON J M - 86

#### RECAPITULATION

ORIGINAL INTAKE --- 60

Transfers to Course - - - - - 13  
Transfers from Course - - - - - 6

GRADUATES - - - - - 57  
WASTAGE - - - - - 10

ADJUSTED INTAKE - - - - - 67

IMAGE 1794

APPENDIX "B"  
NO.19 EFTS RCAF,  
1st October, 1943.

DISPOSITION - COURSE 86

Authority for all postings - DAPS Letter 202-11-15/19 (AP3B4) d/9th September, 1943.

NO. 17 SFTS, RCAF, SOURIS, MANITOBA.  
EFF. 18th Sept/43, REP.19th Sept-43.

R. 180393 LAC COHN W S  
R. 205164 LAC MURRAY E L  
J. 15404 F/O SIMMANS D K (WOAG ut Pilot)  
R. 205272 LAC SIMPSON J M  
R. 208515 LAC WAKE A J I

NO. 4 S.F.T.S., RCAF, SASKATOON, SASK., EFF. 18th SEPTEMBER/43. REP. 19<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER/43.

R. 184446 LAC ALEXANDER A M	R.205001 LAC KOROBY S
R. 196547 LAC ALLEN V J G	R.222563 LAC LARRATT D W
R.197807 LAC BAEDAK H L	R.293634 LAC McKENZIE D J
R. 215733 LAC BAKER E C	R.191743 LAC McKERROLL D M
R.192457 LAC BERNICK R H	R.200023 LAC MIRON E J
R.208579 LAC BOYLE R L	R.191623 LAC MOORE J J
R.222532 LAC CAMPBELL C A	R.208879 LAC MORRIS A W
R.186152 LAC CARDWELL J R	R. 60730 LAC O'HARA J H
R. 203633 LAC CASSIDY A G	R.192870 LAC REEVES H
R. 194822 LAC CLARK D M	R.197021 LAC REINHART E R
R. 56714 CPL CLARK G O (WOM "A")	R.212441 LAC RITCHIE R H
R.190776 LAC CRAWFORD J M	R.222598 LAC ROUNDS H C

R.163438 LAC CUTHBERT J  
R.185673 LAC GIBSON D E  
R.196251 LAC HARVIE H G

R.215792 LAC RUSSELL D W  
R.197222 LAC SMITH W A  
R. 217277 LAC SPAFFORD S L

R. 220096 LAC HOPKINS R L  
R.200508 LAC KAY C  
R.250706 LAC KEATING A A  
R.182998 LAC KELK K T  
R.210065 LAC KIRKWOOD J C

R.198686 LAC STANLEY R F  
R.208801 LAC STODDART W E  
R.180401 LAC THORIMBERT A  
R.186639 LAC TURLEY L C  
R.193387 LAC WINN F H

TRANSFERRED

DISCONTINUED

R.180412 LAC BRANIGAN A J - 87  
R.194795 LAC FINLEY W N - 87  
R.200138 LAC HOGAN J A - 87  
R. 57530 SGT JOHNSON H G (AFM "A") - 87  
R.189463 LAC JOHNSTON D A - 87

R.187869 LAC BOTSFORD W J  
R.202933 LAC FREEBORN F R  
R.198684 LAC FREEMAN J D G  
R.201042 LAC HOWIE S  
R.182761 LAC LEARD E R

GB.1530364 LAC JONES E F - 87  
R.177725 LAC JUZDA W - 87  
R.186761 LAC LAVITT S - 87  
R. 222607 LAC LEFEBVRE R H - 87  
R.210135 LAC McLEOD R H - 88

R.182169 LAC ROBINSON F W  
R.196705 LAC SURREY A W  
R.163067 LAC WEBER N F

R.186732 LAC McMAHON R K - 87  
R.197690 LAC MOLONEY J V - 89  
R.222585 LAC SLADDEN B H M - 87  
R.250843 LAC WARREN C R M - 87

RECAPTTULATION

ORIGINAL INTAKE

59

Transfers to Course - - - - 8  
Transfers from Course - - - - 14

GRADUATES — 45  
WASTAGE — 8

ADJUSTED INTAKE

- - - - -53

IMAGE 1795

APPENDIX "C"  
NO. 19 EFTS RCAF,

1st October/43.

DISPOSITION - COURSE 87

Authority for all postings - DAPS Letter 202-11-15/19 (AP3B4) d24th September, 1943.

NO.12 SFTS RCAF, BRANDON, MANITOBA.  
EFF. 2nd OCT/43, REP. 3rd OCT/43.

NO.3 SFTS RCAF, CALGARY, ALBERTA.  
EFF.16th OCT/43, REP. 17th OCT/43.

R.192387 LAC BOYCZUK F P  
R.182211 LAC COOPER F G  
R.196356 LAC DANLEY E L  
R.220075 LAC EASTON E L  
R.205869 LAC EWIN W J H

R.202652 LAC ABERNATHY T H  
R.205739 LAC ALBION T  
R.209304 LAC ANDREWS F W  
R.202666 LAC CRAWFORD J G  
R.212146 LAC CUMMING J G

R.196576 LAC FINSAND O A  
R.182982 LAC FRIESEN A E  
R.221671 LAC GILLIS W A  
R.200081 LAC HILL D C  
R.210456 LAC JENNINGS R N

R.198146 LAC HENEY J B  
R.189463 LAC JOHNSTON D A  
R.222607 LAC LEFEBRVE R H  
R.204522 LAC MARKLE J E  
R.222585 LAC SLADDEN B H M

R.191498 LAC LYNES E C F  
R.196382 LAC SOLOMON R J  
R.192475 LAC STIRLING O R  
R.250843 LAC WARREN C R M  
R.192228 LAC WILLIAMS J W

NO. 18 S.F.T.S., RCAF, GIMLI, MANITOBA, EFF. 2nd OCTOBER/43, REP. 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER/43.

R.163152 LAC ACKERMAN J G  
R.180412 LAC BRANIGAN A J  
R.180041 LAC COCHRANE T H  
R.205221 LAC COLLINS R C  
R.205471 LAC CUNNINGHAM A P

R.198185 LAC LEE E G  
R.186162 LAC LIPSITT D A  
R.191058 LAC LYONS M G  
R.205587 LAC McFADDEN J D  
R.186732 LAC McMAHON R K

R.192486 LAC DEW W R  
R.194795 LAC FINLEY W N  
R.212508 LAC GREAVES K D  
R.205234 LAC JACKSON C R  
R.197856 LAC JOHNSTON E H

R.295377 LAC RITCHIE D G  
R.205006 LAC STORM M P  
R.203392 LAC VAUGHAN L W V  
R.191151 LAC VOLLETT R O  
R.205232 LAC WHITEHILL P

R.177725 LAC JUZDA W  
R 184481 LAC LANE R T  
R.186761 LAC LAVITT S

DISCONTINUED

R.198760	LAC	BAWDEN	C S	R.186570	LAC	KELL	N W
R.192033	LAC	BERENBAUM	J	R.210048	LAC	LEVITT	M M
R.163281	LAC	BUDD	W	R.121778	LAC	McALLISTER	R
R.208787	LAC	CLASSEN	A J	R.196143	LAC	OPPENHEIMER	W J
4385A	F/S	COPLEY	N	R.204627	LAC	PEARSON	P J
R.152581	LAC	ELSTON	L	R.205170	LAC	PRATT	A
R.205446	LAC	GEORGE	A P	R.197137	LAC	SPEAKER	H K
R.210371	LAC	GILLIES	R J	R.185758	LAC	STOUT	E M
R.205375	LAC	JOHNSTON	F A	R.208924	LAC	THOMSON	J E
R.163426	LAC	JONES	A A	R.181597	LAC	WOOLSEY	R W

TRANSFERRED

NZ. 40615 F/O ANDREWS N F - 85  
R.200603 LAC BENNETT R L - 88  
R.200138 LAC HOGAN J A - 88  
R. 57530 SGT JOHNSON H G - 90  
GB.1580364 LAC JONES E F -90  
R163087 LAC ST ITT J - 90

RECAPITULATION

ORIGINAL INTAKE ----- 61

Transfers to Course -- 13	GRADUATES -- 48
Transfers from Course -- 6	WASTAGE -- 20
ADJUSTED INTAKE ----- 68	

IMAGE 1796

1 Oct. 43 Normal flying routine.

2 Oct. 43 Flying routine normal. C3O28 S/L. H.B. Hunter. Command Re-Selection Officer reported on a Staff Visit to discuss personnel problems.

3 Oct. 43 Flying routine normal. The physical training and organized games held only for Officers and airmen are proving very successful. The obstacle course on the playing field is used extensively.

4 Oct. 43 Normal flying routine. Course No. 91 commenced training - 22 from No. 4 ITS; 37 from No. 7 ITS and 1 airmen repatriated from Overseas. The recreation officer, Mr. H.T. Blackwell reports that bicycle riding is proving very popular especially over the weekends.

5 Oct. 43 Normal flying routine. C12622 T/L F.A. Walker, Works and Buildings Officer from No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, reported on inspection duties.

6 Oct. 43 Flying normal in the morning. Dual flying in the afternoon due to smoke haze. J24762 F/O A.L. Reilly, Navigation Instructor from No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg reported on a Staff visit.

7 Oct. 43 Dual flying only in the morning due to smoke haze. Normal flying routine in the afternoon.

8 Oct. 43 Normal flying routine. Plans for winter sports are developing. A hockey league and basketball circuit will be organized. Volleyball and badminton will be played in the new recreation hall.

9 Oct. 43 Flying washed out at 0900 hours due low ceiling. Dual to 1400 hours - balance normal.

10 Oct. 43 Normal flying routine.

11 Oct. 43 Flying normal in the morning. Washed out in the afternoon due to smoke haze.

12 Oct. 43 Normal flying to 1000 hours. Dual to 1100 hours. Washed out remainder of day due to wind and low ceiling.

13 Oct. 43 Flying washed out all day due high winds. Course No. 88 held their graduation party tonight.

#### IMAGE 1797

13 Oct. 43 Cocktails were served in the Recreation Hall at 1830 hours, followed by the banquet at 1900 hours in the Airmen's mess. Immediately after awards were made to the outstanding pupils in this Course.

The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, going to R200814 LAC Cowman, D.A. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot going to R205415 LAC Hagel, R.P. The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average was awarded to R196735 LAC Floyd, D.J. Following speeches by the winners of the various awards and by Commanders of the various sections the party proceeded to the Recreation Hall for the graduation dance.

14 October Normal flying routine.  
1943

15 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine. Official disposition of Course No. 88 is shown in Appendix "A" (ED NOTE see IMAGE 1801)



16 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine carried out in the morning. Flying was washed out at 1400 hours due to wind. Another week of fine weather enabled the continuance of many outdoor sports - all staff and students participating.

17 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine carried out.

18 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine. Course No. 92 commenced training with 40 students T.O.S. from No. 2 ITS; 18 pupils from No. 7 ITS and two airmen who have returned from Overseas for pilot training.

J22085 F/O J.A. Muir was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his action in saving the life of a student pilot in a crash on the aerodrome.

19 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine in the morning. Washed out at 1535 hours due high winds.

20 Oct. 43. Flying washed out all day due rain and wind.

21 Oct. 43. Flying washed out in the morning due low ceiling. Dual flying only in the afternoon.

22 Oct. 43. Dual flying only to 1500 hours. Balance normal. J6644 F/L T.R. Lee (GL) reported on Temporary Duty from A.F.H.Q. to discuss Training publications.

23 Oct. 43. Dual flying 0900 to 1000 hours. Balance normal. Dual 1300 to 1400 hours. Balance normal.

24 Oct. 43. Flying washed out to 0900 hours. Flying washed out at 1615 hours when the station took part in a victory Loan Parade in the town of Virден. The parade was in charge of S/L A.F. Madore AFC C2851. The Command Chaplain S/L MacFarlane (C2787) spoke to a large audience in the Auditorium following the parade.

IMAGE 1798

25 Oct. 43. Flying washed out in the morning on account of fog. Balance of day normal. C8035 F/L J.C.D. Taylor, Works & Buildings Officer from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg reported on Temporary Duty.

26 Oct. 43. Dual flying only in morning - balance normal. C12376 S/L J.D. Parks (ADMIN) from A.F.H.Q. gave an extremely interesting lecture on leadership and morale to the staff.

27 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine. Course No. 89 held their graduation party tonight. Following the serving of cocktails in the Recreation Hall at 1830 a banquet was enjoyed in the Airmen's Mess. At the conclusion of the banquet awards were made to the outstanding pupils of this Course. The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency was awarded to R204545 LAC Hack, G.A. The George Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot was

awarded to R203533 LAC White, H.R.- the Murphy Ground School Award for highest ground school average going to R250989 LAC Wilson, W.L. Following speeches by the winners of the various trophies and awards the party proceeded to the Legion Hall, Virden for the graduation dance.

28 Oct. 43. Flying in morning was washed out. Normal, however, in the afternoon. C20768 F/L R.C. Chruch (ADMIN) reported from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg to discuss Canteen matters. C21482 F/O L.W. Billingsley (Med. Assoc.) reported to discuss Airmen's Messing.

29 Oct. 43. Normal flying routine all day.

30 Oct. 43. Flying routine was normal all day. The R.C.A.F. personnel on this station have bought \$24,500.00 in Victory Bonds to date. This is \$4,500.00 above their quota. Civilian personnel on the station have purchased \$16, 650.00 to date. The drive was ably conducted by J8655 F/L C.G Stalker.

Disposition of Course No. 89 graduating this date is shown in Appendix "B" (ED NOTE see IMAGE 1803).

31 Oct. 43. Flying was washed out to 1200 hours due snow. The new buildings program on the station is nearing completion. The Officers's Quarters are now occupied. A new hangar is practically finished. A travelling canteen will be operated in this hangar. The new recreation hall is now in use. Movies will be shown three nights per week. Basketball, badminton, volleyball, boxing & wrestling may now be enjoyed.

A snack bar will serve hot dishes such as soups, light lunches, sandwiches and beer during restricted hours. A concert was given in the Recreation Hall by the Beaver Club from Winnipeg and was much enjoyed by a large audience. Strength of personnel, strength of aircraft and total flying hours for the month are shown as Appendix "C"(ED NOTE see IMAGE 1804).

(A.F. Madore) S/L AFC  
C.O RCAF Personnel, 19 E.F.T.S.  
Virden, Man.

IMAGE 1800

NO.	NAME	REMUSTERED TO	POSTED NO. 2 "M" DEPOT BRANDON
R186939	LAC Bereskin, M.	Ground Duties	23 Sept. 43.
R218184	LAC Desrosiers, T.J.	Air Bomber "S"	1 Oct. 43.
R208854	LAC Freedman, H.	Ground Duties	29 Sept. 43.
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R183833	LAC Givens, A.A.	Air Navigator "S"	29 Sept. 43.

R136614 LAC McGoldrick, J.A.	Air Navigator "S"	23 Sept. 43.
R221629 LAC Parsons, L.S.	Air Navigator "S"	24 Sept. 43.
U199221 LAC Seal, D.G.	Air Gunner "S"	27 Sept. 43.
R216235 LAC Slack, G.W.K	Air Gunner "S"	27 Sept. 43.
U199166 LAC Smith, H.A.	Air Navigator "S"	29 Sept. 43.
R205382 LAC Sutton, J.V.	Air Gunner "S"	5 Oct. 43.

IMAGE 1801

DISPOSITION - COURSE #88

APPENDIX "A" TO DAILY DIARY  
OCTOBER, 1943.

NO. 17 S.F.T.S., RCAF, SOURIS. MANITOBA. EFF. 16 OCTOBER/43. REP. 17 OCTOBER/43.

R.181531 LAC BLAKE C G	R.197038 LAC McLACHLAN J N
R.198417 LAC BOYLE T E J	R.198140 LAC MILES R W
GB.570927 CPL CLAY S W (FIT IIA)	R.205669 L AC MOORE L J
R.207213 LAC CLOUTHIER L R	U.199095 LAC MOOREHEAD W G
R.200814 LAC COWMAN D A	R.203325 LAC MURRAY W A
U.199022 LAC CUMMING J	R.204629 LAC NASON F I
R.183648 LAC DUNGEY G N	R.193855 LAC NEALON C J
R.196735 LAC FLOYD D J	R.203387 LAC OLIVER R E
R.189388 LAC GLAZNER J K	R.198136 LAC PAINTER T F
R.178466 LAC GLENN G K	R.191426 LAC PASICHNIAK B J
R.213274 LAC GRAHAM W J	R.198916 LAC PHILLIPS A T
R.191461 LAC GRIERSON A I	R.198353 LAC PORTER W H
R.205415 LAC HAGEL R P	R.221777 LAC ROLFE F H
R.251465 LAC HAGERMAN L B	R. 218669 LAC ROWELL R D
R.208815 LAC JARVIS W J	R.208914 LAC STEVENSON D S
R.221687 LAC JOYCE K M	R.208883 LAC SYMS G E
R.121010 LAC LANGILLE H C (MMMT "C")	R.193137 LAC THORNLEY N
R.214431 LAC LOWE J A	
R.163371 LAC MARNO E	
R.210619 LAC MATHESON S W	

NO. 18 S.F.T.S., RCAF, GIMLI, MANITOBA, EFF. 30 OCTOBER/43, REP. 31 OCTOBER/43.

R.210671 LAC BILLWILLER J A	R. 80718 E/S NEVILLE J H (CLK ADMIN "A").
R.251852 LAC COULING M L	R.211751 LAC ROSS S C

R.194950 LAC GERDING A F                      R.199467 LAC TWEEDIE T C  
 R. 51394 SGT HANSON O H (WEM "A")  
 K. 221832 LAC McKEE G H

DISCONTINUED

R.186939 LAC BERESKIN M                      R.221629 LAC PARSONS L S  
 R.218184 LAC DESROSTERS T J                U.199221 LAC SEAL D G  
 R.208854 LAC FREEDMAN H                    R.216235 LAC SLACK G W K  
 R.183833 LAC GIVENS A A                    U.199166 LAC SMITH H A  
 R.136614 LAC McGOLDRICK J A T            R. 205382 LAC SUTTON J V

TRANSFERRED

R.204603 LAC BENNETT R L - 89  
 R.186086 LAC DAYMAN E W - 90  
 R.210990 LAC ERRINGTON W F - 91  
 U.197358 LAC GILLESPIE B J - 89  
 R.200138 LAC HOGAN J A - 89  
  
 R.210135 LAC McLEOD R H (91)

RECAPITULATION

ORIGINAL INTAKE            - - - - - 58

Transfers to Course - - 3  
 Transfers from Course -- 6

GRADUATES -- 45  
 WASTAGE        -- 10

ADJUSTED INTAKE            - - - - - 55

IMAGE 1802

NO.	NAME	REMUSTERED TO	POSTED NO. 2 "M" DEPOT BRANDON.
R204598	LAC Agnew, W.W.	Air Navigator "S"	16 Oct. 43.
R192166	LAC Axelrod, M.	Air Bomber "S"	8 Oct. 43.
R250800	LAC Garon, J.E.L.	Ground Duties	8 Oct.43.
R101548	LAC Giesbrecht, H.J.	Air Navigator "S"	1 Oct. 43.
R162225	LAC Harris, T.A.	Air Navigator "S"	9 Oct. 43.
R149855	LAC McCarthy, J.D.	Ground Duties	1 Oct. 43.
R215526	LAC Miller, F.W.	Air Bomber "S"	16 Oct. 43.

R 97481	SGT Porter, R.E.	Air Bomber "S"	30 Sept. 43.
R202835	LAC Taft, J.F.	Air Navigator "S"	20 Sept. 43.
R255015	LAC Turner, W.E.	Air Bomber	21 Oct. 43.
R215782	LAC Wincent, H.E.	Air Navigator "S"	12 Oct. 43.

IMAGE 1803

APPENDIX "B" TO DAILY DIARY FOR OCTOBER  
 No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F. 1943.  
 Virden, Manitoba.

DISPOSITION - Course 89

Authority for all Postings - DAPS letter 202-11-15/19 (AP3B4) dated 22 October/43

NO. 18 S.F.T.S., GIMLI, MAN.  
 Eff, 30 October, Rptg. 31 October/43

R205485	LAC ANDERSON, J.N.	R203802	LAC McALPINE, W.E.
GB1030092	LAC APPLEBY, B. (Fit IIE)	R204743	LAC POOLE, G.A.G.
R205177	LAC BELLUZ, R.J.	R197833	LAC POPHAM, D.E.
R215690	LAC BENDICK, J.	R191321	LAC QUIRK, G.T.D.
R253207	LAC BOBICK, J.H.	R202616	LAC ROBINSON, G.N.
R191404	LAC BRECKON, B.A.	R210096	LAC SCOTT, R.R.
R225298	LAC CASS, R.W.	R208732	LAC SEYMAN, J.J.
R215807	LAC CLEFSTAD, R.O.	R203553	LAC WHITE, H.R.
K221989	LAC KLENMAN, N.A.	R250989	LAC WILSON, W.L.
R205399	LAC LORD, R.W.	R 86445	LAC WOOD, E.W.
R203806	LAC McAlpine, D.M.	R200138	LAC HOGAN, J.A.

NO. 17 S.F.T.S., SOURIS, MAN.  
 Eff. 13 November/43.- Rptg 14 November/43

Granted Special Leave 0800 hrs 31 Oct/43  
 to 0800 hrs 14 Nov/43.

R209584	LAC BRINGLE, W.A.	R204624	LAC HAUCK, E.D.
R204800	LAC CAMPBELL, H.K.	R204638	LAC MOERMAN, H.G.
R210289	LAC COLEBOURN, F.	R208902	LAC OWEN, W.E.
R215920	LAC COOKE, J.W.	R201060	LAC PURVIS, W.E.
R215847	LAC ELLIS, R.G.	R204871	LAC ROBSON, J.D.
R204934	LAC EVANS, C.G.	R205679	LAC SHANTZ, H.M.
R196678	LAC FLOYD, R.E.	R198878	LAC SHERBACK, O.A.
R198992	LAC FRENCH, L.F.	R202609	LAC SUTCLIFFE, A.R.
R204545	LAC HACK, G.A.	R204982	LAC TENER, J.S.
R204738	LAC HARBOTTLE, P.	R204735	LAC TSO, H.Y.
R205816	LAC HATCH, H.H.		

DISCONTINUED

R204598 LAC AGNEW W.W.  
R192166 LAC AXELROD, M.  
R250800 LAC CARON, J.E.L.  
R101548 Cpl GIESBRECHT, H.J. (R.M.).  
R162225 LAC HARRIS, T.A.  
R149855 LAC McCARTHY, J.D. (Sec. Guard "C")  
R215526 LAC MILLER, F.W.  
R 97481 Sgt PORTER, R.E. (Wardmaster "A")  
R202835 LAC TAFT, J.F.  
R255015 LAC TURNER, W.E.  
R215782 LAC WINCENT, H.E.

TRANSFERRED

R204603 LAC BENNETT, R L.  
R 56902 WO2 DAGO, F.G. DFM (A.G.)  
R212176 LAC FENSKE, R.G.  
R208632 LAC GILBART, L.M.  
U197358 LAC GILLESPIE, B.J.  
R204727 LAC HANKINSON, E.L.  
R225289 LAC HANLIN, J.M.  
R197690 LAC MOLONEY, J.V.  
R218245 LAC RAMAGE, W.R.  
R215682 LAC WORBY, C.D.

RECAPITULATION

Original Intake	60
Transfers to Course	4
Transfers from Course	10
Adjusted Intake	54
Wastage	<u>11</u>
GRADUATES	43

IMAGE 1804

APPENDIX "C"

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		
	OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	CIVILIANS
Staff R.C.A.F.	62	35	
R.A.F.		1	

Civilians:

Engineering Officers			2
Part-Time Chaplains (RC)			1

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	62	36	3

Trainee - R.C.A.F.	2	198	
R.A.F.	nil	67	nil
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	2	265	nil

<u>Aircraft</u>	Serviceable	Unserviceable
Tiger Moth 82C	83	3
Stinson 105	-	1
Cornell II	6	-
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	89	4

Flying Time for Month was 7754:25 hours.

IMAGE 1805

1 Nov. 43. Flying washed out all day on account of snow.

Course #93 commenced training. 57 from No.31 P. D., RAF. Moncton, N.B., 1 from No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man., 1 from No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Manitoba. 1 from Repatriation Pool, Rockcliffe, Ont.

2 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine all day.

Tiger Moth Aircraft No.5818, Piloted by R.251471 LAC Hunter, H.M., student pilot, practising solo steep turns, crashed to the ground, when propellor apparently struck a wild bird causing terrific vibration, resulting in engine leaving airframe. Student "bailed out" when aircraft went out of control and parachuted safely to ground.

3 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine all day.

4 Nov. 43. Flying washed out all day on account of snow.

S/L L. Dawson (C.2139), A.I.B., arrived to investigate accident to Tiger Moth No.5818.

5 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine in the morning. Dual only in the afternoon.

6 Nov. 43. Flying routine normal all day.

7 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine all day.

Tiger Moth Aircraft No.5980, piloted by R.251454 LAC Meikle, D.W., student pilot, on initial solo flight, was involved in a ground crash. Student was taking-off when the aircraft swung to the right, corrective act in was not taken soon enough and the right wing tip struck the ground causing the aircraft to nose over on its back. Student was uninjured. More dual instruction was given this student before being allowed to go solo again.

8 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine all day.

9 Nov. 43. Dual flying all day.

10 Nov. 43. Flying routine normal all day.

11 Nov. 43. Flying washed out all day on account of wind.

#### IMAGE 1806

11 Nov. 43. Course No.90 held their graduation party, commencing with Cocktails in the lounge at 1830 hours, the banquet at 1900 hours followed by presentations of awards at 2000 hours. The Garfield Madore Trophy, for General Proficiency, went to R.254598 LAC Bradley, R.L. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, for Most Promising Pupil Pilot, went to R.215826 LAC Renouf, F.G.

The Murphy Ground School Award, for Highest Ground School Average, went to R.210742 LAC Gill, K.E.

S/L E.B. Hunter (C.3628), Command Reselection Officer, reported in on a Staff visit.

A Remembrance Day Parade was held on the Station and the two minutes' silence observed.

12 Nov. 43. Flying normal all day.

Course 90 Officially graduated today - 45 RCAF & 1 RAF - 34 Posted No.18 SFTS Gimli, Man., Eff 27 Nov/43 Rep 28 Nov/43. 1 Posted No.5 S.F.T.S., Brantford, Ont., Eff 27 Nov/43 Rep 28 Nov/43. 11 Posted No.17 SFTS Souris, Man., Eff 13 Nov/43 Rep 14 Nov/43.

Initial Intake - 60, Transfers to Course - 7, Transfers from Course - 9, Adjusted Intake - 58, Graduates - 46, Wastage - 12. Disposition of Wastage - 3 Air Gunners, 2 Air Bombers, 1 Ground Duties, 5 Air Navigators, 1 W.O./A.G.

F/L W.H. Forrest(J.5214) reported in from A.F.H.Q. regarding Navigation training.

13 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine.

Accident to Tiger Moth No.4365 occurred on the main aerodrome at approximately 1050 hours. R.221043 LAC Parker, R.J., student pilot, had already made two or three successful solo landings and was attempting to execute another when the aircraft touched down and bounced quite badly. The corrective action was not taken soon enough and a wing tip struck the ground, over-turning the aircraft, resulting in a "B" category crash but no injury to the student. Student will be given a progress:-check.

14 Nov. 43. Flying washed out in morning, on account of icing conditions. Normal flying routine



in afternoon.

15 Nov. 43. Flying routine normal in morning, washed-out in afternoon on account of snow flurries.

Course 94 commenced training today, with a total intake of 60, 49 RCAF, 11 RAF. Postings were as follows: 47 - No.2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask.; 1 - No.5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ont.; 1 - No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Man.; 11 - 31P.D., RAF, Moncton, N.B.

Tiger Moth Aircraft No.3849, piloted by GB.1616639 LAC Stiles, K.D.W., student pilot, on initial solo flight, after making a hard landing, the throttle was opened and the aircraft started to go around again, when the student unconsciously applied rudder and moved the control column back, causing aircraft to stall and nose into the ground, resulting in "A" category crashes, with the student only slightly injured.

16 Nov. 43. Normal flying routine all day.

A District Court-Martial was assembled at 1000 hours by authority A.O.C. #2 T.C., for the purpose of trying R.204603 LAC Bennett, R.L., student pilot, charged with flying in a foolhardy and dangerous manner.

IMAGE 1807

16 Nov. 43.

1 Nov. 43 Flying washed out all day on account of snow.

Course #93 commenced training. 57 from No. 31 P.D. RAF, Moncton, N.B., 1 from No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man., 1 from No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Manitoba, 1 from No. 1 Repatriation Pool, Rockcliffe, Ont.

2 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

Tiger Moth Aircraft No.5818, Piloted by R. 251471 LAC Hunter, H.N., student pilot, practising solo steep turns, crashed to the ground, when propellor apparently struck a wild bird causing terrific vibration, resulting in engine leaving airframe. Student "bailed out" when aircraft went out of control and parachuted safely to ground.

3 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

4 Nov. 43 Flying washed out all day on account of snow.

S/L L. Dawson (C2139) A.I.B. arrived to investigate accident to Tiger Moth No.5818.

5 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine in the morning. Dual only in the afternoon

6 Nov. 43 Flying routine normal all day.

7 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

Tiger Moth Aircraft No.5989, piloted by R.251454 LAC Meikle, D.W., student pilot, on initial

solo flight, was involved in a ground crash. Student was taking-off when the aircraft swung to the right, corrective action was not taken soon enough and the right wing tip struck the ground causing the aircraft to nose over on its back. Student was uninjured. More dual instruction was given this student before being allowed to go solo again.

8 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

9 Nov. 43 Dual flying all day.

10 Nov. 43 Flying routine normal all day.

11 Nov. 43 Flying washed out all day on account of wind.

IMAGE 1806

11 Nov. 43 Course No.90 held their graduation party, commencing with Cocktails in the lounge at 1830 hours, the banquet at 1900 hours followed by presentations of awards at 2000 hours. The Garfield Madore Trophy, for General Proficiency, went to R.254598 LAC G Bradley, R.L. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, for Most Promising Pupil Pilot, went to R.215826 LAC Renouf, F.G.

The Murphy Ground School Award, for Highest Ground School Average, went to R. 210742 LAC Gill, K.E.

S/L H.B. Hunter (C.3628), Command Reselection Officer, reported in on a Staff visit.

A Remembrance Day Parade was held on the Station and the two minutes' silence observed.

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Initial Intake - 60, Transfers to Course - 7, Transfers from Course - 9, Adjusted Intake - 58, Graduates - 46 Wastage - 12. Disposition of Wastage - 3 Air Gunners, 2 Air Bombers, 1 Ground Duties, 5 Air Navigators, 1 W.O./A. G.

F/L W.H. Forrest (J. 5214) reported in from A.F.H.Q. regarding Navigation training.

13 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine.

Accident to Tiger Moth No.4365 occurred on the main aerodrome at appropriately 1050 hours.

R. 221043 LAC Parker, R.J., student pilot, had already made two or three successful solo landings and was attempting to execute another when the aircraft touched down and bounced quite badly.

The corrective action was not taken soon enough and a wing tip struck the ground, over-turning the aircraft, resulting in a "B" category crash but no injury to the student. Student will be given a progress-check.

14 Nov. 43 Flying washed out in morning, on account of icing conditions. Normal flying routine in afternoon.

15 Nov. 43 Flying routine normal in morning, washed-out in afternoon on account of snow flurries.

Course 94. commenced training today, with a total intake of 60, 49 RCAF, 11 RAF. Postings were as follows: 47 - No.2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask.; 1 - No.5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ont.; 1 - No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Man.; 11- 31 P.D., RAF, Moncton, N.B.

Tiger Moth Aircraft No. 3849, piloted by GB.1616639 LAC Stiles, K.D.W., student pilot, on initial solo flight, after making a hard landing, the throttle was opened and the aircraft started to go around again, when the student unconsciously applied rudder and moved the control column back, causing aircraft to stall and nose into the ground, resulting in "A" category crashes, with the student only slightly injured.

16 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

A District Court-Martial was assembled at 1000 hours by authority A.O.C. #2 T.C., for the purpose of trying R.204603 LAC Bennett, R.L., student pilot, charged with flying in a foolhardy and dangerous manner.

IMAGE 1807

16 Nov. 43 The Court-Martial was composed as follows: President - S/L W.B. Scarth, MC, (C.2417), No.2 T.C. H.Q;

Members - S/L C.L.T. Sawle, AFC, (C.1489), No. 12 SFTS, Brandon,; S/L F.R. Hardy (J. 3526), No. 11 SFTS, Yorkton,; Waiting Member - F/L W.M. Steeves (J.8646), No.19 EFTS, Virden.; Prosecutor - S/L E.H. Crawford (C.5251), No.2 T.C.H.Q.; Defending Officer - F/O B.C. Walley (J.21323), No.19 EFTS, Virden; Officers Under Instruction - F/L W.M. Hays (J. 22985), F/O J.D. Simond (J.22019), F/O J.D. Annand (J.26072), F/O J.A. Barry (J.29837), P.O. W.R. Davies (C.29810), P/O D.R. Hambly (J.25148), P/O C.H. Harvey (C.28042).

17 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

18 Nov. 43 Dual instruction all day.

19 Nov. 43 Flying routine normal all day.

20 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

21 Nov. 43 Normal flying until 0920 hours. Balance of day washed-out.

22 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine in morning. Flying washed out until 1430 hours on account of low stratus clouds, balance of day normal.

23 Nov. 43 Flying washed out all day on account of fog.

A league basketball games was played against No.12 SFTS, Brandon, resulting in a win for this Unit.

24 Nov. 43 Dual flying until 1000 hours - balance normal.  
A league baseball game was played against No.2 Manning Depot, resulting in a win for the latter.

25 Nov. 43 Dual flying only in the morning, normal flying for balance of day.  
Course #91 held their graduation party, commencing with cocktails in the lounge at 1830 hours, banquet at 1900 hours and presentations at 2000 hours, followed with a dance at the Legion Hall, Virden, Man.

The Garfield Madore Trophy, for General Proficiency, went to R.218080 LAC Manczasz, M.  
The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, for Most Promising Pupil Pilot, went to R.250712 LAC Bell, R.A.

The Murphy Ground School Award, for Highest Ground School Average, went to R.209429 LAC Luckett, G.W.

IMAGE 1808

26 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine, all day.  
Course 91 officially graduated today. Total of 54 graduates. 25 Posted No.12 SFTS, Brandon, Eff.27 NOV/43, 10 Posted No. 18 SFTS, Gimli, Eff. 27 Nov/43, 19 Posted No. 17 SFTS, Souris, Eff. 11 Dec./43.

Original Intake - 60; Transfers to Course - 11; Transfers from course - 10; Adjusted Intake - 61; Graduates - 54; Wastage - 7 Disposed of as follows: 1 - Air Bomber, 2 - Flight Engineers, 4 - Air Navigators.

27 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine until 1000 hours, balance dual only in the morning. Flying washed-out in afternoon on account of fog.

28 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

29 Nov. 43 Normal flying routine all day.

This Unit provided a funeral party for R.140992 F/Sgt Hill, W.L., of No. 5 B. & G. School. Dafoe, Sask. The Funeral Party was commanded by S/L A.F. Madore AFC (C.2851), CFI, and F/L H.D. Baker (C.647I), Adj., P/O W.P. Stevens, AFM, (C.28039) being in charge of the Escort Party. The remains were interred at Lenore, Man.

Course #95, originally scheduled to commence this date was cancelled, although the 61 RCAF Trainees, 29 - No.7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, 32 - No.2 I.T.S., Regina, arrived and are to be usefully employed until such time as they can be absorbed into other courses for their pilot training. It is also noted that Course (92) and all subsequent courses are extended for two weeks.

30 Nov. 43 Flying routine normal in the morning, washed out in the afternoon due to a low overcast. The Recreation Centre is being used by all Station Personnel to a remarkable degree. The large library and writing room are filled every evening.  
This Unit now has 56 Cornell II Aircraft on strength which are in use in training.

Personnel Strength

Officers    Airmen or Other

CIVILIANS

<u>Staff</u>	<u>R.C.A.F.</u>		<u>Ranks</u>	
		71	35	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.N.Z.A.F.	NIL	NIL	
	R.A.A.F.	2	NIL	Engineering Officer 1
	C.D.C.	1	1	Part-Time Padre (RC) 1
	R.C.A.S.C.	NIL	1	
	TOTAL STAFF	74	37	2
<u>Trainees</u>	R.C.A.F.	2	170	
	R.A.F.	NIL	73	
TOTAL TRAINEES		2	243	

#### AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Tiger Moth 82C	57	1
Cornell II	53	3
Stinson 105		1

#### FLYING HOURS

Total for month: 6998:20

(A.F. Madore) S/L,  
C.O., RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 EFTS, RCAF,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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- 1 Dec.43 Dual flying all day.
- 2 Dec.43 Flying washed out in the morning at 1030 hours due to snow. Dual flying in the afternoon.
- 3 Dec.43 Normal flying routine to 1530 hours. Dual to 1600 hours.
- 4 Dec.43 Solo flying in the circuit in the morning. Flying was washed out in the afternoon due to low overcast.

- 5 Dec.43 Normal flying routine in the morning. Dual flying in the afternoon.
- 6 Dec.43 Dual flying only in the morning. Flying washed out in the afternoon due to high winds.
- 7 Dec.43 Normal flying all day.
- 8 Dec.43 Normal flying routine in the morning. Flying washed out in the afternoon due to snow.
- 9 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day.
- 10 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day.
- 11 Dec.43 Flying washed out all day due to high winds. The canteen in the Recreation Centre was opened and adds to the activity in the building.
- 12 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day.
- 13 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day. Course No. 96 commenced training consisting of 24 pupil pilots posted from No. 2 I.T.S. Regina, Sask. and 16 pupil pilots posted from No. 7 I.T.S. Saskatoon, Sask. Twenty-one airmen are being usefully employed on the station.
- 14 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day.

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- 15 Dec.43 Flying was washed out to 1130 hours with the balance of the morning normal. Flying washed out after 1530 hours. (C.7) Air Vice Marshall T.A. Lawrence A.O.C. No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man. visited the station and delivered a Christmas message to all station personnel in the recreation hall.
- 16 Dec.43 Flying normal all day.
- 17 Dec.43 Normal flying routine carried out all day.
- 18 Dec.43 Flying normal in the morning but washed out in the afternoon due to winds. Four picture shows were shown on the station this week. Arrangements were made for airmen to spend Christmas and New Year's leave in homes in Winnipeg and Viriden.
- 19 Dec.43 Flying was washed out in the morning due to high winds. Dual flying in the afternoon. The "Gloom-Chasers" concert party from Winnipeg visited the station. The show was of high calibre and appreciated by all.

20 Dec.43 Normal flying all day. Course No. 92 were given a banquet in honor of their graduation. The banquet commenced at 1900 hours. Following the banquet presentations were made to the leading pupils. The Garfield Madore Trophy for general proficiency was awarded to LAC Peever, L.F. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award for the most promising pupil pilot was awarded to LAC Dagg, E.W. with the Murphy Ground School award for the highest ground school average going to LAC Ramage, W.R. Following the presentations a dance was enjoyed in the recreation hall.

21 Dec.43 Flying was washed out in the morning. Dual flying only in the afternoon.

22 Dec.43 Normal flying routine carried out all day. 250 children and mothers were entertained at an annual Christmas party by the manager.

23 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day. Course No. 92 graduated today. Total of 44 graduates. 43 posted to No. 17 S.F.T.S. Souris, Man and 1 posted to No. 3 S.F.T.S. Calgary, Alta. all effective 11th January, 1944. Original Intake -60; Transfers to Course - 13; Transfers from Course - 11; Adjusted Intake 62; Graduated 44; Wastage - 18 disposed of as follows: 4 recommended for ground duties, 7 -AirNavigators "S"; 6 - Air Bombers and 1 Air Gunner.

24 Dec.43 Normal flying routine all day.

25 Dec.43 Flying washed out all day.

26 Dec.43 Dual flying only in the afternoon. Flying washed out in the morning.

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27 Dec.43 Flying washed out in the morning. Normal flying throughout the afternoon.

28 Dec.43 Normal Flying routine carried out all day.

29 Dec.43 Normal Flying routine carried out.

30 Dec.43 Normal flying routine. The flying personnel moved into the new hangar which has just been completed. This should greatly improve the station organization as personnel have been operating under great difficulties on account of lack of accomodation.

31 Dec.43 Normal Flying routine carried out all day. 91 Cornell Aircraft are now on strength.

Personnel Strength	<u>Officers</u>	Airmen & other <u>ranks</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
Staff R.C.A.F.	70	35	

Other than R.C.A.F.

R.N.Z.A.F.	nil	nil	
R.A.A.F.	2	nil	Engineering Off. 1
C.D.C.	nil	nil	Part-Time Padre (RC) 1
R.C.A.S.C.	nil	3	
TOTAL STAFF	72	38	2

Trainees	R.C.A.F.	2	175
	R.A.F.		63

TOTAL TRAINEES	2	238
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AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable
Tiger Moth 82C	37	nil
Cornell II	75	16

FLYING HOURS

Total for month: 5852:20

(A.F. Madore) S/L,  
C.O., RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 EFTS, RCAF,  
Viriden, Manitoba.

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1 JAN./44 Flying washed-out all day.

2 JAN./44 Normal Flying Routine all day.

3 JAN./44 Flying washed-out in the morning due to low a overcast, normal flying routine in afternoon. Course #97 Commenced training today. A total of 40 Trainees, 8 from No.2 ITS, RCAF, Regina, Sask., and 32 from No.7 ITS, RCAF, Saskatoon , Sask.

4 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

The Visiting Flight arrived by air at 1230 Hours today from RCAF Station, Trenton, Ontario, following are the members: S/L H.L. Kay (C.888), F/L F.H. Darragh (J.7742), F/L C.L. Smith (RAF.116070), F/L H.C. Forbell (C.13130)

5 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the Station Volley Ball League - six teams competed on this date.



6 JAN./44 Flying routine normal all day.

The basketball and hockey teams played league games at No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Man.

7 JAN./44 Flying washed-out until 1000 Hours, and dual instruction only for the rest of the day on account of fog.

8 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

9 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

10 JAN./44 Flying routine normal all day.

The Recreation Centre as a whole is being used to the limit by all departments. A check reveals that only an average of twenty-five Airmen leave the Station, including Saturday nights.

11 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Hockey and Basketball teams played here in a league game.

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12 JAN./44 Flying routine normal all day.

Course No.93 held their graduation. Refreshments were served in the Recreation Hall at 1830 Hours followed by a Banquet in the Mess at 1900 Hours. Awards were presented to outstanding students as follows:

The Garfield Madore Trophy - General Proficiency - GB.1867534 LAC Stone, J.E.

The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award - Most Promising Pupil Pilot - R.57530 Sgt. Johnson, H.G.

The Murphy Ground School Award - Highest Ground School Average - GB.1625742 LAC Stabler, N.H. The graduation was wound-up with a dance in the Legion Hall in Virden.

The A.O.C., No.2 T. C., RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., and party arrived today by air at 1745 Hours for a brief inspection, departing the next morning for No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Man. The party was composed as follows: A/V/M T.A. Lawrence (C.7), F/L J.R. Alexander (C.12111) (AOC/PSO), F/L D. Eshelman (C.3770), F/O J. Bates (P.T.& D.)

13 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

14 JAN./44 Normal flying routine in morning, washed-out in afternoon on account of snow.

Course #93 Officially graduated today, 1 Posted No.19 SFTS, RCAF Vulcan, Alta., 3 Posted No.35 SFTS, RAF, North Battleford, Sask., 50 Posted No.18 SFTS, RCAF, GIMLI, Man.

Original Intake - 60; Transfers to Course - 12; Transfers from Course - 9; Adjusted Intake - 63; Wastage - 9; Graduates - 54. Disposition of Wastage - 6 Air Navigators, 1 Air Bomber, 1 Air Gunner, 1 Ceased Training Medically and repatriated to Great Britain.

15 JAN./44 Flying washed-out until 1100 Hours, balance of day dual only.

16 JAN./44 Flying washed-out all day, on account of low overcast and icing conditions.

17 JAN./44 Normal flying routine in morning, dual flying only in afternoon.  
Course #98 Commenced training - Intake of 40 Pupils - 7 from No.2 ITS, RCAF, Regina, Sask.,  
14 from No.5 ITS, RCAF, Belleville, Ont., 19 from No.6 ITS, RCAF, Toronto, Ont.

18 JAN./44 Flying washed-out all day on account of high wind.  
F/L T.W. Saunders (C.8496), No2 TC Command Reselection Officer, arrived by air at 1045  
Hours from No. 17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man.

19 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.  
S/L C.G. Stogdill (C.4097)(Med) arrived today by air from No.17 SFTS, Souris on a staff visit.  
Mr. A.W. Morley, Command Morse Examiner - #2 TC, arrived today for an inspection of the  
Signals Dept.

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20 JAN./44 Dual instruction only in the morning, washed-out in the afternoon on account of  
high wind.

21 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.  
F/L C.E. Belding (C.6893) (Link), new Chief Link Trainer Instructor, arrived this afternoon on  
posting from No.2 Training Commanding, RCAF, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
F/L J.E. McNeely (C.23664) (Equip.) arrived from No.2 TC, Winnipeg, for an inspection of the  
Equipment situation.

22 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day. Protestant Church Parade in the morning.

23 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

24 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.  
No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Basketball and Hockey teams played at the Station, a picture show in  
the Recreation Hall followed the game.

25 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.  
An open Volley ball tournament for Station teams was held - there were six entries.

26 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.  
Course No.94 held their graduation. Refreshments were served in the Recreation Hall at 1830  
Hours, and the Banquet in the Mess at 1900 Hours, followed by presentations of Awards.  
The Garfield Madore Trophy - General Proficiency - R.258513 LAC Mudge, A.E.  
The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award - Most Promising Pupil Pilot - R.263722 LAC Walley,  
E.C., & R.52901 SGT Wise, L.T.  
The Murphy Ground School Award - Highest Ground School Average - R.263514 LAC

Honeyman, D.E. The Basketball team played No.4 C.A.T.C. at Brandon, and an inter-course basketball game was held on the Station.

27 JAN./44 Flying Washed-out in the morning, normal in the afternoon.  
The continued mild weather has enabled the Station Riding Club to keep active.

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28 JAN./44 Flying washed-out all day, on account of fog.  
Course No.94 officially graduated today - 1 Posted No. 2 SFTS, RCAF, Uplands, Ottawa; 56 Posted No.39 SFTS, RAF, SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.  
Original Intake - 60; Transfers to Course - 10; Transfers from Course - 5; Adjusted Intake - 65; Wastage - 8; Graduates - 57; disposition of wastage - 3 Air Navigators - 1 Air Navigator (B) 2 Recommended for Ground Trades - 1 Air Gunner - 1 Flight Engineer.

29 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

30 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.

31 JAN./44 Normal flying routine all day.  
Course No.99 commenced training - 40 Trainees - 18 from No. 1 ITS TORONTO - 17 from No.2 ITS REGINA - 5 from No.7 ITS SASKATOON.  
F/L W.R. Murray (C.5454) Educational Officer, arrived on Staff visit from No.7 ITS, Saskatoon, Sask.

Three picture shows are shown each week on the station. The addition of two loudspeakers has improved the acoustics immensely.

Exceptionally mild weather has enabled the courses to keep well on time.

It is noted that there have been no flying accidents at this Station in either December or January.

Library books have had a markedly increased circulation - there were 451 books in circulation during the month of January.

See App. "A" for Aircraft Strength and Total Hours Flown during month.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>Staff</u>	<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	72	35	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.A.A.F.	2		
	R.C.A.S.C.	2		
	<u>Civilians</u>			

Civilian Part-Time Clergyman (RC)			1
TOTAL STAFF	74	37	1

<u>TRAINEES</u> R.C.A.F.	1	284
R.A.F.	2	15
TOTAL TRAINEES	3	299

(A.F. Madore) Squadron Leader,  
C.O., RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 EFTS, RCAF,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>APPENDIX "A"</u>	
	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Type		
TIGER MOTH 82C	15	
CORNELL II	75	13

Appendix "A"  
No. 19 EFTS, RCAF,  
31 Jan./44

FLYING HOURS

There was a total of 6,441:55 hours flown during the month of January.

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1 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day. The Station hockey team played the hockey team from A.4, Brandon, at Oak Lake, A.4 winning, ten to four.

2 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day. Volley ball tournament held at Brandon. Basketball competition on the Station - 4 Student teams, 1 Staff NCO's - Staff NCO's winning. S/L K.S. Pitcairn (C.1513) Navigation Officer arrived by air at 1050 Hours from No.2 Training Command.

3 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day. Commanding Officer's Inspection held today. The Station basketball team played No.12 SFTS, Brandon, Brandon winning 29 to 22. S/L K.S. Pitcairn departed by air at 1630 Hours for C.N.S. Rivers, Man.

4 FEB/44 Flying washed-out all day on account of snow. A show was held on the Station.

5 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day.

The Victory Club in Virden held a sleigh ride, 25 Airmen from the Station attending.

6 FEB/44 Flying routine normal in the morning, dual only in the afternoon until 1630 Hours, balance of day washed out on account of snow. The Students were given mixed sports, horse-back riding, scrub hockey and intermural sports, with a show being held on the Station in the evening.

7 FEB/44 Dual flying only all day on account of snow flurries. Basketball practice 1900 to 2000 Hours. Station Volley Ball tournament - 3 Student teams, 1 NCO's and 1 Officers' competing, Officers winning.

8 FEB/44 Flying washed out all day. The snow is drifting on the field and has to be constantly rolled.

F/L T.W. Saunders (C.8496) Command Reselection Officer arrived by air 1620 Hours from No. 2 Training Command. There was a show in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

9 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. Intermural basketball games - 4 teams competing, 3 Student teams, 1 NCO's - Student team Course #97 winning.

10 FEB/44 Normal flying day and night schedule. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held today.

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10 FEB/44 S/L E.F. Harvie (NZ.1166) and F/L M.B. Stevens (NZ.40663) Liaison Officers arrived today on a staff visit, coming by air from No.26 EFTS Neepawa and proceeding by air on the 14th Feb/44 to No.17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man.

A hockey match was held on the Station - #19 EFTS vs. #2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Brandon winning nine to eight.

11 FEB/44 Flying washed out until 1030 Hours, balance of day normal routine, night flying normal. A show was held in the Recreation Hall. F/L H.D. Baker (C.6471) Admin., Station Administrative Officer received notice of posting Overseas. R.51772 F/S E.J Rousseau AFM arrived by rail for an inspection of aircraft.

12 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. Intermural sports held on the Station.

13 FEB/44 Dual flying only in the morning and washed-out in the afternoon on account of snow flurries, normal night flying. Students engaged in various P.T. exercises, horse-back riding, etc. A show on the station in the evening.

14 FEB/44 Flying washed-out until 1030 hours, balance of morning dual only on account of snow flurries. Afternoon and night normal flying routine. Station basketball practice held.

15 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. A show was held on the Station in the evening. R.95218 W.O.1 Stewart, J.A., Pharmacist arrived by air at 1050 Hours from C.N.S. Rivers on an inspection proceeding by air at 1420 hours for No.26 SFTS Neepawa.

16 FEB/44 Normal flying routine till 1115 Hours, Balance of day dual only on account of low ceiling, night flying washed-out on account of snow. A social evening at the Parish Hall in Virден was sponsored by the Virден A.Y.P.A., 25 Airmen from the Station attended. A curling match was held with Virден vs. A.4, Brandon, in the B.D.S.A.A. League for the district shield, Virден winning. Basketball match held on the Station, Students Course #99 vs. Staff NCO's, Staff NCO's winning 24 to 16.

F/L S. Bellan (C.6893) Med. departed by rail at 1423 Hours for Medical Conference at No.2 Training Command on the 17th & 18th Feb/44. F/L J.A. Beckstead (C.11828) Med. arrived from No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon as a replacement for F/L Bellan during his Temporary Duty at No.2 T.C.

The Senior NCO's Mess held their official opening party.

17 FEB/44 Flying washed-out until 1000 hours on account of low temperature. Balance of day and night normal.

Commanding Officer's Inspection held. Basketball games were played with 2 Student teams, 1 Staff NCO's and 1 Officers' team - the Officers' team winning.

18 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. A show was held on the Station in the evening.

19 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. Intermural sports were engaged in after working hours.

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19 FEB/44 W/C G.W.N. Groves (RAF. 38011) Command Chap.(P) of No.4 T.C. arrived by air to take the Protestant Church Service at this Unit on the 20th Feb/44. Sports - horse-back riding and a show on the Station in the P.M

20 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. Station competition in Borden Ball with four student teams competing, Course #98 winning. F/O R.G. Wilson (C.14959) arrived on posting from No. 18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man., as a replacement for F/L H.D. Baker( C.6471) Station Administrative Officer.

21 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day.

S/L A.F. Madore AFC (C.2851), Chief Flying Instructor and Mr. T. Caddick, Chief Engineer, proceeded by air on the 17th Feb/44 to visit No.11 Equipment Depot, RCAF, Calgary, Alta., re provisioning of Cornell parts, returning by air this date. F/L W.M. Steeves (J.8646) took temporary command of the Station during this period.

22 FEB/44 Flying washed-out till 1130 Hours, dual flying only till 1400 Hours, balance of day

washed-out on account of intermittent snow flurries. A show was held on the Station in the evening.

A visiting party arrived at 1035 Hours by air on an inspection, composed as follows:

G/C J.S.S. Scott (C1) (SASO) No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

S/L J. McCulloch (C.1340) (G.I.S.) No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

S/L C. Parker (C.2608) (A.P.M.) No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

F/O H.F. Hall (C.14585) (Aux. Serv.) No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

F/L R.P. Airey (J.4917) (Flying Trng) No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

F/L W.M. Warner (C.4592) (Link) No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

The party proceeded by air at 1300 hours for No.23 EFTS.

23 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day - good flying weather.

Course No. 96 held their graduation, with cocktails served at 1830 Hours and the Banquet at 1900 Hours in the Airmen's Mess. The following presentations were made at 2000 Hours:

The Garfield Madore Trophy, for General Proficiency, R.198966 LAC Hockenull, A.T.

The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, for Most Promising Pupil Pilot, R.87818 Cpl. Belsher, T.A.

The Murphy Ground School Award, for Highest Ground School Average, K.211916 LAC Greenaway, J.E. The evening was finished off with a dance in the Legion Hall, Virden, sponsored by the Canadian Legion.

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24 FEB/44 Normal flying all day. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held.

Final games were played in the Station Volley Ball Championship tournament for the R. Smith Station Trophy. Four student teams and 1 Staff NCO team competing, the NCO's team won the station championship.

Station Officers' Basketball team played No.12 SFTS, Brandon at Brandon, No.12 winning with the score 38 to 22.

25 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day, also night flying. There was a show held on the Station.

F/L C.W. Stockford (C.22651) arrived by air from No.2 Training Command to assist in the setting up of a testing flight. Departing by rail on the 28th Feb/44 for No.5 EFTS, High River, Alta.

Course No.96 officially graduated today, forty graduates in all, thirty-eight RCAF and 2 RAF.

with postings as follows: thirty - No. 17 SFTS RCAF Souris, Man., Eff.10 Mar/44, Rep.11

Mar/44. ten - No.11 SFTS, RCAF, Yorkton, Sask. , Eff.10 Mar/44, Rep.11 Mar/44. There was a wastage of two - 1 remustered to Air Navigator; 1 remustered to Flight Engineer.

Recapitulation: Original Intake - 40, Transfers to Course - 6, Transfers from Course - 4,

Adjusted Intake - 42, Wastage - 2, Graduates - 20.

26 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day - good flying weather.

The Great West Life Insurance Co., of Winnipeg, Man., put on a concert party in the evening in the Recreation Hall, there was a very good attendance.

27 FEB/44 Normal flying routine all day. Show held in the evening.  
 Mr. J.L. Apedaile, Financial adviser Civilian Flying Schools, and party arrived by rail from Regina.

28 FEB/44 Flying routine normal all day. Basketball practice held on the Station from 2000 Hours to 2200 Hours. Cornell II No.10840 was involved in an accident today on the main Aerodrome, No.19 EFTS, when R.255270 LAC Greene, J.F.K., student pilot Course #99, failed to do correct starting up procedure, neglecting to unlock controls. As the engine started with excess throttle, the tail came up, causing the propellor to strike the ground, resulting in "D" category damages to propellor and engine cowling.  
 All students warned that they must do complete cockpit checks at all times.

29 FEB/44 Normal flying routine in morning. Normal flying in afternoon, washed-out at 1630 Hours for C.F.I.'s lecture. Night flying normal. The A.O.C., No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, Man., arrived by air 1200 hours to pick up Mr. J.L. Apedaile, departing 1300 Hours by air. F/O F.E. McLaren (J.17371) arrived by rail from No.2 Training Command on staff visit re Aircrew Leadership Training and Gen. Clubs, departing by air for No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Manitoba, 1500 Hours 2nd March/44.

(A.F. Madore) Squadron Leader,  
 C.O., R.C.A.F. Personnel,  
 No.19 E.F.T.S.. RCAF,  
 VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff</u>	<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	74	35	
	<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.A.A.F.	2		
	RC.A.S.C.		2	

Civilians

Part-Time Civilian Chaplain (RC)



	Total Staff	<u>76</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Trainees</u>	R.C.A.F.	1	273	
	R.A.F.	2	3	
	Total Trainees	<u>3</u>	<u>276</u>	

### Aircraft Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Cornell II	83	5
Tiger Moth 82C	4	Nil

### Flying Hours

Total Number of hours flown during the month of February/44 was 5,626:05

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1 MAR/44 March was ushered in with a light fall of snow and high winds throughout the whole day. Flying was washed-out completely on account of the weather. The students' time was taken up with Ground School and impromptu indoor shorts. A meeting of the Officers' Mess was held at 1045 Hours in the Officers' Mess. F/L S. Bellan, Station Medical Officer, was elected Vice-President, filling the vacancy created by the posting of F/L H.D. Baker, Station Administrative Officer.

Under authority of No.2 Training Command, a board of Officers, composed as follows: S/L A.F. Madore, AFC, C.O. of the Station being President and F/L H.F. Peters, W.&.B. No. 1 C.N.S., RCAF, Rivers, Man., and F/L S. Bellan, Station Medical Officer, being Members, assembled at No.19 EFTS at 1000 Hours for the purpose of taking over Leantos, etc., constructed by the Bird Construction Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg and then handing them over to the Civilian Operating Company.

F/O W.H. Waddell (C.21779), No.2 T.C Armament Officer, arrived by rail today for an inspection into Armament Training and Examinations, departing by air 1530 Hours 2nd March for No.26 EFTS, Neepawa.

2 MAR/44 Flying was washed-out in the forenoon due to a light snow fall, with dual flying only in the afternoon.

The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held on the Station at 1330 Hours.

The R.C.A.D.C, consisting of Lieutenant C.V. Sibbald and Sgt. Still, W.E. , arrived on the Station from No.26 EFTS, RCAF, Neepawa. It is somewhat over three months since the Dental Corps visited this Unit and it is expected that they will be busy for sometime.

3 MAR/44 Training schedules were normal today, the weather being good for flying.

The Station Hockey Team journeyed to Moosiman to play an exhibition game, resulting in a win

for Moosiman with a final score of three to two.

S/L K. S. Pitcairn (C.1513), No.2 T.C Navigation Officer arrived from Command by air at 1045 Hours on a Staff visit.

4 MAR/44 Normal flying routine in the morning, but dual only in the afternoon on account of snow. S/L K.S. Pitcairn departed by air at 1330 Hours for No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

5 MAR/44 Flying was washed out all day due to high winds and a fall of snow. The weather has become quite "blizzardy" and blustery. The picture, Mrs. Minniver, was shown in the Recreation Hall this evening and drew a very large crowd.

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6 MAR/44 Flying washed-out all day on account of the field being rolled, accompanied with high winds and a light drifting snow, at times almost reaching "Blizzard" proportions. Truly, March has come in like a lion. There was a Basketball tournament held on the Station. Staff N.C.O.'s vs. Students Course 98, NCO's winning 18 - 16. Officers vs. Students Course 99, Officers winning 34 - 24. Students on Useful Employment vs. Students Course 97, U.E. 's winning 44 - 20.

7 Mar/44 High winds and snow flurries prevailing all day caused flying to be washed-out completely. Snow rollers have been kept going all the time to get the field in shape for when good flying weather comes.

Flying Instructors attended lectures and Students attended Ground School etc., during the period of non-flying. A show was held on the Station in the evening.

8 Mar/44 The wind eased off during last night and the field being in shape, normal day and night flying schedules were maintained. P/O J.R. Simonds (S.N.I.(P) (J.29060), the new Navigation Officer, reported in on posting from #17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man. A student volleyball tournament was held on the Station, Course 98 vs. Course 97, Course 97 winning.

9 MAR/44 Normal flying schedule maintained all day, but night flying was washed-out on account of high winds. Course 97 held their graduation party, commencing with refreshments in the lounge at 1830 Hours, the banquet being held in the Mess at 1900 Hours, followed by presentations of training awards: The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, R.213992 LAC Blewett, J.W.

The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot Award. R. 254424 LAC Whiting, W.M.

The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average, K.258895 LAC Reid, J.A. & R. 253378 LAC Wardrop, D.A. The evening was finished off with a dance on the Station in the Recreation Hall. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held today at 1310 Hours.

10 MAR/44 Flying completely washed-out all day due to prevailing high winds. Course 97 officially graduated today, a total of thirty six RCAF graduates, all of whom were

granted fourteen days special leave and posted to No.18 SFTS RCAF, Gimli, Man., for training in Course #105, commencing 24th April/44 and to be usefully employed at that Station in the interim.

Original intake Course 97 was 40, with 2 transfers to the course and 2 transfers from the course, leaving an adjusted intake of 40. Four students ceased training off this course, disposal as follows: 2 remustered to Air Navigators Std., 1 remustered to Flight Engineer Std., and 1 discontinued medically.

F/L W.G. Heslop (C.2552) (Nav.) arrived by air from No.1 CNS. Rivers for a staff visit. There was a basketball tournament on the Station at 2100 hours, this Unit vs. No.18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Gimli winning 28 to 25.

11 MAR/44 A combination of high winds and drifting snow again kept all aircraft grounded. Thirty-two trainees came in for useful employment and subsequent entry on course. Two of these, an American RCAF W.O.I (WAG) & an RAF F/O, arrived from No.6 ITS, RCAF, Toronto, Ontario. Thirty, among who are three F/L, two of whom

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11 MAR/44 hold D.F.C.'s, two Flying Officers, one Pilot Officer, one Australian W.O.I (WAG), one W.O.II, three Flight Sergeants and three Sergeants, the latter being mostly remusters from ground trades.

S/L A.F. Madore, AFC (C.2851). C.O., RCAF Personnel this Unit, is taking fourteen days' semi-annual leave, the 9th Mar/44 to the 22nd Mar/44, inclusive. During his absence, F/L W.M. Steeves (J. 8646), A/C.F.I., is assuming Command.

Very good entertainment was provided this evening by the "Kurvettes" from Winnipeg, who put on a show in the recreation hall.

12 MAR/44 The day commenced clear and sunny but a little frosty in the morning. Due to the wind having appreciably died down, it was possible to carry out normal flying schedules today. Students and Staff indulged in moderate horseback riding and a show was held on the Station in the evening.

13 MAR/44 Dual flying only in the morning and afternoon today with normal night flying schedule. F/L J. Wibberley (C.6203) (P.T. & D.), A.F.H.Q., and F/L F.E. Horton (C.9996)(P.T. & D.), #2 T.C., arrived by rail on a Staff visit. F/L J. Wibberley, shortly after his arrival at this Unit was advised by telegram of his promotion to A/S.L. (Paid).

The Station Riding Club held a Tally-Ho party in the evening with twenty personnel in attendance.

Station basketball tournaments were held, Staff NCO's vs. Students Course 99, NCO's winning 44 to 34, Usefully Employed Students Group 1 vs. Usefully Employed Students Group 2, Group 1 winning 24 to 18.

14 MAR/44 With the return of good weather, normal day and night flying schedules are being maintained.

S/L J. Wibberley & F/L F.E. Horton departed for Souris, Man., today.  
Two curling rinks were sent to No.1 CNS, RCAF, Rivers, Man., for a challenge trophy event, Rivers winning. A show was held on the Station in the evening.

15 MAR/44 Normal flying routine day and night. The mornings are still quite frosty, but the days are becoming fairly mild with clear sunny weather.

Station Basketball tournaments were wound-up this evening, Staff Officers playing Group 1 of U.E.'s, Officers winning; Staff NCO's playing Group 2 of U.E.'s, NCO's winning; and then Staff Officers vs. Staff NCO's, Officers winning.

16 MAR/44 There was dual flying only in the morning until 1030 Hours, washed-out for the rest of the day and night flying washed-out on account of icing conditions.

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16 MAR/44 Commanding Officer's Inspection was held today at 1300 Hours.

S/L R.G. Cadham (C. 3950)(Med. ), arrived by rail from No. 17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man., on an official visit arriving on the Station yesterday afternoon and departing on the 17th March for No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg.

F/O A. F. Kerr (C.12147) (Educational) arrived by rail today from No. 2 EFTS, RCAF, Fort William, departing by rail on the 17th for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

17 MAR/44 Day and night flying schedules normal.

There was a show held on the Station in the evening.

S/L R.G. Cadham and F/O A.F. Kerr returned to No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

F/L F.H. Darragh (J.7742) arrived by air at 1030 Hours on a Staff visit from No.2 Training Command, returning to No.2 T.C. by air at 1600 Hours.

18 MAR/44 Normal flying routine until 1700 Hours, balance washed-out due to wind and snow. The Winnipeg "Bombers" played the Brandon "All Stars" at the local Hockey Rink in down-town Virden, the Brandon "All Stars" winning 8 to 4. It was a game of first class hockey, keenly enjoyed by the personnel from this Unit who were able to attend.

19 MAR/44 Flying schedules washed-out completely due to a combination of low ceiling and icing conditions.

W/C H.H. McFarlane (C. 2787) (CC(P)), No.2 T.C, Winnipeg, arrived yesterday evening by rail to take the Church Parade at this Unit today, departing by rail at 1500 Hours for No.2 Training Command.

A show was held on the Station in the evening.

20 MAR/44 Normal flying until 0930 Hours, washed-out for balance of morning on account of icing conditions. Dual flying only in the afternoon with night flying washed-out due to low ceiling.

F/O C.E.T. Ashdown (C.13504) in charge of the RCAF "Swingtime" Entertainment Unit,

consisting of R.144212 Sgt. Moss, L.L., R.142868 Sgt. Taylor, R.H., R.78105 LAC Bestall, F.A., R.200051 LAC Thyne, D.T.D., R.142626 LAC McDougall. I.A., R.276798 LAC Grosney, P., R.206574 LAC Atkinson, D.A.S. , & R.287432 LAC Hobson, G.E., arrived by rail with complete cast from No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Man., to put on a show in the Recreation Hall in the evening. An hour and a half of fast-moving fun and entertainment was provided, consisting of skits, dancing and sleight of hand.

The Station hockey team journeyed to Oak Lake to play the hockey team from No.17 S.F.T.S. , RCAF, Souris, Man., Souris winning 8 to 5.

21 MAR/44 Flying normal from 0815 Hours to 0945 Hours. Dual from 0945 Hours to 1000 Hours. Washed-out at 1030 Hours. Afternoon dual until 1530 Hours. The "Swingtime" Entertainment Unit held a show in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

22 MAR/44 Normal flying in the morning. Afternoon dual only until 1500 Hours, balance washed-out on account of snow.

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22 MAR/44 Course 98 held their graduation banquet, commencing with refreshments in the Lounge at 1830 Hours and the Banquet in the Mess at 1900 Hours, followed with presentations of Awards as follows: The Garfield Madore Trophy, for General Proficiency, R.214610 LAC Edwards. L.B. The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, for Most Promising Pupil Pilot, R.212979 LAC Redfern, G.A. The Murphy Ground School Award, for Highest Ground School Average, R.123622 Sgt. Steiman, M.M.

A dance was held for the graduation class at the local Legion Hall in Virden.

23 MAR/44 Flying normal until 1630 Hours, balance of day and night flying washed-out due to snow.

W/C A. Walmsley (C.721), Signals Officer No.2 T.C, arrived by air at 1030 Hours from No.2 T.C, Winnipeg, on a Staff visit, departing by air at 1500 hours for No.33 S.F.T.S., RAF, Carberry, Manitoba.

The "Swingtime" Entertainment Unit departed today for No. 1 C.N.S., RCAF, Rivers, Manitoba. F/L J.C.D. Taylor (C. 8035) (W.&B.), No.2 T.C, arrived by rail at 1600 Hours from No.17 SFTS. RCAF, Souris, Man., on a short inspection, departing by rail at 2200 Hours for No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Man.

Commanding Officer's inspection was held today at 1300 Hours.

24 MAR/44 Flying was washed out all day due to strong winds and drifting snow.

Course No. 98 officially graduated today with a total of forty-one graduates, thirty-eight RCAF, and three RAF, all of whom were granted fourteen days Special Leave and posted as follows; 20 to No. 12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon. Man., 13 to No. 17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man., and eight to No. 10 SFTS, RCAF, Dauphin, Man. Original intake of Course 98 was forty, with five transfers to the course and three transfers from the Course, leaving an adjusted intake of 42. One student Officer ceased training off this course and was regraded to his basic trade of Air Observer.

F/L W.M. Steeves (J.8646), who was assuming temporary command during the absence of S/L A.F. Madore, AFC (C.2851), C.O., RCAF Personnel this Unit, relinquished temporary command upon the return of S/L A.F. Madore. A show was held in the Recreation Hall, which was well attended.

25 MAR/44 The weather was very good all permitting normal flying. Thirty-eight trainees reported in for useful employment and subsequent entry on course. Among the thirty-eight there were five Flying Officers, two WOII, three Flight Sergeants, four Sergeants. There was a little inter-mural sports in the Recreation Hall during the day.

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26 MAR/44 A comparatively mild day and a normal flying schedule was maintained all day. There was a protestant church service held in the Recreation Hall. Mr. J. C. Matheson, United Church Missionary who has been stationed in China during the past fifteen years, returning to Canada after the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Japan, was guest speaker, giving his experiences during his stay in China. A show was held on the Station in the evening.

27 MAR/44 The day started clear and frosty, and by noon it was quite mild. Normal flying was carried out all day, with night flying being washed out on account of snow. Course No. 103 commenced training with forty students, including the five Flying Officers who reported in with the new intake of trainees on the 25th March, 1944. The source of entry for this course was as follows; sixteen from No. 4 ITS, RCAF, Edmonton, Alta., eleven from No. 2 ITS, RCAF, Regina, Sask., nine from No. 7 ITS, RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask., four from No. 6 ITS, RCAF, Toronto, Ont. Mr. J. C. Matheson, the United Church Missionary gave an illustrated lecture on the following subjects; Inside Fighting China; the Battle of Chunking, and Agriculture in China. The pictures lasted forty minutes, after which Mr. Matheson spoke for one hour and half. There was a good attendance.

28 MAR/44 A routine flying schedule was maintained all day. Two Flying Instructors reported in today from No. 2 EFTS, RCAF, Fort William, Ont., F/O A.S. Hougan, (J.39124) and P/O H.M. Pickard (J.39125). A show was held in the evening in the Recreation Hall.

29 MAR/44 Flying was normal from 0815 hours to 1130 hours. Dual from 1130 hours to 1200 hours. The balance of the day was washed out due to high winds. R.91721 WO1 Clemens, J.N., W. & B. Electrician from No. 2 T.C., paid an official visit to this Unit today. A volley-ball tournament consisting of all four Courses, Usefully Employed Trainees, Staff NCO's, and Staff Officers was held in the Recreation Hall this evening, in which the Staff Officers won the majority of games.

30 MAR/44 Normal flying was carried out all day, with the weather being clear and frosty with

very little wind.

Commanding Officer's Inspection was held today at 1300 hours.

General sports were carried out in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

31 MAR/44 Flying was washed out all day due to heavy snow and strong winds.

F/L S. Bellan (C.8879) S.M.O. this Unit was posted to No. 23 EFTS, RCAF, Davidson, Sask., with F/L H. McEwen (C.29898) Med. Off. Gen., reporting in from No. 11 SFTS, RCAF, Yorkton, Sask., to fill the vacancy. F/O E.C. Diefenbaker (C.725I) (Admin.) reported at this Unit from Brandon, Man., by rail at 1500 hours to discuss matters relevant to the Air Cadets. A show was held this evening on the Station.

(A.F. Madore) Squadron Leader,  
C.O., R.C.A.F. Personnel,  
No.19 E.F.T.S.. RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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Appendix "B"  
No. 19 EFTS,  
31 MAR/44.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff</u>	<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	74	35	
	<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.A.A.F.	2		
	RC.A.S.C.		2	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Part-Time Civilian Chaplain (RC)			1
	<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>
<u>Trainees</u>	R.C.A.F.	11	251	
	R.A.F.	3	1	
	R.A.A.F.		1	
	<b>Total Trainees</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>253</b>	

Aircraft Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Cornell II	85	3
Tiger Moth 82C	1	Nil

### Flying Hours

Total Number of hours flown during the month of March, 1944 was 4129:15.

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APPENDIX "C"  
NO. 19 EFTS,  
31 MAR/44.

13 MAR/44 ADD:

"Course No. 102 commenced training with forty students, including three Flight Lieutenants, three Flying Officers, and one Pilot Officer, all of whom reported in with the new intake of trainees on the 11th March, 1944. The source of entry for this course was as follows; twenty-nine from No. 7 ITS, RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask., seven, from No. 2 ITS, RCAF, Regina, Sask., three from No. 4 ITS, Edmonton, Alta., and one from No. 6 ITS, RCAF, Toronto, Ont."

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1 APR/44 April started with clear mild weather. A normal flying schedule was carried out all day.

Organized sports were held in the Recreation Hall.

2 APR/44 A normal flying schedule maintained all day, with the weather being clear with very little wind.

A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

3 APR/44 Normal flying all day.

The following Officers were promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officers in A.F.R.O. 702 dated 31st March, 1944: P.O. A.D. Milton (J.27856), P.O. C.B. Bean (J.27876), P.O. R.B. Grogan (C.27865), P.O. H.W. Hougan (J.27793), A/F.O W.R. Davies (C.29810), P.O. M.J. McGuinty



(J.27851), P.O. C.G. Orr (J.28290), A/F.O. W.P. Stevens (AFM), (C28039), P.O. W.A. King (C.28041), A/F.O. C.H. Harvey (C.28042), A/F.O. L.S. Hudson (C.28062).

F/L A.M. Davidson (C.3621) reported this Unit by rail from No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg, Man., for the purpose of recruiting. He departed by air to No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man., at 1645 hours.

R.205128 Cpl. Bredin, D.E. reported this Unit by rail from No. 2 C.& M. Unit H.Q., Winnipeg, Man., to pick up a Motor Patrol Grader for return to Winnipeg, Man.

Usefully Employed trainees played basketball against station team.

4 APR/44 Good clear weather prevailed, allowing a normal flying schedule to be maintained. A show was held this evening in the Recreation Hall.

5 APR/44 Normal flying until noon. Dual carried out during the afternoon until 1600 hours. Balance of day washed out due to poor field conditions.

S/L H.B. Hunter (C3628), No. 2 Training Command Reselection Officer visited this Unit by rail to discuss reselection policy.

A graduation party was held this evening in honour of course No. 99, the 55th graduating course of this School. The following presentations of training awards were made: The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, R.250732 LAC Robertson, F.C., The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot Award, R.200888 LAC Pomfret, B.G., The Murphy Ground school Award, Highest Ground School Average, R.144323 Cpl. Spencer, F.B. After the banquet a dance was held in the station Recreation Hall.

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6 Apr/44 Flying was washed out all day due to poor field conditions.

F/L A.M. Davidson (C.3621) Recruiting Officer, No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg, Man., returned this Unit from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man., by air at 1115 hours to continue recruiting.

S/L H.B. Hunter (C.3628) No. 2 Training Command Reselection Officer departed this Unit by air at 1000 hours for No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Man. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours.

Four R.A.F. Flying Officers, and one Army Lieutenant reported this Unit by rail at 1630 hours from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., for inclusion in Course No. 104 to commence training 10th April, 1944.

7 Apr/44 Good Friday was observed today with a skeleton staff remaining on duty. It was a very clear and mild day. A show was held on the Station this evening. One Flight Lieutenant and two Flying Officers reported this Unit by rail at 1600 hours from No. 31.P.D., Moncton, N.B., for inclusion in course No. 104. Course No.99 officially graduated today, a total of thirty two graduates.

8 Apr/44 Flying was washed out all day due to field breaking up due to thaw.

The following R.A.F. Officers reported this Unit by rail at 1500 hours from No. 31 P.D.,

Moncton, N.B., two Flight Lieutenants and one Flying Officer, also eight L.A.C.'s arrived from No. 26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Neepawa, Man., for inclusion in Course No. 104.

9 Apr/44 Flying was washed out again today as field still in bad condition.  
A Protestant Easter Church service was held this morning in the Recreation Hall.  
A show was held on the Station during the evening.

10 Apr/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to a fog. Dual was carried out during the afternoon. The field is still very soft.

Course No. 104 commenced training with forty-four students, including twelve Officers who reported in with the new intake of trainees on the 6th, 7th and 8th April, 1944. The source of entry for this course was as follows: twelve from No. 31 P.D., RAF, Moncton, N.B., fourteen from No. 4 ITS, RCAF, Edmonton, Alta., eight from No. 26 EFTS, RCAF, Neepawa, Man., four from No. 7 ITS, RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask., three from No. 2 ITS, RCAF, Regina, Sask., three from No. 6 ITS, RCAF, Toronto, Ont.

Competitive sports were carried out in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

11 Apr/44 Flying normal all day, good weather prevailing.  
A show was held on the Station in the evening.

12 Apr/44 Normal flying carried out all day and during the night.  
Group Captain A.J.S. Taunton (C.2044) and Squadron Leader E.J. Verrier (C.2333) W.& B., No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., visited this Unit arriving and departing by air.  
A volleyball tournament was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

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13 Apr/44 Normal flying schedule maintained until 1000 hours. The rest of the morning was washed out due to gusty winds. Afternoon flying was washed out due to high winds and rain.  
The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours.  
The Station volleyball team won a volleyball tournament which was played at Shilo, Man.

14 Apr/44 Good flying weather prevailed, permitting a normal flying schedule to be maintained.  
A show was held this evening in the Recreation Hall.

15 Apr/44 Normal flying all throughout the day.  
General sports were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

16 Apr/44 Flying was normal all day.  
Station very quiet today. Horseback riding, bicycle riding and hiking were carried out during the morning and afternoon. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

17 Apr/44 A clear calm day, flying normal all throughout.  
In the evening a basketball practice was held in the Recreation Hall.

18 Apr/44 Normal flying schedule maintained all day. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours.

During the evening a volleyball tournament was held between Staff and students, the Staff won with a score of 7-8.

19 Apr/44 Flying normal all day.

Group Captain J.S.S. Scott (C.1) and Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh (J.7742) arrived this Unit by air at 1700 hours from No. 2 Training Command, for the purpose of an inspection.

In the evening two student teams competed in a softball game.

20 Apr/44 Normal flying in forenoon. In the afternoon only dual was carried out due to gusty winds.

Group Captain J.S.S. Scott (C.1) and Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh (J.7742) departed by air at 0930 hours for No. 2 Training Command. Three Pilot Instructors, R105387 WOI Mongraw, G.J., R136013 WOII Davidson, G.F., and R139343 WO II Harris, S.D., reported this Unit by rail at 1600 hours from No. 2

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20 April/44 Con't. Training Command Headquarters. The Station softball team held a practice game this evening.

21Apr/44 Normal flying schedule carried out all day, the weather being very clear with little wind.

A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

22Apr/44 Flying normal all day. During the afternoon intermural sports were carried out.

At 1745 hours Pte. R.D. Todd, Paratrooper from Shilo, Manitoba, made a jump in connection with the Sixth Victory Loan, a good sized crowd was in attendance. A meeting was also held during the evening in town, in connection with the Sixth Victory Loan, which was attended by Mr. J. R. Morgan, Manager Virден Flying Training School, Squadron Leader A. F. Madore AFC (C.2851) - C.F.I., Flying Officer R.G. Wilson (C14959) - Adjutant, Flight Lieutenant B. E. Johnstone (J.15429) (G.L. Air Gunner u/t Pilot), Flying Officer J. C. Devonshire (J.7989) (W/OP/AG u/t Pilot), Flying Officer R. M. Kennedy (C9835) (A.E. u/t Pilot), Aus. 403540 WOI Wood, J.K. (W/OP/AG u/t Pilot), R.97958 WOII Polston, F.R. (A.G. u/t Pilot), and 9897 F.S. McMillan, D.B. (W.A.G. "A" u/t Pilot). WOI Wood, J.K. gave an address.

23Apr/44 Normal flying to 1800 hours, balance was washed out due to gusty winds and rain.

A Protestant Church Service was held in the Recreation Hall at 0930 hours. A rally Church Service was held in the evening in the town Auditorium in connection with the Sixth Victory Loan, at which the R.C.A.F. Band from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba, played. Aus.403540 WOI Wood, J.K. (W/OP/AG u/t Pilot) gave another address. The service lasted three hours.

Horseback riding, bicycle riding and shooting were carried out during the afternoon, and a show

was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

24 Apr/44 Normal flying schedule carried out during the morning, and was washed out during the afternoon due to high winds and a low ceiling.

This Unit today went over the "Top" in the Sixth Victory Loan Drive by more than doubling its objective.

There was a volleyball tournament between the Station team and the students teams in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

25 Apr/44 Normal flying carried out all day.

During the afternoon a "stick" of ten paratroopers made a jump in connection with the Sixth Victory Loan Drive. It was made under very poor conditions the weather being cold and very windy. A good crowd was in attendance, and the general opinion was that it was an excellent show. The paratroopers were later entertained on the Station. A show was also held in the Recreation Hall immediately following the display.

26Apr/44 Normal flying all throughout the day.

Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C.3628) Reselection Officer from No. 2 Training Command, arrived this Station to discuss the reselection policy, at 1541 hours by rail. Flight Lieutenant H. McEwan (C.29898)

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26 Apr/44 Con't. Senior Medical Officer this Unit departed by rail at 1423 hours for No. 2 Training Command to attend a conference of Command Medical Officers. During his absence he was replaced by Flight Lieutenant E.A. Jones (C.13206) from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Man. This Unit's volleyball team competed in a tournament which took place at No. 2 Manning Depot, during the evening.

27 Apr/44 Normal flying until 2030 hours. It was then washed out due to high winds. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Officers Mess Meeting was held immediately following the Commanding Officer's Inspection at which Flight Lieutenant C. Anderson (J.9678) was elected Vice-President Officers' Mess. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C.3628) left this Unit by air at 100 hours for No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Man. Courses 102 and 104 competed in a game of volleyball during the evening, Course 104 winning 2 out of 3.

28 Apr/44 Normal flying until 2000 hours, balance washed out due to rain and overcast. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

29 Apr/44 Flying washed out all day due to steady rains and overcast.

R.115053 Sergeant Henwood, E.N. (Clk. Admin. "A") N.C.O. i/c Orderly Room this Unit returned to duty on completion of Senior N.C.O.'s Administrative Course at RCAF Station, Trenton, Ont. During his absence, R.4284A Corporal Milne, F. W. (Clk. Steno. "A") was in charge of the Orderly Room. He filled this position very capably and efficiently.

Intermural sports were carried out in the Recreation Hall during the afternoon and evening.

30 Apr/44 Flying again washed out today due to rains and fog.

A Protestant Church Service was held at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall.

A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

(A.F. Madore) S/L,  
C.O., R.C.A.F. Personnel,  
No.19 E.F.T.S.. RCAF,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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APPENDIX "A"  
No. 19 EFTS.  
30 APR/44

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff</u>	R.C.A.F.	71	37	
	<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.A.A.F.	2		
	RC.A.S.C.		2	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Part-Time Civilian Chaplain (RC)			1
	<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>
<u>Trainees</u>	R.C.A.F.	10	122	
	R.A.F.	12	8	
	R.A.A.F.	1		
	<b>Total Trainees</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>131</b>	

Aircraft Strength

Type                      Serviceable                      Unserviceable

Cornell II	85	3
Tiger Moth 82C	1	Nil

Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of March, 1944 was 5465:20.

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APPENDIX "B"  
No. 19 EFTS.  
30th April/44.

RECAPITULATION / GRADUATION COURSE NO. 99 - 7th April/44.

Original Intake - 40

Transfers to - 1	Ceased Training (Wastage)	7
Transfers from-2	Graduates	32

Adjusted Intake - 39

Disposition of Graduates: - 26 Posted No. 17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Manitoba.

6 Posted No.12 SFTS, R.CAF, Brandon, Manitoba.

n.b. All postings eff. 21 April/44, rep. 22 April/44.

Disposition of Wastage:- 2 remustered to Air Bomber Std.  
1 remustered to Air Navigator Std.  
3 remustered to Flight Engineer Std.  
1 recommended for remuuster to ground trade - -posted  
No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon.

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1 May/44 May commenced as April finished with cloudy skies and rainy weather, a combination

which caused flying to remain completely washed out. Students were engaged in extra ground school duties, sports, etc.

In the evening intermural sports were carried out in the Recreation Hall.

2 May/44 The sky was generally cloudy with a slight overcast, and flying was washed out until 0900 hours. Dual was then carried out from 0900 hours to 1200 hours and again from 1500 hours to 2000 hours.

In the evening a dinner was held in the Officers' Mess for Flying Officer C. H. Harvey (C.28042) (Pilot Instructor), the popular Flight Commander of "B" flight, who has been posted to No. 23 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Davidson, Sask. There was a show at 2000 hours in the Recreation Hall.

3 May/44 Flying was suspended all day due to high winds.

Course 101 held their graduation party, with refreshments being served in the lounge at 1830 hours, the banquet being held in the Mess at 1900 hours, which was followed by presentations of training awards: The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, U.197354 LAC Reid, R.F.

The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot Award, R.265160 LAC Wilson, J.C.

The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average, R.253399 LAC Mabee, G. A. A dance was later held in the Recreation Hall.

Squadron Leader A.F. Madore, AFC, (C.2851) Commanding Officer RCAF Personnel this Unit, proceeded by air to attend a conference held at No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., with Flight Lieutenant W.M. Steeves (J.8646) assuming his duties, during his absence.

4 May/44 Normal flying schedule maintained all throughout the day.

Group Captain D. H. MacCaul, (C.76), (Engineer), Flight Lieutenant C.H. Hearn (C.6572) (Admin.), and Flying Officer Church, R.C. (C.20768) (Admin.) arrived this Unit at 1450 hours for the purpose of an inspection. Group Captain D. H. MacCaul and Flying Officer R.C. Church departed at 1600 hours for Neepawa, Man., by air. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours.

A Station baseball practice was held during the evening.

5 May/44 Normal flying carried out all day.

Flight Lieutenant C. H. Hearn (C.6572) (Admin.) departed by air at 0900 hours for No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Course 101 officially graduated today, a total of thirty-five graduates, five being posted to No. 17 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Souris, Man., and the remaining thirty to No. 10 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Dauphin, Man.

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5 May/44 CONT. All graduates were granted fourteen days special leave. Original intake Course 101 was 40, with four transfers to the course, and four transfers from the course, leaving an adjusted intake of 40. Five students ceased training off this course, disposal as follows: 3 remustered to Flight Engineers Std., 1 remustered to Air Navigator Std., and one recommended

for ground duties.

Flight Lieutenant H. L. Wylie (Med. Gen.) visited this Unit, arriving by air at 1210 hours from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., and departing by rail for No. 2 Training Command at 1500 hours.

A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

6 May/44 Flying was washed out from 0700 hours until 0900 hours due to smoke. Dual was carried out from 0900 hours to 1200 hours, the rest of the day was washed out due to high winds. The following Officers reported this Unit by rail at 1530 hours from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N. B., 8 R.A.F., 1 Flight Lieutenant, and 7 Flying Officers; 4 R.A.A.F., Flying Officers, for inclusion in Course 106 scheduled to commence 8th May, 1944. There were also 28 O.R. reporting from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N. B., and 33 from No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont. During the afternoon and evening horseback riding, bicycle riding and organized sports were carried out.

7 May/44 Normal flying all day, with the clear sky and light wind.

During the afternoon and evening, bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out.

A show was held on the Station in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

8 May/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to fog. Normal flying carried out during the rest of the day. Course No. 106 commenced training with forty-six students, twenty-six students from our Storage Pool, the twelve Officers plus eight L.A.C.'s who reported this Unit on 6th May, from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B. The twenty-six students from Storage were originally from Units as follows: 5 from No. 4 I.T.S., RCAF, Edmonton, Alta., 1 from No. 7 I.T.S., RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask., eighteen from No. 2 I.T.S., RCAF, Regina, Sask., one from No. 1 I.T.S., RCAF, Toronto, Ont., one from No. 6 I.T.S., RCAF, Toronto, Ont. A volleyball tournament was held in the evening, with four entries, namely Course 102, 103, 104 and Staff, with Course 103 winning.

9 May/44 Normal flying during the morning, but it was washed out in the afternoon due to high winds.

A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

10 May/44 A normal flying schedule maintained all throughout the day, the weather being calm and clear.

Squadron Leader T.E. Kirk (C.4050) and Squadron Leader J.C. Finly (C.11412) (Med. Gen.) arrived this Unit by rail at 1500 hours for a visit from No. 2 Training Command, departing at 1615 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., RCAF., Souris, Man., by air. Squadron Leader A.S. Vincent (C.1056), Officer Commanding, and Flight Lieutenant W. Sumner (C.23159), Flight Lieutenant H.P. Smith (J.14325) and Flight Lieutenant J.E. Delaney (C.22108) Testing Officers, No. 4 Visiting Flight, from C.F.S. Trenton, Ont., arrived this

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10 MAY/44 CONT Unit by air at 1600 hours for the purpose of examining flying instructors.



In the evening Course 103 v.s. Staff in a Softball game, with Staff winning.

11 MAY/44 Flying normal throughout the morning, and was washed out in the afternoon due to high winds.

The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Flight Lieutenant G.A. Kelly (C.20808) (W. & B.) arrived this Unit from No. 2 Training Command, at 1100 hours for the purpose of an aerodrome inspection. A billiard exhibition was given in the Recreation Hall during the evening by Mr. J. Gleason, one time billiard champion from Winnipeg, Man.

12 MAY/44 Flying was washed out during the morning due to overcast and rain, normal throughout the afternoon.

An inspection of the Virden Tiger Squadron of the Air Cadets was held at 1900 hours at which Squadron Leader A. F. Madore AFC, (C.2851) presented a flag to the Squadron. Flying Officer R. G. Wilson (C.14959) Adjutant this Unit, was also in attendance. F/L G. A. Kelly (C.20808) departed for No. 26 EFTS, Neepawa, Man.

A show was held in the Station Recreation Hall during the latter part of the evening.

13 MAY/44 A normal flying schedule carried out all day.

The Station baseball team held a practice game during the afternoon. Bicycle riding, horseback riding, hiking and general sports were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

14 MAY/44 Normal flying weather prevailed all day, and a normal flying schedule was maintained, with only dual being carried out until 1930 hours. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and shooting and hiking were carried out all throughout the day. A show was held on the Station during the evening.

15 MAY/44 Normal flying until 1945 hours, the remainder of the day was washed out due to a squall. Flying Officer D. Murphy (C.10486) arrived this Unit by rail at 1510 hours from No. 2 Training Command, Construction and Maintenance Unit, Winnipeg, Man. Capt. C. V. Sibbald (Dent. Off.) and H.53049 Sgt. Seguin, C.W.J. (Dent. Asst.) arrived this Unit at 1030 hours by rail from No. 26 E.F.T.S., RCAF, Neepawa, Man.

In the evening Course 102 and Staff played a game of touch rugby, with Staff winning.

16 MAY/44 The morning was dull with a light wind, dual was carried out until noon, afternoon normal until 1700 hours and was washed out at this time due to increasing wind. A V.D. picture entitled "It's Up to You" was shown to all Service personnel in the Recreation Hall at 1900 hours.

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17 MAY/44 Flying normal during the morning and afternoon, with only dual being carried out in the afternoon to 1600 hours, balance of day washed out due to high winds and smoke. Course 102 held their graduation party, commencing with refreshments in the lounge at 1830 hours, the banquet being held in the Airmens' Mess at 1900 hours, which was followed by presentations of training awards; The Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, Flying Officer J. H. Muncaster C.14931., The General Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot, R.51181 Sergeant O'Neill, W. G., The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average, Flight Lieutenant D. L. Quinn (C.2702). The evening was finished off with a dance in the Canadian Legion Hall, Virden, Man.

18 MAY/44 Dual was only carried out during the morning, and the rest of the day was washed out due to high gusty winds. The Commanding Officer's inspection was held at 1300 hours. Three Flying Instructors were taken on Strength today, namely F/O S.E. Lawrence (J.27760), F/O H. J. Owens (J.21399), and R.159113 WOII McLaren, E. J., from No. 2 E.F.T.S., RCAF, Fort William, Ont., arriving by rail at 1500 hours.

Wing Commander H. H. McFarlane (C.2787) Chaplain (P), from No. 2 Training Command, arrived this Unit for a visit by air at 1300 hours from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man.

19 MAY/44 A normal flying schedule carried out all day.

Course No. 102 officially graduated today, a total of thirty four RCAF graduates, all of whom were granted fourteen days special leave and posted as follows: the six Officer graduates to No. 18 S.F.T. S., RCAF, Gimli, Manitoba, and the remaining twenty-eight graduates to No. 17 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Souris, Manitoba. The foregoing postings were later cancelled and Course 102 were instructed to return to this Unit at the end of their leave, providing no further instructions re posting were issued before that date. Original Intake Course 102 was 40, with one transfer to the course, and four transfers from the course, leaving an adjusted intake of 37. Three students ceased training off this course, disposal being as follows: one remustered to Flight Engineer Std., two remustered to Air Bomber Std. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

20 MAY/44 Flying was washed out during the morning due to a fog, and the afternoon due to a low ceiling.

There were three Officers reporting in this afternoon by rail for training, two Flying Officers from No. 7 I.T.S., RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask., and one from No. 6 I.T.S., RCAF, Toronto, Ont., also twenty-seven G.R.'s reporting from the following units: seven from No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, Que., Six from No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont., ~~and two from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask.~~

Intermural sports were carried out during the afternoon and evening. A variety show was held in the evening in the Recreation Hall by a troupe from Winnipeg, Man. There were also fifteen G.R.S. reported this unit from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., to be included in twenty-seven mentioned above.

21 MAY/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to low ceiling. A normal flying schedule was carried out during the afternoon. A Protestant Church Parade was held at 0930 hours, in the Recreation Hall.

Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon, and a show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

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22 MAY/44 Flying schedule for the morning was washed out due to fog and a low ceiling, afternoon schedule normal.

Course 107 scheduled to commence today was cancelled. The Station baseball team held a practice during the evening.

23 MAY/44 Flying washed out all throughout the day due to low ceiling and scattered showers. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

24 MAY/44 Morning flying scheduled washed out due to low ceiling, afternoon schedule normal.

The Station baseball team went to Souris, Man., to play No. 17 S.F.T.S., team. The game ended in a tie.

25 MAY/44 A normal flying schedule maintained all throughout the day.

The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Flying Officer H. V. Clendenning (C.28418) (W. & B.) arrived this Unit by air at 1200 hours from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., for an inspection of Works and Buildings, departing for No. 12 S.F.T.S., at 1600 hours. Flight Lieutenant H. B. Peto (C.9725) (T-ARM.3) (T-ACR), arrived this Unit at 1615 hours from No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man., to discuss Aircraft Recognition training. A show was held in the Recreation Hall.

26 MAY/44 Flying normal all day, with the weather being very hot, with very little wind.

Air Vice Marshal T. A., Lawrence (C.7), Flight Lieutenant J. R. Alexander (C.12111), and Flying Officer W. R. Hall (C.6037) arrived this Unit by air at 1250 hours from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., for the purpose of an inspection, departing at 1310 hours for No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., by air.

Flight Lieutenant H. B. Peto (C.9725) departed this Unit by air at 1445 hours for No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Pilot Officer R. D. Fenwick (J.42930) (Pilot Instr.) arrived this Unit on posting from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, by rail at 1620 hours, also R. 124745 FS Gallagher, R. A baseball game was played in the evening.

27 MAY/44 Flying normal 0700 hours to 0900 hours, dual only from 0900 hours to 1200 hours. Afternoon schedule normal. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking carried out during the afternoon and evening.

28 MAY/44 Flying normal until 1930 hours, balance dual only due to overcast. A Protestant Church service was held in the Recreation Hall at 0930 hours. A soccer game, baseball game, horseback riding, bicycle riding and hiking were carried out in the afternoon and evening. There was also a show held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

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29 MAY/44 Dual flying only carried out from 0700 hours to 0800 hours, balance of flying schedule for the day normal. A baseball game was held in the evening.

30 MAY/44 Flying schedule washed out all throughout the day due to smoke. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening. There was also a baseball game between the Station team, and No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., this Unit's team winning the game.

31 MAY/44 Dual only was carried out until 1930 hours, with the balance of the day being washed out due to smoke. Squadron Leader A. F. Madore (C.2851) Commanding Officer this Unit, and Mr. J. R. Morgan, Manager, proceeded by air to No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., to attend a Conference of Commanding Officers and managers in connection with aircrew training. Flight Lieutenant W. M. Steeves is assuming temporary command in the absence of Squadron Leader A. F. Madore. During the evening a cricket and soccer game were played.

(W.M. Steeves) F/L,  
C.O., R.C.A.F. Personnel,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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APPENDIX "A"  
No. 19 EFTS.  
31 MAY/44

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff</u>	R.C.A.F.	75	37	
	<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.A.A.F.	2		
	RC.A.S.C.		2	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Part-Time Civilian Chaplain (RC)			1
	Total Staff	77	39	1
<u>Trainees</u>	R.C.A.F.	14	197	

R.A.F.	21	22
R.A.A.F.	5	1
Total Trainees	40	220

### Aircraft Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Cornell II	82	6
Harvard II B	1	Nil
Tiger Moth 82C	1	Nil

### Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of May, 1944 was 4783:40.

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June 1/44 Morning flying schedule washed out due to low ceiling. Weather cleared up in the afternoon and normal flying schedule was carried out. Flight Lieutenant W. M. Steeves (J8646) took over the Commanding Officer's parade in the absence of Squadron Leader A. F. Madore (AFC) (C2851), who was attending a Commanding Officer's conference at No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. A baseball game was played between A.15 Shilo, Man., and this station's team. No. 19 EFTS winning.

June 2/44 Flying washed out until 1500 hours due to fog. Normal flying conditions from 1500 hrs. to 1700 hrs., remainder of period washed out due to rain. Course No. 103 held their graduation party on the station, having officially graduated today, with thirty-five (35) graduates. Cocktails were served in the Recreation Hall at 1830 hours. The banquet took place in the Airmens' Mess at 1900 hours, at which time the following presentation of awards was made: The Garfield Madore Trophy (General Proficiency) - Flying Officer G. F. Pearce (C5633) (A.E.); Gerald Murphy Memorial Award (Most Promising Pupil Pilot) - No. 2277 Flight Sergeant Thornhill, E. (A.E.M. u/t Pilot); Murphy Ground School Award (Highest Ground School Average) - R175545 LAC Choukales, W. (A.E.M. "A" u/t Pilot). Squadron Leader A. F. Madore (AFC) (C.2851) returned from Commanding Officer's Conference at No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, (Man., also Mr. J. R. Morgan, Manager, Virден Flying Training School, returned after having attended the above mentioned conference. Both attended the graduation banquet. Recapitulation of Course 103 is as follows:- Original Intake, 40; Transfers to Course, 6; Transfers from Course, 3; Adjusted Intake, 43; Wastage, 8; Disposition of Wastage, 2 recommended ground duties, 3 Air Bomber, 1 Flight Engineer, 2 Navigator "B"; Graduates, 35, all of whom were granted fourteen (14) days leave.

June 3/44 Flying was washed out all day due to heavy rainfall. Inter-mural sports were carried out during the afternoon in the Recreation Hall.

June 4/44 Flying was washed out all day due to rain. Four new pilot instructors arrived this unit by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 E.F.T.S., Fort William, Ont. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

June 5/44 Flying schedule was again washed out all day due to rain. Flight Lieutenant F. E. McLaren (DFC) (J17371) arrived this station at 1500 hours by rail from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man., to discuss aircrew leadership training. Another new pilot instructor arrived this unit by rail at 1620 hours from No. 2 Training Command.

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June 6/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained throughout the day. Flight Lieutenant G. A. Kelly (C.20808) Works and Buildings, arrived on Temporary Duty at 0900 hours by rail from No. 2 Training Command for the purpose of an inspection, departing at 1440 hours by rail. R16234 Sgt. Andrews, S. J. (Foreman of Works) arrived on Temporary Duty from No. 2 Training Command at 0900 hours by rail. Squadron Leader R. G. Cadham (C3950) Medical Officer, arrived by air at 1000 hours, from No. 2 Training Command, and departed at 1400 hours by rail for No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C3628) arrived by air from No. 2 Training Command at 1445 hours, departing for No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask, by air at 1700 hours. A moving picture was shown in the Recreation Hall in the evening. The Station baseball team travelled to Souris, Man., to compete with the 17 S.F.T.S. team, results of which was a tie game.

June 7/44 A normal flying schedule was again maintained all day. Flying Officer H. G. Wedge (C23679) (Armament) reported on temporary duty, arriving by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 Training Command. Flight Lieutenant F. E. McLaren (J17371) departed by rail for No. 2 Training Command at 1440 hours. Flying Officer H.F. Hall (C14585) reported this unit on Temporary Duty from No. 2 Training Command, by rail at 1600 hours, to discuss Auxilliary Services. A dinner was held in the Officers' Mess on the occasion of Flying Officer K. K. Pollock (J20452) GL and Flying Officer H. L. McDonald (J28288) GL, transferring to the United States Forces. Intermural sports were carried out during the evening.

June 8/44 Good flying conditions existed throughout the day and normal flying schedule was maintained. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1330 hours today. R258645 Sgt. Hoban, G. N., arrived from No. 2 C.M.U. Winnipeg, on temporary duty, by rail at 1630 hours. Flying Officer H. F. Hall (C14585) departed by air for No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., at 1000 hours, and Flying Officer H. G. Wedge (C23679) departed by air for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., at 1030 hours. A baseball game was held at No. 19 EFTS, between No. 17 S.F.T.S., and the Station team, ending in a 13 to 0 defeat.

June 9/44 Good flying weather prevailed all day, and was used to best advantage. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

June 10/44 Good flying conditions prevailed, and normal flying was carried out. Bicycle riding,

horseback riding, hiking and shooting were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

June 11/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out all day. A Protestant Church Parade was held at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall. A show was held in the evening.

June 12/44 Flying was washed out until 1500 hours due to a low ceiling and fog. Dual flying only was carried out from 1500 hours to 1900 hours. A station baseball practice was held during the evening.

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June 13/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to low ceiling. Normal flying prevailed from 1500 hours to 2000 hours. Dual flying only was carried out during the balance of day. A baseball game was held on the station between No. 1 C.N.S. and the Station team, the latter team winning by a score of 2 - 1. A show was held during the evening in the Recreation Hall.

June 14/44 A good flying day; normal flying schedule carried out 0700 hours to 1000 hours. Balance of period dual only. Air Commodore K. N. Guthrie CBE (C34) Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., arrived this unit 1410 hours by air for the purpose of a conference with the Section heads of this station, departing this unit at 1500 hours. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C3628) Command Reselection officer, arrived this unit by rail from No. 2 Training Command at 1500 hours to discuss reselection policy, departing by rail for No. 2 Training Command. General sports were carried out on the station during the evening.

June 15/44 Flying was normal throughout the day. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was carried out at 1300 hours, at which time Flight Lieutenant A. MacMillan (C15711) (GL)(Air Gunner) was presented with Operational Wing. Wing Commander J. C. Binnie (C1768) (S.P.S.O.) No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., arrived this unit by air at 1100 hours, departing by air to No. 8 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask., at 1300 hours. Flight Lieutenant McCallum, W. A. (C3652) (F.P.O.) arrived this unit by air at 1100 hours from No. 2 Training Command, departing at 1500 hours by air for No. 2 Training Command. A baseball game was held at Camp Shilo, Man., between A.15 and 19 E.F.T.S., A.15 winning the game, 8 to 7.

June 16/44 Flying was washed out in forenoon due to low ceiling and fog. Afternoon flying normal. Course 104 officially graduated today, holding their graduation party during the evening. Cocktails were served at 1830 hours in the cocktail lounge, after which the banquet was held in the airmens' mess. The following presentations were made. Garfield Madore Trophy - 9897 Flight Sergeant McMillan, D. B. (W.M. A.G. "A"); Gerald Murphy Memorial Award (Most Promising Pupil Pilot) - Flying Officer G. H. Rogers (RAF 142833); Murphy Ground School Award (Highest Ground School Average) - R63808 Flight Sergeant Carrick, W. H. (Arm, "A") and CAN. R94219 Sergeant Johnson, A.M. (R.M."A"). Following the banquet, a dance was held in the Canadian Legion Hall in Virden, Man. Original intake Course 104, was

44; Transfers to Course, 3; Transfers from Course, 1; Adjusted intake, 46; Wastage, 10; Disposition of wastage, 1 recommended ground duties, 4 air Bomber, 1 Air Navigator, 1 Navigator "B", 1 Flight Engineer, 1 Air Gunner and 1 Wireless Air Gunner; Graduates 36, all of whom were granted fourteen (14) days leave and instructed to return to this unit pending posting.

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June 17/44 Flying washed out all day due to extremely high winds. Bicycle riding and horseback riding and shooting were carried out during the afternoon.

June 18/44 Dual Only flying was carried out from 0700 hours until 1000 hours; balance of days flying was washed out due to high winds. A Protestant Church Service was held in the Recreation Hall at 0930 hours. A show was held during the evening.

June 19/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all throughout the day. Grading School Course G.2 commenced training today. Source of entry for which, was as follows:- 27 from No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ontario; 8 from No. 2 I. T. S., Regina, Sask.; 6 from No. 3 I. T. S., Victoriaville, P.Q., and 1 from No. 7 I. T. S., Saskatoon, Sask. A total of 42 students. Inter-mural sports were carried out during the evening.

June 20/44 Normal flying all throughout the day. Flight Lieutenant J. Berger (C.37370) Jewish Chaplain, arrived from Air Force Headquarters by air at 1700 hours. A show was held during the evening in the Recreation Hall. A baseball game was held at this station between 17 S.F.T.S. and 19 E.F.T.S. No. 17 won, 11-3.

June 21/44 Flying was washed out for the morning period due to a low ceiling. Afternoon flying normal. General sports were carried out during the evening. The Station baseball team held a practice. Thirty-eight Direct Entry trainees from Courses 102-3 were posted to 9 C.M.U. Vancouver for Useful Employment.

June 22/44 Morning flying was washed out due to a low ceiling. Afternoon schedule was carried out normally. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Immediately following the Commanding Officer's Inspection a lecture was given all civilian and Service personnel on Fire Prevention, which was illustrated with slides, in the Recreation Hall. A show was held during the evening. A baseball game between No. 19 EFTS and No. 1 CNS was played at Rivers, Man., No. 1 CNS winning 8 to 1.

June 23/44 Normal flying conditions existed all day and regular schedules were carried out. Course 106 carried out Night Flying. Squadron Leader J. P. C. MacLatchy (C3639) (Adm.) arrived this unit from A.F.H.Q. by air at 1000 hours, departing at 1200 hours by air for No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man. Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh (J7742) paid a staff visit this unit



arriving from No. 2 Training Command at 1230 hours by air, departing for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., at 1445 hours, by air. Wing Commander L. A. Costello (C1931) Roman Catholic Padre, arrived this unit from No. 2 Training Command along with Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh, and departing with him.

June 24/44 Flying was suspended until 0900 hours due to a low ceiling; balance of day normal. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon. The Station baseball team also held a practice.

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June 25/44 Normal flying conditions existed throughout the day. A Protestant Church Parade was held at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried during the afternoon. A show was held during the evening.

June 26/44 Normal flying during the morning period, but afternoon flying washed out due to rain. Flight Lieutenant H. F. Peters (C3805) arrived by air from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., at 1010 hours and departed at 1130 hours, returning to Rivers. Group Captain D. H. MacCaul (C76) (Eng) arrived by air at 1030 hours from No. 2 Training Command, for the purpose of an inspection, and departed for No. 17 S.F.T.S. by air at 1500 hours.

June 27/44 Flying washed out for the entire period due to heavy rain. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

June 28/44 Dual flying only from 0700 hours to 0945 hours, and balance of period washed out due to wet field. Afternoon flying schedule normal. Station landscaping has been beautified during the last month with an increased number of flower gardens, laying of new sidewalks and new walls in the swimming pool.

Mr. J. R. Morgan, Manager, is to be greatly complimented for his splendid efforts in this respect. This unit has now started to reap produce from its Victory garden for use in the messes.

June 29/44 Good flying conditions existed, and normal schedules were carried out during the day. A Board of Officers assembled at this station for the purpose of inspecting and taking over water mains, etc., constructed by Bird Construction Company, Ltd., Winnipeg, Man. The President of the Board was Squadron Leader A. F. Madore AFC (C.2851) and Members were Flight Lieutenant H. F. Peters (C.3805) (W & B), No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., and Flight Lieutenant H. McEwen, (C.29898) (M.O.) No. 19 E.F.T.S. Virden.

A Court of Inquiry also assembled today to inquire into the Absence Without Leave of No. R253825, LAC Keif, A. President of the Court, Flight Lieutenant W. M. Steeves, (J.8646), and Members were Flight Lieutenant C. Anderson (J9678) and Flying Officer R. G. Wilson (C14959). Squadron Leader K. Ritchie (C.5716) (Eng) arrived from Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, by air at 1500 hours, together with Flight Lieutenant J. C. D. Taylor (C8035), Flight Lieutenant W. A. McCallum (C3652) (Eng), Flight Lieutenant H. F. Peters (C3805) (W & B), and Group Captain J. A. Taunton (C2044) (W & B) from No. 2 T.C. for the purpose of an inspection. All departed by

air to their respective units at 2300 hours.

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June 30/44 Good weather prevailed, and a normal flying schedule was carried out during the day. The swimming pool officially opened today, and a large number of personnel took advantage of same. A show was held in the evening at the Recreation Hall.

Recapitulation

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Staff</u>			
R.C.A.F.	73	36	-
R.A.A.F.	2	-	-
<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
RC.A.S.C.	-	2	-
<u>Civilians</u>			
Part-Time Civilian Chaplain (RC)			1
Total Staff	75	38	1
<u>Trainees</u>			
R.C.A.F.	14	190	-
R.A.F.	19	16	-
R.A.A.F.	5	1	-
Total Trainees	38	207	-

<u>Aircraft Strength</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Type:		
Tiger Moth 82C	1	-
Cornell II	83	5
Harvard	1	-

Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of June, 1944 was 3870:40.

(A.F. Madore) S/L,  
C.O., R.C.A.F. Personnel,

No.19 E.F.T.S.,  
Virden, Man.

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APPENDIX "A"

No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Virden, Man.

Add to:

June 5, 1944 Grading School Course No. G.1 commenced training to-day.  
Source of entry being as follows:- 10 from No. 2 I.T.S.,  
Regina, Sask; 12 from No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont; 11 from  
No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask; 3 from No. 2 E.F.T.S.,  
Fort William, Ontario. Total of 36 students.

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July 1/44 The first day of July commenced with perfect Summer weather being clear and warm. Flying was washed out all day due to the holiday. Sports were held at Moosomin, Sask., No. 19 EFTS participating in several events.

July 2/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to low visibility. Afternoon flying schedule normal. Bicycle riding, horseback riding, hiking and swimming were carried out during the day. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

July 3/44 Good flying weather prevailed all day, permitting a normal flying schedule to be carried out. The Station baseball team held a practice game.

July 4/44 Weather was good, and a normal flying schedule was carried out throughout the day. Group Captain J. S. Scott (C.1) (GL), Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh (J.7742), Wing Commander G. O. Godson (C.1586), Squadron Leader K. S. Pitcairn (C.1513), Squadron Leader T. E. Kirk (C.4050) arrived from No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, on a staff visit, prior to the Air Officer Commanding's visit, departing at 1330 hours for No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, by air. Wing Commander R. S. Cross (C.2213) (SOSO) arrived this unit at 1630 hours from No. 2 Training Command for staff visit, returning to Winnipeg by air at 1715 hours. A softball game was held at this station between No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, and No. 19 E.F.T.S., the former winning by a score of 9 - 1. During the evening a show was held in the Recreation Hall.

July 5/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to the low ceiling. Afternoon flying schedule was carried out normally. Wing Commander E. H. Sharpe (C.2287) Accountant Officer from A.F.H.Q. arrived this unit 1139 hours by air for the purpose of an inspection. Squadron Leader A. Patton (C8225), Squadron Leader M. Grant (AFC) (C1466), Flight Lieutenant W. Sumner (C23159), Flight Lieutenant H. P. Smith (J14325), Flying Officer G. N.

Seeler (AFC) (C29833), all members of No. 4 Visiting Flight, arrived this unit by air from Neepawa, Man., at 1540 hours. The swimming pool was used to great advantage today, due to the weather being quite hot.

July 6/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained throughout the day, due to good weather conditions. Flight Lieutenant R. A. Prowse (C.14618) (E.O.) arrived this unit by air from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, for the purpose of a staff visit. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C.3628) (C.R.O.) arrived this unit by air at 1220 hours from No. 23 E.F.T.S.,

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6 July/44 Davidson, Sask. Wing Commander J. C. Binnie (C.1768) (SPSO) arrived this unit by (Cont'd) rail at 1600 hours from No. 2 Training Command H.Q., for the purpose of a staff visit. A softball game was held at Camp Shilo, Man., #19 EFTS VS. A. 15 Shilo. Shilo won the game 8-1.

7 July/44 Dual Only flying was carried out throughout the day. Wing Commander W. M. Murray (C151)(E.O.) arrived this unit by air at 1340 hours from No. 7 Air Observers School, Portage la Prairie. Flight Lieutenant R. A. Prowse (C14618) (E.O.) departed by rail at 1530 hours for No. 2 T. C. Winnipeg. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C3628) (C.R.O.) departed this unit at 1115 hours by air for No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa. Construction of a tennis court is progressing very favourably. This Station's Riding Club is playing an active part in the station activities. A show was held during the evening in the Recreation Hall.

8 July/44 Flying was normal throughout the day, the weather being clear and very warm. During the afternoon and evening bicycle riding, horseback riding, swimming and hiking were carried out.

9 July/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day, weather C.A.V.U. A Protestant Church Service was held at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall. Most of the personnel made use of the swimming pool during the afternoon. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening, and was attended by a good crowd.

10 July/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out throughout the day. Twenty Pilot Instructors who have been with this unit for considerable time, were today posted overseas, all leaving this unit on embarkation leave, prior to reporting to No. 1 "Y" Depot. A farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess for these officers. General sports and swimming were carried out in the evening.

11 July/44 Good flying weather prevailed, and normal training schedule was carried out throughout the day. Flight Lieutenant G. A. Kelly (C20808) (W&B) arrived this unit by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 Training Command for the purpose of inspection roads. A show was held

in the Recreation Hall during the evening, and the softball team travelled to Souris, losing the game 8-6.

12 July/44 Good flying conditions existed throughout the day, and normal flying schedule was carried out. Two new flying instructors arrived today.

13 July/44 Weather remained excellent for flying, and normal schedules were again carried out during the day.

Flight Lieutenant A. C. Borden (C27341) (W&B) arrived by Motor Transport at 1000 hours from No. 2 Construction and Maintenance Unit, Winnipeg to inspect the work being carried out by No. 2 C.M.U. on this station. A Commanding Officers' Inspection was held at 1300 hours.

14 July/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon. Air Vice Marshal K. M. Guthrie (CAN. C.34) (GL), Wing Commander R. S. Cross (C2213) (SOSO), Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh (J.7742), and Flying Officer R. McDonald (C.21699) (Adm.) arrived on the station at 0920 hours by air, from No. 2 Training Command,

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14 July/44 Winnipeg, for the purpose of the Air Officer Commanding's Visit and Inspection of (cont'd) the Station. A Parade was held at 1145 hours, at the conclusion of which Air Vice Marshal K. M. Guthrie (CAN C.34), Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, addressed the parade, and granted a half day holiday for all personnel on the station. Course 106 officially graduated today, disposition as follows:-

Twelve Direct Entries posted No. 9 C.M.U., Vancouver, B.C., seven R.A.F. posted to No. 36 S.F.T.S., Penhold, Alta.; ten officers and seven R.C.A.F. Remusters remaining in this unit's storage pool, and granted fourteen days special leave. Recapitulation of Course 106 is as follows:- Original Intake, 46; Transfers to Course, 2; Transfers from Course, Nil; Adjusted Intake, 48; Wastage, 12; Disposition of Wastage, 4 recommended ground duties; 2 Air Bomber; 2 Air Navigator; 2 Flight Engineers; and 2 W.A.G.'s; Graduates, 36. Pilot Selection Test S.2 also graduated today, recapitulation being as follows:- Original Intake, 42; Transfers to Course, 2; Transfers from Course, 1; Adjusted Intake, 43; Wastage, 27; Disposition of wastage, 1 Recommended Ground Duties; 3 Recommended Air Bomber; 2 Air Navigator; 2 Air Navigator "B"; 9 Flight Engineers; 2 W.A.G.'s; 8 Air Gunners; Graduates, 16.

A baseball game was held at Souris, Man., between No. 19 EFTS and No. 17 SFTS., Virden winning by a score of 7 - 3.

15 July/44 Normal flying schedule carried out all day. Three officers and twenty other ranks arrived this unit at 1500 hours from units as follows: 5 from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask; 9 from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man., and 9 from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man. The three officers were included in Pilot Selection test S.6. Two new instructors arrived on the station, one from No. 25 E.F.T.S., and one from No. 4 Training Command Headquarters. Bicycle riding, swimming and horseback riding were the popular items of sport on today's programme.

16 July/44 The day was clear and quite hot with a normal flying schedule being maintained throughout the period.

A Protestant Church Service was held at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall. Swimming and horseback riding were carried out during the afternoon. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

17 July/44 Good flying weather prevailed, and normal flying schedule was carried out. A baseball practice was held during the evening. Aircrew Leadership training on this station is progressing quite favourably.

Construction of a new tennis court is nearing completion. Pilot Selection Test S.6 commenced training today. Source of entry for which was as follows:- Three from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., Ten from No.1 S.F.T.S., Camp Borden, Ont. (6 I.T.S.), Three from No 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man. (2 I.T.S.), Nine from No.7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man.

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18 July/44 Normal flying until 1100 hours, with the balance of schedule being washed out throughout the day, due to high winds. Air Vice Marshal McKean, L.D.D. - Liaison Officer in Chief, U.K.A.L.M., Group Captain G. H. Sellers (C647) (GL), Squadron Leader M. N. Balsillie (113139) (AT&D) arrived this unit at 1300 hours from Ottawa, Ont., for the purpose of interviewing all R.A.F. Personnel. Seven new Pilot Instructors arrived this unit at 1500 hours from No. 4 Training Command. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C3628) (C.R.O.) arrived this unit at 1145 hours by air from No. 2 Training Command via No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, for the purpose of reselecting failures of Pilot Selection Test S.4.

A softball game was held at Camp Shilo between A.15 Shilo and Virden, Virden winning by a score of 8 - 3. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall at 2000 hrs.

19 July/44 Flying was normal all throughout the day. Squadron Leader H. B. Hunter (C3628) (C.R.O.) departed this unit by air to No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. at 1000 hours, returning at 1500 hours from No. 1 C.N.S. by air. R110668 Sgt. Tonn, O. (Link. Elect. "A") and R100118 Cpl. Neufeld, W. E. (Link Elect. "A") arrived this unit at 1545 hours by rail from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, for the purpose of inspecting Link Trainers. General sports were carried out on the station during the evening.

20 July/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day, good weather prevailing. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Several entries were made at the Virden Agricultural Fair which was held at the Exhibition Grounds in town. Flight Officer J. E. Christie (V30386) (Spec. Ser.) arrived this unit by rail at 0830 hours from Brandon, Man., to discuss personnel welfare, departing at 1420 hours by rail for No. 2 Training Command H.Q., Winnipeg. Four new Pilot Instructors arrived this unit at 1530 hours by rail from units as follows: 1 from No. 15 E.F.T.S., Regina, Sask., and three from No. 24 E.F.T.S., Abbotsford, B. C. The softball team travelled to Rivers, Man., winning the game by a score of 1 - 0.

21 July/44 Flying was normal all day, good weather prevailing. A show was held in the

Recreation Hall during the evening. Swimming pool was used to good advantage throughout the day, and bicycle riding and horseback riding were carried out.

22 July/44 Normal flying schedule was carried out all day. A new pilot Instructor arrived this unit at 1530 hours today. Horseback riding, bicycling, swimming and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

23 July/44 Normal flying was carried out during the day, good weather prevailing. Swimming and horseback riding were carried out during the day.

24 July/44 Flying scheduled was normal all day. Three pilot instructors arrived this unit at 1545 hours, one from No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, and two from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, on posting to this unit.

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25 July/44 Normal flying until 1700 hours, balance of day washed out due to high winds. A baseball practice was held at 1900 hours. A show was held in the Recreation Hall at 2000 hours. The softball team played a game at Shilo against A.15, losing the game 6-1.

26 July/44 Normal flying schedule maintained through the day. Another new pilot instructor arrived this unit by rail at 1545 hours from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters. Inter-mural sports were carried out on the station during the evening.

27 July/44 Flying was washed out all day due to high winds, and low ceiling. Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours. Flight Lieutenant H. L. Wylie (C12524) (Med.Officer) arrived this unit at 1015 hrs. by air from No. 2 Training Command. Flight Lieutenant F. A. Clayton (J5129) (GL) (T.T.B.) arrived this unit at 1415 hours for the purpose of a staff visit. 4802 Sgt. Graham, J. and party of eight arrived this unit from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., at 1515 hours, by rail, for the purpose of preparing aircraft in stored reserve for long term storage.

28 July/44 Normal flying schedule carried out all day. The roads on the station are in the process of being hard surfaced, and the tennis court is nearing completion. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening. Pilot Selection Test S.4 officially graduated today, and are awaiting disposal. Recapitulation of same is not known at present.

29 July/44 Flying schedule normal all day. Three officers arrived this unit from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., at 1545 hours by rail, pending entry into Pilot Selection Course S.8. There were also twenty-nine other ranks reported this unit today from units as follows:- Sixteen from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., and thirteen from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. A Station Softball practice was held this afternoon. Horseback riding, swimming and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

30 July/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out throughout the day. A Protestant Church Service was held at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall. The weather being very hot, most personnel availed themselves of the swimming pool facilities. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

31 July/44 Flying schedule was normal throughout the day. Pilot Selection Test S.8 commenced training today. Source of entry for which was as follows:- Eleven from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., Six from No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man. (2 I.T.S.) Eight from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. (7 I.T.S.).

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Recapitulation

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
Staff			
R.C.A.F.	69	40	-
R.A.A.F.	2		
<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	-	3	-
<u>Civilians</u>			
Part-Time R.C. Chaplain			1
Total Staff	71	43	1
Trainees:			
R.C.A.F.	5	139	-
R.A.F.	6	-	-
R.A.A.F.	4	-	-
Total Trainees	15	139	-

<u>Aircraft Strength</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Type:		
Tiger Moth 82C	1	
Cornell II	87	1
Harvard IIB	1	

x - - - Note: Stored Reserve A/C  
 Cornell II     -     5



## Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of July, 1944 was 1913:15.

(A.F. Madore) S/L,  
Commanding Officer, R.C.A.F. Personnel,  
No.19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.  
Virden, Manitoba.

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No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., VIRDEN, MANITOBA.

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Add to:-

12 July/44. Course 106 held their graduation party today, with refreshments being served in the lounge at 1830 hours.

The banquet was held in the mess at 1800 hours, which was followed by presentation of training awards; the Garfield Madore Trophy, General Proficiency Award, G.B.1821911 LAC ASCOUGH, J. C.; The Gerald Murphy Memorial Award, Most Promising Pupil Pilot, Flying Officer R. N. A. Whitney (AUS.401262); The Murphy Ground School Award, Highest Ground School Average, G.B.1865768 LAC Anderson, R. G. A dance was held following the banquet in the Recreation Hall.

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1 August/44 Good weather prevailed all day permitting a normal flying schedule to be carried out, thereby putting the month of August off to a good start. R218753 Flight Sergeant Fraser, J. A. (Foreman of Works) arrived at 1200 hours from No. 2 C.M.U. Winnipeg by motor car, for the purpose of hard surfacing the station roads. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening. Intermural sports were also carried out in the form of Borden Ball, A swimming meet, and tennis on the newly completed court.

2 August/44 Normal flying weather continued today, and flying schedule ran to par. A get-together of Commanding Officers and C.F.I.'s was held today at this unit, with the following officers attending: Air Vice Marshal K. M. Guthrie (CBE)(C34)(GL) Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., Group Captain H. H. Atkinson (C966) (SAO), No. 2 T. C., Group Captain W. A. Murray (C544)(GL) from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Wing Commander G. S. G. Henson (C4454)(AE), from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., Squadron Leader T. M. Davidson (C2339)(Adm) from No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Man., Flight Lieutenant J. McMillan (J12246)(GL), 10 S.F.T.S., Group Captain W. W. Brown (C.74)(GL) from No. 17 S.F.T.S.,

Souris, Group Captain J. C. Huggard (C.442), 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Squadron Leader W. J. Hawkins (C1751)(Nav), No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Squadron Leader N. S. Edgar (C1460)(GL), 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Squadron Leader W. G. McLellan (C2342)(Adm), 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Flight Lieutenant F. H. Darragh (J7742)(GL), 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Flight Lieutenant R. B. MacDonald (C21699)(Adm), No. 2 Training Command, Wing Commander H.G. Malcolmson (C515)(GL), 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Flight Lieutenant R. T. Smith (J8355)(GL), 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man., Mr. W. H. Randall, Assistant Manager, No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa. The foregoing officer arrived this unit by air between the hours of 1700 and 2000 hours. A swimming contest was held at 1800 hours. Prizes were given to the winners at the dinner in the Officers' Mess which was held at 1930 hours, following which a social evening was carried out in the officers' lounge. The guests remained on the station overnight.

3 August/44 Flying schedule was washed out from 0700 hours until 1000 hours due to low ceiling, with the balance from 1000 hours on being normal. A Commanding Officers Inspection was held at 1300 hours today. Aircrew Leadership flights under the direction of Flying Officer F. J. Rita (J36235) (GL) conducted the inspection. Flight Lieutenant E. S. Smith (C5891)(Arm) arrived this unit at 1450 hours from R.C.A.F. Station Mountain View, by rail, at 1450 hours, representing Armament Visiting Flight. Mr. E. W. Smith (Surveyor) arrived this unit 0900 hours by rail from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., for the purpose of surveying station properties. A station baseball practice was held in the evening.

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4 August/44 Flying was washed out all day due to rain. Sixteen Direct Entries, seven from Pilot Selection Course S.2, and nine from Pilot Selection Course S.4, were S.O.S. today on posting to No. 7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Chief Link Instructor and three Link Instructors were posted today, F/L C. E. Belding (C.6893) (CLI) to No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R119512 FS Cole, T. V. (LTI) to No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Manitoba, R172642 FS Forester, H. J. (LTI) to No. 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton, Sask., and R179789 Sgt. Moore, S. P. to No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Manitoba. Flying Officer F. R. Madore (C29932) (LTI) has returned to this Unit to replace F/L C. E. Belding as Chief Link Instructor. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

5 August/44 Normal flying schedule was carried out all day with the weather having cleared up perfectly. Three new Pilot Instructors, two P/O's and one Sergeant were T.O.S. today on posting from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, arriving at 1451 hours by rail. General sports, including swimming, horseback riding and tennis, were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

6 August/44 Flying was normal all day, with good weather prevailing. A Decoration Day Service was held down in Virden during the afternoon. A parade was held, with No. 8 Repair Depot's band supplying the music, they also gave a band concert in the park from 2000 hours to 2100 hours, with a large civilian and Service attendance. A picture show was also held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

7 August/44 Flying was washed all morning due to a low ceiling. It was also suspended from 1500 hours until 1800 hours due to report of a crash just South of Virден, Man., which turned out to be a Tiger Moth from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., which was piloted by R.203617 Sgt. Power, A. T. of that Station. Sgt. Power was admitted to Virден General Hospital in a critical condition. R84619 Sgt., Bowser, R. B. (Draftsman) arrived by rail at 1400 hours from No. 2 Training Command on temporary duty for the purpose of measuring buildings at this Station. Mr. J. W. Rowan (Surveyor) arrived by P.M.C. at 0800 hours from No. 2 Training Command, for the purpose of surveying Station properties.

8 August/44 Flying was normal until 1830 hours, at which time it was washed out due to a storm.

Sgt. Powers, A. T. pilot of the aircraft which crashed yesterday, died this morning in the Virден General Hospital, and arrangements for a Funeral Party are now being made. F/O D. Murphy (C10486) arrived by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 C. & M. Unit, Winnipeg, Man., to inspect the Station roads. F/L F. E. McLaren (J17371) (Pilot) arrived this Unit by air at 1520 hours from No. 2 Training Command, to discuss Aircrew Leadership Training. F/O T. B. Dooley (J27897) (Pilot) arrived by air at 1520 hours from No. 2 Training Command in connection with the Gen Club. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

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9 August/44 Normal flying schedule carried out all day.

F/L E.H.R. Eastwood (C.7146) (R.T.O.) arrived this Unit by air at 1200 hours from No. 2 Training Command, to discuss transportation policy. CAN. R.56609 WOI Tomlinson, S. A. (Master Mech. "A") arrived this Unit by rail at 0300 hours for the purpose of inspecting the crash which occurred on the 7th August/44, and he departed by rail at 1430 hours for No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Man. F/O T. B. Dooley (J27897) departed this Unit by rail at 1700 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. A Station baseball practice was held during the evening.

10 August/44 Flying was normal all morning, and was washed out during the afternoon on account of the Funeral Party which was in attendance at the funeral of R.203617 Sgt. Power, A. T., who was buried in the Virден Cemetery. A band was supplied by Camp Shilo.

F/L E.H.R. Eastwood (C.7146) (R.T.O.) departed this Unit by air at 1000 hours for No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man. F/L W. S. Martin (C.14589) (Admin. Legal) and F/L W. C. Wright (J12054) (G.L.) (A.I.B.) arrived this Unit by air at 1400 hours from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., to investigate the crash which occurred on the 7th August/44, departing by air at 1930 hours for No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. F/O T. B. Dooley (J27897) (Pilot) returned to this Unit from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., by air at 1200 hours to discuss further the operation of the Gen Club, and departing at 1500 hours by air for No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man. Another Link Trainer Instructor, CAN. R.91850 FS Smith, R. M. S.O.S. this Unit today on posting to No. 1 I.F.S., Deseronto, Ont. This Section now consists of a Chief Link Instructor and two Link Instructors.

11 August/44 Flying schedule was normal throughout the morning, but was washed during the

afternoon, due to high winds. F/L W. P. Stevens AFM (C28039), F/O J. D. Annand (J26072), F/O M. J. McGuinty (J27851) and F/O G. H. Wintrup (J22956) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., to attend a course. Five Flying Officers and one Pilot Officer Pilot Instructors reported today on posting from No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man., arriving by rail at 1500 hours. R257464 Sgt. Anderson, J. M. (Spec. Misc. "A") arrived this Unit by rail at 1645 hours from No. 2 Training Command, for the purpose of inspecting footwear, departing by rail for No. 2 Training Command at 0349 hours. During the evening a show was held in the Recreation Hall.

12 August/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all throughout the day, good weather prevailing. Five Flying Officers, Pilot Instructors, reported today on posting from No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man., arriving by rail at 1530 hours. The following airmen u/t pilots were T.O.S. today from Units as indicated: Seven from

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12 August/44 No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, Que., and seven from No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, Con't. Que., for entry into P.S.C. S.9 which is due to commence 14th August/44, also five from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man. for useful employment. Swimming, horseback riding and tennis were the main sports on the agenda during the afternoon and evening.

13 August/44 Flying schedule was washed out all day due to very high winds. A Protestant Church Service was held in the Recreation Hall at 0930 hours this morning. Horseback riding, and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and evening. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening.

14 August/44 Flying normal all day. Seven airmen u/t pilots were T.O.S. today on posting from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man., for useful employment. Pilot Selection Course S.9 commenced training today, with source of entry being as follows: Two from No. 1 B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont. (1 I.T.S.), seven from No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, P.Q. (5 I.T.S.), five from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris Man. (7 I.T.S.), seven from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., and four from No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, P.Q. (5 I.T.S.). Notification of the following promotions was received today, R129514 WOI Doyle, F. G. and R105387 WOI Mongraw, G. J., Pilot Instructors, to the rank of Pilot Officer. S/L H. B. Hunter (C3628) (C.R.O.) arrived from No. 2 Training Command, for the purpose of reselecting failures of Pilot Selection Course S.6.

15 August/44 Flying Schedule was normal all day. F/L W. M. Steeves (J8646) (G.L.) assumes temporary command of this Unit during the absence of S/L A. F. Madore AFC (C2851) who proceeded on semi-annual leave for the period 15th August to 28th August/44. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening. S/L H.B. Hunter (C3628) (C.R.O.) departed by air at 1030 hours for No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Man.

16 August/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day the weather being good, with light winds.

G/C A. Goulding (C1980) Commanding Officer, No. 18 S.F.T.S., Gimli, Man., and S/L R. G. Miller (C1597) Chief Instructor No. 18 S.F.T.S., arrived by air at 1400 hours for the purpose of an inspection, departing by air at 1500 hours for No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man. Mr. J. MacMillan (Surveyor) arrived from No. 2 Training Command, by bus at 0800 hours to assist Mr. J. W. Rowan (Surveyor) also of No. 2 Training Command, in surveying Station properties.

17 August/44 Flying Schedule was normal all day. Seven Direct Entries Pilot Selection Course S.6 S.O.S. today on posting to No. 6 O.T.U., Comox, B.C. for useful employment. A Station dance was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was carried out at 1300 hours today.

18 August/44 Flying was washed out. all day due to high winds. F/L V. W. Baldock (C10348) arrived this Unit by G.M.T. at 1030 hours, to inspect the Station roads, from No. 2 Training Command, departing by G.M.T. at 1600 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. A show was held on the Station during the evening.

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19 August/44 Flying schedule was normal all day. General sports were carried out during the afternoon and evening in the form of swimming, tennis, horseback riding, and a Station baseball practice.

20 August/44 Normal flying was carried out during the morning, and was washed out in the afternoon due to high winds. A Protestant Church Service was held at 0930 hours. A show was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening. F/L J. Queen (C9098) (A.E.) arrived this Unit by air at 1300 hours from No. 11 Equipment Depot to inspect aircraft instruments, departing this Unit at 1900 hours by air for No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man.

21 August/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all throughout the day. F/L E. B. Allan (C23502) (G.L.) arrived this Unit from No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg, Man., by air at 1315 hours for a visit, departing by air at 1730 hours for Regina, Sask.

22 August/44 Flying was normal all day. A Station baseball practice was held in the evening. Also a large number of personnel who intend to enter into various contests in tomorrow's sports events, were practising up. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

23 August/44 Flying was normal throughout the morning, and was washed out during the afternoon in order to permit all personnel to partake in the different events of the Field Day which commenced at 1330 hours. Among the items on the agenda were Foot races, Bicycle races, horse races, tug-of-war, swimming races, diving competition, tennis, horseshoe pitching, etc. The day was a great success, with a large number of participants as well as spectators. Seventeen airmen u/t pilots were T.O.S. today on posting from No. 4 B. & G. School, Fingal, Ont., seven for inclusion into Pilot Selection Course S.10 and ten for useful employment. Four Australian and two R.A.F. student officers were S.O.S. today on posting to units as indicated; two

Australian and one R.A.F. Officers to No. 7 B. & G. School, Paulson, Man., and the other two Australian and one R.A.F. Officers to No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask., for useful employment. S/L C. L. Fisher (C4314) arrived this Unit from No. 2 C. & M. Unit, Winnipeg, Man., by G.M.T, at 0800 hours to inspect the newly hard surfaced roads on the Station, departing at 1300 hours by G.M.T. for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. along with F/L J. W. Baldock (C10348) (O.C.E.) who was accompanying him on this inspection.

24 August/44 Good weather prevailed, permitting a normal flying schedule to be carried out. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held today at 1300 hours. The following Officers of No. 5 Visiting Flight, RCAF Station,

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24 August/44 Trenton, Ont., arriving by air at 1350 hours from No. 5 E.F.T.S., High River, Alta., Con't. S/L H.C. Forbell (C13130) (Pilot G.L.) F/L M. Pettit (J22352), (Pilot G.L.), F/O N. Leatherdale (J27041) (Pilot G.L.), F/O A. Lajore (C26190) (Pilot G.L.), and also R.69059 Cpl. Davey, F. C. (A.E.M.), for the purpose of testing Pilot Instructors at this Unit. Capt., C. V. Sibbald (Dental) and H.53051 Sgt. W. E. Still (Dental) arrived this Unit on posting from No. 26 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man., by bus at 2300 hours.

25 August/44 Flying was washed out all day due to rain. Pilot Selection Course S.8 officially graduated today, recapitulation being as follows: Original Intake, 25; Transfers to course, nil; Transfers from Course, 1; Adjusted Intake, 24; Wastage, 19; Disposition of Wastage, 9 Air Navigators, 2 Air Navigators "B", 2 Air Bombers, 4 Air Gunners, 1 remuster to basic trade, and one pending reselection; Graduates, 5. Two R.A.F. student Officers of Course No. 106 S.O.S, today on posting to No. 33 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., Carberry, Man. The following Officers proceeded on temporary duty to attend a course at No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., F/L W. R. Davies (C29810), F/L W. M. Hays (J22985) and F/O E.M. Brown (J22968). The following Flying Officers, Pilot Instructors, were today promoted to A/F/L's effective 1st August, 1944: F/O J. D. Annand (J26072), F/O C. Sideen (C23501) and F/O W. R. Davies (C29810), and also P/O D. N. MacInnis (C45054) was promoted to A/F/O effective 1st August, 1944. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

26 August/44 Flying schedule was normal all day. Fourteen airmen u/t pilots were T.O.S. today on posting from No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask., for useful employment, also F/O J. A. Masson (C20906) for inclusion in Pilot Selection Course S.10 scheduled to commence training 28th August, 1944. Swimming, tennis, horseback riding and hiking were the main items of sports carried out during the afternoon and evening.

27 August/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out today, the weather being very clear and comparatively warm, with only a very light breeze present. General sports were again carried out during the afternoon and evening. A show was held on the Station in the evening.

28 August/44 Flying was normal all throughout the day. Pilot selection Course S.10

commenced training today, with source of entry being as follows: seven from No. 4 B. & G. School, Fingal, Ont. (1 I.T.S.), seven from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man. (2 I.T.S.), four from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage La Prairie, Man. (7 I.T.S.), three from No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask., three from No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, P.Q. (5 I.T.S.), and one from No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask. S/L A. F. Madore AFC (C2851), Commanding Officer this unit, today proceeded on temporary duty to attend a Commanding Officers' conference at No. 2 Training Command, departing by air at 0900 hours, with F/L W.M. Steeves (J8646) assuming temporary command during the Commanding Officer's absence. F/L S. Bellan (C8879) (Med.) was T.O.S. today on posting from No. 23 E.F.T.S. Davidson, Sask. F/O W.F. Bishop (C5717) (Ed. Nav.) and F/O S. L. Stoik (J21961) (Pilot) (G.L.) arrived this Unit by air at 1430 hours from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask., for the purpose of a visit, departing by air at 1630 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man. A Station baseball practice was held this evening.

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29 August/44 Dual only was carried out during the morning, with the afternoon flying schedule being washed out due to heavy rain. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3894) (C.R.O.) arrived this Unit from No. 2 Training Command by rail at 1615 hours for the purpose of reselecting the failures of Pilot Selection Course S.8. F/O H. G. Wedge, (C23679) (Arm.) arrived this Unit by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 Training Command, to inspect the Armament Section and to discuss any problems pertaining to this section. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

30 August/44 Morning flying schedule was washed out due to rain, but was normal from 1300 hours on.

F/L H. McEwen (C29898) (Med.) was S.O.S. today on posting to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Man. Three Direct Entries of Pilot Selection Course S.8 were S.O.S. today on posting to No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, Alta., for useful employment. F/O H. G. Wedge (C23679) (Arm.) departed this unit by rail at 1443 hours for No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man.

31 August/44 Flying schedule was washed out all day due to very high winds. A Commanding Officers Inspection was carried out at 1300 hours. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3894) (C.R.O.) departed this unit by air at 0900 hours for No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Man.

(A.F. Madore), S/L  
Commanding Officer, RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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#### Recapitulation

Personnel Strength

Officers Airmen or O.R. Civilians

Staff:			
R.C.A.F.	84	37	-
R.A.A.F.	2	-	-
R.A.F.	2	1	-
<u>Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	-	2	-
<u>Civilians</u>			
Part-Time R.C. Chaplain	-	-	1
Total Staff	88	40	1
Trainees:			
R.C.A.F.	7	101	-
R.A.F.	1	-	-
Total Trainees	8	101	-

<u>Aircraft Strength</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Type:		
Tiger Moth 82C	1	-
Cornell II	85	3
Harvard IIB	1	-
Stored Reserve A/C		
Cornell II	-	5

### Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of August, 1944 was 1588:45.

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NO. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., VIRDEN, MANITOBA.

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Add to:-

11 August/44. Pilot Selection Course S.6 officially graduated today, recapitulation being as



follows:- Original intake, 25;  
Transfers to Course, nil; Transfers from Course, nil; Adjusted Intake, 25; Wastage, 13;  
Disposition of wastage, three Air Bombers; three Wireless Air Gunners; two Air Navigators;  
three Air Gunners; two Flight Engineers; Graduates, twelve.

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1 SEPT/44 September weather commenced with ceiling and visibility unlimited, permitting normal flying to be carried out. F/L W.M. Steeves (J8646) relinquishes temporary command of this Unit on return of S/L A. F. Madore, AFC, (C2851) who was on temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. The following Link Trainer Instructors were T.O.S. today on posting from Units as indicated; R172642 FS Forster, H. J. from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask., and R179789 Sgt. Moore, S. P. from No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Man. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3894) (CRO) arrived this Unit by air at 1410 hours from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., departing by rail at 1500 hours for No. 2 Training Command. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

2 SEPT/44 Flying was washed out all day due to low ceiling, fog and rain. General sports were carried out in the Recreation Hall during the afternoon.

3 SEPT/44 Morning flying schedule was washed out due to low ceiling and only fair visibility. Afternoon schedule was normal with ceiling unlimited and very little wind. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and early evening. A show was held on the Station during the evening.

4 SEPT/44 Flying schedule was normal all day, good weather prevailing. Administration lectures are progressing very favourably.

5 SEPT/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out all day with ceiling unlimited and light winds. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

6 SEPT/44 Flying was normal all throughout the day. F/L C. H. Harvey (C28042) Pilot Instructor, was T.O.S. today on posting from No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask., arriving this Unit by rail at 1500 hours. F/L H. B. Peto (C9725) (T/ACR) of No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., arrived by air at 1640 hours from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., to discuss Aircraft Recognition Training policy.

7 SEPT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all throughout the day, with good weather prevailing. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was carried out at 1300 hours. F/L C. G. Stalker (J8655) (Pilot Instr.) was S.O.S. today on posting to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man.

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8 SEPT/44 Flying was normal all day. Pilot Selection Test Course S.9 was scheduled to graduate today, but critical scores, on same have not yet been received. Mr. R. Reece (O.B.E) Hon. Director of the Canadian Legion, Mr. R. Smith (K.C., M.L.A.) Provincial President - Manitoba Command Canadian Legion and Mr. O. Dowd - Area Supervisor Canadian Legion War Services paid a visit to this Unit today. F/L A. C. Border (C27341) (O.C.E.), and F/L S.W. Baldock (C10348) (O.C.E.) of No. 2 Construction and Maintenance Unit arrived this Unit at 1000 hours by G.M.T. from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., and F/L A. B. McLennan (C11259) (O.C.E.) of No. 2 C. & M. Unit, arrived by air from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., for the purpose of inspecting roads. F/L A.B. McLennan (C11259) (O.C.E.) departed by air for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., at 1600 hours. Five more Pilot Instructors proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., departing by rail at 1451 hours. Seven Pilot Instructors were S.O.S. today on posting to No. 1 Training Command Headquarters, Toronto, Ont, and also five to No. 3 Training Command Headquarters, Montreal, Que.

A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

9 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was normal until 1000 hours, and was washed out from 1000 hours to 1200 hours due to rain. The rest of the day was normal. The following airmen u/t pilots were T.O.S. today on posting from Units indicated; fifteen airmen from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., and three from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man., for entry into Pilot Selection Test Course S.11. F/L A. C. Border (C27341) (O.C.E.) and F/L S. W. Baldock (C10348) (O.C.E.) departed this Unit by G.M.T. at 1030 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man.

10 SEPT/44 Normal flying was carried out all day.

Horse back riding, tennis and bicycle riding were carried out during the afternoon. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening. One airman u/t pilot was T.O.S. today on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., for useful employment.

11 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was washed out until 1045 hours due to rain and fog. The balance of the days schedule was normal. Pilot Selection Test Course S.11 commenced training today with source of entry for same being as follows: thirteen airmen from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., (2 I.T.S.), three airmen from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man., (1 I.T.S.), two airmen from No. 4 B. & G. School, Fingal, Ont., (5 I.T.S.), a total of eighteen airmen.

12 SEPT/44 Flying was normal until 0930 hours and was washed out from 0930 hours to 1200 hours due to fog. The balance of the days schedule was normal. Three R.A.F. Pilot Instructors were T.O.S. today on posting from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

13 SEPT/44 Flying was washed out all day due to a low ceiling.

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14 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was washed out during the forenoon due to a low ceiling and was normal from 1200 hours on. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3394) (CRO) arrived from No. 2 Training Command, by air at 1515 hours for the purpose of reselecting failures of Pilot Selection Test Course S.9, and he departed by air at 1800 hours for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. Pilot Selection Test Course S.9 was officially disposed of today, disposition being as follows: Original Intake, 25 RCAF; Transfers to Course, 1; Transfers from Course, 1; Adjusted intake, 25; Wastage, 21; Disposition of Wastage, 9 Air Bombers; 3 Air Navigators; 3 Air Gunners; 2 W.A.G.s; 3 remustered to basic trades as follows: 1 Air Bomber; 1 W.M, "A", and 1 Standard G.D., and also one recommended discharge; Graduates, 4. Four Direct Entry graduates were posted to RCAF Station, Tofino, B.C.

15 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was washed out all day due to rain. One airman u/t pilot standard was T.O.S. today on posting from No, 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., for useful employment pending entry into Pilot Selection Test  
A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

16 SEPT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day, good weather prevailing. One airman u/t pilot standard was T.O.S, today on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., for useful employment pending entry into a Pilot Selection Test. F/L N. L. Brown (C13193) (Med.) arrived this Unit by air at 1140 hours from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., to replace F/L S. Bellan (C.3879) (Med.) who was proceeding on leave.  
Bicycle riding, horse back riding and tennis were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

17 SEPT/44 Flying was normal all throughout the day with ceiling and visibility unlimited. A special church parade for all ranks was held today at 1100 hours in commemoration of the Battle of Britain.  
An open house was held today, and there approximately 1,100 people from the town of Virден, Man., and surrounding districts took advantage of same. The gates were open to the public from 1500 hours to 1800 hours. A show was held during the evening in the Recreation Hall.

18 SEPT/44 Flying was normal during the forenoon and was washed out during the afternoon due to high winds.

19 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day.  
A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

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20 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day. W/C H. G. Malcolmson (C515) Commanding Officer, and S/L W. P. Wensley (C5270) (S.A.O.) of No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., arrived by air at 1450 hours for the purpose of a visit, departing by air at 1900 hours. W/C L. A. Costello (C1931)(C.Chap. (R.C.)) and W/C R.M. Frayne (C3689)(C.Chap. (P)) arrived this Unit from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., by air at 1605 hours, departing for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., at 1900 hours by air.

21 SEPT/44 Flying was normal all throughout the day, with good weather prevailing. A/C A. J. Ashton (C59) (C.S.O.) arrived this Unit by air from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., at 1400 hours for the purpose of an inspection, and departing at 1830 hours for No. 2 Training Command.

22 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day. Pilot Selection Test Course S.10 was officially scheduled to graduate today, but due to poor weather final tests were not complete. Five Pilot Instructors today proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 F.I.S. Pearce, Alta., to attend a course of instruction. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

23 SEPT/44 Flying was normal all day. Five airmen u/t pilots standard were T.O.S. today on posting from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man., for entry into Pilot Selection Test Course S.12 which is scheduled to commence training 25th September, 1944. Final tests for Pilot Selection Test Course S.10 were completed today and forwarded to A.F.H.Q. Horseback riding and bicycle riding were carried out during the afternoon. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

24 SEPT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day. A Protestant Church parade was held this morning at 0930 hours in the Recreation Hall. The weather today was very good, being quite warm and with very little wind present. Bicycle riding, horseback riding, tennis, and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and early evening. T. Eaton Company's Trumpet Revue from Winnipeg, Man., presented a two hour variety show from 1930 hours to 2130 hours. The whole show went off exceptionally well, with an attendance of approximately 200.

25 SEPT/44 Flying was normal until 1000 hours, and was suspended from 1000 hours to 1500 hours due to a low ceiling. The balance of the days schedule was normal. Pilot Selection Test Course S.12, the last Pilot Selection Test scheduled for this Unit commenced training today with an intake of eighteen students, source of entry for which was as follows: ten airmen from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. (2 I.T.S.), and two airmen from No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask. (7 I.T.S.). F/O E. M. W. Wallace (C36039) (Accts) arrived from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., by air at 1330 hours to give a lecture on accounting which was the subject for the Administration Lecture today. F/O E.M.W. Wallace departed by air for No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., at 1600 hours.

26 SEPT/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out all day. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

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27 SEPT/44 The firing schedule was normal all throughout the forenoon, but was washed out during the afternoon due to rain.

28 SEPT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day with ceiling and visibility unlimited. S/L R.

G. Cadham (C3950) (Med.) arrived from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., by air at 1000 hours for the purpose of an inspection, departing for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., by rail at 1100 hours. F/O F. P. Leach (RAF149666 (Nav. G.L.) and F/L J.W. Hannant (RAF116552) (u/t Pilot) arrived this Unit by air at 1200 hours from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., for the purpose of addressing the Gen Club. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3894) (C.R.O.) arrived by air at 1500 hours from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., to reselect failures of Pilot Selection Test Course S.10. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours today.

29 SEPT/44 Flying was normal all day with good weather prevailing. F/L J. W. Hannant (RAF116552) and F/O F. P. Leach (RAF149666) departed by air at 1000 hours for No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3894.) (C.R.O.) departed this Unit by air at 0930 hours for No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask. Pilot Selection Test Course S.10 was officially disposed of today, disposition being as follows: Original Intake, 25; Transfers to Course, 1; Transfers from Course, 3; Adjusted Intake, 23; Wastage, 20; Disposition of Wastage, 9 Air Bombers; 4 Air Gunners; 2 W.A.G.s; 1 Air Navigator Std.; 1 Air Navigator "B"; and three remustered to their basic trades which are as follows: 1 Clerk Admin; 1 M.M.M.T. "A"; and 1 R.M. "A"; Graduates, 3. Two Direct Entry Graduates were posted to RCAF Station, Tofino, B.C.

30 SEPT/44 Flying was washed out all day due to low ceiling and high winds.

(A.F. Madore), S/L  
C.O. RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,  
Virden, Manitoba.

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RECAPITULATION

Personnel Strength

Staff:	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
R.C.A.F.	73	34	-
R.A.A.F.	2	-	-
R.A.F.	5	1	-
Service Personnel Other Than R.C.A.F. R.C.A.S.C.	-	2	-
<u>Civilians</u>			
Part-Time R.C. Chaplain	-	-	1
Total Staff	80	27	1

Trainees:

R.C.A.F.	3	93	-
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TOTAL TRAINEES	3	93	-
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<u>Aircraft Strength</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Type:		
Tiger Moth 82C	1	-
Cornell II	88	-
Harvard IIB	1	-
Anson II	1	-
Stored Reserve Aircraft		
Cornell II -	5	

### Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of September, 1944 was 1245:45.

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1 OCT/44 October commenced with ceiling and visibility unlimited, with light cool winds. A normal flying schedule was maintained all day. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and early evening. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

2 OCT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day with good weather prevailing. S/L F. H. Darragh (J7742) arrived by air at 1115 hours from No. 2 Training Command for the purpose of a staff visit. Administration and Drill Courses are progressing very favourably. A volley-ball tournament between the Officers, Staff N.C.O.s and students was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening, with the Staff N.C.O.s winning.

3 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day with moderate winds present. S/L F. H. Darragh (J7742) departed by air at 1400 hours for No. 2 Training Command. A/S/O I. R. Taylor (U30695) (Messing Officer) arrived by air at 1315 hours from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba, for the purpose of giving a lecture on messing, which was the topic on hand for the administration lecture today. A/S/O I. R. Taylor departed by air at 1500 hours for No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening. Postings of eleven failures of P.S.T. Course S.10 who had previously been reselected to other aircrew trades, were cancelled.

4 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day, the weather being very good. F/L R. C. McLennan (C9001) (Admin.) and R115557 FS Frederick, L. B. (P.T.& D.) of Command Visiting Squad arrived by air at 1045 hours. Thirty Pilot Instructors were S.O.S. today on posting to Units as indicated: fifteen to No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba, and fifteen to No. 18 S.F.T.S.,

Gimli, Manitoba, for a three weeks refresher course prior to taking up duties as Staff Pilots at various Units within No. 2 Training Command. A Commanding Officers Inspection was carried out today at 1300 hours.

5 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day. F/L R. C. McLennan (C9001) (Admin.) and R115557 FS Frederick, L. B. (P.T.& D.) of Command Visiting Squad departed this Unit by air at 0930 hours for No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Manitoba.

6 OCT/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to rain, and during the afternoon due to high winds. P.S.T. Course S.11 was officially scheduled to graduate today but tests were incomplete. Eight Pilot

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6 OCT/44 Con't. INstructors today proceeded on temporary duty to attend a course at No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., departing by rail at 1451 hours. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

7 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day. Bicycle riding and horseback riding were carried out during the afternoon and evening.

8 OCT/44 The flying schedule was washed out all day due to low ceiling and poor visibility. A show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

9 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day, good weather prevailing. The Officers and Staff NCOs played several games of volleyball throughout the evening with the Staff NCOs winning.

10 OCT/44 The flying schedule was normal during the forenoon, but was washed out during the afternoon due to high winds. The Administration Course was completed today with examinations being written on same. F/L W.M. Steeves (J8646) (A/CFI) proceeded on temporary duty to attend an administration course at No. 1 K.T.S., Trenton, Ontario, departing by rail at 1423 hours. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

11 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out all day. F/L J. W. Baldock (C10348) (C.E.) and R119663 WOI Erven, A.S. (C.E.) arrived this Unit by G.M.T. at 0800 hours to inspect Station roads, and departed for No. 23 S.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask., at 1030 hours. S/L W.H. Boyd (C1163) (CMTO) arrived by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 Training Command, departing by P.M.C. at 2000 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba. F/L J.D. Annand (J26072), F/L W.P. Stevens (C28039), F/O K. J. McGuinty (J27851) and F/O G.H. Wintrup (J22956) (Pilot Instructors) the first Officers to proceed on temporary duty to No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., for a refresher course, returned today by rail at 1423 hours.

12 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day. S/L O.W.E. Crawford (C3894) (CRO) arrived this Unit

by air at 1200 hours, from No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask., departing by rail at 1530 hours for No. 2 Training Command. F/L W.A. Wheten (C6089) (Arm.) arrived this Unit from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba, by air at 1530 hours to discuss the Armament Policy, departing for No. 14 "X" Depot, Regina, Sask., by air at 1645 hours. The critical scores for P.S.T. Course S.11 were received today, and the disposition of this Course was as follows: Original Intake, 18 RCAF; Transfers to Course, 3; Transfers from Course, 1; Adjusted Intake, 20; Wastage, 14; Graduates, 6; Disposition of Wastage is not yet known. Three Direct Entry Graduates were posted to RCAF Station, Tofino, B. C.

13 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day with good weather prevailing. Col. W.A. Crosley (CDC) arrived by air at 1045 hours from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, departing by air for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at 1145 hours. A lecture on Fire Prevention was given to all personnel of this Unit at 1430 hours, and a practice fire drill was carried out at 1505 hours. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

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14 OCT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day with ceiling and Visibility unlimited, with moderate winds. Horseback riding and hiking, were carried out during the afternoon and early evening.

15 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day with ceiling and visibility unlimited. Horseback riding, bicycle riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening,

16 OCT/44 Flying schedule was normal all day, the weather being very clear with only light winds present. F/L F.E. Horton. (C9996) (P.T. & D.) arrived by air at 1055 hours from No. 2 Training Command, to discuss P. T. & D., and departing by air at 1445 hours for No. 2 Training Command. Captain C. V. Sibbald and H53051 Sgt. Still, W.E. (C.D.C.) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 202 Equipment Holding Unit, Weyburn, Sask., departing at 1600 hours by rail. Intermural sports were carried out in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

17 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out all day. A practical demonstration of fire fighting equipment was held at 1330 hours today. A refresher ground school course commenced today for all Pilot Instructors. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

18 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day with good weather prevailing. F/L H. L. Wylie (C12524) (Med.) arrived this Unit from No. 2 Training Command by rail at 1615 hours for the purpose of a visit. Intermural sports were carried out during the evening in the Recreation Hall.

19 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day. F/L H. L. Wylie (C12524) (Med.) departed by air at 1600 hours for No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba.



A Commanding Officer's Inspection was carried out at 1300 hours today.

20 OCT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day with ceiling and visibility unlimited, with very light wind. The following Pilot Instructors proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., to attend a refresher course, departing by rail at 1451 hours; F/O R. B. Grogan (C.27865), F/O H.M. Pickard (J39125), F/O A. S. Hougan (J39124), F/O C.G.Orr (J28290) and F/L O. Sideen (C23501). F/O W. Taylor (J40958) (Pilot Instr.) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 1 F.I.S., Trenton, Ontario, to attend a refresher course, departing by rail at 1423 hours. P.S.T. Course S.12 at this Unit was officially scheduled to graduate today but tests were incomplete. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

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21 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and early evening.

22 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was carried out all day. A Protestant Church parade was held at 0930 hours. Bicycle riding, horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and early evening. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

23 OCT/44 The flying schedule was normal all day. F/L A. C. Border (C27341) (C.E.) and R95971 Cpl. Peckover, M. R. (C.E.) arrived by G.M.T. at 1900 hours from No. 2 C. & M. Unit, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the purpose of and inspection.

The Seventh Victory Loan Drive commenced today, and this Station started off very well considering the very small percentage of personnel on hand. P.S.T. Course S.12 graduated today, and the disposition was as follows: Original Intake, 14 RCAF; Transfers to Course, 1; Transfers from Course, nil; Adjusted Intake, 15; Wastage, 11; Graduates, 5; disposition of wastage is not yet known. Three Direct Entry graduates were posted to RCAF Station, Tofino, B.C.

24 OCT/44 Flying was normal during the forenoon, and was washed out during the afternoon due to high winds. F/L A. C. Border (C27341) (C.E.) and R95971 Cpl. Peckover, M. R., (C.E.) departed by G.M.T. at 1100 hours for RCAF Station, Neepawa, Manitoba. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

25 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day. F/O S. W. Nissen (AUS.42588), F/O D. J. Hune (Aus.434409), F/L V. M. Hays (J22985) and F/O E. M. Brown (J22968) returned off temporary duty by rail at 1423 hours from No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta. F/L H. B. Peto (C9725) (A/C Rec.) arrived by air at 1130 hours from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the purpose of a visit. F/O R. G. Wilson (C14959) (Admin.) was appointed to the rank of A/Flight Lieutenant.

26 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day. A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 1300 hours today. F/L K. B. Peto (C9725) (A/C Rec.) departed by air at 1000 hours for RCAF

Station, Neepawa, Manitoba. 4004 WO2 Hendren, S.G. (Equip. Asst.) and R51292 FS Longpre, A. J. (Equip. Asst.) arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba, by rail at 0210 hours for the purpose of an inspection.

27 OCT/44 A normal flying schedule was maintained all day.  
A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

28 OCT/44 Flying was washed out during the forenoon due to a low ceiling, but was normal throughout the afternoon. A picture show was held in the Recreation Hall during the evening. Capt. C. V. Sibbald and H53051 Sgt. Still, W. E. (C.D.C.) returned off temporary duty from No. 202 Equipment Holding Unit, Weyburn, Sask., by rail at 1345 hours. Horseback riding, hiking and bicycle riding were carried out during the afternoon and early evening.

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29 OCT/44 Flying was normal all day. F/L R. A. Prowse (C14613) (Equip.) and R110532 Sgt. Gemmel, H. C. (Accts.) arrived by rail from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in connection with the disbandment of this Unit. Horseback riding and hiking were carried out during the afternoon and early evening.

A Concert Party, sponsored by Daytons Ltd., of Winnipeg, Manitoba, entertained Station personnel during the evening with a very good programme.

30 OCT/44 Flying was washed out all day due to a very thick ground fog. F/L R. A. Prowse (C14618) (Equip.), 4004 WO2 Hendren, S. G. (Equip. Asst.) and R51292 FS Longpre, A. J. (Equip. Asst.) departed by rail at 1450 hours for No. 6 E.F.T.S., Prince Albert, Sask. F/L W. R. Davies (C29810) (Pilot Instr.) returned off temporary duty at No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce, Alta., by rail at 1423 hours.

31 OCT/44 Flying was washed out again all day today due to heavy fog. R110532 Sgt. Gemmel, H. C. (Accts.) departed by rail at 1450 hours for No. 6 E.F.T.S., Prince Albert, Sask. F/O J. S. Hume (Aus.434409) and F/O S. W. Nissen (AUS.425888) (Pilot Instrs.) were S.O.S. today on posting to No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask. F/L A. E. Chard (C5165) (Arm.) arrived by rail at 1500 hours from No. 2 Training Command for an Armament check. R70140 Sgt. Webb, H. C. (A.E.M. "A") arrived by rail at 0215 hours from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the purpose of an inspection. R56659 FS Passey, J. (A.F.M. "A"), R110630 Cpl. Forsyth, H. G. (Equip. Asst. "A") and R123548 Cpl. May, H. S. (Equip. Asst. "A") arrived by rail at 1450 hours from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in connection with the disbandment of this Unit. A picture show was held on the Station during the evening.

(A.F. Madore) Squadron Leader,  
C.O. RCAF Personnel,  
No. 19 EFTS, RCAF,  
VIRDEN, Manitoba.

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RECAPITULATION

Personnel Strength

Staff:	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
R.C.A.F.	52	29	-
R.A.F.	2	-	-

Civilians

Part-Time R.C. Chaplain	-	-	1
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Total Staff	54	29	1
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Trainees:

R.C.A.F.	1	36	-
R.A.F.		1	-

TOTAL TRAINEES	1	37	-
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Aircraft Strength

Serviceable

Unserviceable

Type:

Harvard IIB	1	-
Cornell II	88	-

Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of October, 1944 was 376:15.

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1/Nov/44 November was ushered in on a bright sunny morning. Approximately two hours' miscellaneous flying and testing was put in in the morning. Towards noon the sky began to cloud over and flying was washed-out in the afternoon due to a low ceiling. Night flying was also washed-out due to a combination of wind and sleet. The following personnel arrived from Units shown for duties in connection with disbandment: R.56659 FS Passey, J.(AFM "A") R.123548 CPL May, H.S.. (Equip. Ass't "A") R.110630 CPL Jorsyth, H.G. (Equip. Ass't "A") R. 71034 Sgt. Storms, F.W. {AEM "A") from No. 8 Repair Depot, RCAF Winnipeg, Man. 4004 W.O.2 Hendren, S.G. (Equip. Ass't "A") from No.2 T.C. HQ., RCAF, Winnipeg, Man. R.250795 CPL Eckburg, E.A. R.220263 LAC Deline, H., R.115827 LAC Linden, G., R.160149 LAC Lightfoot, J.G.(Carpenters) R. 191038 LAC Mulain, J., R.182681 LAC Ruberry, R. (Construction Hands) from No.2 C.M.U., RCAF, Winnipeg, Man. R.122820 CPL Dalby, F.W.(Equip. Ass't "A") from No. 7 A.O.S., RCAF, Portage la Prairie, Man.

2/Nov/44 The weather is remaining quite mild. However, flying was washed-out in the morning due to a low ceiling and in the afternoon due to snow. Night flying was also washed-out due to a snow fall. F/L C. Anderson (J.9678) (GL Pilot) was posted from this Unit to No.18 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Gimli, Man., to be employed on and gain experience of Administrative duties.

3/Nov/44 The weather is continuing to stay exceedingly mild for this time of the year, but nevertheless a low ceiling persists causing flying to be washed-out both during the day and at night. P/O D.W. Moore (RAF.164951)(GD Pilot) & P/O E. Sinclair (RAF.164953)(GD Pilot; Flying Instructors were both posted to No.23 EFTS, RCAF, Davidson, Sask. Also posted to that Unit was GB.1525460 LAC Forman, B.(Clk.GD u/t Pilot). This disposes of all R.A.F. on strength this Unit. R. 120887 Sgt. Bashforth, R.A.F. & crew arriving from No.2 C.M.U., RCAF, Winnipeg for duties in connection with disbandment. R.180011 FS Batty, G.W. (LTI "A") was posted to No.4 SFTS, RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask. There was a picture show in the Recreation Hall for all personnel.

4/Nov/44 Though the weather is fine, a persistent low ceiling has again caused flying to be washed-out completely. F/L W.P. Stevens AFM (C. 28039) (GL Pilot), one of the Testing Officers, was posted to No.12 S.F.T.S., RCAF. Brandon, Man., for duty and experience with the Accounts Section. This posting has been subsequently cancelled and it is felt probable that F/L Stevens will be left here on staff duties during disbandment.

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5/Nov/44 Remarkable at it seems for this time of the year, there was a rain this morning causing flying to be washed-out this morning. Flying was washed-out in the afternoon and at night due to a fog. Trainee failures off Pilot Selection Tests are now limited for remustering to the other Aircrew trades of Air Gunner & Flight Engineer. The majority of the boys choose to go Flight Engineer. F/O J.J. Benoit (J.24297)(GL Pilot) F/O R.W. Morin (J.37623)(GL Pilot) F/O D.A. Wedlinger (J.25946)(GL Pilot) P/O R.N. Anderson (J.43370)(GL Pilot) & P/O G.D. Johnson (C.46667)(GL Pilot) have been posted to No. 2 FIS, RCAF, Pearce, Alta., for conversion course for Service Flying Instructors' Categories. This is the first group to have been posted to Pearce, the previous ones going there on Temporary Duty. There was a picture show in the evening in the Recreation Hall.

6/Nov/44 A fog which has continued since yesterday afternoon caused all flying to be completely washed-out. The following Flight Commanders, Testing Officers & Flying Instructors have been posted to No.18 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Gimli, Man., F/L J.D. Annand( J.26072), F/O D. Davenport (J.28287). F/O M.J. McGuinty (J.27851), F/O G.H. Wintrup (J.22956), F/O D.R. Hambly (J.25148), F/O W. S. Heaton (J.22999), F/O R.N. May (J.36137), F/O W.S. Curry (J.25223), F/O R.I. Henderson (J.38036), F/O W.A. King (C.28041), F/L C.H. Harvey (C.28042), F/O R.J. Simonds (J.29060), F/O E.M. Brown (J.22968), F/O J.G. Hutchinson (J.39133; & P/O H.O. Hanson (CAN.J.43389). Some of these Instructors are on Temporary Duty at No. 2 FIS, RCAF, Pearce, Alta., and will have to return to this Unit to be cleared. F/L W.M. Mays (J.22985)(GL Pilot) has been posted to No.18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man., reporting to No.2 T.C.,

RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., and then proceeding to No. 5 A.O.S. , RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., in connection with Aerodrome Control. The other Instructors will be on the strength of the Holding Unit at Gimli. Also posted to the Holding Unit are three Airmen Flying Instructors: R.143083 W.O.2 Elvin, R.138161 W.O.2 Alexander, J.M.L., R.124745 W.O.2 Gallagher, R.S.

7/Nov/44 The fog has lifted but a low ceiling persists causing flying to be washed out all day. A clearing sky bringing normal conditions for night Flying. There was a picture show on the Station in the evening. The following Flying Instructors were posted to No.18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man., F/O S. Wilson (J.40957). F/L W.R. Davies (C 29810) (GL Pilot) (Flight Commander) posted to No. 18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man., F/L W.M. Steeves (J. 8646), Assistant Chief Flying Instructor who is on T.D. at No.1 KTS, Trenton, attending Administrative Course till 24th November, 1944, is posted to No. 18 SFTS. RCAF, Gimli, Man., reporting 27th November, 1944.

8/Nov/44 Flying conditions normal this morning but washed-out in the afternoon. Night flying also washed-out on account of low ceiling. The date of disbandment of this Unit, originally set for the 15th November, 1944, then changed to the 15th December, 1944, has now been changed back to the 15th November, 1944. It is felt that this will likely cause a last minute rush to clear the Station of Service personnel, especially with those off the Station on Temporary Duty having to return here to be cleared before proceeding on posting.

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9/Nov/44 Flying has been washed-out this morning on account of fog. Also flying was washed-out in the afternoon and night on account of low ceiling. The following Link Instructor Personnel have been posted to Units indicated: F/O F.R. Madore (C.29932). Chief Link Instructor to No.4 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask. R.180525 FS Crouch, R.T. (LTI "A") to No.4 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Saskatoon, Sask. R.179789 FS Moore, S.P. (LTI "A") to No.17 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Souris, Man. R.172642 FS Forster, H.J. (LTI "A") to No.17 SFTS, RCAF, Souris, Man.

10/Nov/44 Flying completely washed-out during the day and night on account of a low ceiling. There was a picture show in the Recreation Hall in the evening. R.110083 W.O.2 Mark, H.D. (Airman Pilot S.G.) returned off T.D. at No.2 F.I.S., RCAF, Pearce, Alta., and was cleared on posting back to Pearce.

11/Nov/44 A ground fog caused flying to be washed-out in the morning. When the fog lifted a low ceiling caused flying to remain washed-out during the afternoon and night. The Dental Corps at this Unit, Capt. C.V. Sibbald & H.53051 Sgt. Still, W.E., are proceeding on Temporary Duty to No.204 E.H.U., RCAF, Estevan, Sask.

12/Nov/44 The weather still remains quite mild and there is no snow on the ground and good flying conditions existed in the morning. However, snow conditions caused flying to be washed-out in the afternoon and night. The following flying Instructors have ceased Temporary Duty at No.2 FIS, RCAF, Pearce and will be returning this Unit to be cleared and then be posted

back to No.2 FIS, RCAF, Pearce. F/L W.H. Hicks (J.11469), F/O J.W. Lailey (J.26052), F/O G.J. Mangraw (C.47500), F/O H.J. Owens (J.21399), F/O C.B. Bean (J.27876), F/O J.G. MacKinnon (C.40962), F/O K.D. Porter (J.20122), F/O F.G. Doyle (J.47412), F/O C. Hutchison (J.14124), F/O S.E. Lawrence (J.27760), F/O A.F. Pue (J.23064), F/L O. Sideen (C.23501), F/O A.S. Hougan (J.39124), F/O C.G. Orr (J.28290), F/O R.B. Grogan (C.27865), F/O H.M. Pickard, (J.39125), F/O W. Taylor (J.40958)(GL Pilot), Flying Instructor, ceased Temporary Duty at No.1 FIS, RCAF, Trenton, Ont., returning this Unit to be cleared on posting to No.1 FIS, RCAF, Trenton.

13/Nov/44 Weather is remaining fine but a low ceiling still persists, which combined with a strong wind in the afternoon caused flying to be washed-out all day and night. F/O R.C. Church (C.20768) No.2 T.C., NPFAO, arriving from Winnipeg today in connection with disbandment. R.276728 LAC Harrison, W.R. (Hospital Assistant) was posted to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg.

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14/Nov/44 The weather remains fine but a high wind has arose which causes flying to be completely washed-out all day and night. Postings for staff are starting to come in over the commercial telegraph lines. Personnel are eager to find out their postings and get going. Those living on the Station are packed and ready to leave at a moment's notice. Those living off the Station have given up their private quarters and are all ready to leave also. From the way the postings are coming in, it seems rather doubtful if any personnel will be left behind as a rear party to facilitate disbandment. The last picture show was held in the Recreation Hall this evening.

15/Nov/44 The official day of disbandment has arrived and it is a fine clear day with good flying weather. All postings have come in and everyone is disposed of.. It has been confirmed that S/L A.P. Madore AFC (C.2851), Commanding Officer, F/L W.P. Stevens AFM (C. 28039) Testing Officer, F/O P.J. Rita (J.36235), Flying Instructor, F/L R.G. Wilson (C.14959), Adjutant & R.115053 SGT Henwood, E.N., NCO i/c Orderly Room are to be posted to the strength of No.2 T.C. HQ. Admin. Unit, Winnipeg, and left at this Unit on Temporary Duty until disbandment has been completed. The different departments has been disposed of as follows: H/F/L W.A. Osborne (C. 5837) (Chap P), Part-time Station Chaplain, posted to the Non-Effective Strength of No.12 SFTS, RCAF, Brandon, Man., to remain here in Virden pending retirement. F/L F.R. Vance (J.9341), F/O L. S. Hudson (C. 28062), F/O C.D. McGregor (J.36471) Flying Instructors posted to Holding Unit at No. 18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man. It is estimated that F/O Hudson will be at that Unit only a very short while before he will be posted to the Release Centre at Vancouver, B.C. for retirement, having reached the age limit. Hospital Staff: F/L S. Bellan (C.8879) (Med) & R.83794 CPL Senior, W.E. (Clk Med "B") posted to No.8 Repair Depot, RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., for duty with No.5 Release Centre; R.113003 Sgt Chmilar, S.W. (Hospital Ass't "A") posted No.5 B. & G.S., Dafoe. Sask., R.105997 LAC Brookfield, A.K. , R.206528 LAC Levesque, J.C.R. (Hospital Ass'ts "B") posted No.3 B. & G.S., McDonald, Man. Disciplinary Staff: R.126637 FS Turner, G.L. & R. 115395 Sgt Brewer, B.T. (P.T. & D.I.'s "B") posted No.7 AOS, RCAF, Portage La Prairie, Man., and No.5 B. & G.S., RCAF, Dafoe, Sask., respectively. Orderly Room Staff: R.4284A Cpl Milne, F.W. (Clk Admin "A"), R.134470 LAC Fraser, H.E. (Clk Admin "A") & R.94341 LAC Malletter, J.P.(Clk Admin "B")

posted No.8 Repair Depot, RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., for duty with No. 5 Release Centre. Post Office Staff: R. 252633 Cpl West W (Postal Clk "B") posted No. 33 SFTS, RAF, Carberry, Man., R. 280429 AC2 Clifford, D. S. (Postal Clk "B") posted No. 1 CNS, RCAF, Rivers, Man. Armament Instruction Staff: R.128127 Sgt Johnston, W. D.(Arm Guns "A") posted No. 18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man., R.116780 Sgt. MacDougall, F.S. A/C Rec. Instr.) posted No. 3 W.S. , RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., R.134058 CPL Strecker, G.F.T. (Arm Guns "A") posted No.5 B. & G. S., RCAF, Dafoe, Sask., together with R.172700 CPL Pajak, A. (Arm Guns "A"). Provost Personnel: R.158125 Cpl McDonald, C.C.(SP "C") & R. 155597 CPL Fleming, W.E.(SP "C") posted No.1 CNS, RCAF, Rivers, Man., R.66732 CPL Parizeau, J.A.S.(SP "C") posted No.17 SFTS. RCAF, Souris, Man., R.217843 CPL Johnson, E.(SP "C") posted No.3 W. S., RCAF, Winnipeg. Man. Dental Corps personnel, Capt. C.V. Sibbald & H.53051 Sgt Still, W.E., were recalled from Temporary Duty at No.204 E.H.U., Estevan, Sask., cleared this Unit on posting to No.2 T.C, RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., returning to Estevan on Temporary Duty. Postings for all Aircrew PST failures who returned to Basic Trades had not arrived from D.A.P. S., Ottawa, but No.2 T.C, RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., gave authority to

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15/Nov/44. post those for whom there was no posting from D.A.P.S., Ottawa, to No. 12 S.F.T.S., (Cont'd) RCAF, Brandon, Man., this disposed of any Trainees remaining. Today has been a very eventful day, so much confusion and personnel rushing around the Station, determined to get clear and leave the Station without the slightest delay. The Orderly Room Staff are being pushed to the limit to complete personal documents and get them away in time to the next Unit of the personnel concerned, making up transportation warrants, looking up train schedules and a hundred and one things to do. Two messages of congratulation from the Air Officer Commanding, No.2 T.C., RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., just came in over the wires in connection with the award of the Air Force Cross to F/L Oscar Sideen (C.23501), who has been posted to No.2 FIS. RCAF, Pearce, Alta., and the award of Commendation to F/L William McBride Hays J.22985), who has been posted to No. 18 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Gimli, Man. Both of these Flying Instructors have proved themselves highly competent as Flight Commanders, Testing Officers & Squadron Commanders and have had considerable service with the B.C.A.T.P. The congratulations and best wishes of the whole school go with them on their postings to their new Units. F/O CC. Holmes (C.47155), No.2 T.C. Construction & Engineering Branch, arrived at this Unit in connection with the disbandment of this Unit. A Board of Officers, composed as hereunder, assembled at No. 19 EFTS, today for the purpose of destruction of, other than Secret and Confidential documents and files in accordance with KR(Air), Para.165 and 166. The Board will also deal with Secret and Confidential files in accordance with KR(Air), para. 992(4): President: F/L R.G. Wilson (C.14959), Adjutant, No.19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Man. Members: F/L W.P. Stevens AFM (C.28039), No.19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Man., F/O L. S. Hudson (C.28062), No.19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Man. A Board of Officers, composed as hereunder, assembled at No. 19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Man., on Wednesday, 1st November, 1944, for the purpose of taking over all equipment on loan to the Civilian Operating Company and closing out the loan account of No.7 Equipment Depot, RCAF, Winnipeg for the subject school: President: F/L H.A. Prowse (C.14618), No.2 T.C. Equipment Branch, Winnipeg, Man. Members: 4004

W.O.2 Hendren, S.G., No.11 S.F.T.S., RCAF, Yorkton, Sask, R.271034 Sgt. Storms, A.W., No.8 Repair Depot, RCAF, Winnipeg, Man. Mr. C Goulding, Virden Flying Trng. School, Ltd. A Board of Officers, composed as hereunder, will assemble at No. 19 E.F.T.S., RCAF, Virden, Man., at 1000 hours, Monday, the 20th day of November, 1944, for the purpose of formally taking back from Virden Flying Training School Limited the buildings, hangars, services, structures and equipment installed therein and as loaned by the Department of National Defence for Air to the Virden Flying Training School Limited: President: S/L E.J. Verrier (C.23333), No. 2 T.C.HQ. W. & B. Branch, Winnipeg, Man. Members: F/L A. Prowse (C.14618), No.2 T.C. HQ., Equipment Branch. F/L S. Bellan (C.8879). Medical Officer No.19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Man. F/O C.C. Holmes (C.47155), Construction & Engineering Branch, No.2 T.C., HQ., Winnipeg, Man. Company Officials: The Manager and Ass't Manager of the Virden Flying Training

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15/Nov/44. School Limited, Virden, Manitoba. The assembling of this Board has since been (Cont'd) postponed to the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1944.

16/Nov/44. Normal flying weather is being enjoyed. All Service personnel remaining at this Unit in connection with disbandment have now to live off the Station, as all barrack's have been closed up preparatory to shipping bunks, furniture, etc., back to No.7 Equipment Depot, RCAF, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The one large mess, which used to be the airman's Mess still serves meals to anyone desiring to eat there, but charges for every meal served as the Civilian Operating Company has been out off the ration strength of the R.C.A.S.C. effective the 15th November, 1944. The Civilian caterers have to purchase all food supplies locally. However, the civilian canteen in the main administration building is still open and one may obtain a light lunch there at a very reasonable price.

17/Nov/44. Flying was washed-out all day today and although the weather still remains quite mild it seems to breed a constant fog. There is still a large amount of work left to do for the rear party remaining here with the Disbandment Board.

18/Nov/44. A ground fog caused flying to be washed-out this morning, but even when the fog disappeared, a low ceiling kept flying washed-out all day. There is no surety as yet as to what will be done with the eighty odd aircraft still at this Unit, whether they will be stored at this Unit or flown to another Unit for storage. However, they are being kept in shape so that, if necessary, they can be flown away immediately.

19/Nov/44. Weather remaining fine but a low ceiling kept all aircraft grounded.

20/Nov/44. Continued low ceiling has again grounded all aircraft. F/O F.J. Rita (J36235)(GL Pilot), who was remaining at this Unit to be employed as a Staff Pilot, today ceased Temporary Duty here on posting to No.18 SFTS, RCAF., Gimli, Man., proceeding direct to that Unit, where he will be placed in the Holding Pool



21/Nov/44. F/L A.L. Bell (J.7066)(Admin) arrived today from A.F.H.Q. on a tour of all Units in connection with the R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Mr. L.F. Painchaud arrived today from No.2 T.C., RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., in connection with hiring civil service personnel.

22/Nov/44. Normal flying weather. Approximately seven hours' miscellaneous flying and testing put in today.

23/Nov/44. Weather remaining fine and clear, good flying weather. The findings of the Board of Officers assembled at this Unit on the 15th November, 1944 for the purpose of examining and recommending for destruction other than Secret & Confidential files and documents has been approved by No.2 T.C, RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., and has been returned to this Unit. This still leaves the findings of the Board of Officers, assembled for examining and recommending for destruction Secret & Confidential files, to be approved.

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24/Nov/44 The weather is remaining clear and mild and there was approximately three hours miscellaneous flying and testing.

25/Nov/44 Continued mild weather is tending to really shorten the weather. A few hours miscellaneous flying and testing carried out today.

26/Nov/44 Normal flying weather. R.162171 LAC Handlay, J.A. and R.250919 LAC Howarth, E., of the disbandment board appeared on sick parade and have been referred to Dr. J.R. Monteith, D.P. & M.M. representative, Virden, Man. The diagnosis was Laryngitis and Peri-Tonsillar abscess - acute tonsillitis in the respective cases, LAC Howarth being transferred to Station Hospital at No.1 CNS, RCAF, Rivers, Man.

27/Nov/44 The weather has turned quite sharp and the sky has clouded over. A light snow fall and low ceiling combined to cause wash-out weather.

28/Nov/44 Continued snow flurries and a low ceiling keep flying washed-out. The thermometer remains around 20 to 25°F. It has been confirmed that all the aircraft will be flown to other Units for storage, but just what Units is not definitely established. The following ex Flying Instructor personnel returned to this Unit on temporary duty from No. 18 SFTS, RCAF, Gimli, Man., to ferry out the Cornell aircraft: F/L J.D. Annand (J.26072), F/L W.R. Davies (C.29810), F/L F.E. Vance (J.9341), F/O E.M. Brown (J.22968), F/O D.R. Hambly (J.25148), F/O W. S. Heaton (J.22999), F/O W.A. King (C.28041), F/O F.J. Rita (J.36235), F/O G.H. Wintrup (J.22956). These personnel were not issued with parachutes from their parent Unit and, due to the parachutes at this Unit being packed for shipment to No.7 E.D., RCAF, Winnipeg, Man., it has necessitated some delay before the aircraft can be ferried out.

29/Nov/44 The weather today has been clear but quite cold with a drop of approximately 15°F. in temperature.

The first nine aircraft to be ferried to No.407 Equipment Holding Unit, RCAF, Swift Current, Sask., left here today. It is not known as yet what arrangements will be made for the return of the Pilots to this Unit.

30/Nov/44 The weather remains quite cold and clear. Nine more aircraft took-off today for Swift Current. It has been established that Anson aircraft will be utilized in returning the Pilots to this Unit. This makes the final entry in the Daily Diary of No.19 EFTS, RCAF, Virden, Man.

(A.F. Madore), Squadron Leader,  
CO, RCAF Personnel, No. 19 EFTS/RCAF.

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RECAPITULATION.

Personnel Strength:

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Aircraft Strength:

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable.</u>
Cornell II	61	NIL
Harvard IIB	1	NIL

Flying Hours

Total number of hours flown during the month of November, 1944, was 57:40.

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